

*You're invited! Friday, October 29, 2010*

# Cultural Competence & Effective Public Defense Representation:

*A FREE Mini-Training Session  
and Dialogue*

**Friday, October 29, 2010**

9 - 11 a.m.

Cooley Law School

Room 513

111 Commerce Ave. SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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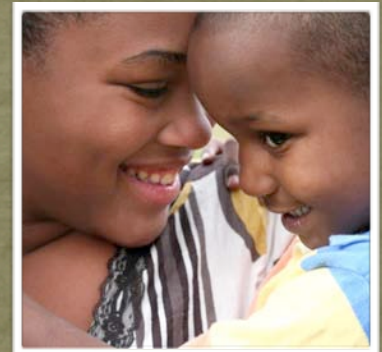
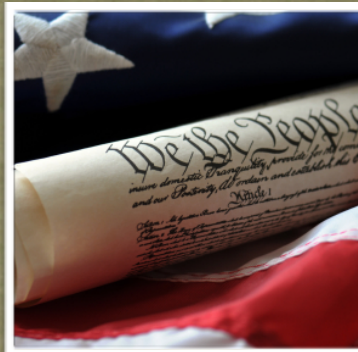
Auditorium

2 Woodward Ave.

Detroit, MI 48226

- What does cultural competence have to do with public defense reform?
- How does a person's culture impact what they tell you as the defense attorney, how they communicate, or what defenses can be raised in court?
- How do different communities perceive the criminal justice system?

The ABA Criminal Justice Section's "Building Community Trust" model curriculum will be introduced at these exciting training sessions. Plan to attend and learn about cultural competence, engage in dialogue about what this means for reform, and provide feedback on the training. We want to hear from **you**. Food will be provided.



## BUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST

Improving Cross-Cultural Communication in the Criminal Justice System

Hosted by: Campaign for Justice, State Bar of Michigan, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, State Appellate Defender Office, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association, Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association, National Conference of Black Lawyers - Detroit Chapter, and Cooley Law School - Grand Rapids.

Please RSVP to [info@mijjustice.org](mailto:info@mijjustice.org), (517) 372-3050 or (313) 965-3320.

## **TRAINING FACILITATORS:**

**Edwin A. Burnette** is the Vice President of Defender Legal Services at the National Legal Aid & Defender Association. Previously, he provided counsel in strategic leadership addressing precepts of leadership as they relate to the areas of office management and organization, planning and operations, as well as policy development and implementation. Burnette completed his term as Chief Executive and Chief Attorney of the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender in March of 2009. He served as Public Defender for six years, where his responsibilities included establishing policies and procedures for representing clients and designating liaisons to all county agencies involved in the administration and funding of the Law Office and previously was responsible for the management and day-to-day operations of the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, including labor negotiations, budget preparation, recruitment and policy. Burnette served 15 years with the United States Marine Corps. His military positions included operational law specialist, senior defense counsel, company commander, head legal assistance attorney, chief prosecution attorney, trial defense counsel for the Office of the State Judge Advocate and appellate defense counsel for the Department of the Navy. Burnette is a graduate of DePaul University of Law and the U.S. Naval Academy.

**Catherine Beane** is the Principal of Beane Consulting. She is a skilled facilitator and dedicated social justice advocate who works with nonprofit and public service agencies across the country. Most recently, Catherine directed the National Defender Leadership Institute of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association. She previously served as the indigent defense counsel for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Catherine is the former associate director of the Program on Law and Government at the American University Washington College of Law, where she taught as a member of the adjunct faculty. Catherine began her legal career as a trial attorney, representing clients in civil rights and criminal matters. Catherine received her undergraduate degree in philosophy from Emory University, and her law degree from Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. Ms. Beane's expertise includes facilitating workshops, meetings, and strategic planning sessions; designing leadership and management training programs; developing strategic partnerships; and providing coalition-building, litigation, legislative, media, and public education support of policy reform campaigns.

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