



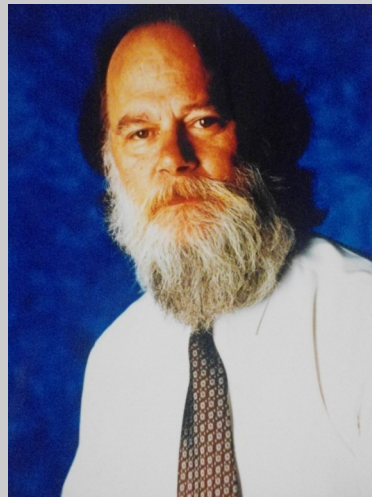
VETERANS OF THE COURT

PRESENTED BY
THE LAW OFFICES OF PUBLIC DEFENDER
MATT SHIRK, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, FLORIDA
SERVING CLAY, DUVAL, AND NASSAU COUNTIES

Guest Speakers

- Matt Shirk**
Welcome Reception 8 a.m.
- Hugh Cotney**
Ethics and Professionalism 9 a.m.
- Richard Kuritz**
Jury Selection, Opening and Closing 10 a.m.
- William Sheppard**
Veteran's Issues and Constitutional Law 11 a.m.
- Lunch 12 - 1 p.m.**
On Your Own
- David Robbins**
DUI Defense 1 p.m.
- Bryan Gowdy**
Preservation of Error 2 p.m.
- Tad Delegal**
Administrative Issues with Pleas and Convictions 3 p.m.
- Hal Bennett**
"A View From the Badge" 4 p.m.

CRIMINAL LAW UPDATE



Keynote Speaker
William "Bill" Sheppard
Veteran's Issues and Constitutional Law

Goldstein Criminal Justice Award; The Tobias Simon Pro Bono Award presented by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida; and the Selig Goldin Memorial Award. He is a Board Certified Criminal Trial Lawyer, has been a Martindale Hubbell AV rated lawyer for 30 years and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. His cases of note include: *Doggett v. United States*, 505 U.S. 657 (1992) and *Johnson v. United States*, 520 U.S. 461 (1997).

Bill Sheppard has been a member of The Florida Bar since 1968 and has been the recipient of numerous awards, including The Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor Award; the Steven M.

ABOUT OUR HOST, THE HONORABLE MATT SHIRK



Matt Shirk is the fourth Public Defender elected to serve the 4th Judicial Circuit. Winning an unprecedented election for the office in 2008, he began a four-year term in January of 2009. Matt Shirk earned his J.D. from Florida Coastal School

of Law in 1999. He holds two Bachelor's Degrees from Western Illinois University; Law Enforcement Administration and Political Science. Matt is committed to providing the Fourth Judicial Circuit with efficient administration of the government

agency, effective legal representation for the indigent-accused and active outreach and engagement in the communities he serves. Mr. Shirk resides in Jacksonville with his wife Michelle and their son Pierce.

GUEST SPEAKERS IN SPEAKING ORDER

Hugh Cotney is a board certified Civil Trial Lawyer, certified by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education and has more than thirty years of trial experience. He earned his J.D. from the University of Florida. He was President of the International Moot Court Board at the University of Florida Law School. Hugh has an "AV" rating with Martindale-Hubbell. He is Past-President of the Jacksonville Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and a member of the Florida Justice Association. He serves as president of the Board of Directors of Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) and is a member of the Northeast Florida Medical Legal Partnership. He served as chairman of The Florida Bar Grievance Committee (C) from 1997 to 1998 and was chairman of the Select Committee on Ethics of the Florida Bar from 1990 to 1991. He is listed in Naifeh & Smith's *The Best Lawyers in America*, been named a Florida *Super Lawyer* in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 and was the 2009 Juris Prudence Award honoree of the Anti Defamation League.



Richard Kuritz graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of West Florida in 1989. He completed his first year of law school at Loyola in New Orleans, LA where he finished in the top 10% of his class. He transferred to Florida State University, College of Law, where he graduated with Honors in 1992. Richard accepted a position as an Assistant State Attorney in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in the Duval County office. At the time he left the State Attorney's Office, he was assigned to the Special Assault Division (Special Victim's Unit). While in private practice, Richard won his first three First Degree Murder trials. He also won a reversal the first time he argued a Death Penalty case before the Florida Supreme Court, with the critical issues being DNA, Evidence Tampering, and Witness Tampering.

David Robbins graduated from the University of Florida Law School and was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1972. Upon graduation from law school, he worked as an Assistant State Attorney in Jacksonville, Florida, for approximately 3 years and entered the private practice of law in 1975, establishing the law firm of Epstein & Robbins. He has specialized in DUI defense and criminal law for the past 36 years. Mr. Robbins is a member of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Jacksonville Bar and the Florida Bar. He has served as vice chairman of the Florida Traffic Rules Committee of the Florida Bar and has also been a member of the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee.



Bryan Gowdy is a Florida Bar board certified appellate specialist who has briefed and argued numerous appeals in state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Florida. AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, Bryan is listed as a "Legal Elite" by Florida Trend magazine and as one of Florida's Top 100 "Super Lawyers." Bryan served with distinction as a Naval Line Officer, before entering the University of Florida College of Law, where he graduated first in his class in the summer of 1999 and became a full-time appellate lawyer. In addition to his work in commercial matters and class actions, Bryan's substantive practice runs the gamut from criminal to family law to personal injury and products liability appeals. Bryan frequently lectures at legal seminars on appellate topics. Bryan is past chairperson of the appellate law section of the Jacksonville Bar Association. He is also master of the First District Appellate Inn of Court and an alumnus (barrister) of the Chester Bedell Inn of Court.

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Tad Delegal graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Arts, and a Juris Doctor degree. He began the practice of law as an Assistant State Attorney for the 4th Judicial Circuit, before leaving to serve as the general counsel for the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police. He has practiced law in the Jacksonville, Florida area since 1991. He is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in the areas of Labor & Employment Law and State & Federal Administrative Practice. Mr. Delegal is the only attorney in Florida who has received certification in both specialties. He is currently a member of the Executive Council and past Chairperson of The Florida Bar Labor and Employment Section and the Chairperson of The Florida Bar Grievance Committee 4(D) and Labor and Employment Certification Committee Chairperson. Tad has received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest attorney rating awarded by that service.



Hal Bennett is a former Patrol Officer, Detective Sergeant, and Background Investigator with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. He is currently an Investigator with the Public Defender in the 4th Judicial Circuit. He is a certified by the FDLE as an instructor in several specialties.

A request for 8.40 CLE credit hours has been applied for with the Florida Bar. We hope you are able to take advantage of this unique, intensive opportunity. The Public Defender is sponsoring this training free of charge, however, any contributions to help defray costs of this program would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to forward this announcement to individual attorneys who might be interested in attending the program. For more information contact:

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