

National Legal Aid & Defender Association and
The National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates &
Mitigation Specialists *present*

March 5-8, 2011

Buena Vista Palace Hotel
Lake Buena Vista, FL

**LIFE IN THE BALANCE AND
NASAMS' 18TH ANNUAL SENTENCING ADVOCACY TRAINING**
“DEDICATION IS THE DIFFERENCE”



2011 LIFE IN THE BALANCE

Welcome!

Join us in Lake Buena Vista, Florida for the 2011 Life in the Balance (LIB) Conference to develop and improve the interviewing, investigating, litigating, mitigating and advocacy techniques needed to save lives in all phases of capital defense.

With more than 90 sessions over four days, LIB will provide an opportunity to learn from and work with the most progressive attorneys, mitigation specialists, investigators and experts from across the nation. The faculty will offer expert guidance and instruction on such topics as:

- Mental health, including Atkins, the MMPI and competence and to be executed;
- Taking death off the table through plea negotiations and how to effectively advocate for your client's life with the prosecutor, the victim's family and the courts;
- Race and culture and their implications for the defense team, the jury and the courts;
- Motion practice and preservation of error;
- Defense team dynamics;
- ABA standards, Supplementary Guidelines for the Mitigation Function, ethics and constitutionally effective assistance;
- Science — real and fake — biological, crime scene and psychological; and
- Capital Juries: how to pick them, talk to them and understand the way they work.

You may register to attend two, three or all four days of the conference and will have the opportunity to select from sessions offered by LIB and the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates & Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS) 18th Annual Sentencing Advocacy Training. Each day of the conference will offer sessions in the topic areas of:

- Race, class and culture
- Investigation
- Mitigation
- Pretrial/trial/appeal/post-conviction
- Mental health/mental retardation
- Crime scene, biological & forensic sciences
- Nuts & bolts of capital cases
- Individual case consultations

Who Should Attend Life in the Balance?

Participants come from a variety of practice settings and public defender offices: small, independent and large. Attendees may include: defense attorneys, mitigation specialists, and defense investigators.

Conference Agenda

Friday, March 4, 2011

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Registration

Saturday, March 5, 2011

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Registration

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Joint LIB/NASAMS
Opening Plenary

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Sessions

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sessions

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch (on your own)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sessions

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Sessions

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Sessions

5:30 p.m.
Case Consultations

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Networking Reception

Sunday, March 6, 2011

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Registration

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Keynote/Award Ceremony

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Sessions

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Sessions

12:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch (on your own)
NASAMS Membership
Meeting

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sessions

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Sessions

4:15 p.m.
Case Consultations

Monday, March 7, 2011

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Plenary Session

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Sessions

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sessions/NASAMS
Training Ends

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch (on your own)

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Plenary Session

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Sessions

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
Case Consultations

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Registration

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Closing Plenary

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Sessions

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sessions

NASAMS' 18TH ANNUAL SENTENCING ADVOCACY TRAINING

“DEDICATION IS THE DIFFERENCE”

NASAMS 18th Annual Sentencing Advocacy Training: *Dedication is the Difference*

The National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates & Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS) invites you to join us for our 18th Annual Sentencing Advocacy Training: *Dedication is the Difference*. This training, which runs concurrently to the Life in the Balance conference, will focus on furthering the development of the mitigation/advocacy profession and achieving excellence in the fight to protect our clients in all stages of the criminal justice system. The training starts on Saturday, March 5 and ends on Monday, March 7, 2011.

The training will provide a unique opportunity for those in the mitigation and advocacy fields. Sessions will be instructed by the leading experts in the disciplines of law, social work and mental health. Topics will include, but are not limited to:

- Intellectual disabilities and adaptive deficits
- Trauma and torture
- Neurobiology
- Preparing for a sentencing hearing
- Impact of incarceration
- Sexual abuse and sexual offenders
- Victim outreach

How Sessions are Facilitated

We will explore ways to create teams that are more than the sum of their parts. The training will help us to apply these concepts while advocating for our clients using the best and most current research and practices available. This year will have a special focus on communication and relationships, between the defense team and the client.

- Sessions on interviewing and teamwork will feature leading mitigation specialists and mental health professionals and will provide attendees with the opportunity for small-group work and hands-on practice with those same experts.
- Sessions will focus on effectively interviewing and communicating with clients about the most difficult and personal subjects including sexual abuse, child abuse and adaptive

deficits; finding a balance between strong relationships with our clients and healthy boundaries; and building relationships with victims and their family.

Developing Dedication in the Profession

The NASAMS training will offer a series of sessions on the core skills and knowledge that form the foundation of a dedicated mitigation practice. These sessions are suitable for those who seek to enter or have recently entered the profession and those who want to get back to the basics.

Who Should Attend the NASAMS Sentencing Advocacy Training?

The NASAMS Sentencing Advocacy Training is a must for:

- Sentencing advocates and noncapital mitigation specialists
- Capital mitigation specialists
- Defense attorneys
- Defense investigators
- Paralegals
- Forensic social workers in defense-based practice

You may register to attend either two or three days of the conference. Registrants for the NASAMS training may also attend sessions offered by Life in the Balance, including Monday afternoon and Tuesday sessions.

