TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

APPELLATE DEFENDER SEMINAR
Designed for Criminal Defense Attorneys Handling Appeals

Sponsored by:
Louisiana Appellate Project (LAP)

Friday, May 31, 2019

Benedict’s Plantation
1144 N Causeway Blvd
Mandeville, Louisiana
(985) 626-4557
(Directions included herein)

6.25 hours CLE, including Ethics & Professionalism
This is half of the annual requirements
(Also meets the requirements for LPDB certification in non-capital appeals)

HOTEL INFORMATION: Since the seminar is scheduled for a restaurant meeting facility, no hotel arrangements have been made.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided with the program.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Criminal defense attorneys whose work includes appellate representation, including writ practice, and those wanting to learn more about the appellate process.

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For more info about LAP, see http://appellateproject.org
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(Schedule subject to last minute revision if needed to accommodate speakers)

8:30 a.m. — Registration

8:50 a.m. — Welcome - Chris Aberle

9:00 a.m. — Recent Developments in the Law (What have the courts decided in the last year and is any of it in favor of the defendant?) - G. Paul Marx

10:15 a.m. — Break

10:30 a.m. — DOC Sentencing Computation and 2018 Legislative Changes - Jonathan Vining & Angela Griffin

11:30 a.m. — What Support is Available for Attorneys in Miller Cases? - Carol Kolinchack

12:30 p.m. — Lunch (included with registration)

1:15 p.m. — Un Peu de Cici et un Peu de Cela (A little of this and a little of that: a potpourri of unusual decisions and vitriolic writing) - Mark Plaisance

2:15 p.m. — Attorney Professionalism from a Judge’s Perspective - Judge Laurie A. White

3:15 p.m. — Break

3:30 p.m. — Ethics: Now That’s Appealing (What not to do in an appellate brief) - Douglas Lee Harville

4:30 p.m. — End of program

*Each presentation is set for 60 minutes (a CLE hour), except the Recent Developments, which is 75 minutes (1.25 CLE) hours.
**PRESENTERS**

**Angela Griffin** has worked for the Department of Corrections since 1995. In 2009 she became an Executive Management Officer for the Chief of Operations at the Department’s Headquarters Office. In 2013, she was promoted to Administrative Program Director.

**Douglas Lee Harville** has worked for LAP since 2010. He has also handled cases in Federal Courts as trial and appellate counsel under the CJA program. Lee has had a private practice and recently has been working with the Caddo Parish Public Defender Office.

**Carol Kolinchack** has almost 30 years of experience representing indigent adult and juvenile clients in Louisiana, including 15 years of capital defense experience. Ms. Kolinchak oversaw implementation of the *Graham v. Florida* decision in Louisiana, which prohibited LWOP sentences for juveniles in non-homicide cases, and is currently Legal Director for the JLWOP Direct Representation Project at the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, overseeing direct representation of indigent *Miller* and *Montgomery* clients.

**G. Paul Marx** is the District Defender in the 15th JDC. He still puts on seminars which he has done since CLE became mandatory. For about 9.5 years starting in 2002, he worked for LAP and had a private practice. Before LAP, he was the Chief Public Defender in the 15th.

**Mark Plaisance** has made a specialty of writ applications, with the distinction of having argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Montgomery v. Louisiana*. He has handled writs for several district defender offices as well as in the 17th JDC where he is the outgoing District Defender. Earlier he worked the 19th District Defender Office where he handled writs.

**Jonathan Vining** began working for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety in 2006 soon after graduating from the LSU Law School. In 2017 he was promoted to the position of General Counsel for the Department. As such, he oversees all litigation involving the Department.

**Laurie A. White** has been the presiding judge in Section A of the Orleans Criminal District Court since 2007. Judge White began her career as an Assistant District Attorney, first in Orleans Parish, then in East Baton Rouge Parish. She has also been an Assistant City Attorney for New Orleans and was the managing owner of a thriving law firm that handled both civil and criminal matters. While in private practice, Judge White worked for the Louisiana Appellate Project from 1996 to 1999.
LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Built on the grounds of an 1882 plantation, this meeting facility is next to Benedict's Restaurant in Mandeville. See: http://benedictsplantation.net/about/

Getting there: From the New Orleans area, cross the lake. Go straight on Causeway Blvd. Turn left at the 3rd stop light, which is approximately 1.2 miles after the end of the bridge.

From Baton Rouge and areas to the west, exit I-12 at Exit 63. Take the split to the right (south) marked Mandeville and proceed down Causeway Blvd (Highway 190, although 190 turns off before you do) for approximately 3 miles. Turn right at the first traffic light. Whichever way you turn off of Causeway Blvd., it is a very short block. Turn left and then right (behind WWL-TV). Park near the back area, past the restaurant. (The restaurant may be open that day and needs the front parking for its customers.) The meeting building is the second one.

Contact: Benedict’s Plantation, 1144 N. Causeway Blvd, Mandeville, Louisiana, (985) 626-4557.

IT IS OFTEN COOL IN THE MEETING ROOM - BRING A SWEATER IF YOU GET COLD.

LUNCH

The buffet is anticipated to include Caesar Salad, Catfish Pontchartrain, Chicken Delacroix, Chef's choice of vegetable & starch, New Orleans bread pudding, and Fresh Baked Cookies. Assorted Desserts will be set out for break after lunch.

Pastries will be available at the start of the day and coffee, water, soft drinks all day.

If you have special dietary needs, mark the same on the registration form and we will try to accommodate you.
MORE INFORMATION

ST. TAMMANY TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION – 68099 Highway 59, Mandeville, LA 70471-7501 (985) 892-0520 (Just off I-12 – north at exit 65, Highway 59)

MOTELS & BED & BREAKFASTS

Those needing accommodations can find the facilities through the St. Tammany Tourist Commission’s web site at: [http://www.louisiananorthshore.com/hotels/](http://www.louisiananorthshore.com/hotels/). (Hint: western St. Tammany includes Covington, Mandeville, Madisonville, Abita Springs, Folsom and Bush - listed in the order of distance from the hub of I-12 and 190.) Many are not actually in any city limits.