

**THE CENTER FOR DEATH PENALTY
LITIGATION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
IDS AND THE OFFICE OF THE
CAPITAL DEFENDER**

**October 16-18, 2017 at the
Durham County Courthouse
9th Floor, 510 S. Dillard St.
Durham, NC 27701**

The Center for Death Penalty Litigation invites you to attend this three-day program especially designed for attorneys whose capital clients are facing trial in the near future.

The key to a life verdict at trial is effective jury voir dire and the selection of jurors who will consider and give weight to your mitigating evidence and who will stand firm for life in the face of pressure from jurors advocating for death. This training will teach you how to ferret out death-prone jurors and choose life-saving jurors.

The first day of this program will consist of lectures and demonstrations of the Wymore Method of jury selection. On the second day, you will work in small groups to identify themes for voir dire in your case, practice Wymore techniques, and receive feedback from seasoned practitioners. On the third day, you will have the opportunity to practice Wymore techniques with mock jurors.

Faculty

Faculty members have been chosen based on their expertise in capital jury selection and include several of North Carolina's finest capital defense attorneys.

**CHOOSING JURORS WHO WILL CHOOSE LIFE:
CAPITAL CASE JURY SELECTION**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 (LECTURES & DEMONSTRATIONS)

- 12:30 Registration
- 1:00 Introduction to the Wymore Method of Capital Jury Selection
Jonathan Broun, N.C. Prisoner Legal Services, Durham
- 1:45 Figuring out Your Jurors: Stripping, Identifying, and Rating
Jon Megerian & Frank Wells, Megerian and Wells, Asheboro
- 2:15 Demonstration: Identifying & Rating Jurors Based on Their Initial Responses
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Cause Challenges and the Juror Bill of Rights
Phoebe Dee, Assistant Public Defender, Pittsboro
- 3:30 Demonstration: Cause Challenges and the Juror Bill of Rights
- 4:00 Dealing with Objections and Hostile Judges
Buddy Conner, The Graham, Nuckolls, Conner Law Firm, Greenville
Gretchen Engel, The Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham
- 4:45 Adjourn

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 (SMALL GROUP WORK)

- 9:00 Breakfast with coffee (provided on site)
- 9:30 Brainstorm Your Case for Voir Dire
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Brainstorm Your Case for Voir Dire, continued
- 12:00 Lunch (provided on site)
- 1:00 Strip/Identify/Rate
- 2:00 Cause Challenges
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Rehabilitate
- 4:15 Juror Bill of Rights
- 5:15 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 (SMALL GROUP WORK WITH MOCK JURORS)

- 9:00 Breakfast with coffee (provided on site)
- 9:30 Jury Voir Dire
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Jury Voir Dire, continued
- 12:10 Lunch (provided on site)
- 1:00 Jury Voir Dire
- 3:30 Adjourn

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100. All registrations must be completed online at <http://cdpl.org/registration/>. Enrollment is limited to 15 participants currently representing clients who could face trial in the near future. Please register early to secure a space. For more information, contact Barrie Wallace at 919-956-9545 or at Barrie@cdpl.org.

FACULTY

Jonathan Broun is an attorney with North Carolina Prison Legal Services in Raleigh, NC. Broun began his career at the Cumberland County Public Defender's Office in 1991. He joined the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in 1996, and worked there for 18 years before joining the Capital Defender's Office, where he worked until 2015. Broun is a NITA trainer and has represented capital defendants at trial, on direct appeal, and in post-conviction proceedings in state and federal court.

Ernest L. Conner Jr. is in private practice in Greenville, NC in the Graham, Nuckolls, Conner Law Firm. Conner became a member of the NC Bar in 1987, and tried his first capital case just a few years later. Conner has represented capital defendants at trial and in post-conviction proceedings. Widely regarded as one of the top capital defense lawyers in the state, Conner is routinely assigned some of the toughest cases. Most recently, he secured a life sentence for Jason Williford, who was convicted of the brutal beating death of NC Board of Education member Kathy Taft.

Phoebe W. Dee is Assistant Public Defender for Guilford and Orange Counties in Pittsboro, NC. Dee worked for several years as an Assistant Capital Defender in Durham. In 2016, Dee used the Wymore method to select capital juries in Wake and Randolph Counties. Both juries returned unanimous life sentences.

Lisa Andrew Dubs is in private practice in Hickory, N.C. Dubs tried her first capital case as an Assistant Public Defender in Scotland County. She has represented numerous capital defendants, including Rod Ferguson who received five life sentences after the jury deadlocked on punishment, and Jerry Anderson whose charges were dismissed after the jury deadlocked 11-1 in favor of acquittal.

Elizabeth Hambourger has been a staff attorney with the Center for Death Penalty Litigation since 2004. Before that, she worked at North Carolina Prison Legal Services. After devoting many years to post-conviction litigation, Hambourger began to take trial cases. In 2017, Hambourger represented Nathan Holden at his capital trial in Wake County. A jury selected with the Wymore Method returned two life sentences.

Robert M. Hurley recently retired as the Capital Defender for North Carolina after tenure of 15 years. Hurley has represented capital defendants at trial, on direct appeal, and in post-conviction proceedings. Hurley was the 2015 recipient of the J. Kirk Osborn Award for excellence in capital defense. In 2014, the ACLU of North Carolina presented Hurley with the Paul Green Award in honor of his success in dramatically reducing the number of death sentences in the state.

Jonathan L. Megerian is in private practice in Asheboro, NC. Megerian has represented capital defendants at trial and in post-conviction proceedings. He has served as faculty at capital defense trainings sponsored by the NC Advocates for Justice and the NC Office of Indigent Defense Services. Megerian and his law partner Frank Wells have incredible verdicts in very tough cases, including four life sentences for Keith Hall and second-degree verdicts for Robert Stewart who was tried capitally for eight murders at a Carthage nursing home.

Jon Nuckolls is in private practice in Greenville, NC in the Graham, Nuckolls, Conner Law Firm. Nuckolls became a member of the bar in 1997. Nuckolls has represented a number of capital clients, and used the Wymore method to choose a jury for William Moore, who entered a life-saving plea during the presentation of the State's evidence. Jon is a former Missouri National Guardsman and a U.S. Army veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Franklin E. Wells Jr. is in private practice in Asheboro, NC. Wells has represented capital defendants at trial and in post-conviction proceedings. He has served as faculty at capital defense trainings sponsored by the NC Advocates for Justice and the NC Office of Indigent Defense Services. Wells and his law partner Jon Megerian have incredible verdicts in very tough cases, including four life sentences for Keith Hall and second-degree verdicts for Robert Stewart who was tried capitally for eight murders at a Carthage nursing home.