WHAT IS LACDL?
The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is the only professional association of counsel devoted exclusively to the profession of Criminal Defense. In 2010 the original LACDL combined with the Louisiana Public Defenders Association in a invigorating unity of purpose: to preserve, protect and defend the Right to Counsel as created by the founding fathers and made part of the fundamental law of the United States and the State of Louisiana. Annually, the Criminal Bar honors achievement in defense of that principle while also remembering the exceptional service of former Louisiana Supreme Court Justice and U.S. Fifth Circuit Judge Al Tate in a tribute banquet at New Orleans. Public Defenders and Private Defense Counsel are recognized and honored at this dinner. But the true core value of the association is a commitment to Due Process of Law and the Right to Counsel. LACDL encourages all Members to attend all Quarterly Board Meetings as well as the Annual Membership Meeting.

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Barry Scheck
New York, NY
Prosecutorial Misconduct and What To Do About It
Barry Scheck’s more than thirty-five years of trial successes have earned him a national reputation. Barry’s criminal and civil trials have redefined and expanded the rights of victims of police misconduct and wrongful convictions throughout the United States.
For example, Barry represented George Rodriguez, who spent 17 years wrongly imprisoned for rape, in his civil rights trial against the City of Houston. Barry proved that when a Houston Police Department Crime Lab serologist fabricated evidence against Rodriguez, causing his wrongful conviction, he was not acting on his own. Rather, the fabrication of evidence was part of a persistent, widespread pattern of forensic misconduct at the Crime Lab, caused by systemic and deliberate failure to supervise crime lab personnel under pressure to obtain convictions at the expense of reliable science. As a result, Barry obtained a rare civil rights verdict holding the City of Houston itself responsible for Rodriguez’s wrongful conviction.
In addition to his civil rights practice at NSB, Barry cofounded and co-directs The Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. The Innocence Project has been responsible in whole or in part for exonerating most of the over 300 men and women to be cleared through post-conviction DNA testing.
Barry is also a Professor of Law at the Cardozo School of Law, where he has served as the Director of Clinical Education, Co-Director of the Trial Advocacy Programs, and Co-Director of the Jacob Burns Center for the Study of Law and Ethics. Barry has also taught trial practice, appellate advocacy, legal ethics and forensic sciences to judges, lawyers and students nationwide, including instructing at the National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers, NITA, and the NAACP annual training seminar for death penalty lawyers, and training lawyers in trial practice at major law firms including Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

Michael Stepanian, San Francisco, CA (ETHICS HOUR)
Developing Trial Strategies & Themes
Michael Stepanian has practiced criminal law in Federal and State Courts throughout his long career. He has never lost his enthusiasm for the courtroom or his clients. Michael has spoken on ethics at NACDL and NORML Legal Committee seminars across the country. Throughout the years, Michael has represented lawyers and clients for thorny ethical issues. As a member of the Northern District of California CJF Panel for many years, Michael was awarded the opportunity of representing the most difficult clients and has tried many interesting and complex cases. Besides trying cases, Michael lives for hunting and fishing redfish and drum in the Bayous.

William Osterhoudt, San Francisco, CA
Developing Trial Strategies & Themes (speaking with M.Steanian)
William L. Osterhoudt graduated from the University of Washington and Hastings College of the Law, receiving a J.D. degree in 1968. Before attending law school he served as a U.S. Naval Officer attached to the Pacific Fleet. During his 40 years in practice, Mr. Osterhoudt has acquired extensive trial experience in cases ranging from “white collar” matters, RICO, mail and wire fraud, money laundering, false claims, banking and savings and loan violations, criminal copyright infringement, narcotics, and gang-related homicide and conspiracy allegations and international extraditions, to state and local homicide, assault and drug prosecutions, and vehicle code violations. He has been lead counsel in post-conviction habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and in the state courts of California and Nevada. Outside of California, he has tried cases in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and has handled federal appeals in the Second, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits. He maintains a substantial appellate practice in the California Court of Appeal with its various appellate districts.
### Meet Our Speakers

**Blair Berk, Los Angeles, CA**  
**Representing Celebrities and High Profile Clients: What to do when the World is Watching**  
Blair Berk, a native of North Carolina, was exposed to criminal defense from an early age: her father, Steve Bernholz, is one of that state's leading criminal defense lawyers. Ms. Berk obtained her legal education at Harvard Law School, where she studied under Professors Laurence Tribe and Alan Dershowitz. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree in political theory, and was selected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Before joining the Firm, she practiced at Wyman, Bautzer, Kuchel & Silbert, where her emphasis was in criminal and First Amendment law and included participation in the successful First Amendment defense of rock star John "Ozzy" Osborne, who was accused of subliminally inducing a teenager's suicide.

