

**AGENDA**  
**CAPITAL DEFENSE SEMINAR**  
**November 18-19, 2021**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

**Thursday, November 18**

- 8:00 - 8:30 am      Registration
- 8:30 – 9:00 am      Introduction -Recent Death Penalty and Method of  
Execution Litigation Developments  
Speaker:      David Stebbins – Columbus
- 9:00 – 10:15 am      Caselaw Update – Ohio and US Supreme Courts  
Speaker:      Russ Bensing – Cleveland
- 10:15 – 10:30 am      Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 am      Navigating Clients Through Difficult Periods: Ethics  
for Capital Litigators.  
Speaker:      W. Bradley Wendel, Edwin H. Woodruff Professor of Law  
Cornell Law School - Ithaca, NY
- 11:30 – 12:15 pm      Litigating and Mitigating the Impossible Case: The  
Stan Ford Case  
Speaker:      Joe Gorman – Akron
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm      Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm      A View From the Bench  
Speakers:      Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor and Justices of the  
Supreme Court of Ohio; Moderated by Richard Cline  
of Columbus and John Martin of Cleveland
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm      Break

## **APPELLATE BREAKOUT**

2:15 – 3:15 pm    Effective Brief Writing and Oral Argument in the Supreme Court of Ohio

Speakers:    Jeff Gamso – Cleveland  
                  John Parker - Cleveland

3:15 - 4:30 pm    Developing the Record in Post-Conviction

Speakers:    Randall Porter – Office of the Ohio Public Defender  
                  Brian Howe – Ohio Innocence Project  
                  Joanna Sanchez – Office of the Ohio Public Defender

## **TRIAL BREAKOUT**

2:15 - 3:15 pm    Aggressive and Meaningful Motion Practice at Trial.

Speakers:    Richard Cline – Death Penalty Division – Office of the Ohio Public Defender  
                  Don Malarcik - Akron

3:15- 4:30 pm    Recognizing the Intersection Between Psychology and Neuropsychology in Capital Cases.

Speakers:    Bob Stinson, Psy.D.; J.D. LICDC-CS, ABPP  
                  John L. Tilley, Psy.D., MSCP, ABPP  
                  Jeffrey D. Madden, Ph.D. – All from Columbus

## **Friday, November 19**

8:30- 10:00 am    Ohio's Serious Mental Illness Exemption:  
                          Litigation Strategies and Precautions

Speakers:    Tim Sweeney, Cleveland  
                  Lisa Lagos, Capital Habeas Unit – Columbus

10:00- 10:15am    Break

- 10:15 – 11:45 am Mitigation Investigation and Presentation:  
Investigating Trauma;  
Speakers: Dorian Hall – Office of the Ohio Public Defender  
Jim Crates –Mitigation Specialist – Dublin  
Lea Pagels – Office of the Ohio Public Defender
- 11:45 – 12:45 pm Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm The Importance of Recognizing and Litigating Claims  
of Racial Bias throughout the Criminal Justice System.  
Speaker: Alexis Hoag, Assistant Professor of Law  
Brooklyn Law School – New York
- 1:45 – 2:00 pm Break
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm Capital Jury Project: Capital Jurors Talk of Their  
Experiences  
Speaker: Scott E. Sundby, Professor of Law & Dean's  
Distinguished Scholar - University of Miami School of  
Law
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm What's Race Got to Do With It? Voir Dire and Trial  
Strategy in the Era of Black Lives Matter and Covid-19.  
Speakers: George Chaney, Jr. - Columbus  
Fred Benton, Jr. – Columbus