



STANDING OUT IN A CROWD

GACDL Spring Seminar

April 19-20, 2024

Directed By: Manny Arora & Michael Schwartz

The Westin & Jekyll Convention Center, Jekyll Island, GA

Friday, April 19, 2024

11:00a – 12:15p

Check-in (Walk-ins add \$40)

12:15p – 12:25p

Welcome [Location: Friday CLE Presentations - Westin Ballroom]

GACDL President

Ashleigh Merchant

Co-Founder, The Merchant Law Firm

Program Directors

Manny Arora

&

Mike Schwartz

Founder, Arora Law

Founder, New South Law, LLC

12:25p – 12:30p

The Parole Board | **Crystal Moon**, Director, Clemency Division

Department of Community Supervision | **Patrick Holsey**, Chief Operating Officer

12:30p - 2:30p

Frequency Illusion: What is RICO and (Why) is It Everywhere?

Benjamin E. Fox, Partner, Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore, LLP

2:30p – 2:45p

Break

2:45p – 2:55p

Amicus Report

Brandon Bullard, Founder, The Bullard Firm

Vice Chair, GACDL Amicus Committee

2:55p – 3:00p

GCDLEF Report

Wes Bryant, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defender, Inc., Northern District

Vice Chair, GCDLEF & Secretary, GACDL

3:00p – 4:00p

Non-Capital Mitigation: Crafting a Stand-Out Client Story

Emily Gilbert, Founder, EG Law, LLC

4:00p – 5:00p

A Stand Out Storyteller: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom

McCracken Poston, Founder, The Law Firm of McCracken Poston

Author, *Zenith Man*

5:00p

A Word from Your Cocktail Sponsor

5:00p - 7:30p

Annual Family Friendly Cocktail Reception

Lawn games (Weather permitting)



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7:00a - 8:30a

Continental Breakfast

7:15a – 8:00a

Yoga with Kalpin Shah (Sapelo Room)

8:25a - 8:30a

Welcome | Morning Location: Westin Ballroom

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8:30a - 9:30a

Crowded Table: Joint Defense Agreements [Professionalism]

Paul Kish, Founder, Kish Law, LLC

9:30a - 10:30a

Gang Mentality: The Ins & Outs of Gang Prosecutions

Shalena Cook Jones, District Attorney, Eastern Judicial Circuit

10:30a – 10:40a

Strike Force Report

Mazie Lynn Guertin, Executive Director, GACDL

10:40a – 10:55a

Break | Sponsored by 

10:55a – 11:00a

Inspirational 5! 

Kelly Turner, Assistant Public Defender, Ogeechee Circuit Public Defender

11:00a – 12:00p

Non-Capital Mitigation: Now That You Know, Here's How It Goes

Felicia Sullivan, Mitigation Specialist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

12:00p - 1:30p

Lunch (On Your Own) | Afternoon Location: Ballroom H, Jekyll Convention Center

1:30p - 2:30p

You Are a Standout: On Investing in Yourself

Chris Middleton, Founding Partner, CRM Law, LLC

2:30p – 2:45p

Break | Sponsored by

2:45p – 3:45p

Out of the Box: Unearthing the Records to Tell Your Story

Elizabeth Taxel, Clinical Asst Professor & Defense Practicum Director, UGA Law

3:45p – 4:45p

Media Darlinghood: Are You Sure You Want the Attention? [Ethics]

Richard Kammen, Founder, Kammen & Moudy, LLC

5:00p – 5:40p

Yoga with Kalpin Shah (Westin Front Lawn)