

FACULTY

We are thrilled to present **The Honorable Carlton Reeves**, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Reeves has the unique distinction of occupying the chambers that, years before, he cleaned as a teenage janitor. Before ascending to the bench in 2010, Judge Reeves was the Chief of the Civil Division for the Office of the United States Attorney, and then founded a litigation firm in Jackson. His practice included election rights cases, litigation against private prisons and service to individuals and small businesses; he also participated in the prosecution of co-conspirators in the infamous Mississippi civil rights murders of the 1960's. Judge Reeves is a leading voice for judicial independence and integrity, and we are so thankful he is joining our 2019 program.

Civil personal injury lawyer **John Sloan** is the President of the Board of Directors of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. John has tried cases to juries from Philadelphia to New Mexico, and in the big cities and small towns throughout Texas. He has experience, creativity and determination in holding large corporations, hospitals and trucking conglomerates accountable in trial, no matter the complexity of the facts or the apparent might of the defendant. As a small-town lawyer (Longview, Texas) who built a nationwide practice and a very smart law firm, John believes that we as lawyers should "remember our why" – why we answered this calling to service in the law, and why we continue to do this work.

Career public defender **Laura O'Sullivan** is a leader in the nationwide fight for funding for representation of indigent criminal defendants. As a Missouri public defender, Laura has represented clients charged with everything from misdemeanors to murder; she has also obtained exonerations of innocent persons who served decades of their lives on wrongful convictions. For four years, Laura served as senior counsel for the Midwest Innocence Project. Laura is an instructor for Trial Lawyers College.

This is **Hon. Kevin Sharp (Ret.)**'s second appearance at the Bob Chaloupka Kick Ass Seminar. He served as a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee from 2011-2017; frustrated by the injustices wrought by mandatory sentencing guidelines, Judge Sharp stepped down from the bench and now fights for the criminal defendants he once sentenced, employees of the nation's largest corporations and patients defrauded by pharmaceutical giants. He returns to Scottsbluff as counsel for multiple municipalities that are suing opioid manufacturers, drug distributors and pharmacy benefit managers for the ravages of addiction, crime and death wrought by the national opioid epidemic.

Danny Rodriguez grew up in a family of migrant farm workers, working throughout his childhood in fields from Mississippi to California. After earning an engineering degree at Cal Poly State, Danny attended UCLA School of Law, and has served civil plaintiffs – with tremendous success – throughout the state and federal courts of California ever since. Danny has become an innovator in police misconduct cases, and a champion for victims of sexual predators employed by institutions. He is an instructor for Trial Lawyers College.

Before he became a lawyer, **Frank Mungo** was a scientist. With master's degrees in aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering, Frank brings an analyst's scrutiny to challenging forensic problems; after he solves the problem, he employs his natural storytelling talent to help his juries understand. Frank represents persons charged with serious felonies in criminal cases, and seriously-injured civil plaintiffs, in the state and federal courts of Kentucky and Ohio, which gives him ample opportunity to consider the common values of jurors of every stripe. He is an instructor for Trial Lawyers College.

James R. Clary, Jr. is a business trial lawyer, and is tragically loyal to the Fighting Tigers of Louisiana State University. JR is the founding partner of Clary Suba & Neale, a Baton Rouge, Louisiana law firm. In his business trial practice, JR has served clients ranging from family-owned construction companies

to medical specialty groups; he also represents plaintiffs in personal injury cases, criminal defendants and professionals brought before licensing authorities. He serves as an instructor for Trial Lawyers College, and is the Treasurer on its Board of Directors.

Based out of Houston, Texas, **Emily Detoto** began her legal career as a prosecutor, and now serves clients charged with serious crimes. Emily's work has been featured on "The First 48," "Inside Edition" and "Primetime Live." From satanic ritual murders to FLDS prophets to a vandal who spray-painted over a Picasso painting, Emily is always tackling challenges and is never bored. She is a fearsomely vocal Michigan State University fan and is an instructor for Trial Lawyers College.

