

Friday, April 5

Breakfast

8:15 am – 9:00 am

Overview: A Retrospective on the Modern Era of the Texas Death Penalty

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Moderator:

Thea Posel, *Clinical Instructor and Research Fellow, Capital Punishment Clinic, University of Texas School of Law*

Panelists:

- Rob Owen, *Director, Bluhm Capital Defense Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law*
- Gena Bunn, *Gena Bunn PLLC*
- Rob Kepple, *Executive Director, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, Texas Law faculty*
- Jordan Steiker, *Director, Capital Punishment Center, University of Texas School of Law*

Why Has Texas Led the Nation in Executions?

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Moderator:

Jordan Steiker, *Director, Capital Punishment Center, University of Texas School of Law*

Panelists:

- Maurice Chammah, *Staff Writer, The Marshall Project*
- Lee Kovarsky, *Professor, University of Maryland School of Law*
- Maurie Levin, *Texas Regional Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel; Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program*
- Robert Dunham, *Executive Director, Death Penalty Information Center*

Lunch

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Perspectives from the Bench

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Moderator:

Jim Marcus, *Co-Director, Capital Punishment Clinic, University of Texas School of Law*

Panelists:

- Elsa Alcala, *former judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals*
- Judge Kathleen Cardone, *United States District Court, Western District of Texas*
- Judge Gregg Costa, *United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit*
- Judge David Newell, *Texas Court of Criminal Appeals*

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Witnesses to the Texas Death Penalty

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Moderator:

Ariel Dulitzky, *Director, Human Rights Clinic, University of Texas School of Law*

Panelists:

- Lee Greenwood, *mother of Joseph Nichols (executed by the state of Texas in 2007) and advocate*
- Walter Long, *capital defense attorney & former executive director, Texas After Violence Project (TAVP)*
- Lance Lowry, *former Texas prisons union president, correctional officer, and current co-host of “Behind the Walls” podcast (with Houston Chronicle reporter Keri Blakinger)*
- Michelle Lyons, *former Texas Department of Criminal Justice public information director and author, “Death Row: The Final Minutes”*
- Meredith Rountree, *Research Professor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law*

Dinner

6:30 pm (TBD)

Saturday, April 6

Breakfast

8:15 am – 9:00 am

Texas Capital Trial Practices: Changes in Prosecution and Defense

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Moderator:

Raoul Schonemann, *Co-Director, Capital Punishment Clinic, University of Texas School of Law*

Panelists

- Christina Dean, *Assistant Public Defender, Capital Murder Division, Dallas County Public Defenders Office*
- Kim Ogg, *District Attorney, Harris County*
- Lise Olsen, *Investigations Editor and Senior Investigative Reporter, Houston Chronicle*
- Danalynn Recer, *Executive Director, Gulf Region Advocacy Center (GRACE)*

Saturday, April 6

Changes and Continuities in State and Federal Postconviction Practices

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Moderator:

Tivon Schardl, *Capital Habeas Unit Chief, Federal Public Defender, Austin*

Panelists

- Ben Wolff, *Director, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs*
- Jim Marcus, *Co-Director, Capital Punishment Clinic, University of Texas School of Law*
- Ed Marshall, *Chief, Criminal Appeals Division, Office of the Texas Attorney General*
- Rob McGlasson, *Texas Regional Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel; Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program*