

Post Conviction Writs – Establishing Innocence or Guilt

August 15

9:00 Habeas in a Nutshell
9:20 Investigations
10:10 Break
10:25 Drafting and Filing
11:15 Trial Court Proceedings
12:05 Lunch Provided
1:00 Question and Answer and Summary Morning Discussion
1:30 Court of Criminal Appeals
2:15 Pulling it all together
2:25 Break
2:40 Federal District Court
3:25 Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
3:55 Facilitated Discussion and Wrap up with Sean Burnett
4:30 Adjourn

Professor **Catherine Greene Burnett**, Associate Dean and Professor of Law at the South Texas College of Law, will serve as the Principle Presenter and discussion leader Participating Panelists include:

Jeff Blackburn, Director and Chief Counsel of the West Texas Innocence Project

Jay W. Burnett, Adjunct Professor - South Texas College of Law,
Texas, Former District Criminal Court Judge for Harris County.

Baldwin Chin, Assistant District Attorney for Harris County

Rob Owen, Professor at Law, at UT Austin, Co-director the Capital Punishment
Clinic

Jani Maselli, Attorney at Law and Adjunct Professor of Law, Legal Research and
Writing, University of Houston Law Center

Fredericka S. Sargent, Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas

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9:00 Actual Innocence A Case Study – Why are we here?

A Case Study

9:15 Film Presentation – The Trials of Darryl Hunt

11:05 Break

11:20 Discussion with Darryl Hunt and his lawyer, Mark Rabil

12:30 Lunch Provided

Establishing innocence or guilt – Best practices

How can the Justice system do a better job of guarding against wrongful convictions?

1:15 The American Judicature Society's Report

1:30 Potential Problems in Investigating the Case

3:00 Break

3:15 Investigating

4:45 Reception

August 17

9:00 Potential problems in the Trial of the Case – the Judge, the Prosecution, and the Defense

10:30 Break

10:45 Post-conviction issues

12:30 Small Group Lunch Discussions – What changes, if any, should be made in the Texas criminal justice system?

2:15 Break

2:30 Small Group Reports and General Discussion

3:45 Where do we go from here?

4:00 Adjourn

Beginning with the first afternoon presentation on August 16th, **Matt Epstein** of the American Judicature Society will facilitate the discussion. Specific proposals will be received by a panel including:

Baldwin Chin, Assistant District Attorney for Harris County.

The Hon. John Cruzeot, State District Judge, Criminal District Court No. 4

Barry Fisher, Director, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab.

Michael Logan Ware, former head of the innocence program at Texas Wesleyan University and currently an assistant District Attorney in Dallas County, Texas.

Ron McBride, Chair of the Ethics Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, former Chief of the Ashland, Kentucky Police Department and the Miamisburg, Ohio Police Department.

Christina Mumma, Executive Director of the North Carolina Actual Innocence Commission; **Baldwin Chin**, Assistant District Attorney in Harris County, Texas.

Mark Rabil, Attorney for Darryl Hunt