

2006 NASAMS Conference & Death Penalty Mitigation Institute

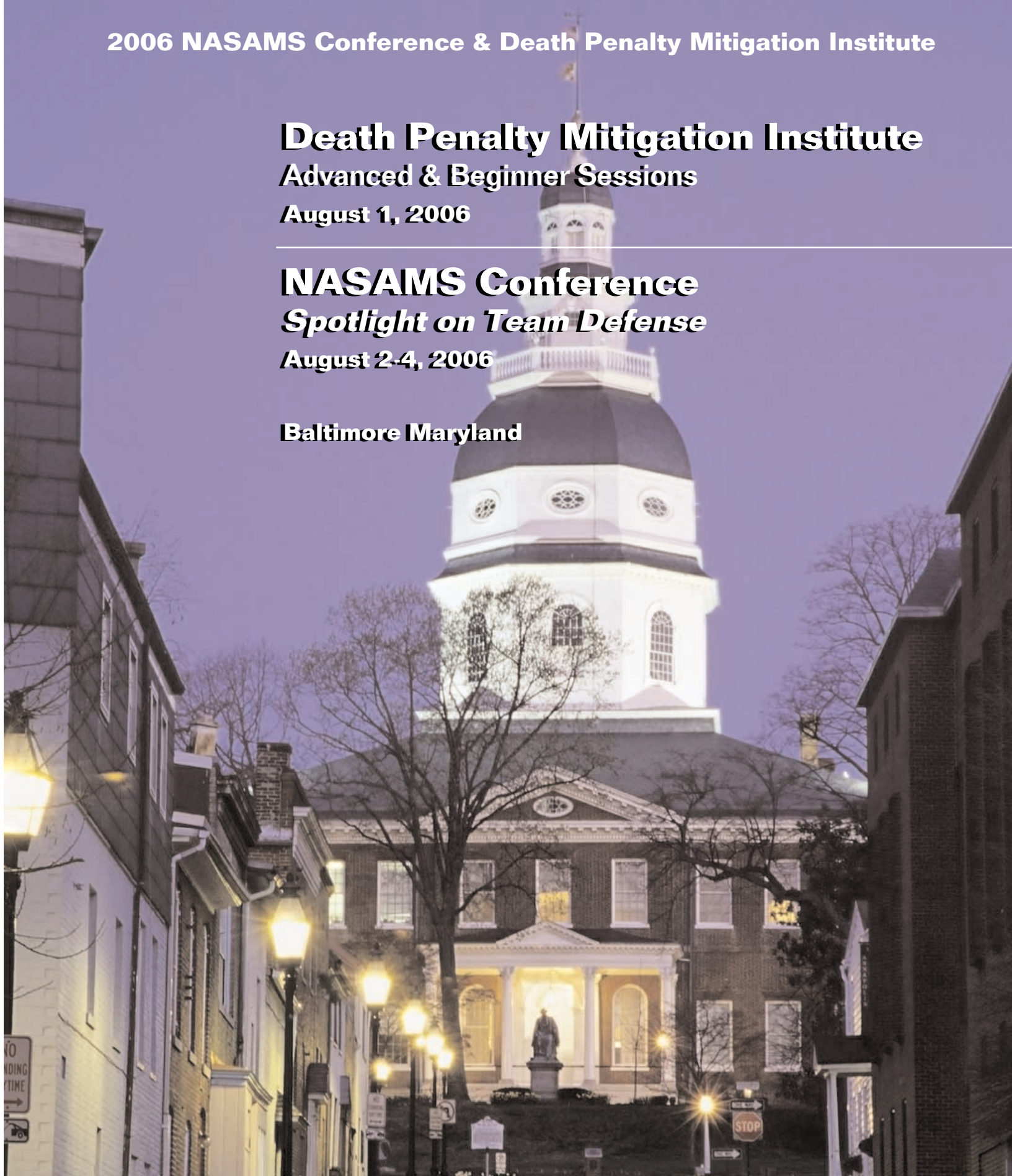
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Spotlight on Team Defense

