Judicial Seminar on Emerging Issues in Neuroscience
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Chicago, Illinois
May 6-7, 2008

AGENDA

DAY 1, May 6

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Mark S. Frankel (AAAS), Nicole Waters (NCSC), Ruth Hill Bro (ABA), Barbara
Rich (Dana Foundation)

9:00 a.m. Neuroanatomy, Neuroscience Methods and Technology
David Heeger, New York University, will provide an overview of the technologies
and methods used in brain research and what they can tell us.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Neuroscience in the Courts
Carter Snead, Notre Dame University School of Law, will review how the courts
view neuroscience evidence with respect to admissibility and use at trial and at post-
trial proceedings.

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. The Neuroscience of Addiction
Carlton Erickson, University of Texas-Austin, College of Pharmacy, will discuss
the neurobiological bases of addiction.

2:00 p.m. Adolescent Brain
Abigail Baird, Vassar College, will focus on how the brain develops and the ways in
which the adolescent brain differs from the adult brain.

3:15 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. The Neuroscience of Pain
Vania Apkarian, Northwestern University, will focus on what neuroscience
research can contribute to developing an objective basis for assessing pain.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

6:30 p.m. Group Dinner
DAY 2, May 7

8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.  The Neuroscience of Memory
Craig Stark, University of California, Irvine, will discuss the formation of memory and whether it may be possible to distinguish “true” memories from “false” ones.

10:15 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  Violence and the Brain
Emil Coccaro, University of Chicago, will discuss the neurobiological bases of violence.

11:45 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m.  Neuroscience of Deception
Craig Stark, University of California, Irvine, will discuss whether deception can be detected using imaging technology.

2:15 p.m.  Break

2:30 p.m.  Comatose, Vegetative, and Minimally Conscious States
Michael Williams, Brain and Spine Institute, Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, will describe the physiology of impaired states of consciousness.

3:45 p.m.  Closing comments and departing treats