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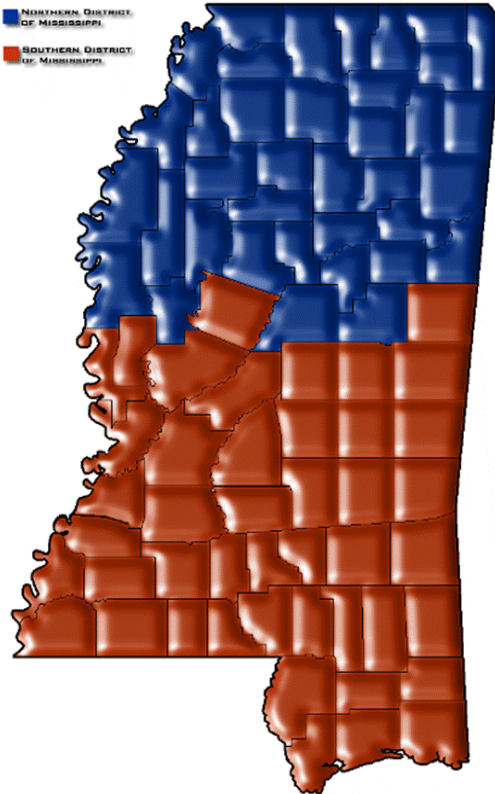
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CJA PANEL ATTORNEY TRAINING

March 6, 2020
8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

The Graduate Hotel
Oxford, MS 38655

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"The right of one charged with crime to counsel may not be deemed fundamental and essential to fair trials in some countries, but it is in ours. From the very beginning, our state and national constitutions and laws have laid great emphasis on procedural and substantive safeguards designed to assure fair trials before impartial tribunals in which every defendant stands equal before the law. This noble ideal cannot be realized if the poor man charged with crime has to face his accusers without a lawyer to assist him." *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 372 U.S. 335, 344 (1963).

AGENDA

****All materials and presentations will be available on our website, ms.fد.org**

8:15 - 8:30, Welcome and Opening Remarks**8:30 - 9:30, Case Budgeting and Voucher Review**

Meg Alverson - Case Budgeting Attorney, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Kate Clark - CJA Attorney, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

9:30 - 10:30, Mental Health and Mitigation

LaRonda Martin - Asst. Federal Public Defender, Western Dist. of Tenn.

10:30 - 10:45, Morning Break**10:45 - 11:45, Demonstrative Evidence**

Stephen Lindsay - Sutton & Lindsay, PLLC, Durham/Asheville, NC

11:45 - 1:00, Lunch and Learn: Open Forum/Q&A Discussion

Lunch will be provided

1:00 - 2:00, Cross Examination of the Government's Cooperating Witness in a Drug Case

Lisa Wayne - Law Offices of Lisa M. Wayne, Denver, CO / Boulder, CO

2:00 - 3:00, Impeachment

Stephen Lindsay - Sutton & Lindsay, PLLC, Durham/Asheville, NC

3:00 - 3:15, Afternoon Break**3:15 - 4:15, Ethics Hour**

Jack Williams - University of Mississippi School of Law

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Meg Alverson joined the Circuit Mediation and Judicial Support Office in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals as the Case Budgeting Attorney in 2016 with extensive experience as a criminal defense lawyer. Previously, she served as senior staff attorney with the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center representing indigent defendants charged with capital crimes in the Louisiana state courts. After graduating from Tulane Law School, Meg began her career as a criminal defense practitioner with The Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division in New York representing indigents charged with crimes at the trial court level. After leaving The Legal Aid Society, Meg entered private practice representing criminal defendants in state and federal court in New York and Louisiana primarily at the trial court level. In addition to her experience as a litigator, Meg served as the Executive Director of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers from 2009 to 2013.

Kate Clark is an Administrative Attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Prior to joining the Fifth Circuit in 2015, she clerked for U.S. District Judge Callie V.S. Granade in the Southern District of Alabama. Ms. Clark holds an LL.M. in Information, Technology and Intellectual Property Law from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK; a J.D. from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law; and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

LaRonda Martin earned her Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from St. Louis University and served four years in the armed forces after graduation. Following her overseas tour of duty, she worked as a research and environmental chemist. LaRonda obtained her Juris Doctorate from St. Louis University School of Law in 1994. After law school, she served as a municipal finance attorney with Barnes, McGhee, Segue, & Harper in New York. LaRonda has experience in the Missouri Public Defense System as well as the Georgia Public Defender System. Prior to her current role as Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Western District of Tennessee, she has also been employed as an AFPD in Alabama and Puerto Rico. LaRonda is a current faculty member with Gideon's Promise, the Federal Trial Skills Academy, and the Sentencing Advocacy Workshop.

Stephen Lindsay is a graduate of Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina where he graduated with Honors in Criminal Justice. Attending on both a football and baseball scholarship, Steve was also the recipient of a Dana Scholarship for academic excellence. Steve attended law school at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where he graduated with Honors. Steve began his law career as an associate with the law firm of Elmore and Powell in Asheville and is presently in practice with Kerry Sutton, who has offices in Durham and Asheville. Steve is a faculty member at the National Criminal Defense College, the Federal Defender Trial Skills Institute, the Defender Advocacy Institute, and others. Steve has published several articles and is currently working on a book with his law partner that focuses on the representation of college students accused of sexual misconduct under Title IX.

Lisa Wayne is an attorney in private practice in both state and federal courts across the country. She is also "Of Counsel" to Gerash and Steiner P.C. Previously, Lisa was a Colorado State Public Defender for 13 years where she served as office head, training director, and senior trial attorney. She lectures nationally with the NACDL, National Criminal Defense College, ABA, and other legal organizations. Lisa is currently an adjunct law professor at the University of Colorado where she teaches trial advocacy. She also serves as faculty at the Trial Practice Institute at Harvard Law School and is a legal analyst for numerous media outlets including CNN, ABC, CBS, and Fox regarding high profile cases across the country. In 2012, Lisa testified before the U.S. Sentencing Commission against the implementation of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines as mandatory. In 2005, she was honored with the Robert J. Heeney Award, NACDL's most prestigious recognition.

Jack Williams is a professor of the practice of law at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Jack practiced law for more than 10 years with firms in Jackson and Oxford. In 1999, he was appointed director of the Mississippi Office of Capital Post Conviction Counsel. He received his B.B.A. from the University of Texas and his J.D. from the University of Mississippi.