August 2-4, 2006

Baltimore Maryland



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The NASAMS Conference is the premier national training event for in sentencing advocacy and capital mitigation. The 3-day conference brings together sentencing advocates, mitigation specialists, defense attorneys, paralegals, investigators, forensic experts and criminal justice professionals from around the country to improve their knowledge and skills in all areas of defense-based sentencing and mitigation practice. The 2006 Conference—*Spotlight on Team Defense*, focuses on promoting the use of the multi-disciplinary criminal defense teams and strengthening the role of the sentencing advocate or mitigation specialist on the team. No conference on sentencing advocacy and capital mitigation would be complete without sessions on tools of the trade and human behavior and functioning. Special sessions devoted to work with children and youth make the conference a well-rounded training event for all who attend. Beyond an excellent learning environment, the NASAMS Conference offers an opportunity to exchange ideas with colleagues from around the country.

Benefits of Attending

Walk away with . . .

- Strategic techniques for enhancing effective team defense
- Tools of the trade in all the critical aspects of defense-based advocacy
- An improved understanding of key areas of human behavior and the affects on functioning
- A look into future trends that will impact the field of sentencing advocacy and capital mitigation.
- A sense of camaraderie with colleagues from around the country.

Who Should Attend

The NASAMS Conference is a must for . . .

- Sentencing advocates
- Mitigation specialists
- Forensic social workers in defense-based practice
- Defense attorneys
- Defense investigators
- Paralegals
- Forensic experts
- Criminal justice professionals working in alternative sentencing or re-entry
- Restorative justice professionals
- Victim outreach specialists
- Community advocates who promote fair and equitable sentencing decisions

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Xavier Amador

A Conversation with Dr. Amador

Dr. Amador is nationally recognized clinical psychologist and expert in mental illness. In addition to his clinical practice and published work, he has served as a forensic expert on the Ted Kaczynski case, the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case, the PFC Lynndie England case, and the Zacarias Moussaoui case among others. Dr. Amador was co-chair of the last text revision of the schizophrenia and related disorders section of the DSM IV-TR. He is a member of the ABA Task Force on Mental Disability and the Death Penalty.



Plenaries

What's Race Got to Do with It?

Devon Brown of DC Department of Corrections(invited), Todd Cox of The Ford Foundation, and Nkechi Taifa of the Open Society Institute

Integrated Representation: Sustaining Mitigation Teamwork Within and Across Disciplines

Lori James-Monroe of LY James & Associates, Michael Morrisette of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Katy O'Donnell of the Capital Defender Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, and Janice Stevenson of Columbia Mental Health Resources, Inc.

Conference Sessions

Team Defense Sessions

- Continuing the Conversation on Integrated Representation: Sustaining Mitigation Teamwork Within and Across Disciplines
- Converts to the Field: Attorneys who Realized They Cannot Live Without Us
- Finding Your Voice on the Defense Team: Leadership Strategies for Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists
- Innovative Approaches to Team Defense — Unlikely Allies and Creative Partnerships for Successful Defense Outcomes
- Negotiating Ethical Challenges and Trust Building in Team Defense
- Psychological & Emotional Trauma: A By-Product of our Work
- The Youth Development Approach to Zealous Advocacy for Children & Young Adults — A Model for the Entire Defense Team
- When Mental Health Issues and Learning Disabilities Compromise the Defense

Tools of the Trade Sessions

- Customized Interviewing Skills
- Dealing with Expert Witnesses Offensively and Defensively
- Debunking the Myths: What the Statistics Really Tell Us
- Funding Issues in Death Penalty Cases
- Hearing it from the Judges: What We're Missing & What Turns their Heads
- Hearing it from the Source: Previously Incarcerated Persons

**Testimonials
from the
2005
Conference
& Mitigation
Institute**

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“This was the best conference for both information and getting together with people.”

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“All the presenters were well organized and knowledgeable.”

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“I learned something in every class. This is an exceptional group...”

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“I enjoyed everything about the conference.”

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“This was a wonderful seminar. Congratulations to you all for a wonderful and insightful event.”

■
“I thoroughly enjoyed the conference!”