Life in the Balance and NASAMS Confidentiality:

Materials and information provided 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.

2011 LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Conference Location

Buena Vista Palace Hotel
1900 E. Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407.827.3938
866.397.6516 (Reservations)

Buena Vista Palace, an official Walt Disney World® Resort, is a contemporary haven offering totally refurbished accommodations, a majestic new lobby and unsurpassed hospitality. Footsteps from the Downtown Disney® area, guests can also enjoy complimentary transportation to the Walt Disney World® Theme Parks. Plus, park tickets are never a problem. Admission is guaranteed for Buena Vista Palace guests, even if the parks are full.

The perfect place to relax and play, Buena Vista Palace offers something for every member of the family. Refresh with three heated swimming pools with pool concierge, jacuzzi and sauna. Indulge in the 10,000 square-foot rejuvenating spa with its extensive pampering menu. Watch the kids beam at the Sunday Disney Character Brunch. And, the Tropical Recreation Island, playground and video arcade are sure to be a hit.

NLADA conference attendees staying at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel will receive a special discounted room rate of \$104 single/double occupancy per night, exclusive of taxes. The deadline for reservations is February 10, 2011. 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 or NASAMS 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 noon.

Conference Registration

Registration will start on Friday, March 4, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and will resume on Saturday, March 5 from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Meals

The registration fee includes a continental breakfast on all days and Saturday night's cash-bar reception. Registrants are responsible for all other meals.

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.

Program Schedule

The 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.

Travel

Special airfare discounts of up to 5 percent are available on American Airlines to Orlando, FL. Book fares online only at www.aa.com. To get the NLADA discount, indicate 9931BS in the promotional code box. Fares are subject to airline terms and availability.

Ground Transportation

The Buena Vista Palace Hotel is located approximately 25 minutes from the Orlando International Airport (MCO).

Call Mears Transportation at 407.423.5566, two weeks prior to your arrival date to reserve your shuttle transportation to the hotel (approximately \$32.00 round trip).

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.

For Social Workers: NLADA will be applying for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Social Workers through the University of Texas at 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.

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.

Smoking Policy

All sleeping and meeting rooms are smoke free.

Advertising, Exhibiting, Sponsorship

There are many opportunities for individuals, programs, organizations and corporations to get involved with the conferences. If you are interested in exhibiting, placing an advertisement in the conference program book or becoming a sponsor of the conferences or special event, please contact Kara Allison at 202.452.0620 x229 or k.allinson@nlada.org.

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.

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees will be refunded (less a \$75 administrative fee) for cancellations received in writing no later than February 11, 2011.

After February 11, registration fees are not refundable. Substitution of conference attendees may be made at any time prior to or at the event. Please notify NLADA of substitutions in writing.

REGISTRATION FORM

Join now and save on your conference registration! Call Kevin Mills at 202.452.0620 x234 for more information.

- Individual Attorney \$100
- Individual Non-Attorney \$ 60
- NASAMS Section Membership \$15

Please Note: The regular registration deadline is February 11. Please register on site after this date. Confirmation of your registration will be mailed to you. If you have questions, please contact the training department at registration@nlada.org

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Mail Checks to:

NLADA
LIB/NASAMS
P.O. Box 79083
Baltimore, MD 21279

Save a Stamp! Fax Your Registration Form to: 202.872.1031

Registrant Information (please print clearly)

Name: _____
Title: _____ Organization: _____
E-mail: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Special Needs

Mobility Disability Audio/Visual Disability Other _____

Current Position

Assigned Counsel Defender Mitigation Specialist Defense Investigator
 Private Attorney Sentencing Advocate Other _____

Conference Registration

Required: You MUST select ONE. Please note that you may attend sessions in either NASAMS or LIB, but your registration selection will influence internal NLADA accounting. We recommend that you select "LIB" if your interests are primarily legal and NASAMS if your interests are primarily in mitigation and sentencing advocacy.

Attend Life In the Balance Conference Attend NASAMS Training

Registration Fees

	Until Jan. 28	Jan. 29 - Feb 11	After Feb. 11
NLADA Member, Full Registration			
(Individual or Program)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$550	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600
Non-Member, Full registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$650	<input type="checkbox"/> \$700	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750

NLADA Program Member, 3-Day

(Individual or Program) \$375 \$400 \$450
Non-Member, 3-Day \$525 \$575 \$600

Days Attending: Sat Sun Mon Tues. *Please select the days you will attend.*

NLADA Program Member, 2-Day

(Individual or Program) \$275 \$300 \$350
Non-Member, 2-Day \$425 \$450 \$500

Days Attending: Sat Sun Mon Tues. *Please select the days you will attend.*

I will attend the case consultation on:

Saturday Sunday Monday

Payment Information

___ Check enclosed, made payable to NLADA

___ MasterCard ___ Visa ___ AMEX Credit Card # _____/_____/_____/_____

Expiration Date ____/____/____ Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Purchase Orders

Purchase Orders must include information of the person who will process the payment. Purchase Orders will not be accepted after February 11, 2011. Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Purchase Order #: _____

Total Payments

____ Registration Fee(s)
____ Membership Fee
____ TOTAL

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