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Morton Case Shows Need for Discovery Reform

A [report](#) by lawyers for DNA exoneree Michael Morton, released this fall after serving nearly a quarter-century for a murder he did not commit, specifically recommends that the Texas legislature use model legislation drafted by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as a template for amending the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, "to make sure that Texas's ethical rules mandating disclosure of evidence that tends to negate guilt or mitigate punishment is enforced, as well as to enforce prosecutors' affirmative obligations to search for exculpatory evidence and impeachment evidence in the files of police or other relevant government agencies."

Morton, a former supermarket manager in Austin, Tex., was convicted of murdering his wife in 1986. His lawyers, Barry C. Scheck and Nina Morrison of the Innocence Project, John Wesley Raley of Houston, and Gerald Goldstein and Cynthia Hujar Orr of San Antonio, allege that the prosecutor in the case withheld evidence that pointed toward an unknown assailant, knowingly made representations during Morton's appeals, and improperly opposed the DNA test that finally exonerated their client. They are asking Judge Sid Harle to refer their report to a rare Court of Inquiry for possible ethics or criminal charges against the prosecutor, Ken Anderson, who is now a sitting state judge.

To read more, please click [here](#).

Florida Supreme Court Hears Argument on State's Strict Liability Felony Drug Law

On December 6, 2011, the justices of the Florida Supreme Court expressed considerable skepticism for whether a person can be found guilty for unknowingly possessing an illegal drug. The case is *State of Florida v. Luke Jarrod Adkins, et al.*, Fla. No. SC11-1878, a consolidated appeal by the State of Florida, certified directly to the Florida Supreme Court. Circuit Judge Scott Brownell below had dismissed 42 drug possession charges on a finding that Florida's felony drug law is "facially unconstitutional."

NACDL filed a joint *amicus curiae* brief to the Florida Supreme Court in this case, joined by the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, the Drug Policy Alliance, the Cato Institute, the Reason Foundation, the Libertarian Law Council, and 25 law professors from across the United States. *Amici* argue that Florida's strict liability felony drug law runs afoul of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and is inconsistent with centuries of common law.

The dismissal of charges that gave rise to the *Adkins* case came in the aftermath of the July 27, 2011, [order](#) of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in *Shelton v. Sec'y, Dept. of Corrections* declaring Florida's strict-liability controlled substances act unconstitutional on the ground that the law could convict an innocent person of drug distribution who unknowingly possessed, transported or delivered a controlled substance. The laws' fatal flaw is the lack of a criminal intent requirement, which the legislature purposely removed from the statutes in 2002.

NACDL's joint *amicus* brief in *Adkins* is available [here](#).

NACDL Edge Released



NACDL has launched its official mobile app the NACDL Edge. With this app, "Liberty's

Last Champion™ keeps you on the leading edge of criminal defense news of interest and continuing legal education (CLE) opportunities. NACDL members can also search the Member-to-Member Directory, read the latest issue of The Champion, and access the Experts Database.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

NACDL's New Website Allows You To Do More!

Earlier this fall, NACDL launched its completely new and upgraded Website. This short video provides a helpful introduction to the many resources available to you on the site and shows you how to use them: www.nacdl.org/siteintro. Please take a few minutes to explore many new and exciting features.

Special Election to Fill Vacant Seat on the Board of Directors

NACDL's Board of Directors will hold a special election to fill two vacant seats on the Board. The election will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors in Ft. Lauderdale on February 19, 2012. Please note this special election is separate from the regular annual election of officers and directors.

Responsibilities: The Board of Directors manages the business and affairs of the Association.

Eligibility: Any qualified member of the Association who is authorized to vote may submit his or her name as a candidate for the Board of Directors. Candidates must state the year and jurisdiction of their bar admission, must indicate whether they are members in good standing of their respective bar, and must disclose if they are under indictment or information for any felony or crime involving moral turpitude.

Process: Any member wishing to submit his or her name as a candidate for the position of Director shall submit a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 600 words. The statement of qualifications should include a description of any past service to the Association (including meetings attended, recruitment efforts, and committee work) and to the legal profession. Curriculum vitae may also be provided. The statement of qualifications must be received by 5pm EST on February 3, 2012, and should be sent by email to NACDL Elections Registrar Daniel Weir at dweir@nacdl.org. Candidates will be responsible for confirming that their materials have been received. For more information, please see www.nacdl.org/elections.

Each candidate will be given the opportunity, if he or she so chooses, to speak briefly regarding his or her qualifications at the meeting of the Board of Directors in Fort Lauderdale prior to the commencement of the voting. Appearance is optional and no negative inference shall be drawn if a candidate does not attend.