Greg Westfall serves criminal defendants, as well as civil plaintiffs, in the state and federal courts of Texas. Based out of Fort Worth, Greg has tried perhaps 100 cases to verdict, and has established a strong presence in the Texas appellate system. He is the lawyer to call (or for the courts to appoint) in unusually complex cases, ranging from charges of material support of terrorism, to fighting SLAPP lawsuits, to saving "God's kids" from the death penalty. In his spare time, Greg is an accomplished photographer and a singer/songwriter (check out his CD, *Texas Theater*, on iTunes). He is an instructor at Trial Lawyers College.

Doug Stratton is the senior partner of the Norfolk, Nebraska law firm of Stratton DeLay Doele Carlson Buettner & Stover. He serves clients in both civil and criminal cases throughout northeast Nebraska. In 2009, the Nebraska State Bar Association recognized Doug's perseverance in pursuit of exoneration for the "Beatrice 6" with its George H. Turner Award, given for "service to the Bar and Bench through unusual efforts dedicated to furthering public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal system."

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 7

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| 12:00 | Emily Detoto
Houston, TX | <i>Hail Mary: Final Argument When the Stakes Are High (and the Facts Are Bad)</i> |
| 12:45 | Laura O'Sullivan
Kansas City, MO | <i>The Indigent Defense Funding Crisis, and Strategies to Fight It</i> |
| 1:30 | J.R. Clary
Baton Rouge, LA | <i>Discovering and Presenting the Human Story in a Commercial Case</i> |
| 2:30 | John Sloan
Longview, TX | <i>Follow the Money: When Money is a Moving Force in Your Civil or Criminal Case</i> |
| 3:30 | Hon. Carlton Reeves
Jackson, MS | <i>Defending the Last Line of the Defense – the Independent Judiciary</i> |
| 4:30 | Cocktail reception (cash bar) – Hampton Inn | |

Friday, November 8

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| 8:00 | Danny Rodriguez
Bakersfield, CA | <i>Proving Police Misconduct</i> |
| 8:45 | Frank Mungo
Florence, KY | <i>Finding Common Ground for "Red" and "Blue" Jurors And Judges</i> |
| 9:30 | Hon. Kevin Sharp
Nashville, TN | <i>How Opioids Infect and Impact the Civil and Criminal Justice System</i> |
| 10:30 | Greg Westfall
Fort Worth, TX | <i>Trauma: Understanding Our Clients', Our Jurors' and Our Own</i> |
| 11:30 | Doug Stratton
Norfolk, NE | <i>"Disposable People": The Wrongful Conviction and Exoneration of the Beatrice 6</i> |
| 12:30 | Adjourn | |

CHALOUPKA HOLYOKE SNYDER CHALOUPKA & LONGORIA

Presents:

THE BOB CHALOUPKA TRIAL SKILLS SEMINAR

November 7 & 8, 2019
The Hampton Inn
301 West Highway 26
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

Accommodations: The Hampton Inn has reserved a block of rooms for attendees of this program at a special rate of \$109/night. You may reserve rooms at this rate by calling the hotel at (308) 635-5200, advising that you are attending this program. Group rates for rooms not reserved by October 17th will not be available. A listing of restaurants and recreational activities will be available for attendees.

Mandatory CLE: It is anticipated that this program will be approved for CLE credits as follows:

Nebraska: 8.0 General; 1.0 Ethics
Iowa: 8.0 General; 1.0 Ethics
Colorado: 8 General; 1.0 Ethics
Wyoming: 8.0 General; 1.0 Ethics

Cost: \$275 for lawyers practicing 3 years or more; \$150 for lawyers in practice fewer than 3 years; and \$50 for law students.

Proceeds: After reimbursing expenses, profits will be donated in equal shares to the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, the Nebraska Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College.

Cancellations: Refunds in full will be made if cancellations are received by Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

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