Ms. Berk specializes in the representation of individuals and companies in the entertainment industry, including those facing criminal prosecution or involved indirectly in criminal matters. She has substantial experience in the defense of criminal matters in both state and federal courts. She has represented clients in a broad range of cases including alleged conspiracies, sexual assault, drug possession, homicide, stalking, RICO, regulatory and health care fraud, and money laundering. Her accomplishments range from pro bono work in obtaining freedom for Clarence Chance, an individual who was wrongfully imprisoned for over seventeen years for a homicide that he did not commit, to successful efforts to convince prosecutors not to file criminal charges against a number of prominent individuals and/or entertainment figures.

She is often consulted by the country's major newspapers including The New York Times, Washington Post and Boston Globe about the firm's cases and developing legal affairs issues. She has been regularly interviewed on these subjects by the network news programs as well as Larry King Live, The Today Show and Crossfire. Ms. Berk is an active member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and presently serves on the Board of Governors of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, among other organizations. Her areas of emphasis and interest include RICO, conspiracy, money laundering, sex offenses, drug crimes and forfeiture.

She regularly contributes to the Rico Report featured monthly in The Champion, the magazine of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

**Deja Vishny, Milwaukee, WI**  
**A Guide to Defending False Confession Cases**  
Deja Vishny has practiced criminal defense for over 33 years with the Wisconsin Office of the State Public Defender. She heads the Statewide Homicide Practice Group at the Milwaukee Trial Office and is the Deputy Training Director for the agency. She studied police interrogation and attended the Reid school of Interrogation course in 2004, is a nationally known lecturer on the subject of defending false confession cases, and published articles in The Champion and The Wisconsin Defender on the subject. She is a faculty member at the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia, and an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at Marquette University Law School and has taught at seminars on trial and motion practice throughout the United States and in India. She served two terms on the Board of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and is a Vice Chair of CLE for that organization and served several terms on the Board of the Wisconsin State Bar Criminal Law Section. She is currently writing a book on litigating suppression motions due to be published in 2014 by the James Publishing Company.

**Lisa Wayne, Denver, CO**  
**Defending Sex Assault Cases**  
Lisa Wayne was born in Toul-Rossieu, France, and lived around the world until her father, an Officer in the United States Air Force, was assigned to teach at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ms. Wayne attended high school in Colorado Springs, graduated from the University of Colorado in 1981, and Pepperdine Law School in 1985 and was admitted to the bar the following year. She went into private practice in 1999, having practiced as a Senior Trial Lawyer, Deputy State Public Defender in Colorado for 13 years., practices Criminal Law; Drug Crimes; Sexual Assault; Homicide; White Collar Criminal Defense.

Ms. Wayne is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and serves as Second Vice President. Ms. Wayne is also a member of the Colorado Criminal defense bar, Sam Cary Bar Association, and serves as a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct.

Lisa has worked as a TV legal analyst for: ABC, CNN, MSNBC and Fox News, and has been featured in national publications such as: Newsweek, Time Magazine, New York Magazine, New York Times... She is an Adjunct Law Professor at University of Colorado Law School and a National Lecturer and Teacher University of Colorado, Cardoza Law School and Harvard Law School.

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**Thursday Night Welcome Reception**

**Bourbon Cowboy**

April 24, 2014 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Pass the Buck & Wrangle Up Some Fun!

