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**What is the Criminal Justice System’s Role in Ending Homelessness?**

Thursday, August 8, 2013 • 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
St. Regis San Francisco • Impressionist I/II, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, CA

Communities across the country are grappling with strategies to address the problems presented by people with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues living on the streets—including veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI and other injuries. Some communities are frustrated when "chronically homeless people" appear to refuse offers of housing treatment, and/or service and as a result, criminalization efforts are implemented. Cities across the country have passed laws and implemented initiatives aimed at moving people from the streets, and advocates have responded with litigation. So, is the traditional criminal justice system an effective use of resources to move people off of the streets? What about collateral consequences? Some advocates and service providers question the use of the criminal justice system at all, while others think commitment is a more humane response for some people with severe mental illness. This program will highlight the myriad legal issues involved when communities seek to address the problem of street homelessness among people with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. Panelists will include a broad spectrum of perspectives in an effort to generate a constructive dialogue on best practices and effective strategies to end homelessness for the population that is most difficult to serve.

**Moderator:**
Paul Freese, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA

**Panelists:**
Karin Flood, Union Square Business Improvement District, San Francisco, CA
Kristen Growney Yamamoto, GLIDE Foundation, San Francisco, CA
Hon. Stephen Manley, State of California Superior Court, San Jose, CA
Kerry Morrison, Hollywood Property Owners Alliance, Hollywood, CA
John Robert Unruh, Swords to Plowshares, San Francisco, CA
Hon. Garrett Wong, State of California Superior Court, San Francisco, CA

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