



The Federal Bar Association Phoenix Chapter presents:

Justice and Autism: Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the Criminal Justice System

Please join the Phoenix Chapter Federal Bar Association for a CLE program on the intersection of ASD and the criminal justice system, shedding light on how the "hidden disability" of ASD can profoundly impact culpability, sentencing, and incarceration outcomes.

Presenters:

Dr. Laurie Sperry is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst – Doctoral and Director of Autism Forensics in Golden, Colorado. Dr. Sperry's research has focused on people with ASD who come in contact with the criminal justice system. Among other efforts, she was a founding member of Yale's Autism Forensics Team and co-developed the Neurodiverse Student Support Program at Stanford University. Dr. Sperry was awarded a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Autism in 2006 and worked in Australia establishing services for rural and remote communities in the Australian outback.

Doug Passon is a criminal defense lawyer with over three decades of experience. Mr. Passon is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker and has been recognized as the leading expert in the field of sentencing mitigation videos. In addition, Mr. Passon's *Set for Sentencing* podcast addresses issues and strategies relating to the criminal sentencing process. Mr. Passon represents clients on the Autism spectrum across the country.

Thursday, June 5, 2025, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

\$25 for FBA members
\$20 for FBA members (public sector/public interest)
\$40 for non-FBA members
Free for law clerks and students
**All options include lunch*

Presented In-Person at:
The Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room
401 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85003

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