<u>Sprint Session C</u> 3:10 - 3:40 p.m. Salon 3

# Criminal Law for the Uninitiated

**Panelists:** 

# Jeffrey D. Hufft

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# Joshua K. Williams

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## Jeffrey D. Hufft

Mr. Hufft's practice includes Personal Injury Litigation and Criminal Defense in both State and Federal Courts. Mr. Hufft has practiced law in over 25 Parishes and has brought over a hundred cases to trial, more than half of which were jury trials taken to verdict. Prior to becoming a criminal defense lawyer, Mr. Hufft worked as an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting high profile crimes across the State of Louisiana. Additionally he worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office and the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and as a board member of the Jefferson Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. He was elected by his L.S.B.A. peers to represent District Council 2 which is composed of the Parishes of Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, Ascension, Assumption and St. James. He was the Chair of the L.S.B.A. Law-Related Education Committee which projects with the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education to assist in educating the public regarding the law and their rights and responsibilities as citizens. A graduate of Loyola University College of Law, Mr. Hufft received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Louisiana State University, and attended Jesuit High School where he was a state champion wrestler. In his community, he is the President of the Homestead Brockenbraugh Civic Association coach of the Jesuit High School mock trial team. Jeffrey and his wife, Danielle Treadaway Hufft, have been married for 5 years and are the parents of one child.

# Joshua K. Williams

Joshua K. Williams is an assistant district attorney for Caddo Parish in Shreveport. He received a BS degree in business in 2009 from the University of New Orleans and his JD degree in 2013 from Southern University Law Center. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2014. Williams was a member of the 2016-17 Leadership LSBA Class. He is a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He was recognized by *SB Magazine* as a "Top Attorney" in 2017 and 2018. He and his wife Samerrial have been married for two years.

## Expungments, Diversion, and other Criminal Matters that any lawyer can master.

#### **EXPUNGMENTS**

- Overview of what an expungement is and what it means regarding your criminal history report.
- Review of what crimes are eligible for an expungement.
- Provide copies and review sample forms of expungement documents.
- Discussion concerning potential hearings that may arise in response to filing for an expungement.

#### DIVERSION

- What is Diversion and how it can benefit your client
- How to determine if your client is eligible for diversion.
- Convincing the DA's office to accept your client into the diversion program.
- Sample diversion programs from various parishes.
- Consequences if your client fails out of diversion.

### **Q&A SESSION**

• Open discussion about other criminal matters that attendees have seen in their practice.