Voting will be conducted by secret ballot. The elected Directors will serve the remainder of the current terms, both of which expire at the Annual Meeting on July 27, 2013.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Announcement of 2012 NACDL Election and Applicable Procedures

The 2012 election process for NACDL's Board of Directors and Officer positions is about to get underway. In 2012, NACDL members will elect 13 members of the Board of Directors, as well as President-Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Effective in 2012, the Treasurer will serve a two-year term and will be ineligible to run for other Officer or Director positions during that term.

All rules governing the conduct of NACDL elections may be viewed at www.nacdl.org/Elections, and a copy of those rules may be obtained by contacting Daniel Weir at dweir@nacdl.org.

NACDL's White Collar Criminal Defense College

The NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College at Stetson is a "boot-camp" program for practitioners wishing to gain key advocacy skills and learn substantive white collar law. The program will cover client retention, investigation in a white collar case, handling searches and grand jury subpoenas, and dealing with parallel proceedings. Participants will have the experience of negotiating a plea, making proffers, and examining which experts to hire and how to protect the client in this process. Interactive sessions with top white collar practitioners will allow the participants to learn trial skills such as opening statements, cross-examination, jury instructions, closing arguments, and sentencing – all in the context of a white collar matter. The seminar will be held at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida on March 15-20, 2012.

For more information, contact Meetings Manager Tamara Kalacevic at [\(202\) 872-8600 x641](tel:(202)872-8600) or tkalacevic@nacdl.org or click [here](#).

IT'S THE SEASON TO DONATE! - Give generously to the NACDL Brief & Motion Bank

One of the **great benefits** you get as a **member** of NACDL is the **Brief & Motion Bank**, containing almost **400 documents** across over **50 topics**. We hope you will also help to **strengthen** it for the benefit of other members. Do you have a unique or exceptional **brief or motion**? Maybe one that involved an in-depth discussion of the case law, had an especially creative argument, or addressed an unusual situation? Just as using the NACDL Brief & Motion Bank **saves you time**, obviating the need to start from scratch when you are already pressed for time, **documents you donate** to the bank **will help your fellow NACDL members** in the same way.

We encourage submissions on any topic. Please take a look at what's there, and think about what documents you've written that would enhance the value of the **Brief & Motion Bank** for other NACDL members. If you would like more information, please contact NACDL's Resource Counsel Vanessa Antoun at vantoun@nacdl.org.

NACDL Federal Policy Corner

National Security

Last week, Congress passed the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which codifies indefinite detention without charge or trial into U.S. law. The bill also prohibits the use of traditional criminal courts to try Guantanamo detainees, essentially prohibits detainees' transfer from Guantanamo to their home or foreign countries, and overmilitarizes our criminal justice system. On Wednesday, the White House revoked a veto threat and now President Obama is expected to sign the NDAA into law.

Criminal Code Reform

On December 13, the House Judiciary Crime Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 1823, the Criminal

Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011. This over 1,200 page bill seeks to reorganize and "simplify" the federal criminal code. However, in doing so, the bill makes many problematic changes that could further undermine the fairness of our federal criminal justice system. Our concerns are outlined in a letter submitted to the Subcommittee, [available online here](#), and were echoed by all the witnesses who testified at the hearing.

Forensics

NACDL continues to advocate for federal legislation to overhaul our nation's shoddy crime labs and subject unfounded forensic disciplines to real scientific scrutiny. The Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on December 7 regarding the need for reform and the recommendations of the National Academies' 2009 report, *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward*, and NACDL submitted this [statement for the record](#).

Drug Law

NACDL fought against the Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act (H.R. 313), which would expand federal drug trafficking statutes to conduct committed outside the U.S.; the bill was amended to exclude simple drug possession offenses before passing the House on December 13.

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NACDL's Daily Criminal Justice Briefing

NACDL now offers a terrific and free member benefit from NACDL's Public Affairs and Communications Office: *NACDL's Daily Criminal Justice Briefing*. Each morning, Briefing Editors Jack King and Ivan Dominguez collect and compile news items of particular interest to the criminal defense bar from around the world and provide links and summaries in a daily email update. In addition, subscribers will receive breaking news stories and links to Supreme Court decisions as they happen. The goal is to provide the resources necessary to ensure that the criminal defense bar is informed and current on a wide range of criminal justice news, legal developments, analysis, and commentary.

So far more than 1,100 NACDL members have subscribed to the Daily Criminal Justice Briefing. If you would like to join them, simply click [here](#).

Know Your Legislator? Let Us Know!

