

# Criminal Law Basics 2021

July 7 – Virtual Seminar



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**Total Credits:** 3 General, 1 Dual

Produced by the TBA Criminal Justice Section, this year's forum will focus on sentencing practices and procedures, including, an intro to sentencing, alternative sentencing measures and a diverse panel of judges, prosecutors and defense lawyers discussing different perspectives on these important issues. Special guest Cyntoia Brown – a juvenile offender ordered to serve life in prison for murder before ultimately being granted clemency by former Gov. Bill Haslam – will also join panelists to discuss juvenile sentencing and criminal justice reform.

10 – 11 a.m. CDT

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## **Juvenile Sentencing**

This presentation features special guest Cyntoia Brown – a juvenile offender ordered to serve life in prison for murder before ultimately being granted clemency by former Gov. Bill Haslam – and the attorney who assisted with her appeal discussing juvenile sentencing and criminal justice reform from a personal perspective.

Charles Bone, Bone McAllester Norton

Cyntoia Brown, Criminal Justice Reform Advocate

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## **Nuances and Common Pitfalls in Sentencing Hearings**

This session will cover sentencing concerns such as enhancing and mitigating factors, alternative sentencing in diversion and community corrections, split confinement and how to put on a sentencing hearing that would be effective in convincing the trial judge.

Judge Christopher Craft, Shelby County Criminal Court

12-12:15 p.m.

## **Break**

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

## **Sentencing Considerations Panel**

This panel discussion features participants from varied backgrounds who will address hypotheticals and answer questions posed by attendees. All questions can be shared using the Zoom chat function.

Judge Robert Wedemeyer, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals

Charles Bloodworth, District Public Defender – 19th Judicial District

Professor Jason Smith, Lincoln Memorial University - Duncan School of Law

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

**Torres v. Collins – What the Preliminary Injunction Order in Hamblen Co.  
Means for Your Representation**

This presentation will cover the “Origin story” of Torres v. Collins – and related cases – how the law is applied and where we go from here.

Willie Santana, Lincoln Memorial University - Duncan School of Law