



Charles Sevilla
CACJ Past President

Chuck Sevilla will speak with co-presenter George Schraer on “The Diddle of Harmless Error.” A detailed syllabus will be provided covering numerous issues from which Chuck and George will discuss the challenges of persuading the appellate court that trial court error is prejudicial to the trial’s outcome. In this regard, they will discuss, among other topics, strategies for arguing prejudice through the statement of facts, the latest in review standards, and converting state issues into federal issues to get Chapman rather than Watson.

Chuck is a former Chief Deputy State Public Defender, Chief Trial Attorney for Federal Defenders of San Diego, and has been in private practice in San Diego since 1983. His publications include two novels (Wilkes: His Life & Crimes, Wilkes on Trial). Other fictional work includes briefing before the appellate courts of California, the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.