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## ACTUAL INNOCENCE Habeas Issues

August 28, 2020  
(Virtual Program)

*Due to conditions created by COVID-19,  
The Center for American & International Law suspended live, in-person attendance for this program.  
This year's program will offer limited selections on the topic, virtually via webcast.*

Course objective: *Improve ability of members of the justice system to handle habeas issues.*

### **Friday, August 28:**

#### **Morning Session: .....9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

- 9:00 a.m. *Welcome & Introductions (Morning Session)*
- 9:05 a.m. This is a Writ: Nuts and Bolts of Post-Conviction Writs  
**Michael Falkenberg**, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX
- 10:05 a.m. Investigating and Litigating Writs of Habeas Corpus  
**Jonathan Landers**, Attorney at Law, Houston, TX
- 11:05 a.m. *Break (10 Minutes)*
- 11:15 a.m. Writ Response 101: Basics for the State  
**John Rolater**, Collin Co. District Attorney's Office, McKinney, TX
- 12:00 p.m. Identifying Potential Habeas Issues  
**Allison Mathis**, Harris Co. Public Defender's Office, Houston, TX  
**Nick Mensch**, Harris Co. Public Defender's Office, Houston, TX
- 12:45 p.m. *Recess (1.25 hours)*

#### **Afternoon Session: ..... 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

- 2:00 p.m. *Introductions (Afternoon Session)*
- 2:05 p.m. From Client to Court: A Walk Through the 11.07 Writ Process  
(Time includes a 10 Minute Break)  
Moderator: **Andréa Jacobs**, Tarrant Co. Criminal District Attorney's Office, Fort Worth, TX
- **Ali Dahlberg**, Bexar Co. District Attorney's Office, San Antonio, TX
  - **Brett Ordiway**, Udashen Anton, Dallas, TX
  - **The Hon. Charles Reynolds**, Office of Judicial Staff Counsel & Special Magistration, Fort Worth, TX
- 3:45 p.m. *Break (5 Minutes)*
- 3:50 p.m. Panel Questions & Answers
- 4:00 p.m. Are Your Integrity & Credibility Worth It: Ethical Dilemmas in Post-Conviction Practice  
**Cynthia Garza**, Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office, Dallas, TX
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn