

Curriculum Vitae

Denise de La Rue
Jury and Trial Consultant
150 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 300
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Professional Experience

1999 – Present

Jury and Trial Consultant
Chicago, Illinois

Duties: Consultant to trial attorneys pre-trial and in court in the areas of jury selection and voir dire. Pre-trial consultation may include community surveys, litigation of voir dire and jury selection issues, focus group, mock trial and other social science research, design of juror questionnaires, and development of voir dire questions and issues. Trial consultation may also include witness preparation, formulating case strategy, and assessing effects of pre-trial, publicity in applicable cases. Pre-trial and in-court jury and trial consultation experience in numerous State and Federal District Courts throughout the United States.

2011 – Present

Trial Consultant in Death Penalty Cases
State and Federal Court

Case experience: Trial consultant to defense counsel, in Federal and State Death Penalty Cases, including State of South Carolina vs. Susan Smith, United States vs. Theodore John Kaczynski (the “Unabomber”), and United States vs. Eric Robert Rudolph (the “Olympic Park Bomber”), United States vs. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (“the Boston Marathon Bomber”). Consultant to various capital assistance centers including The Southern Center For Human Rights and Multi-County Public Defenders in Atlanta; the South Carolina Capital Resource Center; the Center for Capital Assistance in San Francisco.

Education and Training

1987

Bachelor of Science Degree with Distinction in Psychology,

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

1995 Juris Doctor Degree. Georgia University College of Law,
Atlanta, Georgia

1999 Basic Mediation Training, Resolution Resources
Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia

1999 Domestic Mediation Training, Atlanta Divorce Mediators,
Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

Teaching Experience

2005 – 2011 **Georgia State University College of Law**
Adjunct Professor

1991 – Present **National Criminal Defense College**
Trial Practice Institute - Faculty
Mercer Law School, Macon, Georgia

1991 – Present **Georgia Institute of Trial Advocacy**
Trial Practice Institute - Faculty
University of Georgia School of Law
Athens, Georgia

1999 **Institute of Criminal Defense Advocacy**
Trial Practice Institute - Faculty
California Western University
San Diego, California

1999 **Western Institute of Trial Advocacy**
Trial Practice Institute-Faculty
University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming

1991 – 1996 **New York State Defenders' Association**
Trial Practice Institute - Faculty
Troy, New York

Guest Lecturer

1991 – 2010 **Georgia State University – Department of
Psychology**

Guest lecturer as part of the Applied Psychology curricula teaching Psychology in the Law; and as part of the College Honors "Psychology in the Law" symposia teaching Social Science Applications in Jury Selection.

1992 – 2008

Georgia State University College of Law

Guest lecturer on jury selection and witness preparation as a part of the Advanced Criminal Litigation curriculum; guest lecturer Professional Responsibility in Jury Selection and Trial Strategy

1994 – 2012

Walter F. George School of Law – Mercer University

Guest lecturer on jury selection and client communications as a part of the Trial Advocacy curriculum.

1996-2001

Gonzaga College of Law

Externship Program and C.L.E for Spokane Bar Association for "Jury Selection Techniques"; "Communicating in the Courtroom; "Preparing A Client to Testify"

Continuing Legal Education Lectures and Seminars

2016

Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Finding the Meaning of Your Case

2016

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
A Seminar in Jury Selection and Trial Strategy
Seminar Chair

2015

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
The Uncomfortable Conversation: Asking Jurors To Talk About Race

2012

Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
All That Jazz Seminar on Jury Selection in a Most Difficult Case

2012

Federal Defender Program
St. Crispin's Day Seminar for Media Impact on Jurors

2011

Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
Mercer School of Law

Jury Selection in an Era of Juror Skepticis

- 2010** Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
Dynamics of Jury Selection for Plaintiffs
Savannah, Georgia
- 2009** Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Seminar on Defending A Child Sexual Abuse Case
Getting Jurors to Speak About the Unspeakable
- 2006** National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Improving Your Technique: Getting Jurors to Talk
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 2003** National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Preparing Your Client to Testify
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2001** American Society of Trial Consultants
Trial Consulting 101
Williamsburg, Virginia
- 1999** Georgia Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Advocacy Seminar
“Finding the Meaning of Your Case”
GPTV, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1998** C.J.A. Panel Attorney Training
“Lessons Learned from The Susan Smith
And Ted Kaczynski Trials”
Co-Presenter with Judy Clarke
Estes Park, Colorado
- 1998** Federal Bar Association
“Communicating in the Courtroom”
Spokane, Washington
- 1997 – Present** Georgia Indigent Defense Counsel
New Lawyer Training
“Voir Dire in Georgia”
- 1997** South Carolina Public Defender Conference
“Focus Groups - Hot New Defense Tool”
Charleston, South Carolina

