

# Race-Based Litigation

A PROGRAM FOR THE DEFENSE

June 17-18, 2021

at The Center for American and International Law  
Plano, Texas

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**Agenda as of 6/16/2021**

\*\*These speakers will present remotely.

### **Thursday, June 17:**

- 8:00 a.m. Pre-Registration Check-In & Screening  
(\*No walk-in/same day registration available at this time\*)
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. Understanding Prevailing Racial Stereotypes & Barriers  
**Adrián de la Rosa**, Federal Public Defender, Capital Habeas Unit, Austin, Texas
- 10:15 a.m. Break (5 Minutes)
- 10:20 a.m. Moderated Q&A: Prevailing Racial Stereotypes & Barriers  
**Kathryn Kase**, Law Office of Kathryn M. Kase, Houston, Texas  
**Keri Mallon**, Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, Lubbock, Texas  
**Jamie Zapata**, Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, Austin, Texas
- 10:50 a.m. Break (10 Minutes)
- 11:00 a.m. Case Study: *State v. Howard Lewis*  
**Brian Lacour**, Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, Angleton, Texas
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 12:45 p.m. The Legacy of Slavery & Lynching in Texas  
**Dr. Jeffrey Littlejohn**, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- 2:15 p.m. Break (5 Minutes)
- 2:20 p.m. Critical Race Theory & Defense Teams: How Accountability Advances Advocacy  
**Jamie Zapata**, Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, Austin, Texas
- 3:20 p.m. Break (10 Minutes)

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### **Thursday, June 17, continued**

3:30 p.m. Ethical Considerations for the Dark Horse (Video)  
**John Hunter Smith**, Wynne & Smith, Sherman, Texas

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### **Friday, June 18:**

(\*No walk-in/same day registration available at this time\*)

9:00 a.m. Racial Disparities & Present-Day Impacts  
**Jeremy Collins**, Equity Project, Durham, North Carolina

10:05 a.m. Break (5 Minutes)

10:10 a.m. Issues of Race & Ethnicity in Juvenile Defense Representation  
**Dr. Michael Lindsey**, Nestor Consultants, Dallas, Texas

11:15 a.m. Break (10 Minutes)

11:25 a.m. Race & Voir Dire  
**Eric Davis**, Harris Co. Public Defender's Office, Houston, Texas

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Provided)

1:15 p.m. Cultural Humility & Competency  
**Katy Hutchinson**, Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, Texas  
**Jamie Newsome**, Texas Defender Service, Austin, Texas

2:15 p.m. Break (10 Minutes)

2:25 p.m. Race Claims & Criminal Defense\*\*  
**Sheri L. Johnson**, Cornell Death Penalty Project, Ithaca, New York

3:25 p.m. Break (5 Minutes)

3:30 p.m. Putting It All Together for Your Practice  
**Tony Houghton**, Capital Resource Counsel Project, Houston, Texas

4:30 p.m. Adjourn