



OSPD & MPDA
FALL PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE
Golden Nugget Casino ♦ Biloxi, Mississippi
October 26-29, 2021

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

- 6:00pm – 8:00pm (2hr) **Public Defender Leaders Meeting (Dinner provided)**
- Creating Office-Wide Systems to Recognize & Share Stories of Injustice**
Scott Hechinger, Crystal Maloney & Alejo Rodriguez
Zealous Evaluation

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

- 10:00am – 12:00pm **MPDA Board Meeting (Lunch Provided)**
- 11:00am – 12:45pm **Registration**
- 12:45pm – 1:00pm **Welcome**
André de Gruy, State Public Defender
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm (1.5hr) **Collaborative and Creative Defender Advocacy Outside of the Courtroom**
Scott Hechinger, Crystal Maloney & Alejo Rodriguez
Zealous Evaluation

- 2:30pm - 3:30pm (1hr) **Bringing Your Clients Home – Part One**
*[The Bail Project](#), Office of State Public Defender, and [Katie Poor](#)
with Jacinta Hall, Asst. Federal Defender, moderator
[Evaluation](#)*
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm **Break**
- 3:45pm – 5:00pm (1.25hr) **Defenders Reclaiming the Narrative in Traditional and Social Media**
*[Scott Hechinger](#), [Crystal Maloney](#) & [Alejo Rodriguez](#)
[Zealous](#) [Evaluation](#)*
- 5:15pm – 6:00pm **MPDA Business Meeting & Elections**
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm **MPDA Karaoke Night**

Thursday, October 28, 2021

- 7:00am – 9:30am **Breakfast**
- 9:30am – 10:30am (1hr) **Confrontation Clause**
*[Justin Cook](#), Asst. State Public Defender
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi [Evaluation](#)*
- 10:30am – 10:45am **Break**
- 10:45am – 12:00pm (1.25hr) **Bringing Your Clients Home – Part Two**
*[David Gaspar](#), National Director of Operations
[The Bail Project](#) [Evaluation](#)*
- 12:00 pm – 1:30pm **Lunch**
- 1:30pm – 3:00pm (1.5hr) **What Everyone Needs to Know About Juvenile Transfer Defense**
*[Brenda Locke](#), Juvenile Defense Resource Counsel
Office of State Public Defender
Franklinton, Louisiana [Evaluation](#)*

- 3:00pm – 3:15pm **Break**
- 3:15pm – 5:00pm (1.75hr) **Litigating Race: Policing as Trauma**
*[Kristin Henning](#), Blume Professor of Law
Georgetown Law Juvenile Justice Clinic and Initiative, Director
Washington, DC [Evaluation](#)*
- 5:30pm - 8:30pm **MPDA Reception & Book Signing**

Friday, October 29, 2021

- 7:00am – 8:30am **Breakfast**
- 8:30am – 9:30am (1hr) **Jury Instructions**
*[Merrida Coxwell](#), Managing Partner
Coxwell & Associates, PLLC
Jackson, Mississippi [Evaluation](#)*
- 9:30am – 10:30am (1hr) **Appellate Update**
*[George Holmes](#), Director of Indigent Appeals Division
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi [Evaluation](#)*
- 10:30am – 10:45am **Break (Hotel Check-Out)**
- 10:45am – 12:00pm (1.25hr) **Lawyer Stress/ Burnout During the Pandemic**
(Ethics Hour)
*[Dr. Jessica Cole](#), LPC-S, NCC
Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program Director
Mississippi Bar Association
Jackson, Mississippi [Evaluation](#)*