



CAPITAL DEFENSE COLLEGE

This course is approved for 15 hours of MCLE (900 minutes) and 1 hour of ethics.

AGENDA - DAY 1

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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| 8:00am - 8:55am | <i>Registration Opens</i> |
| 8:55am - 9:00am | <u><i>Welcome and Introductions</i></u>
<i>Shannon Evans, Director of CJA programs</i> |
| 9:00am - 10:00am | <u><i>Capital Defense: The Lasting Impact of Capital Defense</i></u>
<i>Niland Wischkaemper Award Presentation</i>
<i>Special Guest Speaker and Exoneree - Anthony Graves</i> |
| 10:00am - 10:15am | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:15am - 11:15am | <u><i>Storytelling in Capital Cases</i></u>
<i>Ricardo Jimenez, Regional Public Defenders for Capital Cases, San Antonio, TX</i> |
| 11:15am - 11:30am | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:30am - 12:30pm | <u><i>Team Dynamics</i></u>
<i>Willy Boggs, New Orleans Public Defender Office, New Orleans, LA</i> |
| 12:30pm - 1:30pm | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1:30pm - 2:30pm | <u><i>Intro to Mitigation Concepts</i></u>
<i>Emily Follansbee and Nicole Ramos, Texas Defender Service, Austin, TX</i> |
| 2:30pm - 2:45pm | <i>Break</i> |
| 2:45pm - 3:45pm | <u><i>Atkins and Mitigation</i></u>
<i>Miranda Nolen, Texas Defender Services, Austin, TX</i> |
| 3:45pm - 4:45pm | <u><i>Making the Case for Life: Pre-Trial Strategies</i></u>
<i>Anna Jimenez, Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, Lubbock, TX</i> |
| 5:00pm | <i>Adjourn</i> |





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9:00am - 10:00am	<u>Criminal Competency under Chapter 46B</u> <i>Brian Shannon, Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor; Adjunct Professor, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry</i>
10:00am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 11:15am	<u>Appellate Issues</u> <i>Niles Illich, The Law Office of Niles Illich, Addison, TX</i>
11:15am - 11:30am	Break
11:30am - 12:30pm	<u>Juvenile Brain Development/Roger-Extension</u> <i>Christine Lehmann, The Justice Center, New Orleans, LA</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm - 2:30pm	<u>Caselaw and Legislatives Update</u> <i>Scott Pawgan, Regional Public Defenders for Capital Cases, San Antonio, TX</i>
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm - 3:45pm	<u>Investigating Adaptive Deficits in Atkins and Non-Atkins Cases</u> <i>Professor James Patton, Department of Special Education, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX</i>
3:45pm - 4:45pm	<u>The Do's and Don'ts: Pitfalls in Capital Defense</u> <i>Patrick 'Pat' McCann, The Law Offices of Patrick McCann, Houston, TX</i>
5:00pm	Adjourn





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AGENDA - DAY 3

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| 9:00am - 10:00am | <u>Ethical Considerations for Capital Defenders</u>
<i>Russell Wilson, Russell Wilson Law, Dallas, TX</i> |
| 10:00am - 10:15am | Break |
| 10:15am - 11:15am | <u>AI - Powered Capital Defense: Leveraging Machine Intelligence as Your Expert Co-Counsel</u>
<i>Felix Valenzuela, The Valenzuela Law Firm, El Paso, TX</i> |
| 11:15am - 11:30am | Break |
| 11:30am - 12:30pm | <u>Preservation of Error</u>
<i>Kelsey Peregoy, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Austin, TX</i> |
| | <i>Adjourn</i> |

