



OSPD & MPDA
2023 Spring Public Defender Conference
April 26-28, 2023
Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast – Bay St. Louis, Mississippi



Wednesday, April 26, 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm <i>Salon B & C</i>	MPDA Board Meeting <i>(lunch provided)</i>	
11:00am – 12:45pm	Registration	
12:45pm – 1:00pm <i>Cypress C</i>	Welcome Andre’ de Gruy – <i>State Public Defender</i> Jason Payne – <i>MPDA President</i> Erin Briggs – <i>OSPD Training Director</i>	
1:00pm – 2:30pm <i>(1.5hr)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Main Track</u> <i>Back to the Basics of Evidence</i> Ieshaah Murphy – <i>Asst. Professor, University of District of Columbia – David A Clarke School of Law</i> <i>Cypress C</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Appellate Track</u> <i>Storytelling on Appeal</i> Megan Sanders – Drazen, <i>Wisconsin Defense Initiative</i> <i>Salon B</i></p>
2:30pm – 2:50pm	<u>Evaluations</u> & Break	
2:50pm – 4:05pm <i>(1.25 hr)</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<i>Motions to Suppress: Electronic Evidence</i> Sidney Thaxter , <i>Senior Litigator, Fourth Amendment Center - NACDL</i>	
4:05pm – 4:10pm	<u>Evaluations</u>	
4:10pm – 5:10pm <i>(1hr)</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<i>Cultural Collisions : Removing Communication Barriers with Clients</i> Lori James- Townes , <i>MSW, LCSW-C, Executive Director, NAPD</i>	
5:10pm – 5:15pm	<u>Evaluations</u>	
5 :15pm – 6 :00pm <i>Cypress C</i>	MPDA Business Meeting	



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Thursday, April 27, 2023

7 :00am – 8 :30am <i>Cypress B</i>	Breakfast	
7 :30am – 8 :30am	Registration	
8 :15am- 9 :15am <i>(1hr)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Main Track</u> <i>Motions to Suppress: Car Stops</i> <u>Omodare Jupiter</u>, <i>Federal Public Defender - Mississippi</i> <i>Cypress C</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Investigator Track</u> <i>How to Analyze Discovery & Organize Your Investigation</i> <u>Kevin McClain</u>, <i>McClain Private Investigations, LTD.</i> <i>Salon A</i></p>
9 :15am – 9 :20am	<u>Evaluations</u>	
9:20am – 10:20am <i>(1hr)</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<i>Witness Interviewing</i> <u>Kevin McClain</u> , <i>McClain Private Investigations, LTD.</i>	
10:20am – 10:45am	<u>Evaluations</u> & Break	
10:45am – 12:00pm <i>(1.25hr)</i>	<p><i>Litigating Race</i> <u>Byron Conway</u>, <i>DEI & B Director, Office of Respondent Parents’ Counsel</i> <i>Cypress C</i></p>	<p><i>Social Media & Electronic Investigation</i> <u>Kevin McClain</u>, <i>McClain Private Investigations, LTD.</i> <i>Salon A</i></p>
12:00pm-12:05pm	<u>Evaluations</u>	
12:05pm – 1:05pm	Lunch <i>(provided)</i>	
1:05pm-2:05pm <i>(1hr)</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<i>Mitigation : The Defense Key to All Things (or at least Most)</i> <u>Lori James-Townes</u> , <i>MSW, LSCW-C, Exec. Dir., NAPD</i>	
2:05pm- 2:10pm	<u>Evaluations</u>	



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2:10pm – 3:10pm <i>(1hr)</i> Cypress C	<i>Theory, Theme and Theater: Storytelling for Trial Warriors</i> Heather Rogers , <i>Santa Cruz County Public Defender</i>
3:10pm – 3:25pm	<u>Evaluations</u> & Break
3:25pm – 4:10pm <i>(.75hr)</i> Cypress C	<i>Access to Court Interpreters</i> Deenie Miller , <i>Language Access Coordinator, AOC</i>
4:10pm- 4:15pm	<u>Evaluations</u>
4:15pm – 5:15pm <i>(1hr)</i> Cypress C	<i>Appellate Court Update</i> Justin Cook , <i>Asst. State Public Defender</i>
5:15pm-5:20pm	<u>Evaluations</u>
5:30pm –8:00pm Bridges Private Room	MPDA Reception & Karaoke Night (<i>Shuttle provided</i>)

Friday, April 28, 2023

7:00am- 9:15 am Cypress B	Breakfast
9:15am- 10:30 am <i>(1.25 hr)</i> Cypress B	Client Communication (<i>Ethics</i>) Professor Donald Campbell , <i>MS College School of Law</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	<u>Evaluations</u> and Hotel Checkout
11:00am – 12:00pm <i>(1.0hr)</i> Cypress B	A Talk with MDOC Commissioner Nathan “Burl” Cain and Deputy Commissioners Jeworski Mallet, Nathan Blevins , Bradley Lum and Pedro Moreno – <i>MS Dept of Corrections</i>
12:00pm – 12:05pm	<u>Evaluation</u> & Dismissal