Tools of the Trade, continued

- Nuts and Bolts for Federal Prison Placements
- Producing the Penalty Phase
- Report Writing Basics from an Attorney's Perspective
- So You Want to Go Into Private Practice - What to Know Before & After Taking the Plunge
- The Power of Video in Effective Mitigation

Behavior & Functioning Sessions

- Autism Spectrum Disorders and Implications for the Criminal Justice System
- Collateral Punishments: Prison is Just the Beginning
- Connecting Brain Development and Life Issues
- How to Capitalize on a Diagnosis of Anti-Social Personality Disorder

- Major Mental Illness: Multiple Pathways to Mitigation
- Prison Life and Prison Adjustment: Potential Sources of Mitigation
- Remorse & Client Transformation
- Understanding the Culture of Gangs

Children & Youth Sessions

- Advocating for Kids in Adult Court on a Shoestring Budget
- Getting Your Client Services through IDEA
- *Roper v Simmons*: Creative Advocacy for Children & Youth
- What We Need to Know about Working with Girls

More sessions coming!

Death Penalty Mitigation Institute

August 1st – Now offering Advanced & Beginner Sessions.

Overview:

The NASAMS Death Penalty Mitigation Institute (DPMI) is a specialized one-day training event for capital mitigation specialists, defense attorneys, and defense investigators. For the first time in its five year history, NASAMS is expanding the Institute to offer simultaneous beginner and advanced sessions. Beyond offering excellent training by the nation's leading experts, the Mitigation Institute provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills and foster community among capital mitigation specialists from across the country.

Advanced Death Penalty Mitigation Institute

Mental Illness: The Next Frontier of Capital Litigation

Premiering in 2006, NASAMS is offering an Advanced Death Penalty Mitigation Institute. The 2006 session will offer an in-depth examination of mental illness and the death penalty, looking ahead at using mental illness as an exemption from execution as articulated by a 2006 report by Amnesty International and an American Bar Association resolution. Mitigation specialists have significant contributions to make as we join the national movement to eliminate the death penalty for those with mental illness — the next frontier in death penalty advocacy.

Faculty & Sessions

- Ronald Honberg on *Mental Illness: The Next Frontier in Capital Litigation*
- Dr. Xavier Amador on *Discovering & Effectively Presenting Evidence of Mental*
- Jill Miller on *Selecting & Working with Mental Health Experts*
- Russell Stetler on *Utilizing Historical Records to Uncover & Demonstrate Mental Illness*
- Dick Burr & Lisa Greenman on *Lessons from Atkins: Effective Litigation of Mental Retardation Claims*

Beginner Death Penalty Mitigation Institute

Introduction to Capital Mitigation

Now in its fifth year, the highly acclaimed Death Penalty Mitigation Institute for Beginners offers new mitigation specialists an overview of capital mitigation practice, with lectures by leaders in the field on the role of the mitigation specialist, obtaining and utilizing records, social history investigation, mental health and mental illness, plea negotiations, and the penalty phase. This Institute provides a solid foundation on which those new to the field can build their mitigation practice and develop creative approaches to capital mitigation.

Faculty & Sessions

- Jill Miller on *The Role & Responsibilities of the Mitigation Specialist*
- Russell Stetler on *How to Obtain, Interpret and Utilize Records*
- Lori James-Monroe on *The Bio-Psycho-Social History: The Foundation for a Reliable Mental Health Evaluation*
- Dick Burr on *Uncovering Evidence of Mental Retardation & Mental Illness*
- Kay Beehler on *Guilty Pleas: Persuading the Client to Accept Life*
- Juliet Yackel on *Producing the Penalty Phase*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Location

All NASAMS Death Penalty Mitigation Institute and NASAMS Conference events will be held at University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work.

University of Maryland Baltimore
525 West Redwood Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Accommodations

NASAMS has secured a block of rooms at discounted rates at Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel. Located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor district, the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel offers full-service accommodations with 337 spacious guest rooms, two restaurants, lounge, room service, wireless high speed internet access in all guest rooms and public areas, 24-hour business center, fitness center, and indoor pool. NASAMS will provide free shuttle service to/from the hotel to the conference location at the beginning and end of each conference day.

Single/Double Occupancy \$141.00 plus tax

Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel • 300 South Charles Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21201

For reservations, call (410) 962-8300 or (888)625-5144. To secure the reduced rate, request the NASAMS/NLADA group rate, reserve by July 17, 2006, and guarantee your reservations with a major credit card.

