# BEST PRACTICES IN POST-CONVICTION HABEAS: A STATE PERSPECTIVE

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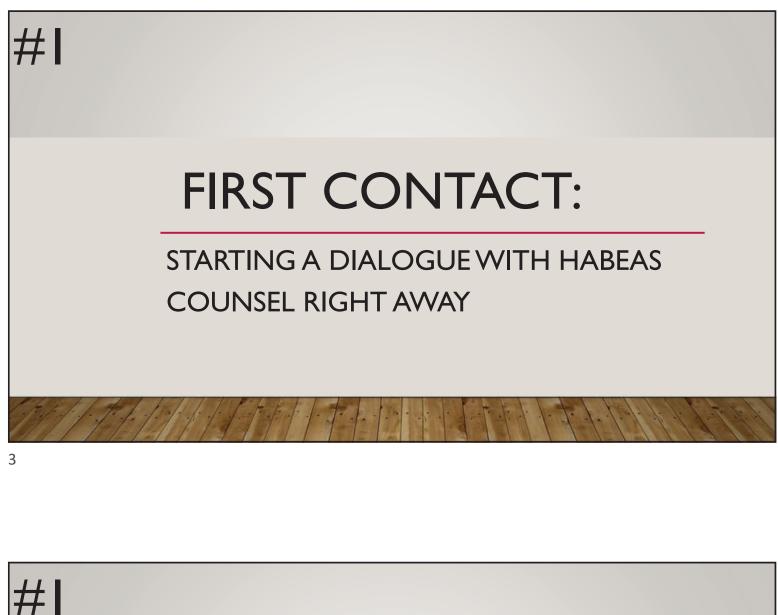
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#### TOP FIVE BEST PRACTICES FOR PROSECUTORS IN POST-CONVICTION

- I. First Contact
- 2. 39.14(k) and the on-going duty of discovery
- 3. The continuum of care for complaining witnesses and their families
- 4. The myths we tell ourselves about subsequent writs
- 5. The optics of a "general denial"

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### THINGS TO AVOID

- Alienating opposing counsel
- Close minded approach to claims or the case
- Ex parte communications with the court



## CONSIDERATIONS

- Does the defense community know what to expect, and do they have expectations, when dealing with your office post-conviction?
- What kind of leg work have they already done?
- How much assistance (if any) does your office want to offer?

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