



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

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

2:30pm - 3:30pm (1hr) **Bringing Your Clients Home – Part One**
The Bail Project, Bellinder Law Firm & Jacinta Hall, Asst. Federal Defender, moderator

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 9:30am – 10:30am (1hr) **Appellate Update**
George Holmes, Director of Indigent Appeals Division
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 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