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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Atlantic International Associates - Cypress, TX & Portland, ME

Death Penalty Mitigation Specialist & Fact Investigator, 1984 – Present

- Consult with attorneys defending clients facing the death penalty.
- Create comprehensive biological, psychological and social history report of client.
- Collect all client and family records for analysis.
- Identify mitigation themes relevant to second phase of criminal trial.
- Conduct extensive research in order to create biological, psychological and social history of client in hopes of receiving a death penalty waiver from prosecution.
- Criminal defense, private investigation services include but are not limited to: witness located and interviews, witness statements and research.
- Investigate non-capital criminal cases, including matters pertaining to “white collar crimes”, conspiracy, murder, drug trafficking, domestic assault, assault with a deadly weapon, child molestation, sex abuse and pornography.

Regional Public Defender’s Office - Angleton, TX

Mitigation Specialist, 2017-2018

- Conducted and organized comprehensive background investigations of indigent clients charged with capital murder.
- Researched relevant information regarding circumstantial and mitigating evidence pertinent to active cases and made recommendation to legal team regarding the direction of the case.
- Identified potential mitigation witnesses including mental health experts to develop a complete social history and mitigation themes in support of a life sentence.
- Collected client records, prepared mitigation witnesses and developed exhibits in preparation for the penalty phase.

AFFILIATIONS

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA), member
Texas Association of Legal Investigators (TALI), member
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), member
National Alliance of Sentencing Consultants and Mitigation Specialists, member

EDUCATION

Bowling Green State University Doctoral Studies in Theater and Performance	Bowling Green, OH
University of New England Education	Portland, ME
Virginia Commonwealth University Master of Fine Arts	Richmond, VA
Maine State Police Academy 32 nd Training Troop	Waterville, ME
Northeastern University Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	Boston, MA

NOTABLE CAPITAL CASES WORKED ON

- *State v. Sandra Vasquez* – Corpus Christi, TX – First Chair Attorney: Richard Rogers
- *State v. Howard Lewis* – Huntsville, TX – First Chair Attorney: Brian Lacour
- *State v. Thomas Owens* – Huntsville, TX – First Chair Attorney: Frank Blazek
- *State v. Trebor Wheeler* – Corpus Christi, TX – First Chair Attorney: Fred Jimenez
- *State v. Thomas Lizcano* – Conroe, TX – First Chair Attorney: Wayne Hill

CONTINUED EDUCATION

- *Making the Case for Life Conference*, NACDL, 2018, Memphis, TN
- *Actual Innocence*, Center for American and International Law, 2018, Houston, TX
- *Race-Based Litigation: A Program For The Defense*, Center for American and International Law, 2018, Plano, TX
- *Rusty Duncan Criminal Defense Advanced Criminal Law Seminar*, TCDLA, 2018, San Antonio, TX
- *Mitigation Boot Camp and Motions Lab*, Gulf Regional Advocacy Center, 2018, Houston, TX
- *The Mind & Criminal Defense*, Center for American and International Law, 2018, Plano, TX
- *Baltimore Mitigation Training Series*, Advancing Real Change, 2018, University of Maryland School of Law
- *Capital Trial and Mental Health Conference*, TCDLA, 2017, Houston, TX
- *Regional Public Defender's Office*, Mitigation Retreat, 2017, Lubbock, TX
- *Techniques of Interviewing and Interrogation*, John Reid Institute, Chicago, Illinois

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