

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Jeff Adachi** has served as elected Public Defender of the City and County of San Francisco since March 2002 and has worked as deputy public defender in San Francisco for 15 years. Mr. Adachi oversees an office of 98 lawyers and 70 support staff. The office represents more than 23,000 people each year who are charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses and is among a handful of public defender offices in the U.S. to provide deportation defense to detained immigrants. Mr. Adachi has received numerous local, state, and national awards, most recently the 2017 Youth Champion Award, the 2016 Society of Professional Journalist's Public Official Award, the 2015 American Bar Association Hodson Award for Public Services, 2014 SPUR Good Government Award, and 2014 California Public Defender's Association Program of the Year award. Mr. Adachi graduated from Hastings College of Law in 1985 and received his undergraduate degree from U.C. Berkley. As a filmmaker, he wrote, produced and directed *The Slanted Screen*, a 2006 documentary film about stereotypical depictions of Asian males in American cinema. He also directed the 2009 film *You Don't Know Jack: The Jack Soo Story* and 2016 short film, *American Needs A Racial Facial*. His latest film, *Defender*, won Best Documentary at the Independent Television and Film Festival in October, 2017.

**Rich Curtner** has been a public defender for 40 years. He started in the Franklin County Public Defender Office in Columbus, Ohio while in law school. After ten years, he was an office supervisor and felony trial attorney, handling a number of death penalty cases through trial and appeals. In 1985, he joined the faculty at Ohio State College of Law as supervising attorney in the law school clinical programs. Rich Curtner moved to Alaska in 1987. He spent the first five years in Alaska at the Public Defender Agency in Palmer. He joined the Federal Defender Office in 1992. After a year in private practice and a short term back at the State Public Defender Office as Training Director, in 1996 he was appointed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as the Federal Defender for Alaska. As Federal Defender, Rich Curtner supervises a staff of six attorneys, with a total staff of eighteen. The office is responsible for providing indigent defense services in federal court for all of Alaska.

**Fritz Scheller** graduated Order of the Coif from the University of California at Berkeley in 1999. Fritz Scheller worked as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Middle District of Florida until 2004. Since 2004, Mr. Scheller has worked in private practice concentrating on federal criminal defense. Although his practice is primarily focused in the Middle District, he has handled federal cases throughout the country. Fritz's acquittal rate in federal trials is remarkable. Moreover, in the past year, he was part of the successful defense team for Noor Salman in the Pulse Shooting trial in federal court, has had two

convictions reversed from the Southern District of Illinois and the Florida 5<sup>th</sup> DCA, obtained one of the largest downward variances (85% reduction) in the country for a career offender, and has drafted a series of outstanding federal sentencing memos that have resulted in significant downward variances. Mr. Scheller has lectured on federal criminal matters at seminars hosted by the Office of the Federal Defender, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), the United State Sentencing Commission, the Federal Bar Association and other national organizations. He has also served on the faculty of NACDL's white collar college.

**Justine Olderman** graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif from New York University School of Law. Justine spent two years clerking for Judge Robert J. Ward in the Southern District of New York before joining the Bronx Defenders in 2000. After working for a number of years as a staff attorney, Justine became a training team supervisor for new lawyers, then a team leader for experienced practitioners, and then the Managing Attorney of the Criminal Defense Practice. As Managing Attorney, Justine oversaw the expansion of the criminal practice from 40 lawyers handling 12,500 cases a year to a practice of more than 100 lawyers handling 30,000 cases a year. Justine also created an in-house forensic practice group, an adolescent defense practice, and spearheaded a city-side bail initiative bringing together public defenders across the city to address the problem of bail in New York. In her following role as the Managing Director of the office, Justine oversaw the Criminal, Family, and Civil practices as well as the internal operations of the organization. Justine currently serves as the Executive Director.

**Jason Sheffield** is less-noteworthy than many but he done some pretty cool things in his 13 years of practice. He specializes in defending online and offline-based sex offenses and has defended clients in state and federal courtrooms across the country. Jason has lectured (CLE) and written (Champion Magazine) on the subject of Computer Based Sex Crimes and teaches at Emory University's College of Law as an adjunct professor on Expert Testimony. For the last year and a half, Jason has taught at the Georgia to Georgia Criminal Defense College in the Republic of Georgia (formerly part of the Soviet Union) where he drank obsessively and ate mountains of food and also taught jury trial techniques to criminal defense attorneys after their constitution was amended to allow for jury trials. Prior to becoming an attorney in 2005, Jason had been acting and writing in Atlanta for 7 years, while working as an emergency medical technician at Scottish Rite Children's Emergency Room. His first novel, *Son of a Bitch* (about him and his mother), was also recently published in July 2017. Jason's passion for law, teaching and storytelling is second only to his love of family.

**Dr. R. Thomas Libby** is trained in forensics and neurogenetics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, as well as at the Université de Paris VII. Dr. Libby's published work in the field of inherited neurological disorders has led to the further development of novel forensic DNA analysis methodologies currently relied upon in the criminal justice system. He has consulted and testified in over 200 criminal cases at both the state and federal level throughout the United States, including both military court-martial cases, as well as cases in the Court of Queen's Bench (Canada). He is actively involved in the Innocence Project in many jurisdictions throughout the United States, and has worked on numerous Post-Conviction cases involving the use of DNA. Dr. Libby currently works with the Amicus Foundation (London) for individuals facing capital trial and punishment in the United States, and is a member of many renowned scientific societies including the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, as well as the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics – Genetic Testing Committee. In this CLE he will lecture on the current state of DNA testing for forensic identification, including use of the random match probability (RMP), as well as the currently applied Probabilistic Genotyping Methods (PGM).

