

Diversion: Best Practices to Ensure Fairness, Conserve Public Funds and Enhance Public Safety

A Criminal Justice Section CLE Program

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Program: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

*Royal Sonesta Hotel
Teche/Belle Grove, Second Floor
300 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA*

Nationwide experts in pretrial services will identify potential policy and programming reforms, and examine the current diversion reform efforts in New Orleans. Panelists will discuss the challenges in implementing a fair, safe, and accountable system of pretrial justice, debate the benefits of pre-plea vs. post-plea programs and discuss diversion's impact on public safety, public funds and reducing recidivism and racial disparity.

Moderator

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