



GACDL 2023 FALL SEMINAR "CHANNEL SURFING"

November 3-4, 2023

Brasstown Valley Resort - Young Harris, GA

Program Directors

Matthew Cavedon & Siobhan Butler Hughley

Friday, November 3, 2023

11:00a - 12:15p

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

12:15p - 12:25p

Welcome

GACDL President Natasha Perdeu Silas
Assistant Federal Defender, Northern District of Georgia

Program Directors

Siobhan Butler Hughley
Assistant Public Defender
Augusta Judicial Circuit

&

Matthew Cavedon
Amagi Law, LLC
Robert Pool Fellow, Emory

12:25p - 12:30p

The Parole Board

Christopher Barnett, Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pardons & Parole

12:30p - 1:30p

Fourth Amendment: The Wire

Jeff Wolff, Jeffrey L. Wolff, LLC
Former Area Vice President, GACDL Region 9B

1:30p - 2:30p

Judge's Take: All Rise [Ethics]

Judge Brian Rickman, Georgia Court of Appeals

2:30p - 2:35p

Inspirational 5!

Emily Strongwater, Strongwater & Associates (and Northern District of GA CJA Panel Member)
Lawyer of the Week, GACDL

2:35p - 2:55p

Break

2:55p - 3:30p

Case Law Update: Daredevil

Jonathan Lockwood, Chief Assistant Public Defender, Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Contributor, GACDL's What's the Decision?

3:30p - 4:30p

Defending the Abused - On the Big Screen: Mawuli 5-0 {Keynote}

Mawuli Davis, Founder, Davis Bozeman Law Firm

4:30p - 4:40p

GACDL Staff Introductions

Mazie Lynn Guertin, Executive Director & Policy Advocate, GACDL
Former Assistant Public Defender

4:40p - 5:00p

Indigent Defense Award

Presented by Megan Allen, Founder, Allen Law Firm, LLC (former Assistant Public Defender, Houston)
Chair, GACDL Indigent Defense Committee

5:00p - 5:10p

GCDLEF Report

Joe Habachy, Founder, Joe S. Habachy, P.C.
Chair, Georgia Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Fund

5:10p - 5:15p

Cocktail Reception | Sponsored by

5:15p - 7:00p

A Word from Your Cocktail Sponsor
Drinks and Appetizers in the Lodge Lobby

8:30p - 10:30p

Karaoke in Brassies



Saturday, November 4, 2023

7:00a - 8:00a

Yoga in Long Ridge

8:30a - 9:30a

Mental Health Hearings: Extraordinary Attorney Woo-bow

Lauren Shubow, Assistant Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

9:30a – 9:40a

Amicus Report

Hunter Rodgers, J. Ryan Brown Law, LLC
Chair, GACDL Amicus Committee

9:40a – 9:50a

Strike Force Report

Alex Susor, Founder, Law Offices of Alex Susor, P.C.
Vice Chair, GACDL Strike Force

9:50a – 10:05a

Break

10:05a – 11:05a

Defending LEOs – On the Big Screen: Cops

Stephanie Mutti, National Association of Government Employees
Former Assistant Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

11:05a – 12:05p

Dealing with Difficult Judges: The People's Court [Professionalism]

Steve Scarborough, Assistant Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit
Lawyer of the Week, GACDL

12:05p - 1:15p

Lunch (On Your Own) | GACDL Board Meeting

1:15p - 2:15p

Defending the Abused – Daily Docu-Dramas: Brooklyn's Finest

Zanele Ngubeni, Director of Defender Development, Gideon's Promise
Vice Chair, GACDL Legislative (and former Assistant Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit)

2:15p - 2:20p

Inspirational 5!

Catherine Bernard, Founder, Bernard & Johnson, LLC
Former Assistant Public Defender, Dublin Judicial Circuit

2:20p - 2:30p

Break

2:30p – 3:30p

Defending LEOs – Daily Docu-Dramas: Blue Bloods

Tianna Bias, Hawk Law Group (former ADA) & Shawn Merzlak, Hawk Law Group (former ADA)
Area Vice President, GACDL Region 10A

3:30p – 4:30p

Trial skills: Better Call Sam

Sam Dennis, Founder, Sam Dennis Law
Former (two-term!) President, GACDL