The School-to-Prison Pipeline: What Are the Problems? What Are the Solutions?

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In conjunction with the Section of Litigation Annual Conference 2015 (April 15-16)
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, LS 405, 526 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA
Town Hall 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Joint Reception 5-7 pm
Cocktails for a Cause to Benefit SUFEO (Stand Up for Each Other)

The School-to-Prison Pipeline” has become shorthand for the continuing failures in the education system where students of color disproportionately are over- or incorrectly categorized in special education, are disciplined more harshly, achieve at lower levels, and eventually drop or are pushed out of school, often into juvenile justice facilities and prisons. Join us along with bar leaders, leaders interested in implicit bias and its ramifications for disproportionality in education, and experts who have developed successful programs and projects across the country. The goal of the Forum is to bring together a national gathering of key entities and organizations to recognize ongoing research and programmatic intervention and to develop an action plan to address the components of the school-to-prison pipeline dilemma. This is a critical opportunity for organizations and individuals who are interested in developing a collaborative plan of action. You will not want to miss this opportunity to participate in this dynamic Forum.

Speakers (including both panel and from the floor)
Christopher Bowman, Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office
Jerel Bryant, Carver Collegiate Academy, New Orleans
Nancy Degan, Chair ABA Section of Litigation, Welcome
Robert Garda, Professor, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Moderator
The Honorable Ernestine S. Gray, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
Eden Heilman, Director, Southern Poverty Law Center
Rosa K. Hirji, Attorney & Co-Chair, ABA Section of Litigation Children’s Rights Litigation Committee
Diane Holt, Attorney, Columbia, SC
Rahsaan Ishon, Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children

The Honorable Joseph B. Landry, City of New Orleans Municipal Court

María Pabón López, Dean, Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law

Jason P. Nance, Levin College of Law, University of Florida

Devan Petersen, Foster Youth Advocate, New Orleans

Dana Peterson, Deputy Superintendent of External Affairs, Recovery School District, New Orleans

Sarah Redfield, Professor of Law, Co-Chair ABA Joint Task Force Reversing the School to Prison Pipeline, Moderator

Student Leaders and Students, SUFEO, Stand Up For Each Other, New Orleans

Rosie Washington, Executive Director, Micah Project, New Orleans

Gina Womack, Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children

Other participants from the audience: We invite others engaged with this issue to ask questions, offer insights, and showcase their programs. Please bring any publications you and please plan to stay for the reception and continue networking.

AND we will be hosting a showing of the incredible We Are All Criminals project; creator Emily Baxter, Fellow, University of Minnesota Law Robina Institute of Criminal Criminal Justice will be there to share this important work.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN ABA MEMBER TO ATTEND & THERE IS NO COST FOR THE TOWN HALL, but we do ask that you register so we can plan. More info or register with Sharris Davis Interim Program Assistant to Rachel Patrick, Director ABA Coalition on Racial & Ethnic Justice, (312) 988-5409, Sharris.Davis@americanbar.org; or Register directly at www.loyno.edu/cle

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