

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (OPD)
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

***Litigating Facial Recognition Evidence in Light of
State v. Miles***

**1.2 NJ CLE credits; 1 PA CLE credit
(via Zoom webinar)**

(repeat dates)
**July 21, 2026
August 4, 2026
August 12, 2026
12:30-1:30 pm**

AGENDA

TOPICS:

- ✓ *comprehensive roadmap for handling facial recognition evidence in your cases*
- ✓ *essential tools for current cases and*
- ✓ *helps identify issues in future cases*

PRESENTER

Tamar Lerer serves as the first Deputy Public Defender of OPD's Forensic Science Unit. In that role, Tamar supports the litigation of attorneys across the agency over all scientific fields, as well as litigating such issues herself. Tamar's cutting-edge work bridging forensics and case law has led to *State v. Pickett*, the first appellate case in the nation to require disclosure of DNA genotyping source code, which has already been cited in at least one federal court.

Tamar has previously taught appellate advocacy at Seton Hall Law School and has performed in-house training for new attorneys on oral advocacy and prosecutorial misconduct. One of Tamar's three publications, *The Myth of Prosecutorial Accountability After Connick v. Thompson*, 121 Yale L.J. Online 203 (2011), co-authored with David Keenan, Deborah Jane Cooper and David Lebowitz, has been cited by the Fifth Circuit as well as multiple U.S. Supreme Court petitions. Tamar clerked for the Hon. Stephen H. Glickman of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2013, where she co-founded the criminal justice clinic, and her B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Swarthmore College in 2009.