



## OSPD & MPDA

### SPRING PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE The Natchez Grand Hotel & The Natchez Convention Center Natchez, MS April 26-29, 2016

#### AGENDA

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#### Tuesday, April 26, 2016

5:00pm – 8:00pm                      **Public Defender Leaders Meeting (Dinner provided)**

**Ethical Leadership**

*Reverend C. Edward Rhodes II  
Mount Helm Baptist Church  
Jackson, Mississippi*

**The Evolution of a PD Office: Why and How We Changed**

*Dennis Keefe, Public Defender (retired)  
Lancaster County Public Defender's Office  
Lincoln, Nebraska*

#### Wednesday, April 27, 2016

10:00am - 12:00pm                      **Registration**

10:00am – 12:00pm                      **MPDA Board Meeting**

12:00pm - 12:55pm                      **Lunch (On your own)**

12:55pm – 1:00pm                      **Welcome**

*Beau Rudder, Training Director  
Office of State Public Defender  
Jackson, Mississippi*

- 1:00pm – 2:00pm                    **Preserving the Record for Appeal**  
*James Davis, III, Criminal Defense Attorney*  
*Law Office of Jim Davis*  
*Gulfport, Mississippi*
- 2:00pm – 2:15pm                    **Break**
- 2:15pm - 4:15pm                    **How Many? How Long? And How Much?**  
**Creating a Defender-Driven Empirical Research Agenda**  
*Janet Moore, Associate Professor of Law*  
*University of Cincinnati School of Law*  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*
- 4:15pm – 4:30pm                    **Break**
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm                    **We Can Make a Difference**  
*Patrick McGuinness, Criminal Defense Attorney*  
*Finnell, McGuinness, Nezami & Andux P.A.*  
*Jacksonville, Florida*
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm                    **MPDA Business Meeting & Elections**
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm                    **MPDA Reception**

**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

- 7:30am – 9:00am                    **Breakfast**
- 9:00am – 10:45am                    **Why Lawyers in Misdemeanor Cases Are Critical**  
*Robert Boruchowitz,*  
*Professor From Practice and Director of the Defender Initiative*  
*Seattle University School of Law*  
*Seattle, Washington*
- 10:45am – 11:00am                    **Break**
- 11:00am – 12:00pm                    **Criminal Law Update**  
*Leslie Lee, State Public Defender*  
*Office of State Public Defender*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- Justin Cook, Assistant State Defender*  
*Office of State Public Defender, Indigent Appeals Division*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm                    **Lunch**

## **LITIGATION TRACK**

- 1:00pm – 3:00pm                    **The Principles of Effective Negotiation**  
*Keith Belzer, Criminal Defense Attorney*  
*Devanie, Belzer & Schroeder*  
*Lacrosse, Wisconsin*
- 3:00pm – 3:15pm                    **Break**
- 3:15pm – 4:30pm                    **Getting to Know the Forensic Unit**  
*Dr. Reb McMichael, Service Chief*  
*Mississippi State Hospital, Forensic Services Unit*  
*Whitfield, Mississippi*
- Philip Gaines, Court Liaison Coordinator*  
*Mississippi State Hospital, Forensic Services Unit*  
*Whitfield, Mississippi*

## **INVESTIGATION & SOCIAL WORK TRACK**

- 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
(15 minute break included)      **Interdisciplinary Teams:  
Defining Roles and Working Together**  
*Anna Bulkin, MSW, LICSW*  
*Director of Social Work*  
*Youth Advocacy Division – CPCS*  
*Boston, Massachusetts*
- Sarah Forte, Paralegal / Investigator*  
*Southern Center for Human Rights*  
*Atlanta, Georgia*
- 4:30pm – 4:35pm                    **Break**
- 4:35pm – 5:35pm                    **Child Support Obligations**  
*Lyndsy Irwin,*  
*Legislative Liaison/Director of Child Support Legal Services*  
*Mississippi Department of Human Services*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- Julianne Bailey, Senior Attorney*  
*Mississippi Department of Human Services*  
*Cleveland, Mississippi*
- 5:45pm – 6:45pm                    **Training Committee & Public Policy Committee**

**Friday, April 29, 2016**

7:00am – 9:00am

**Breakfast**

9:00am – 11:00am  
*(Ethics: 10am-11am)*

**Acknowledging Bias and Communicating With Our Clients**

*Rachel Godsil, Professor of Law  
Seton Hall University School of Law  
Newark, New Jersey*