

AGENDA
CAPITAL DEFENSE SEMINAR
November 18-19, 2021
Columbus, Ohio

Thursday, November 18

8:00 - 8:30 am Registration

8:30 – 9:00 am Introduction -Recent Death Penalty and Method of Execution Litigation Developments

Speakers: David Stebbins – Columbus

9:00 – 10:15 am Caselaw Update – Ohio and US Supreme Courts

Speaker: Russ Bensing – Cleveland

10:15 – 10:30 am BREAK

**10:30 – 12:00 Mitigation Investigation and Presentation:
Investigating Trauma;**

**Speakers: Dorian Hall – Office of the Ohio Public Defender
Jim Crates –Mitigation Specialist - Dublin**

12:00 – 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 – 2:00 pm A View From the Bench

**Speakers: Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor and Justices of the
Supreme Court of Ohio;
Moderated by Richard Cline of Columbus and John
Martin of Cleveland**

2:00 – 2:15 pm BREAK

APPELLATE BREAKOUT

2:15 – 3:15 PM Effective Brief Writing and Oral Argument in the Supreme Court of Ohio

**Speakers: Jeff Gamso – Cleveland
 John Parker - Cleveland**

3:15 - 4:30 pm Developing the Record in Post-Conviction

**Speakers: Randall Porter – Office of the Ohio Public Defender
 Brian Howe – Ohio Innocence Project
 Joanna Sanchez – Office of the Ohio Public Defender**

TRIAL BREAKOUT

2:15 - 3:15 PM Aggressive and Meaningful Motion Practice at Trial.

**Speakers: Richard Cline – Death Penalty Division – Office of the Ohio Public Defender
 TBA**

3:15- 4:30 PM Recognizing the Intersection Between Psychology and Neuropsychology in Capital Cases.

**Speakers: Bob Stinson, Psy.D.; J.D. LICDC-CS, ABPP
 John L. Tilley, Psy.D., MSCP, ABPP
 Jeffrey D. Madden, Ph.D. – All from Columbus**

Friday, November 19

**8:30- 10:00 am Ohio’s Serious Mental Illness Exemption:
 Litigation Strategies and Precautions**

**Speakers: Tim Sweeney, Cleveland
 Lisa Lagos, Capital Habeas Unit – Columbus**

10:00- 10:15 BREAK

- 10:15 – 11:15 am Navigating Clients Through Difficult Periods: Ethics for Capital Litigators.**
- Speakers:** W. Bradley Wendel, Edwin H. Woodruff Professor of Law - Cornell Law School - Ithaca, NY
- 11:15 – 12:15 The Importance of Recognizing and Litigating Claims of Racial Bias throughout the Criminal Justice System.**
- Speakers:** Alexis Hoag, Assistant Professor of Law Brooklyn Law School – New York
- 12:15 – 1:15 pm LUNCH**
- 1:15-1:30 pm Presentation of Schumacher – Ketcham Award**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm Capital Jury Project: Capital Jurors Talk of Their Experiences**
- Speaker:** Scott E. Sundby, Professor of Law & Dean's Distinguished Scholar - University of Miami School of Law
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm BREAK**
- 2:45 – 4:15 pm What’s Race Got to Do With It? Voir Dire and Trial Strategy in the Era of Black Lives Matter and Covid-19.**
- Speakers:** George Chaney, Jr. - Columbus
Fred Benton, Jr. – Columbus