

HAPPENING NOW AT ECI...

February 2017

ECI Educates Lawmakers During TSU Day at the Capitol



The Earl Carl Institute staff participated in the university-wide TSU Day at the Capitol in Austin, Texas on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. As part of the day's activities, ECI staff members visited the offices of many Texas legislators to provide education on the institute's legislative recommendations in the policy areas of criminal justice, death penalty, juvenile justice, foreclosure defense/property preservation and foster care/CPS reform. ECI's legislative

recommendations were crafted based on student and staff research and writing conducted after interim charges were published, as well as, the valuable feedback provided by community members, related professionals, elected officials, government stakeholders and community activists during meetings and community forums hosted over the last two years. These recommendations include facts and statistics that explain the need for policy changes. For more information about ECI's efforts or to request research assistance, please contact ECI at earlcarlinstitute@tmslaw.tsu.edu or 713-313-1139.

ECI Associate Director Represents Center for Criminal Justice Nationally



Associate Director Anthony Haughton participated as a faculty trainer/presenter at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NADCL) and the National Consortium for Capital Defense Trainings, "*Bring Your Own Case*" (BYOC) *Capital Defense Training* in Melbourne, Florida on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The BYOC Capital Defense Program provides direct training and case development assistance to Capital Trial Teams.

Haughton also presented at the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's (TCDCLA) Capital Seminar during November 17-18, 2016. The Seminar was TCDLA's Capital Trials and Mental Health CLE in South Padre Island, Texas. He presented to more than fifty capital practitioners on the Use of Client Centered Representation to secure a plea for life.

Haughton was also a presenter at the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's (ACDLA) *Loosening the Death Belt Series* CLE. The CLE is recognized as a top tier capital casework seminar and is used as part of Alabama's Capital Attorney Certification Process. Haughton presented to 218 Capital practitioners on the Use of Client Centered Representation to secure the best result in a Capital Case. The CLE was held January 19-20, 2017.

ECI Executive Director Appointed to Black Administrators in Child Welfare National Board



ECI Executive Director, Sarah R. Guidry was recently appointed to serve on the board of directors for the Black Administrators in Child Welfare (BACW). BACW is an advocacy, membership, research, training and technical assistance organization founded in 1971 and incorporated in 1975 in New York to respond to the need for culturally appropriate services to the overrepresented African American children and



families, and to provide a support network for individuals serving as executives managing child welfare and other human service agencies. Governed by a 24 member Board of Directors with its day-to-day operations managed by an Executive Director, BACW is the only child welfare organization that has been involved nationally in work that addresses child welfare policy, practice, and research on behalf of African American children specifically but all children in foster care. BACW is committed to strengthening and supporting programs designed to promote the healthy development of children, youth and families. We support communities that are serving all children with special attention given to those with a demonstrated interest in helping children of color. Please join the ECI family in congratulating Executive Director Guidry who has been doing child welfare work for over 25 years.

ECI to Host 6th Annual Hon. Craig Washington and Hon. Rodney Ellis Excellence in Indigent Defense Series



ECI will be hosting the 6th Annual Hon. Craig Washington and Hon. Rodney Ellis Excellence in Indigent Defense Series at Thurgood Marshall School of Law on February 24, 2017 from 8:00am-5:00pm. This year's informative conference included an array of **topics to include:** Use of Force, Fighting Costs, Fines and Fees, Mitigation for Every Case, Federal Court Practice, Race and Death Penalty, Defending Gang Injunctions, Cultural Investigation, Competency and Motions for New Trial.

Register at <https://6thannualindigentdefenseseries.eventbrite.com>. This low priced CLE program has been accredited for MCLE: 7.25~Ethics: 1.50.

ECI to Co-Host 50th Anniversary Commemoration of *In Re Gault*

On March 2, 2017 from 10am-4:15pm, please join the Earl Carl Institute at Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View University for The Commemoration Of the 50th Anniversary of *In Re Gault*” which set a precedent for juvenile justice. Earn 6.0 hours/2.75 ethics of CLE credit.



Program topics: *A Historical Perspective of Juvenile Justice: Significance of In Re Gault & Its Progeny; Best Practices in Certification Hearings; Ethics in Juvenile Proceedings; Why Treat Children Differently: The Appropriate Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction, The Adolescent Brain, and The Philosophy of Juvenile Court vs. Adult Court; Where Do We Go From Here? Issues for the Future: Changes in Sentencing & PREA, Trauma Informed Representation, & Restorative Justice.*

The event will be held in the McCoy Auditorium at the Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. To register, please visit: <https://gault50th.eventbrite.com>.

In re Gault, 387 U.S. 1 (1967), is a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that held that juveniles accused of crimes in a delinquency proceeding must be afforded many of the same due process rights as adults including the right to counsel . The ruling also provided other due process rights, including the right to adequate notice of charges, the right to confront an accuser, and the right against self-incrimination.

ECI Welcomes Six New Board Members

ECI is pleased to announce that the ECI Governing Board has voted on and approved the addition of six new governing board members. Please join ECI in welcoming the newest members of the ECI Governing Board: Judge Bill Littlejohn, Ann McCoy, Harvey Catchings, Sherea McKenzie, Warrington B. Goudeau and Samuel J. Lewis.



Goudeau, McKenzie and Louis

McCoy, Catchings and Littlejohn