- 1997** South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers “Jury Selection in a Capital Case”
Columbia, South Carolina
- 1997** Federal Bar Association – “Effective Voir Dire”
Spokane, Washington
- 1996** Institute of Continuing Legal Education
“The First Basic Principle of Advocacy: Persuasion”
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1996** Indiana Public Defender Council
“Strategies for Effective Voir Dire”
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1996** Georgia Indigent Defense Council
Defending a Battered Person Seminar
“Jury Selection in a Battered Person Case”
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1996** Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
“Lessons Learned From the Susan Smith Trial”
Co-Presenter with Judy Clarke
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1996** Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
“Theory Inspired Voir Dire”
W. Palm Beach, Florida
- 1995** Indiana Continuing Legal Education
Foundation, "Jury Selection in a Complex Case"; featured
speaker along with Johnny Cochran.
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1995** Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
Start to Finish Seminar “Things That Make A Difference
in Difficult Cases - Theories and Themes”
Co-Presenter with Elissa Krauss, National Jury Project
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1995** "Uncensored Advocacy: The Ultimate
Federal Practice Experience."

Lecture: Effective Courtroom
Communications. Denver, Colorado

- 1995** Greater Cincinnati Criminal
Defense Lawyers Association
"Forensic Evidence" Lecture: Presenting Expert
Testimony to a Jury.
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1995** The Federal Bar Association.
"Thrills and Skills: Advanced Trial Advocacy."
Lecture: "What, Me, Put on a Witness?"
Spokane, Washington
- 1994, 1995** Vermont Association of Criminal Defense
Lawyers. Lecture: Voir Dire Inspired By
Case-Specific Issues
Burlington, Vermont
- 1994** "Only the Strong Survive" - Federally
funded continuing legal education for
C.J.A. panel attorneys. Lecture:
Effective Courtroom Communications
- 1994** National Association of Criminal Defense
Lawyers. Lecture: Addressing the Theory
of the Case in Voir Dire. Houston, Texas
- 1994** Georgia Association of Criminal Defense
Lawyers. Lecture: Basics of Jury
Selection for Trial Lawyers.
Macon, Georgia
- 1994** Federal Public Defender, Central District
Of California - Expert Witness Seminar "Integrating the
Theory of Defense through Experts"
Los Angeles, California

Panels, Presentations, and Publications

- 2011** LexisNexis Practice Guide: Georgia Civil
Trial Procedure; co-authored chapters
On Trial Preparation and Jury Selection

- 1995** The Sixth Annual Forum on the Bill of Rights in memory of Judge Robert Vance, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia. Panelist.
- 1991** American Bar Association, Annual Meeting. Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession, Litigation Section, "Phobia Tort: Maximizing and Minimizing Fear." Panelist.
- 1991** *Hormone Research, International Journal of Experimental and Clinical Endocrinology.* "Salivary Testosterone Measurements among Women: Relative Magnitude of Circadian Cycles." Vol. 35, 182-184. (Co-Author, James M. Dabbs, Ph.D.)
- 1990** *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.* "Testosterone and Occupational Choice: Actors, Ministers and Other Men." Vol. 59, No. 6, 1261-1265. (Co-Author, James M. Dabbs, Ph.D.)
- 1989** American Psychological Association Annual Meeting. Featured Presenter, A.P.A. Science Doctorate, Biological and Cultural Bases of Behavior: "Testosterone as a Predictor of Behavior Differences Among Men." (Co-Author, James M. Dabbs, Ph.D.)
- 1988** American Psychological Association Annual Meeting. Presenter: "Attributional Responses by Victims and Nonvictims." (Co-Author, R. Barry Ruback, Ph.D.)
- 1987** Southeastern Psychological Association, Presenter: "Throwing Caution to the Wind: Attributions by Risk Takers" (Co-Author, R. Barry Ruback, Ph.D.)
- 1987** THESIS: "Behavioral Attributions by Victims and Nonvictims" Department of Psychology, Georgia State University,

Pullen Library, Atlanta, Georgia

Psychological Research

- 1986-1988** Assisted in research design, data collection and analysis for various studies on hormones and behavior, emphasis on imprisoned and paroled populations. Research funded in part by the Antisocial and Violent Behavior Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health.
- 1986-1987** Performed psychological and cognitive assessments on patients with psychoneurological deficits at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1985-1987** Performed psychological assessments of "at-risk" adolescents in selected public schools in metropolitan Atlanta. Study funded by National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Washington, D.C.

Memberships

American Society of Trial Consultants

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

State Bar of Georgia

Honors

Recipient of the 2001 *Glenda Hatchett Volunteer of the Year Award*, Truancy Intervention Project, Fulton County, Georgia