



INNOCENCE AND THE ROAD TO EXONERATION

PRESENTED BY

TEXAS WESLEYAN LAW REVIEW & WESLEYAN INNOCENCE PROJECT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010 – FORT WORTH, TEXAS

8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST AND WALK-UP REGISTRATION

8:25 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dean Frederic White, Texas Wesleyan School of Law

8:30 a.m. [.75 hours]

Malinda L. Seymore

Professor of Law, Texas Wesleyan School of Law

Erle Stanley Gardner, Perry Mason, & the Court of Last Resort

9:15 a.m. [.75 hours]

Mike Ware

Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County

Special Fields Bureau Chief and Head of the Conviction Integrity Unit

Case Studies of Recent, Successful Actual Innocence Claims Out of Dallas County

10:00 a.m. MORNING COFFEE BREAK

10:15 a.m. [.50 hours]

Helen A. Anderson

Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Law

Revising Harmless Error: Making Direct Appeals Relevant to Innocence

10:45 a.m. [.50 hours]

Alex Kreit

Associate Professor, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Director, Center for Law and Social Justice

Drug Crimes and Wrongful Convictions

11:15 a.m. [.50 hours]

Mark Godsey

Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice and Ohio Innocence Project

She Blinded Me With Science: Wrongful Convictions and the Reverse CSI Effect

11:45 p.m. LUNCH

12:00 p.m. LUNCH PRESENTATION [1.00 hours]

Panel of Exonerees: Johnnie Lindsey, Steven Phillips, Chris Scott, and Patrick Waller
An Inside Look at the Lives of Four Exonerees

1:15 p.m. [.75 hours]

Nizam Peerwani, M.D.

Chief Medical Examiner for Tarrant, Parker, Denton, and Johnson counties
Forensic Science and The Courts: Helping or Hurting?

2:00 p.m. [.75 hours]

Marjorie I. Bachman

Attorney, Law Office of E.G. Morris
Adjunct Faculty and Clinical Instructor, University of Texas Law School
The Development of DNA Testing Statutes and the Need for Continued Access to Federal Court

2:45 p.m. AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK

3:00 p.m. [.75 hours]

Craig M. Cooley & Sarah Chu

Staff Attorney, Innocence Project of New York & Forensic Policy Associate, Innocence Project of New York
Nurturing Forensic Science: How Appropriate Funding and Federal Oversight Can Further Strengthen the Forensic Science Community

3:45 p.m. [.50 hours]

Kimberly J. Cogdell

Assistant Professor, School of Law, North Carolina Central University
Misuse of DNA Evidence is not a "Harmless Error" – Prosecutorial Misconduct, Wrongful Conviction and DNA Evidence

4:15 p.m. [.50 hours]

Andrea Roth

Teaching Fellow, Stanford Law School
Resolving "Reality Disjunctures" Between Confessions and Exculpatory DNA Results

4:45 p.m. ADJOURN