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## ANNUAL PROGRAM: Establishing Innocence or Guilt

August 23-24, 2023

at The Center for American and International Law, Plano Texas

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*Course objective: Bring together representatives of several segments of the justice system to consider and discuss ways to guard against and to correct wrongful convictions.*

**Wednesday, August 23:** [375 min]

- 8:00 a.m. Check-In & Walk-in Registration  
(Refreshments Provided)
- 9:00 a.m. Setting the Stage: An Overview  
**Mark Smith**, The Center for American & International Law
- 9:10 a.m. The Case of Tyrone Day  
**Gary Udashen**, Udashen Anton, Dallas, Texas  
**Cynthia Garza**, CIU, Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas  
**Tyrone Day**, Dallas, Texas
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Caselaw & Legislative Update  
**Gary Udashen**, Udashen Anton, Dallas, Texas
- 11:30 a.m. Using Experts to Challenge Jailhouse Informants  
**Mike Ware**, Innocence Project of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 12:45 p.m. Plea Agreements: False Confession's Next-Door Neighbor  
**Vanessa Potkin**, The Innocence Project, New York, New York

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- 1:45 p.m.     **Breakout Group Discussion**: Avoiding Wrongful Convictions  
*Each group will discuss: (1) What have you learned so far, (2) What areas causes concern, and (3) What is being done to help avoid wrongful convictions?*  
**Facilitators**:
- **Mike Ware**, Innocence Project of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas
  - **Gary Udashen**, Udashen Anton, Dallas, Texas
  - **Holly Dozier**, CIU, Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
  - **Brittani Dunn**, CIU, Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
  - **Lauren Livingston**, CIU, Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
  - **Marc Beach**, Associate Director, Illinois Innocence Project, Springfield, Illinois
- 2:50 p.m.     Break
- 3:05 p.m.     Implicit Bias & Race  
**Robert A. Prentice**, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- 4:05 p.m.     Involving Law Enforcement in the Actual Innocence Discussion  
**Marc Beach**, Associate Director, Illinois Innocence Project, Springfield, Illinois  
**Stephanie Kamel**, Executive Director, Illinois Innocence Project, Springfield, Illinois
- 4:35 p.m.     Reception
- 5:30 p.m.     Recess

**Thursday, August 24:** [405 min]

- 9:00 a.m.     Texas Conviction Integrity Unit Roundtable  
**Moderator**: **Cynthia Garza**, CIU, Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
- **Colin Bellair**, CIU, Travis Co. District Attorney's Office, Austin, Texas
  - **Gavin Ellis**, CIU, Harris Co. District Attorney's Office, San Antonio, Texas
  - **Matt Howard**, CIU, Bexar Co. District Attorney's Office, San Antonio, Texas
  - **Charles Reynolds**, CIU, Tarrant Co. District Attorney's Office, Fort Worth, Texas
  - **John Rolater**, CIU, Collin Co. District Attorney's Office, McKinney, Texas
- 10:00 a.m.     Exploring the Reliability of Children  
**Deborah Goldfarb, J.D., Ph.D.**, Florida International University, Miami, Florida
- 11:00 a.m.     Break

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- 11:15 a.m. Wrongful Convictions & Forensic Science Errors  
**John S. Morgan, Ph.D.**, Coptech Systems, Inc. (CSI), Raleigh, North Carolina
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Presentation: Wrongful Convictions & Forensic Science Errors,  
*continued*  
(Includes a 30 Minute Lunch Break. Lunch is Provided)  
**John S. Morgan, Ph.D.**, Coptech Systems, Inc. (CSI), Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1:45 p.m. New Issues in DNA: An Overview with A Focus on DNA Mixtures  
**Michael Coble, Ph.D.**, UNTHSC Center for Human Identification, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. New Issues in DNA: What Lawyers & Law Enforcement Should Know  
**Dawn Moore Boswell**, UNTHSC Center for Human Identification, Fort Worth, Texas  
**Chase Baumgartner**, Innocence Project of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas
- 4:00 p.m. False Confessions  
**The Hon. Inger H. Chandler**, Harris County District Courts, Houston, Texas
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn