

NHACDL's Spring CLE May 17, 2024

Featuring Stephen Bright

Stephen Bright teaches at the law schools at Georgetown and Yale, was the longtime director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, where he tried death penalty cases before juries in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and argued capital cases in the state and federal courts. He is the author, with James Kwak, of *The Fear of Too Much Justice: Race, Poverty, and the Persistence of Inequality in the Criminal Courts* (2023).

Stephen will discuss the conviction of innocent people, the power of prosecutors, racial discrimination in charging, sentencing and jury selection, inadequate funding and other deficiencies in providing counsel for the accused, the treatment of people with mental disorders, debtors prisons and other issues of fairness in the criminal legal system, and the failure of courts and legislatures to respond effectively to these injustices.

Caselines

Angela Pearl, Superior Court Systems Specialist, and David Landry, Court Clerk, will present an advanced training on the use of Caselines. The New Hampshire Superior Court has been gradually rolling out its new digital evidence system across the state. CaseLines Digital Evidence Center is a cloud-based court exhibit and evidence management application that allows judges, court staff, and attorneys to upload, submit, and present evidence in the courtroom during trials and evidentiary hearings.

Federal Sentencing for State Practitioners

Navigating the state system with an eye to minimizing federal consequences, including crucial concerns like federal sentence length and pretrial credit, is essential to protecting state court clients who have been or may be charged in federal court. This presentation by Eric Wolpin will explain how state sentences impact federal sentencing and discuss how to structure state convictions and sentences to protect your clients from harsh and unexpected consequences. Eric is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the New Hampshire office. Before joining the Federal Defender, he was a staff attorney in the Laconia and appellate offices of the New Hampshire Public Defender.

Crimmigration

Ron Abramson (he/him) is Chair of the Immigration Law Group at Shaheen & Gordon, P.A., where he handles virtually all types of immigration cases, as well as state and federal criminal defense (including significant post-conviction relief work). Ron started his career as a staff attorney with the New Hampshire Public Defender over 30 years ago. Since then, Ron has been an adjunct law professor in the United States and in Chile, having been

selected as a U.S. Scholar by the William J. Fulbright Commission. Ron has been named by his peers as New Hampshire's top immigration lawyer and is listed in Best Lawyers. Ron received a B.A. in English and Philosophy from Emory University and obtained his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School. He will discuss general developments in crimmigration and will focus on how annulments/expungements don't remove criminal convictions from immigration consideration.

Child Forensic Interviewing

Dr. Jacqueline Baschkoff is a forensic psychologist with a specialization in conducting and critiquing child forensic interviews. Her practice is limited to forensic evaluations in both criminal and civil cases regarding allegations of child sexual abuse and child maltreatment. She was on the first Incest Task Force in Albany, New York in the early 1980's and has continued to focus on child forensic interviewing and best practices. She has testified as an expert on child forensic interviewing for cases of suspected child sexual abuse and child maltreatment in New York, Tennessee, Kansas, Washington, California, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Virgin Islands, Oklahoma, Tokyo, Japan, Kaiserslautern, and Germany. She is on the Faculty of Oklahoma Public Defenders and is a frequent speaker at educational events. She will present on Best Practices in Child Forensic Interviewing.

Neurodiverse Clients

Christine Williams and Dave Tencza will discuss how to identify clients who may need different approaches to understanding information and communicating what's important in their cases. They will offer advice and strategies for working with neurodiverse clients.

Christine Williams is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor, a Certified Integrative Medicine Provider in Mental Health Disorders, and an Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Clinician. She has a background in community mental health working with youth, adults and families and is a Red Cross trauma response volunteer. She currently sees clients in private practice in NH and Florida. Her clinical interests include PTSD, complex trauma, anxiety, depression, neurodiversity and attachment disorders.

David Tencza is Of Counsel in the litigation department at McLane Middleton, primarily working with clients on complex criminal and family law related matters in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Prior to his time at McLane Middleton, Dave worked for a Nashua law firm and served as a Superior Court prosecutor in the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office.