

**AGENDA**  
**CAPITAL DEFENSE SEMINAR**  
**November 17-18, 2022 - 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**
- Speaker:     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 – 11:45 PM     Ethics and Best Practices for Capital Litigators: the ABA Guidelines and Supplemental Guidelines**
- Speakers:     Natalie Olmstead – CHU – Columbus**  
**Adam Rusnak – CHU - Columbus**
- 11:45 – 1:00 pm     LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:15 pm     Media relations in capital cases: Early decisions in storytelling and narrative development**
- Moderator:     David Stebbins, Columbus**
- Speakers:     Dale Baich – Phoenix, Arizona**  
**Marty Schladen – Ohio Capital Journal – Columbus**  
**Ngozi Ndulue**
- 2:15-2:30 pm     BREAK**

## **APPELLATE BREAKOUT**

**2:30 – 3:30 PM    Effective Brief Writing and Oral Argument in the Supreme Court of Ohio in Capital Cases**

**Speakers:    Jeff Gamso – Cleveland  
                  Kim Rigby – Office of the Ohio Public Defender –  
                  (OPD) Columbus**

**3:30 - 4:30 pm    State v Bethel and other Developments in Litigating Post-Conviction Claims in State Court**

**Speakers:    Rachel Troutman – OPD – Columbus  
                  Justin Thompson – Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) -  
                  Columbus**

## **TRIAL BREAKOUT**

**2:30 - 3:30 PM    Aggressive and Meaningful Motion Practice at Trial.**

**Speakers:    Richard Cline – OPD - Columbus  
                  Don Malarcik – Akron  
                  Noah Munyer - Akron**

**3:30 – 4:30 pm    What’s Race Got to do With Capital Trials?**

**Speakers:    Fred Benton – Columbus  
                  George Chaney – Federal Public Defenders Office –  
                  Columbus**

**Friday, November 19**

**8:30- 10:00 am Ohio's Serious Mental Illness Exemption: Overview; Litigation Strategies after the Petition is Filed; Additional Evaluations, Discovery, Preparing for and Conducting an Evidentiary Hearing**

**Speakers: Lisa Lagos, CHU – Columbus  
Elise Grifka Wander, OPD Columbus  
Tim Sweeney – Cleveland  
Randall Porter – OPD – Columbus**

**10:00 – 10:15 am BREAK**

**10:15 – 11:15 What Influences Death Penalty Jurors' Moral Decision-Making.**

**Speaker: Professor Meredith Rountree  
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law**

**11:15-12:15 A View from the Trial Bench:**

**Speaker: Judge Amy Corrigall-Jones, Retired  
Summit County Court of Common Pleas**

**12:15-1:00 PM LUNCH**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM Uncovering and Explaining the Long-Term Consequences of Childhood Trauma**

**Speakers: Bob Stinson, Psy.D – Columbus  
Howard Fradkin, Ph.D. - Columbus**

**2:30 – 2:45 PM BREAK**

**2:45 – 4:15 PM Using Social Media for Mitigation Investigation and Presentation**

**Speakers: Mitigation Specialists**  
**Dorian Hall – OPD - Columbus**  
**Lea Pagels – OPD - Columbus**  
**Jim Crates – Columbus**