



**THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN
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Program on Mitigation

A Program For The Defense



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July 22-24, 2015

**The Center for American and International Law
Plano, Texas**

With the exception of invited faculty, attendance is limited to defense attorneys and those who directly assist them in Criminal Defense Litigation.

**This course is funded by a grant from
The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.**

Highlights

- Designed for defense attorneys, paralegals, mitigation experts and investigators.
- Program will include demonstrations, and sessions on mental health red flags and mental health screening.

MCLE Credit

The State Bar of Texas has approved this program for a total of 18.25 hours, no ethics.

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Conference Co-Chairs

Ken Murray

Texas Defender Service
Austin, Texas

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Texas Defender Service
Houston, Texas

***Program Description:** This program is designed to improve the criminal defense teams' ability to produce powerful and effective sentencing arguments and narratives.*

The program will bring local and national experts to discuss how to investigate, develop, and present effective sentencing advocacy evidence. They will provide guidance and training on the nuts-and-bolts of sentencing advocacy investigations, record collection, organization, and presentation; interviewing skills and generating a persuasive sentencing narrative for criminal cases.

Attendees will receive updates on a myriad of behavioral science and mental health legal issues, such as diagnostic criteria under the DSM 5, adjudicative competency criteria, and representation of defendants who have mental illness and/or who have been exposed to trauma. The program will be relevant to capital and non-capital criminal defense functions.

As of 06/15/2015

Wednesday, July 22

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
- 9:00 a.m. **Making The Case For Life: Lessons From The Jury Room**
Scott Sundby, *Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law*
- 9:45 a.m. **Historical Perspective: ABA Guidelines and The Mitigation Function**
Sean O'Brien, *Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City*
- 11:00 a.m. *Break*
- 11:15 a.m. **Human Development: The Effects Of Trauma, Poverty, and Life Experiences**
Victoria Reynolds, Ph.D., *Clinical Psychologist*
- 12:30 p.m. *Lunch (Provided)*
- 2:00 p.m. **The Art of Record Collection: Strategies and Options**
Laura Ferry, *Staff Attorney, Texas Defender Service*
- 3:15 p.m. *Break*
- 3:30 p.m. **Organizational Tools For The Mitigation Narrative**
- Laura Ferry, *Staff Attorney, Texas Defender Service*
 - Amy Nguyen, *Owner, Capital Maps LLC*
- 5:00 p.m. *Recess*

Thursday, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. **Interviewing Skills and Techniques: Overview**
Elizabeth Vartkessian, *Executive Director, Advancing Real Change, Inc. (ARC, Inc.)*
- 10:30 a.m. *Break*

- 10:45 a.m. **Persuasive Narratives In Support Of Life**
Marc Bookman, *Executive Director*,
Atlantic Center for Capital Representation (ACCR)
- 12:15 p.m. *Lunch (Provided)*
- 1:30 p.m. **Interviewing Skills and Techniques: Mental Illness**
Danalynn Recer, *Executive Director*,
Gulf Regional Advocacy Center (GRACE)
- 3:00 p.m. *Break*
- 3:15 p.m. **Interviewing Skills and Techniques: Intellectual Disability and Adaptive Behavior Investigations**
Marc J. Tassé, Ph.D., *Director & Professor of Psychology & Psychiatry*,
The Ohio State University Nisonger Center
- 4:45 p.m. *Recess*

Friday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. **A Legal Primer For Mitigation Specialists**
Jared Tyler, *Attorney At Law*, Tyler Law Firm, PLLC
- 10:00 a.m. **Client Competency Red Flags**
John Matthew Fabian, Psy.D., J.D., ABPP, *Forensic & Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist*
- 11:15 a.m. *Break*
- 11:30 a.m. **The DSM-5: Changes Of Importance**
Ken Murray, *Capital Trial Director*, Texas Defender Service
- 12:30 p.m. *Lunch (Provided)*
- 1:30 p.m. **The Checklist Approach To Team Mitigation**
Program Attorneys with Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program (MCLAP):
- Alicia Amezcua-Rodriguez, *Attorney At Law*
 - Naomi Terr, *Senior Staff Attorney*, Texas Defender Service
- 3:00 p.m. *Break*
- 3:15 p.m. **The Team: Skill, Trust, and Discipline**
- Laura Tansey, *Program Attorney*,
Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program (MCLAP)
 - Joe Spencer, *Attorney At Law*
- 4:45 p.m. *Recess*

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