

AGENDA<sup>1</sup>  
PARTNERS IN JUSTICE  
MAY 9, 2005

*9:45 A.M.–9:50 A.M.*

WELCOME BY HONORABLE ROBERT G. M. KEATING,  
DEAN, NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL INSTITUTE

*9:50 A.M.–10:00 A.M.*

REMARKS BY HONORABLE JUDITH S. KAYE,  
CHIEF JUDGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

*10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.*

OPENING PLENARY SESSION: THE CURRENT STATE OF OFFENDER RE-ENTRY  
AND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

This opening plenary session presented a brief history and a description of the current state of offender reentry and collateral consequences of criminal convictions. The focus of this colloquium was on a wide range of types of consequences that can result from a criminal conviction, including deportation, loss of voting rights, loss of employment, eviction from public housing, loss of financial aid for education, and removal of children from the home. The opening plenary set the stage for discussion of these topics while focusing on the broader systemic issues of access to justice and pro bono legal resources for the poor.

Moderator: Honorable Juanita Bing Newton, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives and Administrative Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York.

Panelists: Honorable Fern A. Fisher, Administrative Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York; Professor Gerald P. López, Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Center for Community Problem Solving,

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1. [Eds.: The agenda is included as a “road map” to this issue and also as a summary of the topics contained herein. It is reprinted here, with few edits by the editors of the *N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change*, as it appeared on the day of the event.]

New York University School of Law; Debbie A. Mukamal, Esq., Director, Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.

*11:45 A.M.–1:00 P.M.—PANELS*

**PANEL A—HOLISTIC LAWYERING: DOES HOLISTIC REPRESENTATION MAKE FOR GOOD POLICY, BETTER LAWYERS, AND MORE SATISFIED CLIENTS?**

This panel presentation considered the development of holistic approaches that cut across traditional subject matter areas of practice.

Panelists: Honorable Sharon S. Townsend, Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District; Professor Anthony C. Thompson, Professor of Clinical Law, New York University School of Law; Robin G. Steinberg, Esq., Executive Director, The Bronx Defenders.

**PANEL B—THE EFFICACY OF UNBUNDLING LEGAL SERVICES**

This discussion focused on the benefits and risks of “unbundling,” the process of breaking down the multiple roles of an attorney into smaller simpler groups of tasks in order to make courts and legal services more accessible to more people.

Panelists: Honorable Fern A. Fisher, Administrative Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York; Professor Bruce A. Green, Louis Stein Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law; Andrew A. Scherer, Esq., Executive Director and President, Legal Services for New York City.

**PANEL C—“CIVIL GIDEON”: THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND ITS ABSENCE**

This panel discussion focused on the many issues surrounding the right to counsel and the areas in which improvements can be made to meet the legal needs of the poor in civil as well as criminal courts.

Panelists: Honorable Jean T. Schneider, Civil Court of the City of New York, Housing Part; Professor Mary A. Lynch, Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director, Clinical Legal Studies Program, Albany Law School; David S. Udell, Esq., Director, Poverty Program, Brennan Center For Justice at New York University School of Law.

1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

WORKING LUNCH: PLENARY SESSION ON SELECTED TOPICS ON OFFENDER  
REENTRY AND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES

Speakers:

Professor Conrad A. Johnson, Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia University School of Law, *Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Conviction on Access to Public Housing*.

Manuel D. Vargas, Esq., Director, Immigrant Defense Project, New York State Defenders Association, and Adjunct Professor of Law, City University of New York School of Law, *Immigration Consequences of Guilty Pleas or Convictions*.

Paul N. Samuels, Esq., Director and President, Legal Action Center, *The Employment Consequences Raised by Criminal Convictions*.

Honorable Phylis Skloot Bamberger, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, *Federal Sentencing Enhancements, Mandatory Surcharges and Fees, and the Sex Offender Registration Act*.

2:30 P.M.—3:15 P.M.—BREAKOUT SESSIONS

These small group breakout sessions examined the collateral consequences of criminal convictions to identify ways that the judiciary, law school clinical programs, and the practicing bar can collaborate in improving indigent representation and accessibility to the courts.

*Housing*

Facilitators: Honorable Rolando T. Acosta, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County; Professor Conrad A. Johnson, Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia Law School; Marie A. Richardson, Esq., Managing Attorney, Civil Division, The Legal Aid Society.

*Immigration*

Facilitators: Honorable Cheryl E. Chambers, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County; Professor Gemma Solimene, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law; Manuel D. Vargas, Esq., Director, Immigrant Defense Project, New York State Defenders Association, and Adjunct Professor of Law, City University of New York School of Law.

*Employment*

Facilitators: Honorable Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Queens County; Professor Arlene S. Kanter, Director of Clinical Legal Education, Syracuse University College of Law; Paul N. Samuels, Esq., Director and President, Legal Action Center.

*Federal Sentencing Enhancements, Mandatory Surcharges and Fees, and the Sex Offender Registration Act*

Facilitators: Honorable Phylis Skloot Bamberger, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County; Professor Stacy Caplow, Professor of Law and Director, Clinical Education Program, Brooklyn Law School; Florian Miedel, Esq., Federal Defender Division, The Legal Aid Society.

3:30 P.M.–4:15 P.M.

WRAP-UP SESSION: IDEAS EMERGING FROM AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS FOR STRATEGIES FOR COLLABORATIONS AMONG THE JUDICIARY, LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL PROGRAMS, AND THE PRACTICING BAR ON ISSUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

This session featured a panel consisting of representatives of each of the four afternoon breakout sessions (Housing; Immigration; Employment; and Federal Sentencing Enhancements, Mandatory Surcharges and Fees, and the Sex Offender Registration Act).

Moderator: Professor Randy Hertz, Director, Clinical and Advocacy Programs, New York University School of Law.

**PART ONE:**  
**THE CURRENT STATE OF OFFENDER REENTRY AND  
THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL  
CONVICTIONS**

