



Federal Public Defender
Northern & Southern Districts of Mississippi



**OSPD, MPDA, and Federal Public Defender
FALL PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE**
BancorpSouth Arena and Conference Center ♦
Tupelo, Mississippi
October 26-28, 2022

AGENDA

Sex, Lies, Drugs (and Guns) Conference

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

- 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
Justin Cook, MPDA President
Erin Briggs, Training Director
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm (1.5hr) **Appellate Update and IAD Roundtable**
Zakia Butler- Chamberlain, Justin Cook, George Holmes, &
Mollie McMillin - Indigent Appeals Division Staff
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 2:30pm – 2:35pm **Evaluations**
- 2:35pm - 3:35pm (1hr) **Medical Marijuana Primer for Public Defenders**
Amanda Meadows,
Meadows Law Group, LLC
Columbus, Mississippi
- 3:35pm – 3:50pm **Evaluations and Break**
- 3:50pm – 4:50pm (1hr) **Cross Examination in Child Sex Cases**
Kathleen B. Stilling

*Buting, Williams & Stilling, S.C.
Brookfield, Wisconsin*

- 4:50pm – 4:55pm **Evaluations**
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **MPDA Business Meeting & Elections**
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm **MPDA Karaoke Night**

Thursday, October 27, 2022 –
Joint Training for Federal and State Criminal Defense Attorneys

- 7:00am – 8:45am **Breakfast**
- 7:45am – 8:15am **Registration**
- 8:15am – 8:30am **Welcome – MS Joint Federal and State Public Defender Working Group**
Andre’ de Gruy, State Public Defender
Omodare Jupiter, Federal Public Defender
Erin Briggs, Training Director

- 8:35am – 9:35am (1hr) **Discovery Requests Relating to Forensic Evidence**
Leilani Tynes, Asst. Federal Public Defender

Attorney Leilani Tynes will explore the different types of records, data, reports, and documents that you should have in any case that involves forensic testing, expert testimony, or scientific analysis.

- 9:35am – 9:40am **Evaluations**
- 9:40am – 10:40am (1hr) **Stay in Your Lane: Litigating Daubert Challenges to Expert Testimony**
Emily Prokesch, Office of the Georgia Capital Defender

In this session, Attorney Prokesch will provide useful strategies to successfully limit the scope of an expert’s testimony.

- 10:40am – 10:55 am **Evaluations and Break**
- 10:55am- 11:55pm (1hr) **The Hero’s Journey: Storytelling at the Sentencing Hearing**
Jerilyn Bell, Supervising Attorney, Office of the Georgia Capital Defender

It is hard to hate someone when you know their story. Jerilyn Bell will share the storytelling methods her office uses to tell the

client's life story. The session will also identify mitigation tools that can be useful in persuading the sentencing judge to impose a lower sentence.

11:55pm – 12:00pm

Evaluations

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm – 2:00pm (1hr)

Constitutional Challenges to Firearm Offenses after Bruen
Francisco Celedonio, CJA Resource Counsel for the Federal Public Defender, District of Hawaii

The United States Supreme Court's recent decision in *United States v. Bruen* provides ammunition to challenge the constitutional validity of federal prosecutions for gun offenses. Attorney Celedonio will explain the reasoning in *Bruen* and how attorneys around the country are litigating the issue.

2:00pm- 2:05pm

Evaluations

2:05pm – 3:05pm (1hr)

Cross Examination and Impeachment in Drug Cases – Part One
John Lentine, Sheffield and Lentine, PC
Sam Dennis, Sam Dennis Law

John Lentine and Sam Dennis have lectured together for many years on the fundamentals of cross examination and impeachment. The two will join forces to focus on common areas of cross and impeachment in drug cases.

3:05pm – 3:20pm

Evaluations and Break

3:20pm – 4:20pm (1hr)

Cross Examination and Impeachment in Drug Cases – Part Two
John Lentine, Sheffield and Lentine, PC
Sam Dennis, Sam Dennis Law

4:20pm – 4:25pm

Evaluations

4:25pm – 5:25pm (1hr)

From Life to Life: A Conversation with David Spicer about His Journey to Freedom from a Statutory Life Sentence
David Spicer, Returning Citizen
Jacinta Hall, former Assistant Federal Public Defender

Join David Spicer and his former counsel, former Assistant Federal Public Defender, Jacinta Hall, as they discuss David's recent compassionate release where attorneys discovered he was illegally sentenced to life under 18 U.S.C. 3559 (c)- "three strikes" law.

5:25pm – 5:30pm **Evaluations and Concluding Remarks**

5:30pm - 8:30pm **MPDA Reception**

Friday, October 28, 2022

7:00am – 8:30am **Breakfast**

8:30am – 9:30am (1hr) **The Criminalization of Fetal Loss**
Dana Sussman, Acting Executive Director
National Advocates for Pregnant Women – NAPW
New York, New York

9:30am – 9:35am **Evaluations**

9:35am – 10:35am (1hr) **Rural Recovery Houses – Alternatives to Incarceration**
Kathy Taylor *Cole Bryan*
The Fletcher Group *Lighthouse Recovery*
London, Kentucky & *West Point, Mississippi*

10:35am – 10: 50am **Evaluations and Break**

10:50am – 11:50am (1hr) **Self-Care in the Face of Layered Trauma – Part Two**
Anana Harris Parris
The Self Care Agency, LLC
Atlanta, Georgia

11:50am – 12:00pm **Evaluations and Concluding Remarks**