

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS COST EVERYONE.

Louisiana has the world's highest rate of incarceration and highest rate of exoneration.

Since 1991, 32 people have been exonerated after being wrongfully convicted.

Together, they spent just under 500 years in prison for crimes that they did not commit.

Public defenders exist to ensure that verdicts are accurate and sentences are appropriate.

They make it possible for the public to have confidence in a justice system that works.

John "JT" Thompson (top) served 18 years in prison and endured seven execution dates for a murder he did not commit.

Albert Burrell (middle) spent more than 13 years on death row at Angola prison, but was innocent.

Greg Bright (bottom) was wrongfully convicted and served more than 27 years in Angola prison due to his ineffective defense.

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DEFENDER TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Defender Training Institute is a *6-day intensive trial skills training* for public defenders to develop core skills for client-centered representation and cultivate a statewide community of support and resources.

- Introduction to principles such as theories and themes
- Persuasive story telling
- Effective jury selection
- Opening statements and closing arguments
- Sentencing advocacy
- And more...

RECURRING LPDB TRAININGS

Juvenile Defender Training	January
Defender Leadership Training	March
Investigator Workshop	July
Defender Training Institute	September
Capital Defender Training	October
Legislative Update	December

RECENT LPDB TRAININGS

Collateral Consequences for Non-Citizen Clients
Appellate Advocacy
Advanced Voir Dire Skills
Mental Health Advocacy
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Skills and Strategies for Juvenile Delinquency Practice
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Data (CMS) Management

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LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDERS

Answering the calls for
equal justice from
more than **200,000**
people each year.



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For over 50 years, since the landmark *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision, public defenders have

been an integral part of the criminal justice system, and now represent upwards of 90% of all criminal defendants.

In so doing, these lawyers often stand as their client's only advocate to ensure that individual rights are protected, the process is fair, the verdict is accurate and the sentence is appropriate.

The Louisiana Public Defender Board (LPDB) was created in August 2007 as the first meaningful state public defender agency and is committed to fulfilling Gideon's promise on behalf of every client it serves.

LPDB offers, for free, the most comprehensive and accessible defense attorney training program in the state, providing public defender staff with access to the best faculty in the country and innovative, interactive, cutting-edge training programs.

The Louisiana Public Defender Board Training Program equips public defenders, investigators, mitigation specialists

“Reason and reflection require us to recognize that in our adversary system of criminal justice, any person hauled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him.”

Gideon v. Wainwright - March 18, 1963

and other public defender staff across the state with the skills and support that they need to build satisfying careers providing high-quality, client-centered legal representation to their clients.

As public defenders, lawyers have the opportunity to earn incredible courtroom experience, learn to manage a high-volume practice while confronting their client's legal crisis in the context of relevant and pressing social service needs, and stand as the last line of defense for their client's liberty.

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The work is challenging but meaningful - join our public defender community and learn how to make a difference in the safety and strength of Louisiana!

LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD TRAINING PROGRAM

Fulfilling Gideon's Promise

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

“That was truly necessary and was so helpful to me! I know I will be a better public defender because of it.”

— DTI 2010

“I feel part of a powerful group; [this training] reinforced skills I learned in law school, but wasn't sure how to apply in real world ... it made me aware how important this job is and how much responsibility is resting upon my shoulders.”

— DTI 2010

“The entire conference was excellent: the ability to ask questions and other attorneys sharing their experience.”

— VDA 2011

“Breakouts always help break the routine of just lectures and also help you remember the techniques you heard in the lectures.”

— ACT 2011

“This type of training is critical to everyone interested in justice. We must continue to share, evolve, and practice our skills.”

— IW 2011

FACULTY FEEDBACK

“This training provides the best format and content that I have ever seen. Session participants profit from and value the experience of their Louisiana colleagues.”

— Ed Burnette
Vice President of Defender Legal Services, NLADA
Former Public Defender of Cook County (Chicago, IL)

“The Defender Training Institute is a wonderful opportunity for lawyers to work on trial skills while receiving praise and constructive coaching from their colleagues, as well as faculty from public defenders' offices throughout the country.”

— Mary Moriarty

Managing Attorney, Hennepin County, Minnesota