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**GACDL FALL SEMINAR
November 3 & 4, 2017**

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**The Georgia Association of
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To be sure that you have a seat, please register and pay online at www.gacdl.org. If you register online, do not complete the payment process, and then do not show up for the seminar, GACDL will bill you. Please call us if you need help, or have made an error in online registration: 404-248-1777. **No cancellations after October 3.** Substitutions are welcome. **Preregistration closes on Wednesday November 1st at noon, we email materials to pre-paid attendees soon after, and then the office closes immediately afterwards for travel to the seminar venue.** Didn't preregister in time? After November 1, the voicemail will tell callers whether or not we can accept walk-in registrations.

To receive your speaker materials, please be sure that your email address is correct online at www.gacdl.org. Search for yourself under "Lawyer Search."

If you do not see an email with your materials after we send them out on the afternoon of the 1st, please check your junk mail folder.

Emails from our website often end up there. Attendees who do not prepay in time will receive materials by email during or after the seminar. Same for walk-ins.

If you wish to register by mail, please send this completed panel to:

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Name: _____

Bar Number: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ E-mail: _____

Please choose one option:

___ **\$360** I am a regular, contributing, substantial, associate, PD, or life member (2005 or later) and I need CLE. ___ **\$290** Same and I do **not** need CLE.

___ **\$0** I am a life (prior to 2005) or sustaining member and do **not** need CLE. ___ **\$70** Same and I need CLE.

___ **\$280** I am a federal, state, or county employed public defender in the _____ circuit and I need the CLE. Every attorney in our circuit is a 2017 GACDL member. ___ **\$210** Same, except I do **not** need CLE. (Note: If all PDs in your office are **not** members, please pay regular member rate if you are a member. The special PD rates only apply to full time government employed PDs in offices where every person is a GACDL member.)

___ **\$0** I am a student member of GACDL (register by phone, space permitting).

The seminar prices above are MEMBER PRICES. \$650 is the non-member price (please register by phone only). Need to pay dues?

___ **\$185** Regular dues. I still need to pay my 2017 dues in order to receive one of the member rates for this seminar, and I **realize that these dues expire at the end of November 2017.**

___ **\$115** PD dues. I still need to pay my 2017 dues in order to receive one of the member rates for this seminar, and I **realize that these dues expire at the end of November 2017.**

___ **SIGN ME UP FOR YOGA on Friday (limited to the first 20 people!)**

___ **SIGN ME UP FOR YOGA on Saturday (limited to the first 20 people!)**

This seminar offers 10 hours CLE including 1 hour ethics, 1 hour professionalism, and 6 hours trial practice (applied for). No CLE will be authorized without registration, proper payment, and seminar check in. The GACDL office will be closed the day before the seminar for travel to the venue.

Questions? 404-248-1777

Friday 3 November 2017

- 10:00-11:00 AM **Free Restorative Beginners Yoga** (open to the first 20 people to sign up with GACDL before the seminar. Please bring your mat!)
- 11:30-Noon **Seminar check-in begins** for pre-registered attendees
- Noon: **Walk in registration begins** (add \$20)
- 12:30-12:55 PM **How to Get all of Your Seminar information** - Keith Fitzgerald GACDL App Sponsored by Shein & Brandenburg Federal Criminal Law Group, Decatur, GA
- 12:55-1:00 **Welcome GACDL President Angie Coggins, and Program Directors Jordan Van Matre & Delisa Williams**
- 1:00-2:00 **Fire Under the Bridge: Being the Voice for the Unheard (Ethics)** - Gary Spencer
- 2:00-3:00 **Domestic Violence Cases: Practical Advice for Difficult Facts** - Jason Costa
- 3:00-3:15 **BREAK** courtesy of Crawford, Shaney & Rasco, Inc.
- 3:15-4:15 **DUI Update: Same Crime, Different Requirements** - Ben Sessions
- 4:15-4:20 **Inspirational 5!** - TBA
- 4:20-5:20 **Stress Kills: Consume in Moderation** - Scott Key and Bob Rubin
- 5:20-5:25 **When An Amicus Brief is Brewing** - The GACDL Amicus Committee
- 5:25-5:35 **Defense Against the Dark Arts** - a word from GACDL
- 5:35-5:45 **A Word from Your Party Sponsor** - Free At Last Bail Bonds
- 6:00-7:30 **Cocktail Party** - drinks and appetizers in the lobby for seminar attendees courtesy of Free at Last Bail Bonds
- 8:30-10:00 **Trivia in Brassies** - limited to the first 10 teams to form in Brassies (50 people max) courtesy of LexisNexis

