



## LIFE IN THE BALANCE 2009: DEFENDING DEATH PENALTY CASES &

## NASAMS 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SENTENCING ADVOCACY TRAINING

March 7-10, 2009  
New Orleans, LA  
The JW Marriott Hotel New Orleans

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### LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

**CONFIDENTIALITY: PLEASE NOTE:** The materials and information provided at this conference are confidential and may not be disclosed except to other defense practitioners. The information and materials provided represents the thoughts, opinions, and strategies with regards to previous and ongoing cases and, accordingly, is protected under the attorney-client privilege and the work-product doctrine. It is critical that participants understand the nature of the information/materials and regard all information as privileged. Participants attending must certify they are involved in the defense of persons accused in criminal cases.

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#### CONFERENCE LOCATION:

The legendary JW Marriott Hotel New Orleans, a luxurious French Quarter hotel blending distinct class with old world charm. Centrally located on historic Canal Street, this newly renovated French Quarter hotel in New Orleans is only steps from acclaimed entertainment and renowned attractions, such as famed Bourbon Street, the Convention Center and Aquarium of the Americas. Guests delight in unparalleled accommodations, savvy service and an abundance of upscale amenities at this exclusive French Quarter landmark hotel. Upscale accommodations feature 487 luxury hotel rooms and 7 deluxe hotel suites in New Orleans

#### JW Marriott Hotel New Orleans

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
Phone: 1-504-525-6500  
Fax : 1-504-525-8068  
Toll-free: 1-888-364-1200

NLADA conference attendees staying at the JW Marriott Hotel New Orleans will receive a special discounted room rate of **\$140 single/double occupancy per night, exclusive of taxes. The deadline date for reservations is February 19, 2009.** After that date, requests for reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit. Be sure to inform the reservations agent that you are with the NLADA Life in the Balance Conference to secure the discounted rate. Reservations may be canceled 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty. Check in is 3:00 p.m. and check out is 12:00 noon.



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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

Early registration will be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm and will resume on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 7:30 am.

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## MEALS:

The registration fee includes a continental breakfast on all days and the NASAMS and LIB cash-bar reception on Saturday and Sunday nights. Registrants are responsible for all other meals.

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## MATERIALS:

The registration fee includes conference materials on a CD-rom. **Materials will ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED via CD-rom.** If you're interested in reviewing the materials on-site, please bring a laptop with you. The CD will be formatted for both PC and Mac.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

A preliminary agenda is posted on our Web site (<http://www.nlada.org/Training>). It will continue to be updated as we confirm all the faculty and workshops. A final agenda with specific session room locations will be available at registration.

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## TRAVEL:

Through a partnership with American Airlines, NLADA is pleased to offer our conference attendees a 5% discount off airfares to New Orleans, LA for the upcoming Life in the Balance conference. Book fares online only at [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). To get the NLADA discount, indicate A76N8AD in the promotional code box. **Effectively immediately, NLADA will no longer offer a discount on air travel with United Airlines.**

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## GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

The JW Marriott Hotel New Orleans is located 16 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. A taxi from the airport to the hotel will cost approximately \$30.00. Airport Shuttle services are available for \$26.00 Round Trip. Toll-Free: (866) 596-2699 [www.airportshuttleneworleans.com](http://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com).

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## CAR RENTAL:

AVIS and Enterprise Rental has been selected as the official rental car agency for NLADA's Life in the Balance Conference. AVIS will extend a 5-10% discount on a lower qualifying rate to the participants of the conference. AVIS is located in all three available airports. These special rates include unlimited mileage. To make reservations, call AVIS toll-free at (800) 331-1600 and refer to reservation code # J789524.

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## CANCELLATION POLICY:

Registration cancellations must be received in writing no later than February 13, 2009. Cancellations, transfers and refunds are subject to a \$75 administrative charge. After February 13 registrations are transferable but not refundable. Transfer requests must be received within 30 days after the conference to be considered. Transfers must be applied to another NLADA event scheduled prior to December 28, 2009 or be forfeited. Registration cancellations postmarked after March 6, 2009 are neither refundable nor transferable. Substitutions may be made at any time with written notification to the NLADA.

## Refund policy

Please calculate your total payment carefully. In order to receive a refund of any overpayment relating to registration, you must submit a refund request in writing to NLADA, Annual Conference Refund



Request, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20037; 202-872-1031; or [training@nlada.org](mailto:training@nlada.org). No refunds will be processed without a written refund request.

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## **WEATHER:**

Meeting rooms tend to be cool. Please dress so you will be comfortable in varying temperatures. Outside temperatures range from the high 60's to the low 70's.

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## **CLE:**

NLADA has applied for continuing legal education credits in most states that have mandatory CLE requirements. CLE forms, instructions, and a list of accrediting states will be included in the on-site registration packets.

## **CEU :**

For Social Workers: NLADA will be applying for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Social Workers through the University of Texas Arlington. A \$25 processing fee will be required, in a check payable to NLADA. It is the responsibility of each social worker to determine if your accrediting or licensing body will accept CEUs from the University of Texas. Further information will be available on-site.

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## **ACCESSIBILITY:**

The hotel is fully accessible for people whose mobility is impaired and has guest rooms adapted for wheelchairs. Make the appropriate request directly with the hotel when reserving your room.

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## **SMOKING POLICY:**

All sleeping and meeting rooms are smoke free.

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## **SPONSORSHIP, EXHIBITING & ADVERTISING:**

There are many opportunities for individuals, programs, organizations and corporations to get involved with the conference. If you are interested in exhibiting, placing an advertisement in the conference program book or becoming a sponsor of the conference or special conference event, please contact Tiffany Payne at (202)452-0620 x232 or [t.payne@nlada.org](mailto:t.payne@nlada.org).

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## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association acts only as an agent for attendees in all matters regarding hotel accommodations and transportation. NLADA contracts with reputable independent contractors and suppliers known to provide the service offered in this announcement. NLADA is not responsible for any inconvenience, loss, injury or damage from any cause whatsoever in conjunction with these services. If necessary, NLADA reserves the right to cancel or change the services described herein.

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