

CAPITAL DEFENSE TRAINING PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

December 1-3, 2011



The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), with the National Consortium for Capital Defense Training, announce a "Bring-Your-Own-Case" CAPITAL DEFENSE TRAINING for capital defense practitioners on December 1-3, 2011, at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

The costs of registration, materials, food, travel, and lodging accommodations are covered by the grant, making the training **FREE of charge to approved participants.**

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Attendance is limited to defense practitioners with a pending state capital trial case in Texas. At least two members of the trial case team (attorney and mitigation specialist; attorney and investigator; co-counsel, etc.) must attend together. (Additional members of the team can also attend). Without exception, all participants are expected to attend all sessions and to fill out post-training evaluation forms.

The training will include approximately 35 participants from Texas who will work closely with faculty in large group plenary sessions and small group workshops utilizing a client-centered approach. Using the ABA Guidelines for Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases and the Supplementary Guidelines for the Mitigation Function of Defense Teams in Death Penalty Cases, the primary focus will be on developing a theory for life.

Topics to be addressed in the training will include brainstorming the case, effective teamwork, investigation and presentation of mitigation evidence, integrating the guilt-innocence and penalty phases, mental health issues, race and culture on the team and in the case, plea negotiation and settlement, and obtaining adequate time and resources for effective representation. Because of time constraints, the curriculum will not include coverage of capital jury selection or extensive guilt-innocence phase issues.

Confirmed Faculty Includes: Marc Bookman, Stephen Bright, David Bruck, Dick Burr, Dana Cook, John Holdridge, Linda Mroz, John Niland, Teresa Norris, Danalynn Recer, Odalys Rojas, Russ Stetler, Craig Washington, and Kathy Wayland.

This training is funded by a grant from the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance, an agency of the United States Department of Justice. We hope you are able to take advantage of this unique, intensive opportunity. **Apply soon as space is limited.**

For more information and to register (preferably by email), contact:

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Feel free to forward this announcement to individual attorneys who might be interested in attending the program.