**David Lane** is a partner at Killmer, Lane & Newman, a Denver law firm. He has been engaged in death penalty defense since 1984, and has represented numerous individuals in capital cases at the trial, appeal, and post-conviction stages of state and federal litigation. Those cases have ranged over a number of states, including Colorado, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada, New York, New Mexico, Michigan, and Texas. David has been on the faculty of many capital defense training seminars throughout the country. In addition, he has taught death penalty jurisprudence for many years at the University of Colorado School of Law and the Denver School of Law. He has been appointed "learned counsel" by federal district courts in about a dozen capital cases in six different jurisdictions. Several organizations have acknowledged David's work, including the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, which in 1995 gave him the Jonathan Olom Award, the highest honor conferred by that association. David received a law degree from Berkeley in 1980 and a bachelors from the University of Colorado in 1977.

**Gerald "Bo" King** is a staff attorney with the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Defender Program in Atlanta, where he represents death-sentenced prisoners in habeas corpus proceedings. A graduate of Duke University and the NYU School of Law, Mr. King has previously worked at Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. He lives in Decatur, Georgia, with his wife and three daughters.

**W. Bradley Wendel** is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Cornell Law School, where he has taught since 2004. He received a B.A. from Rice University, a J.D. from Duke Law School, and an LL.M. and J.S.D. degree from Columbia Law School. Prior to entering law teaching, Brad was a litigator at a large law firm in Seattle. His primary teaching areas are legal ethics and professional responsibility, torts, and products liability. He is the co-editor of the casebook, *The Law and Ethics of Lawyering*, and the sole author of a textbook, *Professional Responsibility: Examples and Explanations*. He has taught CLE programs nationwide on the duties of trial and habeas corpus lawyers in capital defense cases, and frequently serves as an advisor or expert witness for capital defense attorneys. Brad was a co-reporter to the ABA Ethics 20/20 Commission and since 2007 has been a member of the drafting committee for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.

**Leslie Jill Patterson**, Ph.D., teaches narrative and narratology in the Creative Writing Program at Texas Tech University. Her prose has appeared recently in *Texas Monthly*, *Gulf Coast*, *Baltimore Review*, *Colorado Review*, *Prime Number Magazine*, *Sweet*, *Able Muse*, and *Bring the Noise: the best culture essays from Barrelhouse*, among others. Her awards include two Kimmel-Harding Nelson residencies; a Texas Commission on the Arts fellowship; a 2012 Embrey Human Rights Fellowship; the 2013 Everett Southwest Literary Award (judged by Lee K. Abbott); a 2014 Soros Justice Fellowship, funded by the Open Society Foundations in New York; the 2017 *Prime Number Magazine* Prize for Fiction (judged by David Jauss); and the 2017 Richard J. Margolis Award for Social Justice Writing. Since 2009, she has also worked as the case storyteller for public defenders representing indigent men and women charged with capital murder and facing the death penalty in Texas.

**Thad Blank** is Assistant Federal Defender for the Federal Defender Services of Idaho. He is a former law clerk for the Honorable Stephen S. Trott of the Ninth Circuit. Before joining the FDSI, he worked at Stoen Rivers LLP and for the Boise City Attorney's Office. He is a graduate of the UC Berkley School of Law.

**THURSDAY, Sept. 20, 2018**

- 8:00–8:30 Registration
- 8:30-8:45 Opening Remarks
- 8:45-9:45 Jill Patterson: Narrative Writing and Sentencing
- 9:45-10:00 BREAK
- 10:00-11:00 Jill Patterson: Narrative Writing and Sentencing
- 11:00-12:00 Brad Wendel: Ethics – Continuing Duty of Attorneys
- 12:00-1:30 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 1:30-2:30 Gerald King: The Current State of Lethal Injection
- 2:30-3:30 Randell Libby: DNA
- 3:30-3:45 BREAK
- 3:45-4:45 David Lane: Issue Preservation in Trial Practice

**FRIDAY, Sept. 21, 2018**

- 8:00-8:15 Registration
- 8:15-8:30 Opening Remarks - Dick Rubin
- 8:30-9:30 Rich Curtner: Investigation and Presentation of Homicide Cases
- 9:30-10:30 Fritz Scheller: The Pulse Case – Acquiring and Using Expert Witnesses in a Highly Publicized Case
- 10:30-10:45 BREAK
- 10:45--12:00 Jeff Adachi: How to Present Body Worn Camera Evidence
- 12:00-1:15 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 1:15-2:30 Justine Olderman: Holistic Defense – What It Is and Why It Works
- 2:30-2:45 BREAK
- 3:45-4:00 Jason Sheffield: Why We Need To Try Child Enticement Cases and How To Try One
- 4:00-5:00 Thad Blank: Supreme Court Update
- 5:30-7:30 Cocktail Party – Basque Market (Sponsored by IACDL)

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$45 Friday (9/21) only

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Prepaid registration deadline is September 15, 2018. Send your registration and check payable to: Federal Defender Services of Idaho, 702 W. Idaho Street, Suite 1000, Boise, Idaho 83702

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