Air Travel

Airport: Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) is the closest airport.

Airfare Discount: A special airfare discount of up to 10 % is available with United Airlines. Phone United at (800) 521-4041 and refer to meeting code 556AI. Fares are subject to airline terms and availability.

Ground Transportation

Airport Shuttle: Super Shuttle operates a shuttle service from BWI Airport to/from Baltimore's Inner Harbor Hotel District and Baltimore City. Reservations can be made in advance by calling 1-800-BLUE VAN (258-3826) or onsite by going to the SuperShuttle desk in the baggage claim area. The cost from BWI to/from the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel is \$12 one way.

Taxi: Taxi fares from/to BWI Airport will cost approximately \$25 each way. Costs will vary with traffic conditions. The BWI taxi stand is located just outside of the baggage claim area of the Lower Level of the BWI Airport Terminal.

Public Transportation: Light Rail service is available to downtown Baltimore from BWI. For schedules and hours of operation, call 410-539-5000 or visit www.mtmaryland.com.

Rental Car Information: Avis has been selected as the official rental car agency for NLADA/NASAMS Conference. Avis will extend participants of this conference a 5% discount on a lower promotional rate. These special rates include unlimited mileage. To make reservations, call Avis toll-free at (800) 331-1600 and refer to reservation code #J789524.

Driving/Parking: Driving directions may be requested from the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel by calling (410) 962-8300. Driving directions to the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work, 525 West Redwood Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 can be found by going to www.mapquest.com. The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel offers onsite parking to hotel guests for \$18 per day. There are public parking garages in the area of the UMB School of Social Work. The closest public garage is the Baltimore Grand Garage, 5 North Paca Street, on the corner of Paca Street and West Baltimore Street.

Continuing Education Credits

For Social Workers: NASAMS will be applying for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Social Workers through the University of Maryland Baltimore. A \$25 processing fee will be required, in a check payable to NLADA/NASAMS. It is the responsibility of each social worker to determine if your accrediting or licensing body will accept CEUs from the University of Maryland. Further information will be available on-site.

For Attorneys: NASAMS will be applying for continuing legal education (CLE) credits for attorneys in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Attorneys from other states are welcome to complete the CLE form to submit to the local bar association to receive CLE credits. Further information will be available on-site.

For Other Licenses/Professions: At this time NASAMS does not apply for Continuing Education credits for other licenses or professions. You are welcome to fill out the CEU form to submit to your local accreditation board for review. If you would like us to consider applying for continuing education credits for your particular license for future events, please let us know.

Materials

The registration fee includes resource materials provided by the faculty. Materials will only be distributed via CD-ROM, and there will be separate CD-ROMs for the NASAMS Conference and the Mitigation Institute. If you are interested in reviewing the materials on-site, please bring a laptop computer with you. NASAMS will be accepting orders for additional CD-ROMs.

Registration Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellations must be received in writing no later than July 14. Cancellations and refunds are subject to a \$50 administrative charge. After July 14, registrations may be transferred but cancellations will not be eligible for a refund. With notification, substitutions of individual registrants may be made at any time.

Sponsoring Organizations

- National Legal Aid & Defender Association
- Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS), University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work
- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Office of the Public Defender for the State of Maryland



AGENDA - AT - A - GLANCE

DPMI Agenda

Tuesday, August 1st

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Death Penalty Mitigation Institute Registration Open

Advanced Mitigation Institute Sessions

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Mental Illness: The Next Frontier in Capital Litigation
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Discovering & Effectively Presenting Evidence of Mental Illness
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lessons from Atkins: Effective Litigation of Mental Retardation Claims
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Utilizing Historical Records to Uncover & Demonstrate Mental Illness
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Selecting & Working with Mental Health Experts
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Summary & Closing: Joint Session with Beginner Institute

Beginner Mitigation Institute Sessions

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Role & Responsibilities of the Mitigation Specialist
10:00 am – 11:00 am	How to Obtain, Interpret and Utilize Records
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	Bio-Psycho-Social History
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Uncovering Evidence of Mental Retardation & Mental Illness
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Guilty Pleas: Persuading the Client to Accept Life
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Producing the Penalty Phase
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Summary & Closing: Joint Session with Advanced Institute

