Honoring Gideon's Promise, Rallying Gideon's Army:
a Conference in Honor of Gideon v. Wainwright

2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright. In recognition of Gideon, the University of Georgia School of Law is hosting a daylong conference that will focus on Georgia's public defender system and will include a screening of the film, “Gideon's Army,” released by HBO earlier this year and featuring young public defenders in Georgia and Mississippi who were trained through the Gideon's Promise program (formerly, the Southern Public Defender Training Center). The conference will be from 9:00 to 5:30 on Friday, October 4th at the Law School.

There will be four panel discussions throughout the day, with ample room for audience participation. Panelists include the filmmaker, Dawn Porter; Steve Bright and Atteeyah Hollie of the Southern Center for Human Rights; Sharon Hill of Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice; Michael Caplan of Bondurant, Mixson and Elmore; Tim Saviello of John Marshall Law School; Circuit Public Defenders Brandon Clark (Atlantic Circuit), John Donnelly (Western), Michael Edwards (Eastern), Leisa Johnson (Dougherty) and Claudia Saari (Stone Mountain); and Assistant Public Defenders Tosif Chouhan (Atlanta), Azi Golshan (Coweta), Lizzie Taxel (Stone Mountain), Travis Williams (Northeastern) (Travis is featured in "Gideon's Army.")

There is no fee for the conference but advance registration is strongly encouraged. Registration is available online, here:

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Please register by October 2d. CLE credit is available for a fee of $45.00 (6 hours total, including 1 Professionalism, 1 Ethics and 3.0 Trial Practice credits). Lunch is $10.00 for those who want it on site, which is highly recommended. There is no lunch program -- the lunch hour provides an opportunity for audience and panelists, old friends and new friends, to meet and talk. Questions may be addressed to Heidi Murphy, hmurphy@uga.edu, or Russell Gabriel, gabrielf@uga.edu.
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Georgia’s Public Defender System on the 50th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright

9:00: Welcome: UGA Law School Dean Rebecca White

9:10: Panel -- Through the Eyes of New Assistant Public Defenders
Tosif Chouhan -- Asst. Public Defender, Atlanta Circuit
Elizabeth Taxel -- Asst. Public Defender, Stone Mountain Circuit
Azi Golshan -- Asst. Public Defender, Coweta Circuit
Erica Hashimoto -- Moderator, Associate Professor of Law, UGA

10:30: Break

10:45: Panel -- Circuit Public Defenders – Advocating from Within
Claudia Saari -- Circuit Public Defender, Stone Mountain Circuit
Leisa Johnson -- Circuit Public Defender, Dougherty Circuit
Michael Edwards -- Circuit Public Defender, Eastern Circuit
John Donnelly -- Circuit Public Defender, Western Circuit
Russell Gabriel -- Moderator, Director, UGA Criminal Defense Clinic

12:15: Lunch – An Opportunity for Audience, Panelists, Old Friends and New Friends to meet and talk.

1:15: Panel -- Advocating from Outside the System
Steve Bright -- President, Southern Center for Human Rights
Atteeyah Hollie -- Attorney, Southern Center for Human Rights
Sharon Hill -- Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
Mike Caplan -- Associate, Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore, LLP.
Russell Gabriel -- Moderator

2:45: Break

3:00: Screening: Gideon’s Army – 2013 HBO Movie

4:40: Panel: Discussing Gideon’s Army
Dawn Porter -- Producer/Director of the film
Travis Williams -- Asst. PD, Northeastern Judicial Circuit
Brandon Clark -- CPD, Atlantic Judicial Circuit
Timothy Saviello -- Professor, John Marshall Law School and Faculty member, Gideon’s Promise

Andrea Dennis -- Moderator, Associate Professor of Law, UGA

5:30 Adjourn