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2012 Law Review Symposium
**Cultural Competency
and the Death Penalty**
March 29 & 30

Thursday, March 29

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Symposium Reception** (invitation only)
Flight Restaurant Loft Space, 97 Monroe Ave., 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 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.

Friday, March 30

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

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Sign-in and Breakfast**
Historic 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
W.J. Michael Cody,
Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC, former Attorney General of Tennessee,
and former United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee

9:15 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. **Capital Punishment, Cultural Competency,
and Litigating Intellectual Disability**
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**
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**
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**
Danalynn Recer, Executive Director of Gulf Region Advocacy Center,
Houston, Texas

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. **Shelby County 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 P. Weirich; and Gerald
Skahan, Shelby County Public Defender Capital Defense Coordinator

2:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Break**

2:15 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. **Torture and Culture in Guantanamo's Capital Cases**
Scharlette Holdman, Executive Director of the Center
for Capital Assistance, New Orleans, Louisiana
Samantha Kennedy, attorney licensed in Louisiana

3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **Breaking the Frame:
Responding to Gang Stereotypes in Capital Cases**
Bradley MacLean, Tennessee Post-Conviction Defender and
Vanderbilt Law School adjunct professor
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"**
Judge Dan Stidham, defense attorney for Jessie Misskelley, current
Greene County District Court Judge (Arkansas)
Jason Baldwin of the West Memphis Three

4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**



J. Richard Broughton



Jason Baldwin



Amy P. Weirich



Danalynn Recer



Judge John T. Fowlkes

About the Symposium

The University of Memphis Law Review invites you to attend its annual Symposium that will be held at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This Symposium will explore "Cultural Competency and the Death Penalty."

In the sentencing phase of a death penalty trial, the life story of the defendant is presented to a jury. Some stories are easier to tell than others because they have familiar themes – a broken home, deficient education or drug use. Others can be more complex, necessitating a new method of representation: cultural competency.

This special symposium will analyze well-known stories such as the West Memphis Three and Guantanamo. Speakers will also address timely cases involving foreign nationals, intellectual disability and more.

Open to the public.
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\$125 for those seeking CLE credit
\$40 for attendees not seeking CLE credit
Free for students, professors, government employees, and university staff.

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