

Innocent on Death Row



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**Thursday, October 5
12pm in the Parish Center**

Tickets to Saints Alive are \$12 in advance (by cash or check to The Parish of Saint Matthew) or online (via the link on our Website) or \$20 at the door. Guest of all ages are welcome! For more info: SaintsAlive@stmatthews.com.

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**INNOCENT ON DEATH ROW
PRESENTED BY JOHN H. SHARER
October 5, 2017 – 12:00pm**

Innocent people are often convicted of crimes that they did not commit. Have you wondered why that happens? Is this phenomenon limited to the Deep South? Have you questioned whether wrongly convicted defendants fit any kind of pattern? Has it puzzled you that, in a lot of cases, it has taken many years before an innocent person is freed? If so, your attention will be riveted on the presentation to be delivered by the pre-eminent trial lawyer, John H. Sharer, on October 5, 2017.

When the former chair of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Litigation Department agreed to represent a black, former Alabama State trooper on death row, having been convicted of killing his wife, he had not anticipated how daunting the task would be or the many years of his ongoing involvement that would be required. Join us on October 5th, and find out what happened during the ten years after Sharer and his colleagues answered the call of the Equal Justice Initiative, a public interest organization in Montgomery, Alabama.

John was born in England and came to this country when he was 18, having been a young boy during the London Blitz. During his first two years he lived Mississippi, then totally segregated. He has published two novels. The first is loosely based on his own experience in World War II and his father's service as a British officer commanding a camp of captured German and Italian Officers in North Africa. It is called '*Honor Knows No Borders*'. The second book is also fictional and also loosely based on his own experiences, this time in the segregated South. It is called '*The Cockney Lad and Jim Crow*'.

John was California State chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. An adjunct professor at Pepperdine Law School, he has taught trial advocacy for years. In 2017, he will be coaching the law school's trial teams in nationwide competitions.

You will learn more about John's impressive background when Ken Anderson, his former partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, introduces him at Saints Alive! on October 5, 2017.

For details about purchasing tickets to this event, please see the reverse.