

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

BEAU RUDDER

Beau Rudder is the Director of Training at the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender. From 2003 to 2012 he was an Assistant Public Defender in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where he represented indigent clients charged with felonies ranging from non-violent drug offenses to capital murder. A native of Middletown, Ohio, Beau earned his BA from the University of Mississippi in 1999 and his JD from the University of Toledo School of Law in 2002. He is currently the Financial Officer for the National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators and he is a past President of the Mississippi Public Defenders Association.

AMANI BAILEY

Amani Bailey is a Project Manager in the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and master's degree from Jackson State University and the University of Mississippi. In her current role she is responsible for the campus-wide Quality Enhancement Plan (Professionalism Across the Curriculum) and special project facilitation, including the Poverty Simulation. Prior to her work at the Medical Center, she worked at the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning preparing students and their families for post-secondary educational attainment. She lives in Brandon, MS with her husband Michael and their 11 year old daughter Makena. Rooting, in vain, for the Oakland Raiders, perusing travel websites, and reading murder mysteries are counted among her favorite activities. In her spare time, she is working on a doctorate degree in Public Health. She can be reached at azbailey@umc.edu.

ALEXANDRA NATAPOFF

Alexandra Natapoff is an award-winning legal scholar and criminal justice expert. She received a 2016 Guggenheim Fellowship for her current book project which explores the profound significance of misdemeanors for the U.S. criminal system. Her previous book, *SNITCHING: CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND THE EROSION OF AMERICAN JUSTICE* (NYU Press, 2009), won the ABA Silver Gavel Award Honorable Mention for Books. She is Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, a graduate of Yale and Stanford, and a member of the American Law Institute. She has testified before Congress; she has helped draft state and federal reform legislation; and she appears frequently in national media outlets including NPR, The New Yorker, The Economist, New York Times, Wall St. Journal, and USA Today.

ROBERT BORUCHOWITZ

Robert C. Boruchowitz is Professor from Practice and Director of The Defender Initiative at Seattle University School of Law. Before joining the faculty in 2007, he was Director of The Defender Association in Seattle for 28 years. He founded the Racial Disparity Project at The Defender Association. He has appeared at every level of state and federal court. He was an expert witness in the Hurrell Harring case in New York State and in the Best v. Grant County case in Washington. Professor Boruchowitz was co-principal investigator on the recently released report, "An Analysis

of the Economic Costs of Seeking the Death Penalty in Washington State."

Professor Boruchowitz developed a Right to Counsel Clinic, which won a writ of mandamus on right to counsel in Department of Corrections revocation hearings. He has taught in the Youth Advocacy Clinic where he pursued due process rights for children in truancy proceedings. He has taught criminal procedure and a seminar on Right to Counsel. He wrote "Diverting and Reclassifying Misdemeanors Could Save \$1 Billion per Year: Reducing the Need For and Cost of Appointed Counsel," published by the American Constitution Society. As the founding president of the Washington Defender Association and a former member of the Executive Committee of the American Council of Chief Defenders, he has been instrumental in developing defender standards in Washington and nationally. He was a Soros Senior Fellow working on access to counsel in misdemeanor and juvenile cases. He worked on a similar project on a grant from the Foundation to Promote Open Society, working in Kentucky, South Carolina, and New Hampshire as well as in Washington. He has received numerous awards including the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Champion of Indigent Defense Award, the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers William O. Douglas Award, and the Washington Defender Association Gideon Award.

The Defender Initiative is working with the Sixth Amendment Center on a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in Utah and Mississippi. One of the Initiative's first projects was a study of misdemeanor defense, resulting in the report "Minor Crimes, Massive Waste: The Terrible Toll of America's Broken Misdemeanor Courts", published by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

JAKE HOWARD

Jake Howard splits his time between the Law Office of McDuff & Byrd, where he has been an associate since 2012, and the MacArthur Justice Center at the University of Mississippi, where he has been Of Counsel since January of 2015. Jake has litigated civil rights and criminal cases at the trial, appellate, and post-conviction stages in state and federal court. Since 2012, he has been the co-coordinator of an effort to ensure that all juvenile offenders serving life sentences in Mississippi's prisons receive an opportunity for release on parole pursuant to the United States Supreme Court's decisions in *Graham v. Florida* and *Miller v. Alabama*. Prior to moving to Mississippi, Jake was an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow in the Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic at the Georgetown University Law Center and a law clerk for the Honorable Myron H. Thompson in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Jake earned a masters of laws degree in advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. He also received a master's in teaching from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Michigan.

