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**PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS:
A CONVERSATION
WITH THE EXPERTS**

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Keynote Address by

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and

Three Panel Discussions

Problem solving courts are alternative court structures that aim to solve the underlying problem of the criminal, civil, or juvenile offense. Some examples are adult and juvenile drug courts, mental health courts, prostitution courts, truancy courts, unified family courts, and community courts. The mission of these problem solving courts is to improve the offender's life and better the community by emphasizing rehabilitation and implementing multi-pronged solutions. However, problem solving courts are not without critics, who question the effectiveness of the courts and express due process as well as ethical concerns.

Please join us for a wide-ranging conversation with an array of local practitioners and national experts on the past, present, and future role of problem solving courts in our judicial system.

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