Saturday 4 November 2017

- 7:00-8:00 AM **Free Restorative Beginners Yoga** (open to the first 20 people who sign up with GACDL before the seminar. Please bring your mat!)
- 8:30-9:30 **Maneuvering Municipal Court** - Matt McCord
- 9:30-9:45 **BREAK** courtesy of A&A All County Monitoring Services, Inc.
- 9:45-10:45 **Alternative Sentencing** - Keith Gammage
- 10:45-11:45 **Mayhem and The Motions Practice: Murder, Agg Assault, RICO, & Gangs** - David Wolfe
- 11:45-Noon **Indigent Defense Award** - Claudia Saari
- Noon-1:00 PM **LUNCH on your own. (GACDL Board Meets)**
- 1:00-2:00 **Law and Technology: Smart Phones, Smart Apps, and Using Your Time Smartly** - Charles Mittelstadt
- 2:00-2:05 **Inspirational 5!** - TBA
- 2:05-2:15 **BREAK**
- 2:15-3:15 **Lessons Learned from Litigating High Profile Sex Crimes** - Brian McMonagle
- 3:15-4:15 **Discovery and Beyond (Professionalism)** - Ashleigh Merchant

Please join us for the GACDL Winter Seminar at the State Bar on January 19 & 20, 2018

Keynote: Brian McMonagle (Philadelphia) is a criminal lawyer who represented Bill Cosby. He will talk about the Cosby case which has captivated the attention of the entire country since actor Bill Cosby was first accused of drugging and sexually assaulting numerous women.

Brian's past clients include mobsters, rappers, movie and television personalities, professional athletes, high ranking law enforcement officials, politicians, CEOs, physicians, clergy and attorneys, and—in a case with some parallels to Cosby's — the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia during the searing priest-pedophile scandal. "He takes a very, very aggressive posture, but does it in a diplomatic and smooth fashion. It's almost like an iron fist in a velvet glove. He is a strong advocate for his client, but can break tension with a quip or a joke," said fellow Philadelphia criminal lawyer William J. Brennan. "Mr. Cosby is lucky to have him."

Brian began his career in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where he would rise to fame as one of the youngest lawyers to ever prosecute high profile cases in the Homicide Unit. He has gone on to become one of the finest criminal defense lawyers in the United States. He has successfully handled some of the most celebrated cases in Philadelphia's history. He has won hundreds of acquittals for his clients, including a stunning victory for Philadelphia's Deputy Mayor in one of the largest federal corruption cases in the country. Recently, he successfully defended a former Deputy Attorney General facing homicide charges, and a NBA Rookie of the Year who was facing murder charges. His successful handling of high profile cases such as an NBA coach facing felony charges, and a Philadelphia police homicide captain charged with fraud, has earned him a reputation as being one of Philadelphia's finest trial attorneys.

Brian has been selected by his peers for inclusion into the "Best Lawyers of America." He has also been inducted into the prestigious American College of Trial Attorneys and the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. He is listed in Martindale Hubbell's Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Attorneys. He also is a law school lecturer, and serves as a legal analyst on national and local news programs. He has been selected as "Super Lawyer" by Philadelphia Magazine in 2004-2016, and "Top 100 Attorneys" by Philadelphia Magazine in 2008-2016. He was also named by Best Lawyers as the Best Philadelphia Criminal Lawyer of 2015, and was selected to the Philadelphia Magazine Super Lawyers Top 100 list in Pennsylvania.



R. Gary Spencer (Atlanta) practices in the areas of state and federal criminal defense, attorney discipline, and personal injury cases. After receiving his undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University, he practiced with Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., the Miami-Dade Public Defender's office, the Fulton County Public Defender's Office, and the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Georgia. R. Gary Spencer, P.C. opened in 1997. Gary has been on the faculty of GACDL's prestigious Bill Daniel Trial Advocacy Program for many years. He has also served as an are Vice President from Atlanta on the GACDL Board of Directors. Gary is a fantastic mentor to many young lawyers in the Atlanta area. Gary is part of the team representing the citizen accused of causing the collapse of Interstate 85 in downtown Atlanta. Gary will talk about this riveting case and also about representing the voiceless in our society.



