

The Price of Freedom: The Prejudicial Effects of the Cash Bail System

Location: Loyola Broadway Campus, 526 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA

Date: February 15th, 2019

Time: 9:00am- 5:30pm

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9:00 am to 9:15 am
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Welcome Introduction: Dean Madeleine Landrieu

Joel George, Community Advisory Group

Amber McMillan, JPIL Editor in Chief

Estefania Reichard, JPIL Symposium Editor

9:15 am to 9:30 am
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Student Dialogue 1: A Discussion on the Familial Impact of the Bail System

Student Interviewer: Caitlin Newswanger

Alfred Marshall, STAND

9:30 am to 10:45 am
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Panel 1: Origins and Impact of Money Bail

This panel, with perspectives from community and the public and private defense bar, provides historical context of money bail in New Orleans and a brief primer on bail/bond operations. Panelists will assess both the systemic and individual impacts of contemporary cash bail practices in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a specific focus on the ethical issues for lawyers representing detained clients.

Moderator: Andrea Armstrong, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Panelist: Derwyn, Bunton, Orleans Public Defenders

Flozell Daniels, Foundation for Louisiana

Sam Winston, Law Office of Sam Winston

11:00 am to 11:15 am
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Student Dialogue 2: A Discussion on the Impact of the Bail System on Undocumented Individuals

Student Interviewer: Estefania Reichard

Chloe Sigal, Congress Day of Laborers/ Congreso de Jornaleros

11:15 am to 12:30 pm
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Panel 2: Challenges and Opportunities for Reform

Panelists will discuss the current reform efforts in New Orleans, including the recent federal court decision finding the New Orleans bail provisions unconstitutional and the recent implementation of pre-trial safety assessments to guide judicial bail decisions, in light of efforts nationwide to end money bail.

Moderator: Bill Quigley, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Panelist: John Adcock, Civil Rights Attorney

Sarah Schirmer, PFM Consulting LLC

D. Majeeda Snead, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

12:30 pm to 1:45 pm
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Lunch & Keynote Address

Syrita Steib-Martin, Operation Restoration

1:45 pm to 2:00 pm
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Student Dialogue 3: A Discussion on the Impact of the Bail System on Minors Prosecuted as Adults

Student Interviewer: Kelly Gismondi

Sarah Omojola, Welcome Project

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
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Panel 3: New Orleans' Bail System Moving Forward

Money bail is not a standalone issue, but rather part of a broader criminal system. This panel examines the links between bail (and bail reform efforts) and other features of our criminal legal system. From equitable and just financing of criminal courts to regulating the bail bonds industry to a deeper disruption of the criminal legal system, panelists will discuss how bail reform efforts can contribute to broader systemic change.

Moderator: Johanna Kalb, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Panelist: Ameca Reali, New Orleans Alliance for Equity and Justice

Beth Sgro, Orleans Public Defenders

Jon Wool, VERA Institute

3:45 pm to 4:30 pm
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Panel 4: Community Dialogue with Councilmember Jason Williams

Leaders from the Community Advisory Group to the New Orleans Safety and Justice Challenge will engage in an informal conversation about the challenges and opportunities for bail reform with Councilmember Jason Williams. This open conversation will draw on the day's discussion as well as questions submitted by community members.

Community Interviewers: Liz Elliot, Community Advisory Group
Joel George, Community Advisory Group

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
TBA

Closing Reception