

**Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Criminal Justice  
Act—Part 2:**

**Understanding Addiction and Substance Abuse (so that you can better  
represent your client and better understand your client's plight)**

Friday, October 17, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by the Office of the Federal Public Defender  
for the Northern District of Ohio  
to be held at:

Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse  
Auditorium, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
801 W. Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

and

Office of the Federal Public Defender  
617 Adams Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Toledo, Ohio 43604

***(This program will be streamed live for  
remote interactive discussion to the Office  
of the Federal Public Defender in Toledo)***

## **AGENDA**

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. *Understanding Addiction and Substance Abuse (so that you can better represent your client and better understand your client's plight)*

Robert L. Smith, Ph.D.

Case Western Reserve University, School of  
Medicine and the MetroHealth System

## **SUMMARY OF PROGRAM**

This program provides an overview aimed for use by service providers in the legal profession (lawyers, paralegals, investigators, mitigation experts, etc.) of what it means to have a client who is addicted to a chemical substance. In other words, what do those in the legal profession need to know to better understand the science behind addiction and substance abuse in order to better represent that client? This presentation is geared specifically to those in the legal profession who often deal with the chemically dependent or the chemically addicted. The goal is to improve representation of those clients by enhancing the professional's understanding from a medical perspective of the problems associated with substance abuse and addiction. The program organizers have sought 2.0 hours of CLE credit in the area of professional conduct.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

*Robert L. Smith, Ph.D.*, MetroHealth Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Smith is a clinical psychologist and an addiction specialist. He currently serves as Director of the Medical Staff Assistance Program at MetroHealth System. Dr. Smith holds a position of Assistant Professor with the Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. He has previously worked as a consulting psychologist at Stella Maris, Inc. and at the Hitchcock Center in addition to managing his own private practice. Dr. Smith has presented to groups across the nation on issues related to addiction, substance abuse, and the medical aspects of these topics to help people who suffer from addictions and to help those who work with those individuals to better understand what it means from a medical and psychological perspective to be addicted to a chemical substance.