

Friday, April 20, 2018

DINNER TALK: THE FUTURE OF NEWS

Carol Costello, Anchor, CNN

Michael Waterstone, Fritz B. Burns Dean and Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

The American public learns about the work of the federal courts mostly through the media. Does the lens change when the media have themselves become the story? Keynote speaker and CNN Anchor Carol Costello joins Loyola Dean Michael Waterstone to discuss the work of news professionals in the modern media environment, and the presentation of and impact on the justice system. This discussion will include a discussion of the role of the press with a polarized public, story selection, the drive for accuracy and accountability, and the impact of social media — and will devote particular attention to the benefits and challenges of reporting on the work of the courts.

Saturday, April 21, 2018

PANEL: THE FUTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Sean Kennedy, Kaplan Feldman Executive Director of the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy and Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

Laurie Levenson, David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy and Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

This panel features a former federal prosecutor who now directs the Loyola Innocence Project, and the former federal public defender for the Central District of California who now directs Loyola's Center for Juvenile Law and Policy. Together, they will explore pressing issues of criminal law and criminal procedure, and those likely to confront federal courts in the next few years. Topics for this presentation include: newest developments in Fourth Amendment law, including standing issues, warrantless searches, and use of cellphone technology; guilty pleas and their effect on future proceedings; federal marijuana prosecutions after Proposition 64, and the federal death penalty for drug kingpins; the "cimmigration" of federal law and the impact of sanctuary cities; Brady responsibilities in light of California's new ethical rules for prosecutors and Pitchess litigation; developments in interrogation law; and another look at ineffective assistance of counsel claims.

PANEL: A ROUNDUP OF SUPREME COURT DECISIONS, RECENT AND FORTHCOMING

Aaron Caplan, Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

Justin Levitt, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

This panel will review some of the more broadly significant cases of the 2018 Supreme Court Term, including pending cases awaiting opinion at the time of the conference, tracing transsubstantive jurisprudential threads of the Justices where possible. This discussion will also look to the future, flagging cert. petitions of interest and offering thoughts about issues bubbling up in the states and circuits that the Court may be inclined to take up in the near future.

LUNCH PANEL: THE FUTURE OF LEGAL APPROACHES TO DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX

Priscilla Ocen, Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

Anna Park, Regional Attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Lora Silverman, Partner, Ross and Silverman LLP

The #metoo moment has brought a remarkable amount of renewed public salience to the issue of sexual harassment and sex discrimination. This panel will explore the ways in which that prominence has or has not been reflected in the law or legal practice, including modes of investigation, evidentiary challenges, and procedural concerns less usual in the public square. The panel will also touch on the wide world of the law of discrimination based on sex beyond the core of #metoo, including perspectives from analysts, employers, and agencies. These topics may include: the wage gap, pregnancy discrimination, protections for LGBT individuals, discrimination against immigrant women and women of color, harassment on campuses, and discrimination against women in the criminal justice system.

DINNER TALK: JUDICIAL SELECTION AND INDEPENDENCE: A VIEW FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Gary Williams, Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Chair in Civil Rights and Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

The Hon. Neil Eggleston, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Professor Gary Williams, longtime member of Senator Barbara Boxer's merit selection committee for judicial nominations, will introduce keynote speaker Neil Eggleston, who served for two and a half years as the White House Counsel. The presentation will focus on the judicial selection, nomination, and confirmation process, from the perspective of the highest echelons of the Executive branch. The presentation will also discuss the implications for judicial independence of different approaches to the judicial selection process, and other ways in which the Executive branch may interact with the judiciary in a role beyond "litigant."