

# *Discussion on the Death Penalty in Wyoming*

**Thursday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m.**

(lasting approximately 90 minutes)

University of Wyoming College of Law, Room 178

*This event is free and open to the public*

## **SPEAKERS**

**RON KEINE** is an Assistant Director of Membership and Training for Witness to Innocence. Witness to Innocence is a national organization composed of and led by exonerated death row survivors and their families. The mission of Witness to Innocence is to abolish the death penalty by empowering exonerees and their families to become effective leaders in the abolition movement. Ron is a death row exoneree who has dedicated his life to sharing his story. He regularly speaks to groups and media outlets all over the country about the death penalty.

**MADELINE COHEN** is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Denver. She specializes in handling habeas corpus cases in both the federal district court and the court of appeals, as well as criminal direct appeals. Madeline joined the Colorado-Wyoming Federal Public Defender's Office in January 2002, following several years as a litigator with the Denver law firms Morrison & Foerster and Hogan & Hartson. While in private practice, Madeline handled civil and criminal appeals in jurisdictions around the country. She also represented death row inmates in federal habeas proceedings at all levels. Following her graduation from Stanford Law School in 1996, Madeline clerked for the Honorable Betty B. Fletcher, on the Ninth Circuit.

**RICK MARTINEZ** worked as a corrections officer in the maximum security unit at the Wyoming State Penitentiary from 1987-1992. He was part of the execution team during the execution of Mark Hopkinson on the night of January 22, 1992. He resigned his position as a corrections officer approximately 3 months later. Following his work as a corrections officer Mr. Martinez returned to school and received a degree from UW in Administration of Justice and a JD from UW College of Law. He is now the Deputy Director for Legal Aid of Wyoming.

### ***Moderator:***

Darrell D. Jackson, Assistant Professor of Law at UW College of Law

### ***Event Sponsors:***

Wyoming Law Students for Equal Justice, American Constitution Society,  
Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association—Student Chapter, Potter Law Club, ACLU of Wyoming

Food and beverages will be served at 5:00 pm

Catered by *Chef Without a Kitchen*

For further information, please contact Devan at 303-921-3292 or Ryan at 307-637-4565