The United States Congress is rife with members having a legal background. Many Members of Congress practiced law before entering into the world of politics. Because of this fact, there is a good chance that many NACDL members know and have personal relationships with these legislators.

And, like the old saying, *It is not what you know, but who you know.*

If you know or have a personal relationship with your Representative or Senators, please let NACDL know. These relationships can be extremely effective in both creating positive public policy and in advancing criminal justice reform.

So whether a former roommate at law school, former partner in a law practice, fellow director on a board, or personal friend, please let NACDL if you have a relationship with your legislators.

Simply e-mail Christopher Glen, NACDL's new Manager for Grassroots Advocacy, at cglen@nacdl.org with the following information:

- **Your Name**
- **Your Legislator's Name**
- **Nature of the Relationship (Personal, Business, etc.)**
- **Any Additional Information that You Consider Helpful**

As Congress proposes an ever increasing volume of criminal law, it is imperative that NACDL has all the necessary tools to have a direct dialogue with policy makers in Washington, D.C.

Your ability to quickly get in touch with an influential lawmaker may be the difference between a step forward in criminal justice reform or a devastating blow to justice for all citizens under the law.

NACDL Pledge

- **NACDL will keep all information private.**
- **NACDL will not ask you to do anything out of your comfort-zone.**
- **NACDL will not put you in an awkward situation that might jeopardize your current relationship, whether business or personal.**

So please, take the time to let NACDL know of your federal political relationships. Doing so not only shows your commitment to NACDL, it shows your commitment to your profession.

FBI LAB REPORT, 15 YEARS LATER - ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Nearly 15 years ago, in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by NACDL, DOJ Inspector General Michael Bromwich released his office's report on misconduct in the FBI Lab. The case was National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, et al. v. U.S. Dept. of Justice, D.D.C., No. 97-cv-0032, filed 2/25/97.

During the course of the litigation, Justice Department lawyers represented that a "Brady Task Force" of DOJ lawyers was in the process of identifying and reviewing old cases in which a dozen suspect FBI lab examiners had testified and would be notifying the prosecutors who handled those cases

We are interested in identifying:

1. Cases in which any type of disclosure was made.
2. Cases in which the OIG report was disclosed.
3. Cases in which a scientific review was disclosed.
4. The outcome resulting from the government's disclosure.

If you handled a case that was affected by the FBI Lab scandal you or your client may have been contacted by the DOJ or state and local prosecutors between 1997 and 2005 notifying the defendant about the OIG Report; potential forensic/scientific problems with evidence that was analyzed by the FBI Laboratory; or problems in your case.

The FBI Lab examiners named in the report and the year they joined the FBI Lab are: Richard Hahn (1987), Robert Heckman (1990), Wallace Higgins (1989), Alan Jordan (1983), Lynn Laswell (1975), Michael Malone (1975), Roger Martz (1975), J. Christopher Ronay (1977), Terry Rudolph (1978), James Thomas Thurman (1981), Robert Webb (1976) and David Williams (1978).

If you represented a defendant in a case involving one of these FBI Lab examiners between the late 1970s and 1997, it is likely that case was part of the FBI and DOJ Task Force review.

If a disclosure was made by the DOJ or a state or local prosecutor in one of these cases it may have simply been in the form of a letter stating that the case was under review.

If you had a case affected by a problem in the FBI Lab please email Jack King, jking@nacdl.org.

Where in the World is NACDL?

On December 13, 2011, Director of White Collar Crime Policy **Shana-Tara Regon** gave a presentation on NACDL's efforts to battle legislative overcriminalization to a gathering of state lobbyists.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, Associate Executive Director for Policy **Kyle O'Dowd** and Counsel for White Collar Crime Policy **Tiffany Joslyn** attended a Congressional hearing in Washington, DC, before the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the House Judiciary Committee, on H.R. 1823, the Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011.

NACDL on Twitter

NACDL has an official Twitter account, [@NACDL](https://twitter.com/NACDL), and now has 1,286 followers. Getting set up on Twitter is easy and free, just visit <http://twitter.com/> and click "Get Started -- Join." You can even watch an instructional video by clicking the "Watch a Video" button on the top right of the welcome screen before you join. Once you have set up your account, click "Find People" on the top right hand side of the screen and search for "NACDL" (no quotation marks necessary). Then, you just need to click the "Follow" button. Thereafter, everything we post to Twitter will come through on your Home page feed, like a news wire service. You can also check out NACDL's Tweet by simply clicking <http://twitter.com/NACDL>.

