The COVID-19 pandemic has raised new issues and exacerbated persisting challenges for prosecutors, who are consistently faced with the task of preparing cases that are victim-centered, sensitive to constitutional guarantees, and resilient to vulnerabilities on appeal. Virtual hearings and other accommodations made to criminal justice processes in light of COVID-19 implicate concerns related to the rights of victims and defendants, as well as the public’s right to open and accessible proceedings. Issues related to pre-trial detention and potential continuances also take on new dimensions during the pandemic. Furthermore, the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, and the complexity it adds to cases, lends itself to the litigation of novel defense motions and challenges. An effective response to this unprecedented time requires proactive consideration of statutes and case law and also engages fundamental principles of pre-trial practice.

This webinar addresses potential legal issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic and discusses strategies to prepare for defense challenges and mitigate appellate exposure. Please join us on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 2:00-3:30 PM EDT as presenters discuss:

- Proactively identifying legal issues arising from pandemic-related delays.
- Responding to motions raised in context of COVID-19 accommodations.
- Establishing a detailed record on impact of pandemic and due diligence measures taken in response.

This webinar will be an interactive session featuring Patti Powers and Jon Kurland, AEquitas Attorney Advisors. To ensure that we are addressing your concerns, please share any specific topics that you would like addressed during the virtual discussion (e.g., specific questions on pre-trial detention). Please enter your questions when you register.

Note: There is no cost of attendance for this webinar. NDAA will be applying for CLE credits in the state of Virginia.