

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT ARE THE EDUCATIONAL TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING?

THOUGHTS FROM ANNUAL MEETING CLE STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR MICHELE SMITH

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Relevant and topical panel presentations from diverse speakers on topics including smart products, genetically modified food, and gender identity.

TWO packed sessions for litigators showcasing several aspects of trial strategy from different perspectives. Follow the same "case" fact pattern in the internal committee presentations.

An in-depth look at where our profession is headed and how technology will shape its future.

International programs addressing current events and emerging issues and how they will affect your practice.

A discussion on social justice and the Innocence Project from varied standpoints, including a live example of impact.



OPEN FORUM – DR. SAMANTHA NUTT

MONDAY, JULY 10 10:15 - 11:30 A.M.

Samantha Nutt is an award-winning humanitarian, bestselling author, and acclaimed public speaker. A medical doctor and founder of the renowned international humanitarian organization War Child, Dr. Nutt has worked with children and their families at the frontline of many of the world's major crises – from Iraq to Afghanistan, Somalia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sierra Leone to Darfur, Sudan. A leading authority on current affairs, war, international aid, and foreign policy, Dr. Nutt is one of the most intrepid and recognized voices in the humanitarian arena and is amongst

the most sought-after public speakers in North America. With a career that has spanned more than two decades and dozens of conflict zones, her international work has benefited hundreds of thousands of war-affected children globally.

GENERAL INTEREST – MICHAEL MORTON

THURSDAY, JULY 13 9:15 - 10:45 A.M.

Michael Morton was born in Texas, grew up in California, and moved back to Texas in high school. While living in Austin, Michael was wrongfully convicted of the 1986 murder of his wife, Christine, a crime witnessed by his then 3-year-old son. He spent almost 25 years in prison before being exonerated in 2011 through the efforts of the Innocence Project, pro bono lawyer John Raley, and advances in DNA technology.



Michael has a strong desire to do what he can to prevent what happened to him from happening to others, and he has worked tirelessly with lawmakers to pass legislation, such as the Michael Morton Act, which codifies exactly how and when prosecutors must share information with citizens who stand accused of a crime.

Michael's journey is the subject of the award-winning documentary "An Unreal Dream: The Michael Morton Story," in addition to his award-winning memoir which was published in 2014 by Simon & Schuster titled *Getting Life: An Innocent Man's 25-Year Journey From Prison to Peace*. Michael is now remarried, and he and his wife Cynthia live on a lake in rural east Texas, relishing and appreciating what others may take for granted.