



## **NEWS RELEASE:**

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### **The El Paso County Public Defender's Office Celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Landmark Supreme Court Case Gideon v. Wainwright**

The El Paso County Public Defender's Office will host an event celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright. The anniversary event is set to be held on Friday, March 17, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **third floor inside the Enrique Moreno County Courthouse**. A series of speakers will be present to discuss the legacy of the case and its ongoing impact on the justice system.

Gideon v. Wainwright was a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in March 1963, in which the Court ruled that the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution requires U.S. states to provide attorneys to criminal defendants who are unable to afford their own. This ruling led to the creation of public defender's offices in many states which were tasked to provide legal representation to indigent defendants in criminal cases and ensure everyone has access to a fair trial.

**WHAT:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright

**WHEN:** Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Enrique Moreno County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio St.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Elections Area (new location)**

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