



**OSPD & MPDA**  
**FALL PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE**  
**HORSESHOE CASINO ♦ TUNICA RESORTS, MS**  
**October 20-23, 2015**

**AGENDA**

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**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Public Defender Leaders Meeting (Dinner provided)**

**Building Birmingham**

*Kira Fonteneau, Public Defender*

*Community Law Office, Jefferson County Public Defender  
Birmingham, Alabama*

**OSPD Update**

*Leslie Lee, State Public Defender*

*Office of State Public Defender  
Jackson, Mississippi*

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

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**

*Leslie Lee, State Public Defender*

*Office of State Public Defender  
Jackson, Mississippi*

1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Science In The Courtroom: The Scientific Method**

*Andrew Northrup, Forensics Division Attorney  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

*Jeffrey Gilleran, Forensics Division Attorney  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Science In The Courtroom: Preparation and Preserving The Record**

*Andrew Northrup, Forensics Division Attorney  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

*Jeffrey Gilleran, Forensics Division Attorney  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

3:00pm – 3:15pm

**Break**

3:15pm – 4:15pm

**What's The Best Part About Sunday? Tomorrow Is Monday**

*Drew Findling, Criminal Defense Attorney  
The Findling Law Firm P.C.  
Atlanta, Georgia*

4:15pm – 4:30pm

**Break**

4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Cross Examination of the Arresting Officer**

*Drew Findling, Criminal Defense Attorney  
The Findling Law Firm P.C.  
Atlanta, Georgia*

5:30pm – 6:00pm

**MPDA Business Meeting**

6:00pm – 7:30pm

**MPDA Reception**

## **Thursday, October 22, 2015**

7:00am – 9:00am

**Breakfast**

9:00am – 12:00pm  
(Break- 10:30-10:45)

**DNA Boot Camp**

*Andrew Northrup, Forensics Division Attorney  
Maryland Office of Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

*Jeffrey Gilleran, Forensics Division Attorney  
Maryland Office of Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

12:00pm – 1:00pm

**Lunch (Buffet Tickets Available)**

**Litigation Track**

1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Criminal Law Update**

*Justin Cook, Assistant State Defender  
Office of State Public Defender, Indigent Appeals Division  
Jackson, Mississippi*

2:00pm – 3:00pm

**Jury Instructions: What's the Big Fuss?**

*Merrida Coxwell, Criminal Defense Attorney  
Coxwell & Associates, PLLC  
Jackson, Mississippi*

**Investigation Track**

1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Lessons and Tips from the Bluegrass State**

*Reginald Jones, Defense Investigator  
Hinds County Public Defender's Office  
Jackson, Mississippi*

*Toscha DuBose, Defense Investigator  
Jackson County Public Defender's Office  
Pascagoula, Mississippi*

3:00pm – 3:15pm

**Break**

3:15pm – 4:15pm

**Update: Incorporating Technology Into Your Practice**

*Matthew Baldridge  
Baldridge Law Firm, P.L.L.C.  
Ridgeland, Mississippi*

4:15pm – 5:15pm

**The MacArthur Justice Center and Impact Litigation**  
*Cliff Johnson, Assistant Professor of Law and Director  
MacArthur Justice Center  
University, Mississippi*

*Jake Howard, Adjunct Professor of Law  
MacArthur Justice Center  
University, Mississippi*

5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Training Committee & Public Policy Committee Meetings**

**Friday, October 23, 2015**

7:00am – 9:00am

**Breakfast**

9:00am – 11:00am

**Cutting Edge DNA**

*Nathan Adams, B.S., Systems Engineer  
Forensic Bioinformatic Services, Inc.  
Fairborn, Ohio*

*Carrie Rowland, M.S., Analyst  
Forensic Bioinformatic Services, Inc.  
Fairborn, Ohio*

11:00am – 11:30am

**Check Out**

11:30am – 12:30pm  
(Ethics Hour)

**The *Gideon* Decision: Constitutional Mandate or Empty Promise?  
A Fifty-Year Deal Under Fire**

*Stephen F. Hanlon, Professor of Practice  
Saint Louis University School of Law  
St. Louis, Missouri*