



Arkansas

Public Defender Commission

Annual Conference November 16-17, 2023

“Positively Impacting the Lives of Others Through Public Defense”

Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock, #2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, AR

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AGENDA

Thursday, November 16, 2023

- 8:45 — 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks — Gregg Parrish
- 9:00 — 10:00 The Story Never Told: Harnessing the Story of Every Client —
Lori James-Townes
- 10:00 — 11:00 Engaging in Courageous Conversation: Strategies to Having Effective Equity
Conversations — Dr. Charlotte Parham (Ethics)
- 11:00 — 11:15 Break
- 11:15 — 12:15 Specialty Courts & Record Sealing; Drug Court — Judge Christi Beaumont &
Benjamin Bowers
Record Sealing Statutes and the Record Sealing Clinic — Tina Bowers-Lee
- 12:15 — 1:30 **Lunch Provided at Hotel**
- 12:25 — 1:25 Keynote: ***TBA***
- 1:30 — 2:30 Connecting with Clients in a Microcosm of Misinformation —
Heather Vodnansky
- 2:30 — 3:30 Resilience: Mining for and Identifying Resilience When Working With Clients
— Stephanie Thornton
- 3:30 — 3:45 Break
- 3:45 — 4:45 Kirk Jennings — Creative Investigations
- 5:00 **Case Consultations**
- CLE: 7 hours

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- 9:00 — 10:00 Defense Teams — Lori James-Townes
- 10:00 — 11:00 Using Cultural Neighborhood Experts to Negate Factors in Aggravation — Anthony L. Ricco
- 11:00 — 11:15 Break
- 11:15 — 12:15 Bled to Death by One Thousand Paper Cuts: Cross-Examining Like the House is on Fire — Justin Rosas
- 12:15 — 1:30 **Lunch on Your Own and Case Consultations**
- 1:30 — 2:30 Legislative Update — Jeff Rosenzweig & David Raupp (Ethics)
- 2:30 — 3:30 Voluntary Brain Disease? Substance Use Disorder, Neurobiological Effects, and Mitigating Factors - Part 1— Stephanie Thornton
- 3:30 — 3:45 Break
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