Join us for minglin’, cocktails and good eats at the

From Hyatt French Quarter: Head northwest on Bourbon toward Bienville St. Destination will be on the left.
Gerald Goldstein, San Antonio, TX  
The Supreme Court: The Latest Hits and Misses

Gerald Goldstein works at the state and federal trial and appellate level. His is currently an adjunct professor of law at St. Mary’s University School of Law and the University of Texas School of Law. He is a past president of the NACDL and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, along with participation in many other criminal and trial lawyers associations. Mr. Goldstein has received the John Henry Faulk Civil Libertarian of the Year Award from the ACLU and has received awards for Outstanding Criminal Defense Attorney from both the NACDL and the State Bar of Texas.

Alan Silber, Roseland, NJ  
Marijuana Reform—What’s Happening, and What’s Next?

A graduate of Duke University and Columbia School of Law, Alan Silber has litigated cases in numerous federal and state courts across the United States. He concentrates his practice on federal and state complex criminal litigation, as well as representing lawyers in disciplinary cases.

Alan is a member of the Bar in multiple states, including New Jersey, New York, California, and Virginia. He is a New Jersey Certified Criminal Trial Attorney, a status granted by the Supreme Court of New Jersey's Board on Trial Attorney Certification. Fewer than three percent of New Jersey attorneys achieve this certification. In addition, Alan is admitted to practice in nine United States District Courts and has litigated pro hac vice in more than a dozen other federal District Courts. An experienced appellate advocate, Mr. Silber has appeared and litigated cases in the United States Supreme Court, five United States Courts of Appeals, the state appellate courts of New York and New Jersey, and in the Supreme Court of Oregon.

Outside of the courtroom, Alan has earned a reputation as a lecturer and author, and as drug law reformer for his work through a multitude of criminal defense bar associations. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), and served on its Executive Committee. He is a past Chairman of the Drug Law Reform Committee and also served as chair of that group's Electronic Discovery Committee.

Alan was a founding member of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey and served as its eighth president. He was also a founding member of the board of directors of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Trial Attorneys. In 1995, he was appointed as the State Bar representative on the Legislature’s Sentencing Policy Study Commission.

Alan has received recognition from a number of New Jersey and national organizations for his advocacy. In 2011, he received the Al Horn Award at the NORML Legal Seminar. The award is presented annually to one lawyer “in recognition and appreciation of a lifetime of ceaseless work to advance the cause of justice and for extraordinary support for NORML.” Alan has also been recognized in New Jersey Monthly magazine’s “Super Lawyers” from 2008 through 2013 for excellence in White Collar Criminal Defense. He was also recognized in the field of Criminal Defense for both White Collar and Non-White Collar crime in the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected peer-view publication in the legal profession. He has also achieved Martindale Hubbell's AV Preeminent peer rating, the highest peer rating for legal ability and ethics available from that organization.

Doug Murphy, Houston, TX  
Challenging Drug Recognition Experts

Doug Murphy is a partner with Trichter & Murphy, P.C. based in Houston, Texas specializing in representing persons accused of intoxication related offenses. Doug is a nationally recognized legal seminar lecturer, and author of numerous published legal articles. In 2009, Doug was appointed Regent of the National College for DUI Defense. That same year he was also appointed co-chair of the DWI Committee with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, in addition to serving two consecutive terms on the Board of Directors for TCCLA and is a Board certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and also in DUI/DWI Defense by the National College for DUI Defense, which is approved by the American Bar Association and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Doug was selected by his peers to be included in The Best Lawyers in America, 19th edition for his work in the practice area of DUI/DWI Defense. Doug is AV Preeminent-Rated® by Martindale-Hubbell. Doug was recently named Top 100 Trial Lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers. Doug has been recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer Rising Star by Texas Monthly magazine every year since the recognition began in 2004, and also as a Texas Super Lawyer. Doug was awarded the 2012 Sharon Levine Unsung Hero Lawyer of the Year Award by the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association for his efforts in exposing the flaws in the Houston Department of BAT (breath alcohol testing) vans. Doug was also recognized as a Top Lawyer for the People by H-Texas magazine, and was referred to as the “Drinking Driver’s Best Friend” by the Houston Press.

Hugo Rodriguez, Miami, FL  
How to Get Paid Without Getting Indicted

An AV rated trial lawyer, his record of success has been recognized by one of the country's premier trial attorneys and an authority in the field of law enforcement investigations. Mr. Rodriguez brings his unique background and trial skills to every case. Prior to becoming a criminal defense lawyer, Mr. Rodriguez was an FBI agent who worked undercover in investigations of foreign counter intelligence, terrorism, organized crime, drugs and money laundering.

