

Elizabeth,

I have a suggestion regarding training. My suggestion is based upon my understanding of the law.....so if I am incorrect, please feel free to ignore it!

Recently, the possible punishments for 1<sup>st</sup> degree premeditated murder were reduced to death or natural life. No more 25 to life sentences (still available for felony murder though). It is my understanding that the USSC has previously held in other jurisdictions that if the alternative to death is natural life, then the jury is to be informed of that fact. I don't recall if it was mandatory or discretionary as to whether they would be told.

I would suggest a training on the subject of 1) proper jury instructions and 2) what are the defense arguments in those jurisdictions and how are they overcome. I would also suggest that the instructor be someone that has practiced under that type of scenario (perhaps Richard Wintory did so in OK).

Just one of those things that keep me awake at night, so I thought I would send you an email.

Thanks.

Dennis