NASAMS Conference Agenda

Wednesday, August 2nd

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Welcome & Opening Plenary
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Simultaneous Workshops
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Intensive Sessions
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Simultaneous Workshops
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Simultaneous Workshops
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception

Thursday, August 3rd

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet
9:15 am – 10:45 am	Plenary & Awards
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Simultaneous Workshops
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own (Movies/Roundtables)
2:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Intensive Sessions
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Simultaneous Workshops
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Simultaneous Workshops
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Business Meeting & Open Forum

Friday, August 4th

9:00 am – 9:15 am	Closing Remarks
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Plenary
10:15 am – 1:30 pm	Intensive Sessions
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Simultaneous Workshops
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About the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates & Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS)

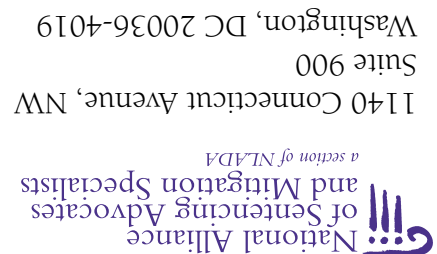
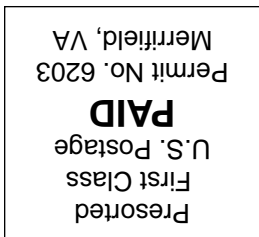
The National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates & Mitigation Specialists (formerly the National Association of Sentencing Advocates) is dedicated to the promotion of fair, humane, and equitable sentencing and confinement decisions for all people in America. The Alliance is designed to advance the field of sentencing advocacy by fostering the professional development of its members and upholding the ethical standards of practice of the organization. NASAMS is a section of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association.



About the National Legal Aid & Defender Association

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA), founded in 1911, is the oldest and largest national, nonprofit membership organization devoting all of its resources to advocating for equal access to justice for all Americans. NLADA champions effective legal assistance for people who cannot afford counsel, serves as a collective voice for both civil legal services and public defense services throughout the nation and provides a wide range of services and benefits to its members.

For more information about the 2006 NASAMS Conference & Death Penalty Mitigation Institute, go to: www.nlada.org/training.



Spotlight on Team Defense

Baltimore, Maryland ~ August 1-4, 2006

Complete this form for each registrant and mail with payment to: **NASAMS Conference, c/o NLADA**, PO Box 79083, Baltimore, Maryland 21207-0083. For online payment and invoice requests can be faxed to: 202.872.1031.

Registrant Information

Name: _____
 Title: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Agency: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Registration Fees

	Early Individual Before June 16	Regular Individual June 17 – July 21	Early Group Before June 16	Regular Group June 17 – July 21	Sub-Total
Mitigation Institute August 1, 2006	Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> \$99-w/Conference <input type="checkbox"/> \$135-Institute only	Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> \$99-w/Conference <input type="checkbox"/> \$155-Institute only	Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> \$89pp (3+)- w/Conference* <input type="checkbox"/> \$125pp (3+)- Institute only*	Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> \$89pp (3+)- w/Conference* <input type="checkbox"/> \$145pp (3+)- Institute only*	
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Conference August 2-4, 2006					
Member Rate:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245	<input type="checkbox"/> \$205 pp (3+)*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225pp (3+)*	
Non-Member Rate:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$295	Not available	Not available	
ASK ABOUT OUR STUDENT RATES!!				TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE	

*To qualify for group rates, all registrants in the group must be NLADA members, and must register and pay at one time.

On-Site Registration (after July 21): Add \$25 per person to each regular rate category.

Join NASAMS ~ Save on Conference and Institute Registration Fees!

- \$65 – Annual Individual Membership
 \$40 – Annual Student Membership (with valid current student ID)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment

- Check enclosed, payable to NLADA (with NASAMS Conference on the memo line)
 MasterCard Visa

Card #: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

- Invoice Agency – Purchase Order #: _____

In order to invoice your agency, you must include a purchase order number, contact name, and contact information for the appropriate finance department that will process the payment. Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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