



# Florida Public Defender Association, Inc.

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**TO:** OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
**FROM:** FLORIDA PUBLIC DEFENDER ASSOCIATION  
**RE:** CAPITAL TRIAL VOIR DIRE TRAINING PROGRAM – June 6-8, 2022  
**ATTACHMENT:** FLYER AND AGENDA

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Please, join us for an advanced trial training program for death penalty defenders, with Welcome & Registration beginning SUNDAY, June 5th, at 3:00 p.m. Training will then begin on Monday, June 6th and conclude on WEDNESDAY, June 8th, 2022.

Space is EXTREMELY limited and will be available on a first come - first served basis. Once space is filled your name will be added to a wait list.

Participants will work with faculty members who are masters of capital trials for two and a half days to learn, refine, and master the art and science of death penalty trials. The program teaches a method of capital trial practice by using a combination of lectures, demonstrations, and small group exercises. These proven methods have helped save capital defendants across the country. Students will learn the core Supreme Court jurisprudence and how to use it to make the judge do what you need to do.

**PRIVATE ATTORNEY – Register on-line at [www.flpda.org](http://www.flpda.org) under the events tab.**

The **registration fee** for this program is \$525 for Public Defender offices, \$625 for Regional Counsel Offices and \$725 for Private Attorneys. That includes all course materials, a continental breakfast and boxed lunch.

The registration deadline for the training will be **May 2, 2022**.

**The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa**, located on 105 N. Bayshore Blvd, Safety Harbor, FL, are providing accommodations at a special room rate of \$129.00 plus tax.

- Attendees are to make reservations directly with the hotel by calling 727-724-7725 ext.7100. **Your name must identify yourself as members of the “FPDA Voir Dire” Group order to get the \$129.00 in the FPDA room block.**
- Deadline for hotel room reservations is **May 5, 2022**, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. After May 5, 2022, room reservations are accepted on a space-available basis at a higher rate.

**Please contact Ashlei Richardson at [arichardson@flpda.org](mailto:arichardson@flpda.org) or Michael Pirolo at [mpirolo@pd18.net](mailto:mpirolo@pd18.net).**

**THANK YOU.**

## Advanced Capital Voir Dire – The Morgan Method

Florida Capital Voir Dire training organized by Eric Carpenter, Rebekka Higgs, and the FPDA.

Capital Trial Voir Dire Training Using the Morgan Method:

# Theory & Intense Practice

June 5-8, 2022

Safety Harbor Resort & Spa

The Florida Public Defender Association (FPDA) and the National College for Capital Voir Dire (NCCVD) is offering an intense capital trial training program. Participants will work with the originators of the Constitutional Method of Jury Selection, and with faculty who are masters of Capital Voir Dire. They will have two and a half days of training while learning to refine and master the art and science of death penalty jury selection.

The program teaches the Constitutional Method of Capital Voir Dire by using a combination of lectures, demonstrations, and small group exercises involving real jurors. **This proven method has nearly emptied Colorado's death row and has saved capital defendants across the country.** Students will learn the core Supreme Court jurisprudence and how to use it to make the judge let you ask what you need to ask.

**Death Penalty Voir Dire is one of the most difficult yet crucial skills for lawyers to master.**

Students will learn, and then practice in small groups, how to:

- Get venire persons to share their views about the death penalty and life imprisonment by stripping away extraneous issues and circumstances
- Identify and rate strong pro-death and potential life-voting jurors
- Build and make challenges for cause and protect other jurors from cause challenges
- Teach life-givers how to get out of the jury room with their vote intact
- Teach strong pro-death jurors to respect the decisions of all jurors (including life-giving jurors)

### Location:

**SAFETY HARBOR RESORT & SPA  
105 NORTH BAYSHORE BLVD.  
SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA  
(888)237-8772**

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL METHOD OF CAPITAL VOIR DIRE  
THEORY & INTENSE PRACTICE**

June 6-8, 2022

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Sunday – June 5, 2022**

**3:00 – 6:00 EARLY REGISTRATION – Pick up your badge early and avoid the rush.**

**Day 1 – MONDAY – June 6, 2022**

7:30 – 9:00 Registration Desk – Name Badge Pickup

*Segment I: Method Overview*

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction & Method Overview – Eric Carpenter

*Segment II: Stripping*

9:15 – 10:00 Stripping – Eric Carpenter

10:00 – 10:15 Break

**10:15 – 12:00 Small Group Practice – Stripping**

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (Boxed Lunch Provided)

*Segment III: Identifying and Rating*

1:00 – 1:45 Identifying and Rating – Eric Carpenter

**1:45 – 3:45 Small Group Practice – Identify and Rate**

3:45 – 4:00 Break

*Segment IV: Protect or Challenge – Making the Record*

4:00 – 4:15 Protect or Challenge – John Canby, Tom Glow

**4:15 – 5:30 Small Group Practice – Protect or Challenge**

5:30 – 7:00 Social Hour

**Day 2 – TUESDAY – June 7, 2022**

*Segment IV: Fundamentals of Insulation and Isolation*

9:00 – 9:45 Insulation and Isolation Techniques – Eric Carpenter, Rebekka Higgs

**9:45 – 11:00 Small Group Practice – Insulate and Isolate Techniques**

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:00 Constitutional Basis of Capital Voir Dire – [Gary Boren]

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (Boxed Lunch Provided)

*Segment V: Fundamentals of Teaching Respect*

1:00 – 1:30 Teaching Respect Techniques – Eric Carpenter, Rebekka Higgs

**1:30 – 3:30 Small Group Practice – Teaching Respect Techniques**

3:30 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 5:00 Incorporating into All Aspects of Trial – Rebekka Higgs

**Day 3 (half day) – WEDNESDAY – June 8, 2022**

*Segment VI: Putting It All Together: Full Voir Dire*

9:00 – 9:45 Florida Motion Practice, Facing Resistance, and Questionnaires – Pete Mills & Mike Pirolo

**9:45 – 12:30 Small Group Practice – Full Voir Dire of a Juror**

SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE