

THURSDAY, Sept. 17, 2015

8:00 - 8:30 Registration & Opening

8:30 - 9:45 Rob Warden: Lessons From the Innocence Movement in Chicago

9:45 - 10:00 BREAK

10:00 - 10:45 Jonah Horwitz: S. Ct. Update

10:45 - 12:00 Scott Sanders: "They Recorded That!?" Uncovering a State Informant Program

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH - On Your Own

1:30 - 3:00 Tara Godoy: Reading Medical Records - A Primer for Attorneys

3:00 - 3:15 BREAK

3:15 - 5:00 Neil Kookoothe & Joe D'Ambrosio: Wrongfully Convicted - A Firsthand Account of Why the Client & Investigations Matter

FRIDAY, Sept. 18, 2015

8:00 - 8:15 Dick Rubin - Opening Remarks
"What I'd really like is to spend some time in prison, just like a prisoner, eating the same food, lying on the same beds, just living the exact same life as an inmate," said no judge ever.

8:15 - 9:30 David Patton - Evidence I
People with mental illnesses are dying on our streets. More than 350,000 are in jails and prisons. Most are people whose only real crime is they got sick.

9:30 - 9:45 BREAK

9:45 - 11:00 Barbara Bergman - Evidence II
Prisons don't rehabilitate, they don't punish, they don't protect, so what the hell do they do?

11:00 - 12:00 William Talley - Hopeless Case and Difficult Client
We've got to clear some of the room out of the prisons so we can put the really bad guys in there, like prosecuting attorneys who withhold evidence.

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH - On Your Own

1:30 - 2:45 Michael Santos - Getting Ready to Come Back Home
"It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones."

2:45 - 3:00 BREAK

3:00 - 4:00 Jay McIntyre - Legal Writing
"The greater ignorance towards a country is not ignoring what its politicians have to say, it is ignoring what the inmates in its prisons have to say."

4:00 - 5:00 Rubin & Rubin - Ethics
"I keep my valuable things locked up. Everybody does. Therefore, criminals must be valuable."

5:30 - 7:30 Cocktail Party
Basque Market
608 W. Grove Street
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Western All Star Conference & Confabulation

NAME: _____

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Registration Fee:
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Includes admission to the seminar and materials.
Questions? Call Kathy Bozman at (208) 331-5508

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[DAVID PATTON](#) has been the Executive Director and Attorney-in-Chief of the Federal Defenders of New York since July 2011. He taught at the University of Alabama and Sanford Law School. Currently he teaches Professional Responsibility in Criminal Law at N.Y.U. Mr. Patton is also on the faculty of Gideon's Promise, and he is the author of *Federal Defense in an Age of Inquisition*, 122 Yale L.J. 100 (2013) and *Guns, Crime Control, and a Systemic Approach to Federal Sentencing*, 32 Cardozo L. Review. 1427 (2011). He is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and joined the Federal Defenders in 2002.

[BARBARA BERGMAN](#) is the Pamela B. Minzer Chair in Professionalism at the University of New Mexico School of Law where she teaches courses on evidence, trial practice, criminal law, and criminal procedure. Barbara has served on the faculty at the National Criminal Defense College as well as numerous NITA programs and is also the co-author of the *Everytrial Criminal Defense Resource Book* as well as the fifteenth edition of *Wharton's Criminal Evidence* and the fourteenth edition of *Wharton's Criminal Procedure*. She is a past-president of the NACDL and is a co-chair of the NACDL Amicus Committee.

[MICHAEL SANTOS](#) is an American consultant who guides people through struggle and helps them reach their highest potential regardless of external forces. He bases his teachings on lessons he learned while progressing through decades in federal prison. US District Court Judge Jack Tanner sentenced Michael to federal prison after a jury convicted him of drug trafficking offenses in 1987. He became a prison reform activist, writer and blogger before concluding his obligation to the Bureau of Prisons in 2013. He served more than 26 years of a 45 year pre-guidelines sentence. He has worked diligently to bring more awareness to social breakdowns spawned by America's commitment to mass incarceration.

[JAY MCENTIRE](#) is a trial attorney for the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho and joined that organization after his federal clerkship in Washington state. He has taken several Federal criminal cases to trial, all of which resulted in acquittals. He is a big believer in running a paper-free practice (including at trial) using an iPad. He teaches trial advocacy and advanced federal criminal procedure at Gonzaga University School of Law.

