

## PROGRAM

**8:30 am**

Breakfast and Registration

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**9:00 am**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Alexandra Cox

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**9:15-10:45 am**

**Representing Clients in the Context of Their Lives**

Patricia Warth

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**10:45-11:00 am**

Break

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**11:00 am-12:15 pm**

**Writing Effective Mitigation Reports: A Hands-on Training**

Rachelle Veasley, Alexandra Cox, Alan Rosenthal

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**12:15-1:30 pm**

**Luncheon and Keynote  
Grace Notes: A Case for Making Mitigation the Heart of Noncapital Sentencing**

Prof. Miriam Gohara, Yale Law School

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**1:30-1:45 pm**

Break

## SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

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**1:45-3:00 pm**

**Mental Health and Mitigation**

Regina Schaefer

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**1:45-3:00 pm**

**Trauma, Interpretations and Implications for Mitigation**

Art Cody and Elsie Chandler

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**3:00-3:15 pm**

Break

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**3:15-4:00 pm**

**Group Discussion:  
Overcoming Obstacles to Doing Effective Mitigation Work**

## SPEAKERS

**Elsie Chandler**, Senior Trial Attorney, Director of Youth Law Practice, Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, NYC

**Captain Art Cody**, USN (Ret.) is Deputy Director of the Veterans Defense Program of the New York State Defenders Association

**Alexandra Cox**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY

**Miriam Gohara** is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Yale Law School

**Alan Rosenthal** is a criminal defense and civil rights attorney with over 40 years of experience in Syracuse, NY

**Regina A. Schaefer**, LCSW, Director of Social Work, Criminal and Civil Practices, Legal Aid Society, New York City

**Rachelle Veasley**, Director of Client & Mitigation Services, Federal Defenders of New York, New York City

**Patricia J. Warth**, Chief Implementation Attorney, NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services

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