

# The Mind & Criminal Defense

A PROGRAM FOR THE DEFENSE

May 20-21, 2021

at The Center for American and International Law  
Plano, Texas

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### Thursday, May 20:

- 8:00 a.m. Pre-Registration Check-In & Screening  
(\*\*No walk-in/same day registration available\*\*)
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. Evaluating & Litigating the Competency to Stand Trial Continuum\*\*  
**Dr. John M. Fabian**, Forensic & Clinical Neuropsychologist, Austin, TX
- 10:45 a.m. Break (15 Minutes)
- 11:00 a.m. FASD in Mens Rea & Mitigation  
**Dr. Natalie Novick Brown**, Northwest Forensic Associates, LLC, Federal Way, WA
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 12:45 p.m. Presentation on Autism Spectrum Disorder\*\*  
**Heather M. Griffith**, Psychological and Academic Consulting and Evaluation, LLC,  
Columbus, OH
- 1:45 p.m. Break (5 Minutes)
- 1:50 p.m. Psychological Self-Defense (Threat & Mitigation)  
**Katherine Reed**, Udashen Anton, Dallas, TX
- 2:50 p.m. Break (10 Minutes)
- 3:00 p.m. Primer on Psychological Testing\*\*  
**Dr. Cecil Reynolds**, Texas A&M University, Austin, TX
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

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**Friday, May 21:**

- 9:00 a.m. Best Practices: Mental Health Exam Assessments of Malingering & How to Cross the Diagnosis\*\*  
**Dr. Robert McCaffrey**, Albany Neuropsychological Associates, Albany, NY
- 10:30 a.m. Break (15 Minutes)
- 11:00 a.m. Developing Mental Health Mitigation (Capital & Non-Capital Cases)  
**Dr. Jolie S. Brams**, Brams & Associates, Columbus, OH
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 12:45 p.m. So the State Wants a Mental Health Examination of Your Client  
**John Wright**, Attorney at Law, Huntsville, TX
- 2:15 p.m. Break (10 Minutes)
- 2:25 p.m. Forensic Expert Witness: How Do You Know Who to Trust?\*\*  
**Dr. Sarah Wakefield**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 3:25 p.m. Break (5 Minutes)
- 3:30 p.m. Cross-Examining the State's Mental Health Expert on an ASPD Diagnosis  
**Gretchen Sween**, Attorney at Law, Austin, TX
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn