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Presentation: Sustaining Justice: A Brown Bag Support Session for Public Defenders

Presenter: Jani Maselli Wood

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Overview: Join us for an engaging and supportive Legal Lunchtime as we present our Brown Bag Support Sessions explicitly tailored for public defenders. In these sessions, we will unpack strategies designed to empower and sustain those on the front lines of justice. From practical tips for case management to fostering a resilient mindset, our sessions will nourish both personal and professional growth. It's more than a lunch break – it's an opportunity to fortify our commitment to defending justice with dignity and expertise. Come hungry for knowledge and leave fueled with strategies to make a meaningful impact in the courtroom.

Bio: Jani Maselli Wood is chief of the appellate division of the Harris County Public Defender's Office. She was an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center from 1999 until 2025. She clerked for Judge Charlie Baird at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. She is the author of O'Connor's Texas Criminal Offenses and Defenses. She is board certified in criminal appellate law.