It is suggested that you familiarize yourself with the "terms" of use to which you can link from the bottom of the screen on Twitter. Also, please note that the fact of your following NACDL on Twitter, as well as your posts, are generally visible to the public. Information about blocking people from following you, as well as all other information concerning privacy and usage issues, is available on the Twitter site.

Please send any thoughts or recommendations about NACDL's Tweeting to NACDL's Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Communications Ivan J. Dominguez at idinguez@nacdl.org.

NACDL on Facebook

NACDL is on Facebook. Recently, Facebook changed the way member groups operate, so to keep up with all of NACDL's updates, please be sure to "like" the NACDL Public Page (<http://www.facebook.com/NACDL>), which now counts 1,968 fans following NACDL's work. Through this initiative, selected NACDL content such as press releases, CLE information and materials, information on becoming a member, and similar publicly-available NACDL content, is being distributed through Facebook.

You should be aware that, to some degree, Facebook permits you to control what information others see about you on Facebook, just go to "account" on the top right and within that "privacy settings" as you set up or adjust your account settings. Please be aware that, if you join, you will be listed on Facebook as a member of this group and your profile will be accessible in accordance with your settings and Facebook's policies. So be sure to fully acquaint yourself with Facebook's terms of service and privacy representations as you carefully consider whether to join and, if you do, what information you post, exchange, or message through this platform.

You can use this link to get directly to NACDL's Public Page. And if you are not on Facebook, signing up is free and easy at www.facebook.com. Please send your thoughts or recommendations about NACDL's Group and/or Page on Facebook to NACDL's Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Communications Ivan J. Dominguez at idinguez@nacdl.org.

Recent Amicus Curiae Briefs Posted on NACDL Website

State of Florida v. Luke Jarrod Adkins, et al., No. SC11-1878, 2011 WL 4925888 (Fla. Oct. 12, 2011), case below *State v. Adkins*, 71 So.3d 184, 36 Fla. L. Weekly D2150 (Fla. 2d DCA, Sept. 28, 2011), brief filed 11/28/11. Due Process---Mens Rea---Strict Liability---Felony Drug Laws. *Amicus curiae* brief of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, the Drug Policy Alliance, the Cato Institute, the Reason Foundation, the Libertarian Law Council, and 25 law professors from across the United States. *Argument*: Florida's strict liability felony drug law runs afoul of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and is inconsistent with centuries of common law. *Authors*: Todd Foster of Cohen, Foster & Romaine, P.A. in Tampa, Fla., David O. Markus of Markus & Markus in Miami, Fla., and Quintin Chatman, Ivan J. Dominguez, Tiffany Joslyn, Jack King, and Norman L. Reimer, all at NACDL.

United States v. Gupta, 2nd Circuit, No. 09-4738-cr, case below 650 F.3d 863 (2nd Cir. 2011). Sixth Amendment—Public Trial—Jury Selection. *Amicus curiae* brief of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in support of appellant on rehearing *en banc*. *Argument*: The Sixth Amendment guarantees a public trial, including jury selection. *Presley v. Georgia*, 130 S.Ct. 721 (2010). The panel below found that trial court's exclusion of the defendant's family was intentional and in violation of *Presley* but applied the Second Circuit's "triviality" exception. The court, sitting *en banc*, should abolish the "triviality exception" to constitutional errors as impermissibly arbitrary, subjective, standardless and unworkable. *Author*: Mark Fernich, New York, NY.

Williams v. Illinois, U.S. Sup. Ct., No. 10-8505, case below, 238 Ill.2d 125 (2010), brief filed 9/7/11, argument 12/6/11. Confrontation Clause—Expert Testimony—Scientific Evidence—DNA. *Amicus curiae* brief of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia and the National Association of

Criminal Defense Lawyers. *Argument:* DNA laboratory analysts are not infallible. Developing a DNA profile of a suspect from biologic evidence collected in a criminal investigation is a complicated process requiring skill and judgment; making the prosecution expert who declares a DNA "match" available for cross-examination does not obviate the necessity of cross-examination of the lab analyst who actually did the benchwork developing the DNA profile. *Authors:* Sandra K. Levick and Catharine F. Easterly, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC.

Recent NACDL Letters and Member Testimony

[NACDL Letter on 2012 National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\)](#)

[NACDL Letter on H.R. 1823, the "Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011"](#)

[Written Statement of NACDL President Lisa Wayne before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on "Turning the Investigation on the Science of Forensics."](#)

[NACDL Letter on H.R. 2572, the "Clean Up Government Act of 2011"](#)

[NACDL Letter on S. 1763, SAVE Native Women Act Tittle II -- tribal jurisdiction and criminal offenses](#)

[NACDL Letter on Hearing on "Uncertain Justice: The Status of Federal Sentencing and the U.S. Sentencing Commission Six Years after U.S. v. Booker."](#)

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Prepare yourself to fight the mob mentality and effectively defend your next sexual assault case by attending NACDL's Midwinter Seminar "**Confronting the Mob Mentality II: Challenging Charges of Sexual Assault**," being held February 16-19, 2012 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida!