Ashleigh Merchant (Marietta) has always limited her practice to defending individuals that have been charged with committing crimes. She is a strong client advocate who firmly believes in protecting the rights of the criminally accused, and protecting the innocent from a miscarriage of justice. Ashleigh is the co-chairperson for the Legislative Committee of the GACDL and is very active in the Cobb County Bar Association. In 2014, She was named a Georgia Super Lawyers® Rising Star. Ashleigh is admitted to practice in all of Georgia's state courts, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the Georgia Supreme Court. While defending a client recently, Ashleigh discovered that the judge and the prosecutor had been conducting conversations without defense counsel present. She works tirelessly to stop these types of unfair activities in our state.



Matt McCord (McDonough) With more than a decade of litigation experience on both sides of personal injury and criminal cases, Matt offers clients throughout McDonough, Georgia, and the south side of Atlanta knowledgeable and committed injury and criminal defense representation. Matt began his legal career at the Clayton County Solicitor General's Office, prosecuting misdemeanor cases for two years. From there, he prosecuted felony cases with the Newton County District Attorney's office for another year. After his years as a prosecutor, he worked for an Atlanta firm handling criminal and insurance cases. Matt has tried cases in almost every major jurisdiction in the state and spent time in every metropolitan county. A seasoned litigator, he has handled more than 1,000 bench trials and at least 100 jury trials. He has presented on personal injury topics at a trial advocacy seminar for the Georgia State Bar, and has conducted an insurance seminar for the State Insurance Commissioner on trial presentation techniques. He's well qualified to help you navigate the hurdles of municipal court.



Charles Mittelstadt (Atlanta) has devoted himself to protecting his clients. In the beginning, it was in the more conventional sense, while performing executive protection and private contract work on multiple continents with corporate, government and celebrity clients. Several years later, he applied the same skills he developed and used to navigate clients around danger to the protection of the rights of those accused of crimes in this country. Charles is arguably one of the most experienced high-profile case criminal defense investigators in the U.S., having led countless investigations for impressive defense teams and famous/notorious defendants nationally, including professional athletes, celebrities, politicians and business leaders. He is routinely invited as a guest commentator/legal analyst on network and cable shows (CourtTV, Oxygen, Dateline NBC, HLN, CNN, InSession, Investigation Discovery) and to speak at continuing legal education, security and investigation seminars. Charles continues to consult with some of the largest, most successful corporations in the world on security and investigative matters. He has a degree in Criminal Justice and holds Board Certifications (CCDI – Certified Criminal Defense Investigator and CPP - Certified Protection Professional/1997-2011) in both security and investigation disciplines.



Ben Sessions (Atlanta) is 1 of only 4 lawyers in Georgia to be Board Certified in DUI Defense by the National College for DUI Defense. Ben's practice is focused on the defense of DUI and other serious driving offenses. Ben has been a speaker at seminars before the National College for DUI Defense, the GACDL, Georgia Public Defender Council, New York State Bar Association, and Georgia ICLE. He has been invited by other attorneys to assist in the defense of DUI and Vehicular Homicide cases as far south as Thomasville to as far north as Dawsonville. In 2010, he was recognized for the Greatest Trial Victory of the Year by the Georgia Defense of Drinking Drivers Group (DODD). In 2011, Ben was recognized as the DUI Lawyer of the Year by the DODD. In 2013 and 2014, he was recognized as a "Legal Elite" within the practice area of DUI Defense by Georgia Trend Magazine.



L. David Wolfe (Atlanta) has always focused his practice on criminal defense and has tried cases throughout the country in state and federal courts. He has also handled many cases of national interest in the Georgia Courts, including challenges to Georgia's Hate Crimes and Assisted Suicide statutes, both of which were struck down as unconstitutional. Similarly, he successfully challenged the vague language of Georgia's Kidnapping statute in the Supreme Court requiring the Georgia legislature to rewrite and clarify the essential element of asportation with regard to that offense. In May of 2000, David and co-counsel, Reginald Oakley, represented a defendant in the Ray Lewis murder case who after the thirty day nationally televised trial was acquitted of all charges. David has been an adjunct professor in the Litigation Department at Georgia State University's College of Law since January 2004 and also lectures throughout the state at CLE seminars on criminal defense. Considered a master of motions, David is the attorney to teach you the latest and greatest in motions practice.