NUSRAT J. CHOUDHURY

Nusrat Choudhury is a Staff Attorney in the Racial Justice Program (RJP) of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), where she pursues litigation and advocacy against racial discrimination in the criminal justice system. Her work challenges biased policing, abusive stop-and-frisk practices, and "debtors' prisons"- the illegal arrest and jailing of people too poor to pay court fines and fees. Ms. Choudhury has brought litigation against debtors' prisons and for-profit probation companies

in Georgia, Mississippi and Washington. She was lead counsel in *Thompson v. DeKalb County* (N.D. Ga) and *Kennedy v. Biloxi* (S.D. Miss.), which resulted in reforms to protect the rights of poor people unable to pay court fines and fees. Previously, Ms. Choudhury was a staff attorney in the ACLU's National Security Project, where she challenged post-9/11 profiling of racial and religious minorities, government watchlists, FBI misconduct and abuse, and secrecy over intelligence programs. Ms. Choudhury was a lead attorney in *Latif v. Holder* (D. Or.), which resulted in the first federal court ruling that the U.S. government's administration of the No Fly List violated due process and required reform. Ms. Choudhury previously served as a Karpatkin Fellow in RJP and clerked for Judge Barrington D. Parker in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Denise Cote in the Southern District of New York. Ms. Choudhury completed her J.D. at Yale Law School, her M.P.A. at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and her B.A. at Columbia University. She is a recipient and former Trustee of the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans.

DREW FINDLING

Drew spent the first three years of his legal career as a Fulton County, Georgia, assistant public defender. In 1987, Drew started The Findling Law Firm. Since then, Drew has represented clients in state and federal courts throughout the United States and has handled international matters in the Middle East and Europe.

Drew has enjoyed great success as a trial lawyer representing clients with charges ranging from minor offenses to multi-million dollar federal conspiracy cases. His reputation for zealous and skilled representation has resulted in his being retained to represent numerous high-profile clients, including Grammy-nominee Faith Evans, Former Douglas County District Attorney David McDade, Former Fulton County, Georgia, Sheriff Jackie Barrett, current Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill, Former President of Morris Brown College Dolores Cross, NBA Superstar Shaquille O'Neal, former NBA great Dennis Rodman and NBA first-round draft choices Al-Farouq Aminu and Roshown McLeod and retired baseball slugger Oscar Gamble, and rap superstars Gucci Mane and Waka Flocka Flame.

In his over 30 years of practice, Drew has spoken in over 35 states, published numerous articles, and is on the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College and Tulane University Law School's Intersession federal criminal trial practice class. Drew is also regularly invited by Shepard Smith of Fox News and Brook Baldwin of CNN to serve as legal analyst on their programs. In Atlanta he is also the exclusive legal analyst of Atlanta's All News 106.7.

Drew's professional memberships include the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers where he was recently elected Secretary and the American Board of Criminal Lawyers where he is on the Board of Governors. Drew also serves on the Board of Advisors for the National Clearing House on Science and Technology of Law. He has been named as one of Georgia's Legal Elite, Georgia "Super Lawyer," and the Atlanta Journal Constitution's Top Lawyers in Georgia. He recently received the NAACP's Civil and Human Right's Award.

GREG SPORE

Assistant Public Defender, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. Settled in Jackson, MS. in 2004 following inpatient treatment for substance abuse in

Brandon, Mississippi. Received a J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law, a M.A. from London School of Economics, and a B.A. from California Polytechnic State University. Gideon's Promise Core Program graduate (class of 2012). Active in both the recovery and indigent defense communities in Mississippi.

DAVID SINGLETON

Mr. Singleton received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy, cum laude, from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Singleton received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After moving to Cincinnati in the summer of 2001, Mr. Singleton practiced at Thompson Hine before joining OJPC as its Executive Director in July 2002. David is also an Assistant Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

KEITH MILLER

Keith has been practicing law for 23 years and served as a prosecutor for almost 10 years including as an Assistant District Attorney and The District Attorney for Jackson, George and Greene counties in the 19th Circuit Court District.

He currently serves as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Moss Point and has a statewide criminal defense practice with a heavy concentration in DUI defense. His offices are located in Pascagoula and Lucedale.

BONNIE H. HOFFMAN

Bonnie Hoffman is the Deputy Public Defender for Loudoun County, Virginia. She has been with the Public Defender's Office for over 20 years. She earned her law degree from George Mason University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia. Her practice includes representation of both adults and juveniles, handling cases from arraignment through direct appeal. Bonnie is a graduate of the National Criminal Defense College, has served on numerous local and state committees and task forces associated with criminal justice issues and has lectured and presented on a variety of trial and indigent defense related topics for local, regional and national organizations. She is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), has served 2 terms on its Board of Directors, and one year as its Parliamentarian. Ms. Hoffman is a former chair of NACDL's Public Defense Committee and currently chairs its Federal Indigent Defense Task Force. She is the author of a series of articles, "Gideon's Champions" which highlight the work of public defenders from across the country. In 2013, Ms. Hoffman received the Robert C. Heeney Award, NACDL's most prestigious honor. This award is given annually to a criminal defense attorney who best exemplifies the goals and values of the Association and the legal profession. Ms. Hoffman is the first active state public defender to receive this award.