

AGENDA

January 21, 2016 & January 22, 2016

Presented by:

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Thursday, January 21 & Friday, January 22

(attend this program on either day)

- 12:00 p.m. *Registration*
- 12:30 p.m. Ethics & Prosecution in the 21st Century
Susan Hawk, District Attorney, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
- 12:50 p.m. An Interview with Michael Morton
(Video)
- 1:15 p.m. Disclosure, Ethics, *Brady* & the Michael Morton Act : The Ethical Duties of a Prosecutor (Includes a 15-Minute Break)
Patricia Cummings, Special Fields Bureau Chief, Conviction Integrity Unit, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
- 3:15 p.m. Discussion Panel: Ethics from the Perspective of Exonerees:
- Moderated by: **Cynthia Garza**, DNA Project, Conviction Integrity Unit, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas
 - Panel:
 - **Cory Session**, Policy Director, Innocence Project of Texas
 - **Christopher Scott**, Exoneree, Dallas Texas
 - **Richard Miles**, Exoneree, Dallas, Texas
- 4:15 p.m. Questions and Answers
- 4:30 p.m. *Adjourn*

Program Description: This one-day program will be offered twice (on January 21, 2016 & January 22, 2016) and is open to Texas Prosecutors and their staff.

This seminar will address ethical issues that confront prosecutors in the 21st Century specifically focusing on *Brady* and evidentiary disclosure, and subsequent exoneration of Michael Morton. Presentations will discuss disclosure-based causes of Morton's wrongful conviction, legislative reforms intended to address those discovery problems and how prosecutors can adapt to these changes. Finally, a panel of those affected by wrongful convictions will discuss *Brady* and other issues in their respective cases.

Most materials will be provided electronically and/or posted on our website.