

Topic: Private Investigation and Mitigation in Death Penalty Cases

Speaker:

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Speaker Bio:

Randy has worked in criminal law for 25 years and started his own PI firm 17 years ago. As he says, the wealthiest people and the poorest people in town - everyone gets into trouble and he works for all of them, including the law enforcement agencies that arrest them.

Attendance Numbers

- 35 Students (roughly)
- 5 Professors and community members

Review of Topic:

The speech mostly centered on investigation in death penalty cases, and also touched at the end on mitigation. He talked a lot about how important investigation is and also that it can be very expensive to the client. He explained a few of the methods he uses when investigating cases and also gave some suggestions on how to work with an investigator from a defense point of view.

Review of Speaker:

I thought that his experience and his stories were really interesting. He was not the most engaging or dynamic speaker, however the topic and his candidness made up for it. He is definitely more Defense-sided and that was very clear throughout the speech.