

# Lesson Plan



## CDITC MITIGATION & INVESTIGATION CURRICULUM

**Title/Subject:** Investigation & Mitigation – “Not Just for Capital Cases”

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**Time Required:** 12 hours / 2 days

**Objective(s):**

**By the conclusion of this period of instruction, the student will be able to:**

- Understand and develop comprehensive mitigation strategies for all types of cases
- Recognize the need for mitigation efforts on all types of cases
- Elevate the level of organization and lead tracking for Investigation and Case Management
- Work with the legal team and share information – guilt and penalty phase
- Function in concert with mitigation experts to enhance the process and avoid overlap
- Understand and follow Mitigation Protocols
- Reconstruct the defendant’s life history and document via witnesses and records
- Identify required historical records and develop a plan to recover records
- Recognize mitigation facts and evidence – testimonial, documentary, physical
- Identify facts that may combat aggravators claimed by the prosecution
- Develop plans of action and theories supported by evidence
- Locate and interview witnesses, document interviews and recover statements
- Develop strategies to approach and secure the cooperation of reluctant witnesses
- Generate professional, accurate and concise reports

**Overview:** During this period of instruction, we will discuss...

All phases of investigation & mitigation

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Mitigation Protocols  
Records Recovery  
Working with Experts  
Interviewing Mitigation Witnesses  
Case Study – Example

## **Key points:**

- 1: Understanding the Penalty Phase
- 2: Mitigation Theory Development
- 3: Approaches Records Recovery and Witness Interviewing
- 4: Practical exercises – team oriented
- 4: Case Study – Demonstrative Example

## **Conclusion:**

Open discussion on topics covered, question and answers, practical application, etc...

The program will include a case study, scenario based learning, and an interactive questions and answers session.

**Certification Awarded:** All participants who successfully complete this program will receive CDITC certification in “Criminal Defense Mitigation”.

## **Supplemental Resources/Information for Investigators\***

[www.publicdefenderinvestigator.com](http://www.publicdefenderinvestigator.com)

[www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)

[www.nacdl.org](http://www.nacdl.org)

[www.nlada.org](http://www.nlada.org)