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**DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA:
PERCEPTIONS, REFLECTION,
AND REFORM**

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THE ROLE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA: REFLECTIONS, PERCEPTIONS, AND REFORM

- 2:00 – OPENING REMARKS: NICK CANNON, ALLEN
CHAIR EDITOR.**
- 2:15 – DEATH PENALTY REFORM PANEL
MODERATED BY PROFESSOR CORINNA LAIN**
- 3:40 – Break**
- 3:50 – CURRENT ISSUES IN CAPITAL CASES
MODERATED BY PROFESSOR JOHN G. DOUGLASS**
- 5:00 – RECEPTION IN ATRIUM
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Moderators

Professor Corinna Lain – Professor Lain teaches Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and a Domestic Abuse seminar at the Law School. Professor Lain has published numerous articles on the death penalty. Her most recent piece, *Deciding Death*, will appear in the *Duke Law Review* in the Fall of 2007.

Professor John G. Douglass – Professor Douglass teaches Evidence, Criminal Law, and Constitutional Law at the Law School. Before becoming a professor, Professor Douglass worked as Chief of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Richmond.

DEATH PENALTY REFORM

Thomas Sullivan – Mr. Sullivan is a senior partner at Jenner Block LLP and former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Sullivan was co-chair of the Illinois Governor George H. Ryan's Commission on Capital Punishment and presently serves as chairman of the Illinois Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee. His article, *Efforts to Improve the Illinois Capital Punishment System: Worth the Cost?* will appear in next month's *Allen Chair* edition of the *Law Review*.

Erik Lillquist – Mr. Lillquist is Professor of Law at Seton Hall School of Law where he is Director of the Institute of Law, Science and Technology. He is the author of *Absolute Certainty and the Death Penalty*, 40 CRIM. L. REV. 45 (2005) and *False Positives and False Negatives in Capital Cases*, 80 IND. L. J. 49 (2005). His most recent article, *Improving Accuracy in Criminal Cases* will appear in next month's *Allen Chair* edition of the *Law Review*.

John Cunningham – Mr. Cunningham is a Senior Trial Attorney with the Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice. Mr. Cunningham's most recent publication on the death penalty, *An Uninvited Guest: The Federal Death Penalty and the Massachusetts Prosecution of Nurse Kristen Gilbert*, will appear in next month's *Allen Chair* edition of the *Law Review*. He is participating in this Symposium in a personal and academic capacity and, thus, the statements, views, opinions, and positions he expresses, do not in any way reflect those of the Department of Justice or the United States Government.

TRYING CAPITAL CASES

Michael Herring – Mr. Herring is presently the Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Richmond. Mr. Herring has tried numerous capital cases in Virginia. Most recently, he prosecuted Ricky Gray and Ray Dandridge. Ricky Gray was sentenced to the death penalty in the fall of 2006.

Matthew Geary – Mr. Geary is the Chief Deputy of the Commonwealth's Attorney Office in the City of Richmond. He assisted Mr. Herring with the prosecutions of Gray and Dandridge.

Christopher Collins – Mr. Collins has worked as defense counsel in over 89 capital cases. He teaches Capital Murder Litigation at the Law School. Recently, Collins defended Ben Fawley in litigation surrounding the disappearance and murder of Taylor Behl.

Craig Cooley – Mr. Cooley is one of the regions most respected trial attorneys. He has served as defense counsel on numerous high profile capital cases in Virginia, including the defense of convicted sniper Lee Boyd Malvo.



Allen Chair 2007

Each year the *Allen Chair* edition of the *Law Review* focuses on a legal issue of local and national interest. This year's publication, which marks the fifteenth anniversary of the *Allen Chair*, focuses on the importance of continued discourse on the death penalty.

Today's panels were assembled as a compliment to the publication and we hope that you find the panelists' knowledge and experience insightful. The *Law Review* believes this event and the *Allen Chair* edition will be a valuable addition to the existing discourse and literature on the death penalty.

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