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Wyoming: 8.0 General; 1.0 Ethics

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FACULTY

We are very pleased to present **Brian Bouffard**, who serves as lead defense counsel in the United States Military Commissions in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is a former United States Navy lieutenant commander, and is a graduate of Trial Lawyers College. His writing on Guantanamo Bay has been published in the Washington Post and in Trial Lawyers College’s quarterly journal, The Warrior. Before Brian began his service with the Military Commissions Defense Organization, he represented civilian criminal defendants throughout Texas and military criminal defendants in courts-martial around the globe.

Chris Flohr is a criminal defense lawyer in Baltimore, Maryland, and a graduate of Trial Lawyers College. He has taught trial skills at the National Criminal Defense College and the University of Maryland College of Law. He was featured in the HBO Max documentary, The Case Against Adnan Syed, because of his service as a young public defender to Mr. Syed (the subject of the podcast “Serial”) in 1999. Chris has remained in contact with Mr. Syed throughout the fight to exonerate him, which finally succeeded in 2022 (subject to pending appeals). Chris will speak about the factors that enable wrongful convictions, and what we as attorneys can do to fight against them.

It is a great privilege to include Corpus Christi, Texas trial lawyer **Robert C. Hilliard** on this program. Bob serves injured people and their families in and around the United States, in complex cases of nationwide importance. This includes his current service as lead counsel in the litigation arising from Travis Scott’s “Astroworld”/crowd surge fiasco; in the wrongful death of a teen who fell 430 feet from his seat on an amusement park ride; and as lead counsel driving groundbreaking class actions against General Motors, H&R Block and Lloyds of London. Rather than resigning himself and his clients to “the way it is,” Bob forces the law to adapt to the changing realities of how individuals are injured and killed. He practices with his wife, Catherine, and a team of smart and motivated associates and professional staff.

Susan Hutchison and **Rafe Foreman** specialize in service to plaintiffs in employment discrimination cases in the state and federal courts of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Missouri. Their firm, Hutchison & Foreman, PLLC has offices in Fort Worth and Lubbock. Both are

graduates of Trial Lawyers College, and Rafe’s popular podcast, “The Trial Lawyers College Podcast,” broadcasts interviews with trial lawyers from around the United States. Together, Susan and Rafe are innovators in the courtroom, obtaining record-setting verdicts in hostile jurisdictions through their powerful connective abilities.

We are excited to present criminal defense superstar **Tyrone Moncriste**, who has been recognized nationwide for his unique communication skills before juries. He is certified to serve as first chair in death penalty cases, and serves clients in all manner of serious felony cases in and around Houston. Tyrone is a graduate of Trial Lawyers College, and has earned multiple “Best Speaker” honors from the National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association as well as inclusion in the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Hall of Fame. No matter the criminal charge, Tyrone employs his powerful storytelling abilities to obtain results that no one expects, but that the client dearly needs.

Lauren Oliveros practices in the fields of personal injury, civil rights and criminal defense in New Mexico, New York and Oregon. A graduate of Trial Lawyers College, Lauren is known as a force not only at the trial level, but in her appellate advocacy. She represents plaintiffs who have been sexually assaulted, abused by law enforcement, and catastrophically injured by the thoughtlessness of others. Lauren is also an outdoors enthusiast, an assistant editor for Trial Lawyers College’s quarterly journal (The Warrior) and the owner/operator of a farm in Oregon.

Ojai, California-based **Ashley Parris** is a mother, trial lawyer, scientific research nerd, and great lover of food, wine and travel. She is passionate about the science and advocacy of pain syndrome cases, and has built a pioneering expertise in combating medical prejudices against chronic pain patients, particularly women – and particularly in the context of defense medical examinations. Armed with data, her natural insight and her training as a graduate of Trial Lawyers College, Ashley shows juries that women’s experiences with chronic pain are not just “in their heads” or “anxiety,” but are clinically supported.

Christopher Ralston is an intellectual property specialist in the law firm of Phelps Dunbar. His litigation and appellate work has included growing the law on e-discovery, cybersecurity and social media issues. His clients range from multinational corporations to small businesses to non-profit organizations. He provides important guidance to business clients (including law

firms) in protection of business assets, including concerns such as misappropriation of intellectual property assets. Before becoming a lawyer, Chris owned a bar on a Caribbean beach, which prepared him well for practicing law in and around New Orleans.

We are so thankful that **Cynthia Short** could return to the Bob Chaloupka Seminar this year. Cyndy is a legend among death penalty defenders. In her years of defending capital cases at trial, not one of Cyndy’s clients was sentenced to death, and many were acquitted. She also obtained exoneration and acquittal on retrial of a client wrongfully convicted before Cyndy became his lawyer. Cyndy enhances the courts’ understanding of serious mental illnesses ranging from PTSD to schizophrenia. In her Kansas City-based private practice, Cyndy serves clients in civil rights and criminal cases and also serves as a mitigation specialist. Cyndy is a graduate of Trial Lawyers College.

Brecken Wagner is a criminal defense lawyer, a graduate of Trial Lawyers College and a founding partner of the Wagner & Lynch, PLLC firm in McAlester, Oklahoma. He serves clients charged with misdemeanors to murder throughout Oklahoma, including in the tribal courts. Brecken has also been an advocate for legislative criminal justice reform, drafting proposed legislation on topics ranging from high-speed pursuits to criminal discovery procedures. A member of the Oklahoma Professionalism Committee, Brecken thinks deeply about how “winning” to lawyers may not feel like “winning” to the client – and about how we as lawyers can do better.

Before his appointment as the Nebraska Counsel for Discipline in 2014, **Mark Weber** had established a diverse, creative and interesting practice in personal injury, commercial litigation and criminal defense. He obtained an order vacating the death sentence of a developmentally delayed client, obtained a new trial for a client convicted of murder and otherwise gave his all to civil and criminal clients, in trial and on appeal, in cases with stakes ranging from high dollars to the death penalty. We are thankful that Mark is coming to provide an update on legal ethics developments over 2023, and his smart and compassionate guidance as we look forward.

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 2

12:00	Brecken Wagner McAlester, OK	<i>No Such Thing as “Winning”: Greater Empathy in Client Care</i>
12:45	Chris Flohr Baltimore, MD	<i>How Wrongful Convictions Happen: The Adnan Syed Case Study</i>
1:30	Lauren Oliveros Uniondale, NY	<i>Preparing Civil Sexual Assault Clients for Testimony</i>
2:30	Cynthia Short Kansas City, MO	<i>Bodymapping: Visual Storytelling in Sentencing</i>
3:45	Susan Hutchison Rafe Foreman Fort Worth, TX	<i>Cross-Examining Decisionmakers in Employment Cases</i>
4:45	Cocktail reception (cash bar) – Hampton Inn	

Friday, November 3

7:15	Mark Weber Lincoln, NE	<i>2023 Counsel for Discipline Update</i>
8:00	Christopher Ralston New Orleans, LA	<i>Intellectual Property 101: Protecting Your Clients’ Business and Your Own</i>
8:45	Ashley Parris Ojai, CA	<i>Validating Women’s Reports of Pain in Litigation</i>
9:30	Tyrone Moncriste Houston, TX	<i>Telling a Powerful Story in Trial: How to Make the Room Disappear</i>
10:30	Robert Hilliard Corpus Christi, TX	<i>You, Your Client and the Jury: What’s Love Got to Do With It?</i>
11:30	Brian Bouffard Arlington, VA	<i>Signals from Legal Outer Space: Why Guantanamo Still Matters</i>
12:30	Adjourn	