Upon leaving the FBI, as a trial lawyer Mr. Rodriguez became the first lawyer to beat the FBI and the Department of Justice in a nationwide class action for “systemic discrimination against Hispanics” in Perez v. Department of Justice. Later, Mr. Rodriguez became a supervisor with the Federal Public Defenders office in Miami, Florida. There he tried over 100 jury trials and was responsible for the training of over 50 criminal defense lawyers. He then started Hugo Rodriguez and Associates, achieving the distinction of having 9 “not guilty” verdicts in 11 trials over a two year period.

Because of his expertise, he has lectured and conducted seminars for the DEA, Secret Service, U.S. Immigration, Border Patrol, IRS, FBI, ICE and ATF. Mr. Rodriguez is a featured lecturer and instructor throughout the United States, Central and South America, and Europe. He has given presentations on law enforcement techniques and informants to judges, prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers. As a resource, he is contacted on a weekly basis by the news media covering criminal cases which involve white collar crime, cooperating witnesses and proactive informants.

Additionally, his discovery motions on informants have been published and are relied upon throughout the United States by criminal defense practitioners. Mr. Rodriguez is a faculty member at the National Criminal Defense College, Institute Criminal Defense Advocacy, California Western School of Law and a presenter at Cardozo School of Law, New York City. An AV rated trial lawyer, his record of success has been recognized throughout the United States. He has been featured on Nancy Grace, CNN, 48 Hours, and Nightline.

Drew Findling, Atlanta, GA  
Panel Discussion on Race in the Criminal Justice System feat. Panelist Jason Williams

Drew has enjoyed great success as a trial lawyer representing clients with charges ranging from minor offenses to multi-million dollar federal conspiracy cases. Over the years, his reputation for zealous and skilled representation has resulted in his being retained to represent several high-profile clients, including Grammy nominee Faith Evans, former current Clayton County Sheriff and Sheriff elect Victor Hill, former President of Morris Brown College Dolores Cross, NBA Superstar Shaquille O’Neal, and former NBA great Dennis Rodman.

In his over 25 years of practice, Drew has published numerous articles and given speeches in 30 states on such topics as defending battered woman syndrome cases, jury selection in high profile cases, forensic preparation for a criminal trial, giving effective opening and closing statements, and cross-examination, including several on the cross-examination of the homicide detective. He has lectured at Georgia State University College of Law, the National Criminal Defense College, the Georgia Institute of Trial Advocacy, and many more. Respected for his legal analysis and trial abilities, Drew is also regularly invited by Shepard Smith and Bill O’Reilly of Fox News.

Drew’s professional memberships include the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Board of Criminal Lawyers, the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Bar Association, and the Atlanta Bar Association. Drew also serves on the Board of Advisors for the prestigious National Clearing House on Science and Technology of Law. He has been named as one of Georgia’s Legal Elite in Georgia Trend Magazine and as a Georgia “Super Lawyer” by Atlanta Magazine.

Jason Williams, New Orleans, LA  
Panel Discussion on Race in the Criminal Justice System

Born in uptown New Orleans, Jason Rogers Williams graduated from Woodward Academy in College Park, GA and entered Tulane University and Tulane Law School. After working for two years at law firms post-graduation, he started his own practice. Williams was later appointed to serve as a State Court Judge at Orleans Parish Criminal District Court by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 2003. Williams also worked to exonerate and free the wrongfully convicted through his pro-bono work with the Innocence Project. In addition, Williams also served on the Louisiana State Indigent Board’s Director Selection Committee and has also worked as a Professor at Tulane Law School. He has made several guest appearances as a legal analyst on local media outlets. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Innocence Project New Orleans, the Board of Directors of the Partnership for Youth Development, the Board of Directors for Advocates for Arts Based Education, the Board of Directors of the Audubon Nature Institute, the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council, the Federal Public Defenders Conflict Panel, and the Orleans Parish Public Defenders Conflict Panel. He has been lead counsel at Jason Rogers Williams & Associates for the past 13 years. He was elected to the New Orleans City Council as Councilmember At Large in March of 2014.