

National Summit of State Bar Indigent Defense Chairs

Sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid & Indigent Defendants
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 11, 2005
Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

Agenda

9:00-9:45 Continental Breakfast/Meeting Registration *Room 254 C*

10:00-11:30 **Opening Plenary Session** *Room 254 C*

Panel Discussion: “Gideon’s Broken Promise: The Need for Indigent Defense Reform and the Integral Role of the Organized Bar”

Discussion (in light of a new ABA SCLAID report called “Gideon’s Broken Promise”) of the challenges remaining in the fight to improve indigent defense services more than 40 years after the U.S. Supreme Court in *Gideon v. Wainwright* established the right to counsel for poor persons accused of crime. Examination of specific reform efforts in several states (including in Georgia, Virginia, New York, Washington, and Texas) and the contributions of the organized bar in collaboration with other key players. Exploration of the unique role the organized bar can and should play in future reform efforts.

Introduction/ Bill Whitehurst, Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Legal
Moderator: Aid and Indigent Defendants

Panel Presenters:

- Hon. Norman Fletcher, Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
- E. Tazewell Ellett, President, Virginia Bar Association
- Norman Reimer, President, New York County Lawyers Association
- Hanna Liebman Dershowitz, Consulting Attorney, Texas Appleseed; Former General Counsel/Senior Policy Advisor, Texas Sen. Rodney Ellis
- Jon Ostlund, Co-Chair, Washington State Bar Association Committee on Public Defense
- Norman Lefstein, Prof. & Dean Emeritus, Indiana Univ. School of Law
- Robert Spangenberg, President, The Spangenberg Group

11:45- 12:45 **Lunch** *Room 253 A/B*

1:00-2:30 **Small Discussion Group Sessions**
Participants may attend 1 session of their choice from the 2 listed below:

Getting the Message Out *Room 256 A*

Communicating the need for indigent defense reform effectively to the media in an effort to reach policymakers and other key audiences.

Discussion Leader:

- Michelle Molloy, Senior Account Executive, Spitfire Strategies

**Addressing Ethical Dilemmas
in Indigent Defense**

Room 256 B

Role of the organized bar in addressing the ethical implications of indigent defense systems rife with case overload and lawyer/judicial misconduct.

Discussion Leaders:

- Norman Lefstein, Professor of Law & Dean Emeritus, Indiana University School of Law; Member, ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
- James McCauley, Ethics Counsel, Virginia State Bar

2:30-2:45

Refreshment Break

Room 254 C

2:45-4:15

Small Discussion Group Sessions

Participants may attend 1 session of their choice from the 2 listed below:

**What Can the Bar Do? Making Reform
a Priority, Grading Your State, and
Building Coalitions**

Room 255 B

Lessons on how to initiate and/or support education/advocacy campaigns to reform indigent defense services in your state.

Discussion Leaders:

- James Hingeley, Charlottesville/Albemarle County Public Defender (Charlottesville, VA); Member of Virginia State Bar's Indigent Defense Task Force, Access to Legal Services Committee, and Criminal Law Section's Board of Governors
- Betsy Edwards, Director, Virginia Indigent Defense Coalition

**Better Oversight Through
State Commissions**

Room 255 C

Advocating for and establishing state oversight structures to ensure the provision of uniform, quality services.

Discussion Leaders:

- Robert Spangenberg, President, The Spangenberg Group
- Michael Mears, Director, Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

4:20-5:00

Wrap-Up

Room 254 C

6:00-8:00

NCBP/NABE/NCBF Reception

Utah Museum of Fine Arts, 410 Campus Center Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah
*Shuttle buses will provide transportation from the Salt Lake Marriott Downtown (100 South entrance) every 15 minutes beginning at 5:45 p.m. and continuing until 8:15 p.m. Join state bar presidents and executive directors from across the country for an evening of conversation, libations, and hors d'oeuvres as you view the Utah Museum of Fine Arts' permanent collection as well as the special exhibit *Jazz Legends: Photographs by Herman Leonard*. **Ticketed Event – advance purchase required.***