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On Friday, November 18th, 2005, from 8:30 AM–2:00 PM, the University of Maryland School of Law will host a working conference that will bring together various community stakeholders – including public defenders, prosecutors, legal services attorneys, legislative advocates, corrections personnel, reentry service providers and representatives from various community groups – to brainstorm the myriad issues surrounding the reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals into Maryland’s communities. Specifically, the conference will focus on the intersection between the collateral consequences of criminal convictions and reentry.

This is a particularly urgent time for this conference, as approximately 9,600 individuals are released from Maryland’s prisons annually, as these individuals disproportionately return to under-resourced communities and as numerous groups in Maryland are working on reentry issues. The vast majority of these individuals confront numerous reentry-related hurdles, many of which are imposed by the collateral legal sanctions that attach to criminal convictions. These sanctions, rooted in both federal and state law, include temporary and permanent ineligibility for public or government-assisted housing and federal student aid; various employment related restrictions; disqualification from military service; civic disqualifications including felon disenfranchisement and ineligibility for jury service; and, for non-citizens, deportation.

As a result, issues relating to reentry are complex and interrelated, as they range from sentencing policies, conditions of confinement, coordinated criminal/civil legal services, public benefits, housing, employment, child custody/support and civil rights. This complexity demands flexible and multifaceted strategies.

Among the topics that will be discussed at the conference are: struggles that recently released individuals confront during the reentry process in Maryland; potential ways for legal services providers, both at the front and back ends of the criminal justice system, to address some of these issues; the ways in which various correctional and community-based programs in Maryland have addressed reentry issues; potential legislative strategies aimed towards recognizing the interconnections between collateral consequences and reentry; and an overview of steps taken in other states to address these issues.

The goal of the conference is to devise strategies and to reveal potential synergies among legal and non-legal organizations for holistically exploring and working through these issues together. To help achieve this goal, the conference will conclude with lunch that will feature a keynote address aimed to foster ideas for collaboration.
AGENDA & SPEAKERS

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Panel I – *An Overview of the Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions*

Panel II – *Post-Release Struggles*

Panel III – *Legal Services and Reentry: The Role of State’s Attorneys, Public Defenders and Legal Services Programs*

Panel IV – *Correctional Programs, Community-Based Programs and Reentry*

Panel V – *Reentry and Reform: Developing a Legislative Agenda*

Lunch – Keynote Speaker, Professor Anthony C. Thompson

SPEAKERS

Tara Andrews (Director, Justice Maryland)

Rebecca Bowman-Rivas (Clinical Instructor and Social Work Supervisor, University of Maryland School of Law)

Tammy M. Brown, Esq. (Executive Director, Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council)

Darroll Cribb (featured on 60 Minutes segment highlighting reentry in Baltimore City)

Paul DeWolfe (District Public Defender, Montgomery County)

Leon Faruq (CEO, Respect Outreach Center)

Glenn F. Ivey (State’s Attorney, Prince George’s County)

Shirley Jackson (T.A.P. Graduate)

Patricia C. Jessamy (State’s Attorney, Baltimore City)

Brother Ellsworth Johnson-Bey (Founder, Fraternal Order of Ex-Offenders)

Hannah Lieberman (Deputy Director, Legal Aid Bureau)

Margaret Colgate Love (Chair, ABA Task Force on Collateral Sanctions; Pardon Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, 1990-1997)

Felix Mata (Project Manager, Baltimore’s Citywide Ex-offender Initiative; Executive Director, Governor’s Advisory Counsel on Offender Employment Coordination)

Kevin Moreno (Program Manager, Jobs Opportunities Task Force)

Dianne Pasternack (Executive Director, Homeless Persons Representation Project)

Michael Pinard (Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Law)

Mary Ann Saar (Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Anthony C. Thompson (Professor of Clinical Law, New York University School of Law)
**DIRECTIONS AND PARKING**
From I-95 take route 395 (downtown Baltimore) and exit on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Turn right at fourth traffic light onto Baltimore St. Turn left at second traffic light onto Paca St. Go 1/4 block and turn right into the Baltimore Grand Garage at 5 N. Paca St. The law school is directly across the street from the garage, at the corner of Paca and Baltimore Streets. Parking fees are the responsibility of the participants.

**FOOD SERVICE**
Registration includes a continental breakfast and luncheon.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**
If you require special accommodations to attend or participate, please provide information about your requirements to Lu Ann Marshall at 410-706-4128 (1-800-735-2258 TTY/Voice) at least five business days in advance.

**QUESTIONS**
For questions related to the Conference, please contact Michael Pinard at 410-706-4121 or mpinard@law.umaryland.edu. For questions about registration, please contact Lu Ann Marshall at 410-706-4128 or lmarshal@law.umaryland.edu.
REGISTRATION FORM

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