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The Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution
invites you to:

Melnick Symposium 2023
**The Future of the Criminal Legal System: How Should a
Multidoor Criminal Courthouse Operate?**

Friday, October 27, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Jacob Burns Moot Court Room

As the push for criminal legal reform continues around the world and the impact of progressive prosecutors or bail reform is still being unpacked, the future of the criminal legal system is up for debate. Much like the creation of the multidoor civil courthouse—with options for negotiation, mediation, and other processes—what should a multidoor criminal courthouse look like in the future? How should evolving processes of restorative justice, problem solving courts, diversion sentencing, bail reform, and plea bargaining be structured and integrated in the future? What should the role of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, crime victims, defendants and the public be in this new future? This symposium will present a variety of papers addressing the issue of the future criminal legal system with an eye toward more effective system design and problem-solving for all players.

There is no charge to attend this event. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Information on CLE Credit: *This program is approved for 2.5 transitional/non-transitional New York State CLE credits in the category “Skills” and 1.5 transitional/non-transitional New York State CLE credits in the category “Areas of Professional Practice.” To receive CLE credits for a panel, you must attend that part of the program “live.” We cannot award CLE credits for watching a recorded version of any part of this program.*

PROGRAM AGENDA:

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration/Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - Welcome & Introduction, CJCR Editor in Chief Daniel Kim, Professor Andrea K. Schneider
- 9:30 a.m. - Innovations in Plea Bargaining
 - Moderator: Jessica Roth (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law)
 - Prosecutor Initiated Review of Sentences
 - Presenters: Kay Levine (Emory University School of Law) Ron Wright (Wake Forest University School of Law)
 - Commenters: Justin Murray (New York Law School), Kyron Huigens (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law) & Amy Schmitz (Moritz College of Law - The Ohio State University)
 - Lessons from Plea Bargaining in Homicide Cases
 - Presenter: Michael O’Hear (Marquette University Law School)
 - Commenters: Ron Wright (Wake Forest University School of Law), Bennett Capers (Fordham University School of Law) & Tali Gal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 11:00 a.m. - Break
- 11:10 a.m. - Innovations in Plea Bargaining II
 - Moderator: Jonathan Oberman (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law)
 - Opening the Virtual Window: How On-Line Processes Could Increase Access to Justice in the Criminal Legal System
 - Presenters: Cynthia Alkon (Texas A&M University School of Law) & Amy Schmitz (Moritz College of Law - The Ohio State University)
 - Commenters: Elayne Greenberg (St. John's University School of Law), Hadar Dancig-Rosenberg (Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law) & Erin Collins (University of Richmond School of Law)
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Keynote Address

- Courtney Bryan, Executive Director, Center for Justice Innovation
- 2:00 p.m. - Break
- 2:15 p.m. - Problem-Solving Courts
 - Moderator: Andrea Schneider (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law)
 - Success Stories in Community Courts: Listening to Participant Voices
 - Presenters: Tali Gal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) & Hadar Dancig-Rosenberg (Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law)
 - Commenters: Alma Magaña (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law), Michael O’Hear (Marquette University Law School) & Amanda Berman (Center for Justice Innovation; Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law)
 - Beyond Problem Solving Courts
 - Presenter: Erin Collins (University of Richmond School of Law)
 - Commenters: Emmanuel Arnaud (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law), Kathryn Miller (Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law) & Kay Levine (Emory University School of Law)
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks