

# The University of Memphis Law Review Annual Symposium

## Cultural Competency and the Death Penalty

March 29–30, 2012



### Thursday, March 29, 2012

**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION (invitation only) – *Flight Restaurant Loft Space, 39 South Main St., Memphis, TN 38103*

The Symposium Reception will thank the authors and panelists for their participation. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer will be served. There will also be a short performance by a Memphis musician.

**8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

SYMPOSIUM PARTY (open to the public) – *The Brass Door, 152 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN 38103*

The Brass Door is an Irish pub. The party will take place in the restaurant's lower level, The Cavern. DJ lil' Red Radio and DJ Slav will be spinning vinyl. Free drinks and appetizers while supplies last.

### Friday, March 30, 2012

*Wade Auditorium, The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 1 N. Front St., Memphis, TN 38103*

Open to the public. Visit [www.memphis.edu/lawreview/symposium.php](http://www.memphis.edu/lawreview/symposium.php) to register.

Registration: \$125 for those seeking CLE credit; \$40 for attendees not seeking CLE credit; and free for students, professors, government employees, and university staff. Program attendees will be eligible for 6.25 hours of CLE credit. Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments for the duration will be provided.

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

SIGN-IN AND BREAKFAST – *Lobby of The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law*

**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

OPENING REMARKS, Dean Kevin H. Smith, The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

**9:15 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.**

*Capital Punishment, Cultural Competency, and Litigating Intellectual Disability*, written by Jeffrey Usman, Assistant Professor of Law, Belmont Law School, Nashville, Tennessee

**10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

*Challenges and Opportunities in Bringing the Lessons of Cultural Competence to Bear on Capital Jury Selection*, written by Bidish J. Sarma, Deputy Director of the Capital Appeals Project in New Orleans, Louisiana

**10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**

BREAK

**10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

*Capital Prejudice*, written by J. Richard Broughton, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, former Capital Case Unit lawyer at the United States Department of Justice, Washington D.C., and former Assistant Attorney General of Texas for Capital Litigation

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

LUNCH, *Student Lounge*

**12:30 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.**

*Developing the Life Histories of Foreign National Capital Clients*, written by Danalynn Recer, Executive Director of Gulf Region Advocacy Center, Houston, Texas

**1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.**

PANEL DISCUSSION: Moderator: Judge John T. Fowlkes, Shelby County Criminal Court. Panelists: Judge James C. Beasley, Shelby County Criminal Court; Shelby County District Attorney General Amy Weirich; and Gerald Skahan, Shelby County Public Defender Capital Defense Coordinator.

**2:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

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**2:15 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.**

*Torture and Culture in Guantanamo's Capital Cases*, co-written by Scharlette Holdman, Executive Director of the Center for Capital Assistance and Col. Jon Jackson (not appearing), military trial lawyer and defense attorney of 9/11 suspects

**3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.**

*Breaking the Frame: Responding to Gang Stereotypes in Capital Cases*, co-written by Bradley MacLean, Tennessee Post-Conviction Defender and Vanderbilt Law School adjunct professor and John Hagedorn, Professor of Criminology, Law, and Justice, University of Illinois-Chicago

**3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

BREAK

**3:50 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.**

*Satanic Panic and Defending the "West Memphis Three,"* written by Judge Dan Stidham, defense attorney for Jessie Misskelley and now Greene County District Court Judge (Arkansas), and Jason Baldwin of the West Memphis Three

**4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

CLOSING REMARKS