Learn best strategies for defending those accused of sex crimes from some of the best litigators and communicators in the country. Get the information you need to overcome obstacles in your defense and

give your client and yourself the best chance of success in the most difficult of cases.

In addition to this great 2-day program – we will offer a special 1-day Seminar entitled "**The Business of Law: Starting, Running, and Making Your Small/Solo Practice or Firm More Efficient**". Join us for this special event and gain new ideas for your practice!

Mark your calendar now and join us in Ft. Lauderdale this February!

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Start off 2012 at NACDL's **32nd Annual Advanced Criminal Law Seminar**, being held January 15 – 20, 2012, at the elegant St. Regis Hotel in Aspen, Colorado. NACDL's Advanced Criminal Law Seminar,

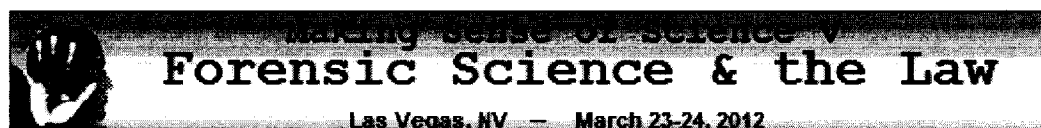
presented in cooperation with Victor Sherman, is simply the best criminal defense seminar in the country set in the best ski town in Colorado.

Be inspired by an unparalleled faculty of some of the past years' most publicized and well-known defense lawyers in the country, as well as notable government officials, judges, and prosecutors.

Join us in Aspen for an unrivaled CLE experience! Register today – hotel discount rates end on **December 16th** so act now!

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Casey Anthony and Amanda Knox legal teams to be featured at Making Sense of Science Seminar in Las Vegas!



Register now to attend NACDL & CACJ's **5th Annual Making Sense of Science Seminar: Forensic Science & the Law** being held March 23-24, 2012, at The Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas! This year's Forensic seminar will feature lawyers involved in the Casey Anthony and Amanda Knox trials who will discuss the forensic evidence in these cases. You do not want to miss this great opportunity!

This two-day program is sure to captivate you with a wide array of topics that will leave you with a better understanding of forensic sciences so you can effectively represent your clients.

Register before January 3, 2012 and receive \$35 off full seminar registration fee (taken at the time of registration)

Register today!

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January 11-14

Texas: TCDLA's Psychodrama Program

Round Top Festival Institute, Round Top, Texas

Contact: TCDLA's Executive Director Joseph Martinez at [\(512\) 478-2514](tel:(512)478-2514) or e-mail jmartinez@tcdla.com

January 15-20

NACDL's Advanced Criminal Law Seminar

Location: St. Regis Hotel, Aspen, Colorado

Contact: NACDL's Education Assistant Akvile Athanason at [\(202\) 872-8600](tel:(202)872-8600) ext. 230 or e-mail akvile@nacdl.org. For more details, visit our meetings Web site at www.nacdl.org/meetings

January 27-28

Alabama: ACDLA's Annual Death Penalty Seminar "Loosening the Death Belt XVI"

Hoover Embassy Suites Hotel, Hoover, Alabama

Contact: ACDLA's Executive Director Ann Cooper at [\(334\) 272-0064](tel:(334)272-0064) or e-mail annscooper@acdla.org

January 27-28

Arizona: AACJ's Winter Seminar "Drugs, Thugs and Snitches"

Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Chandler, Arizona

Contact: AACJ's Executive Director Ellen Salvesen at [\(480\) 812-1700](tel:(480)812-1700) or e-mail info@aacj.org

January 28**Oregon: OCDLA's New Lawyers Seminar**

World Trade Center, Portland, Oregon

Contact: OCDLA's Executive Director John Potter at [\(541\) 686-8716](tel:(541)686-8716) or e-mail jpotter@ocdla.org**February 3-4****Oregon: OCDLA's Trial Skills College**

University of Oregon Law School, Eugene, Oregon

Contact: OCDLA's Executive Director John Potter at [\(541\) 686-8716](tel:(541)686-8716) or e-mail jpotter@ocdla.org**February 16-19****NACDL's Midwinter Meeting & Seminar**

Location: Westin Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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