[AMY RUBIN](#) joined the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington & Idaho for the first time in 1999 as a summer intern, followed by a fellowship and after a federal clerkship returned to the Federal Defenders. Amy graduated from the University of Colorado in 1995, received her law degree from the University of Montana in 2000 and has taught at Emory University, state and federal trial advocacy programs and most recently was on the faculty of NCDC.

[TARA GODOY](#) is a certified Forensic Nurse and Legal Nurse Consultant who has been working with Criminal and Civil attorneys for over five years. She has a BS in Nursing from the University of Southern California. She has assisted criminal defense attorneys in obtaining an honest and fair resolution in their cases. Her consulting firm has consulted on over 500 criminal cases in 15 states and has worked with the Federal Defender Offices. She has presented for NACDL and NDIA at their forensic conferences in Las Vegas. Tara's specialty areas include medical record analysis, medically acceptable blood draws, child abuse, strangulation, and blunt force trauma.

[JONAH HORWITZ](#) joined the Capital Habeas Unit as a Research & Writing Attorney in August 2014 and was promoted to Assistant Federal Defender in March of this year. He received his undergraduate degree at Swathmore College and law degree at Northwestern University. After graduating from law school, Jonah completed three judicial clerkships: for a federal magistrate, a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme

Court, and a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals. Jonah has authored several published law review articles, including one on certificates of appealability in federal habeas cases.

[ROB WARDEN](#) is the Executive Director and Co-founder of the Center of Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law and founding director of the Innocent Network. The CWC was instrumental in exonerating 31 wrongfully convicted men and women in Illinois. Previously, Rob was editor and publisher of the legal affair monthly, *Chicago Lawyer*, where his investigations into wrongful convictions in Illinois capital cases launched a movement that culminated both in the founding of the CWC in 1999 and in 13 exonerations, including the nation's first prisoner to be exonerated by DNA. In 2014, the Innocence Network presented him its first and to date only award for lifetime achievement.

[WILLIAM TALLEY](#) is a public defender in Massachusetts. He started his legal career in the Boston Office of the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services as a staff attorney. He worked in that capacity until he went to work as a clinical teacher at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School. During his tenure at Harvard, Mr. Talley helped author a book on police misconduct, [Beyond the Rodney King Story: An Investigation of Police Conduct in Minority Communities](#). He has been certified as NITA Instructor since 1992 and teaches at the Emory Law School Trial Techniques Program.

[SCOTT SANDERS](#) has been an attorney with the Orange County Public Defender's Office for 22 years. Sanders is currently trial counsel in two capital cases, *People v. Qozniak* and *People v. Dekraai*. Mr. Dekraai pled guilty to killing eight people and attempting to kill a ninth person in a hair salon located in Seal Beach. The penalty phase of the case is pending. In March 2015, Judge Thomas Doethals recused the entire Orange County District Attorney's office from the

Dekraai case, after months of hearings were conducted on the misuse of informants and the concealment of informant related evidence. The court's findings included that one prosecutor and two sheriff's deputies had given misleading testimony. According to the court, the deputies attempted to conceal both the existence of a jailhouse informant program, and a database of jail notes, called "TREDS," which were first created 25 years ago and systematically hidden from defendants.

[NEIL KOOKOOTHE](#) Rev. Neil Kookoothe is a Catholic Priest ordained for service in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio. He is currently pastor of Saint Clarence Church in North Olmsted and has passionately advocated for the abolition of the death penalty. Complementing his Masters degree in Theology and Masters of Divinity, Fr. Neil also holds degrees in law and nursing. Fr. Neil met Joe D'Ambrosio in 1998 while serving as spiritual advisor to several men on Ohio's Death Row.

[JOE D'AMBROSIO](#) was convicted and sentenced to death in 1989. Always maintaining his innocence, his pleas for assistance fell upon deaf ears. In 1998 he asked Fr. Neil to read his trial transcript and assist him in bringing his case to the attention of the public and the courts. He was released in 2009 after a federal judge ruled that key evidence was withheld that would have refuted the States witnesses and pointed to other individuals as perpetrators. After a lengthy and prolonged appellate process, he was exonerated when the Supreme Court of the U.S. denied the States appeal. Mr. D'Ambrosio is the 140th exoneree from death row in the U.S. and the sixth in Ohio.