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COMMISSION ON RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Re-Imagining the Criminal Justice System

Where We Were
What We've Done
What's Next?

Thursday, June 15th, 2023
8:30 am. – 4:00 pm.

University of Connecticut School of Law William F.
Starr Hall | 55 Elizabeth Street, Hartford

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8:30-9:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION**

9:00-9:10 a.m. **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

The Honorable Lubbie Harper, Jr., Chair, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System

9:30-10:15 a.m. **KEYNOTE: HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**

Dr. Lorenzo Boyd, Stewart Professorship in Criminal Justice and Community Policing, University of New Haven

10:15-10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30-11:45 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS I**

Session 1: Diversifying Criminal Justice Organizations: Strategies and Challenges

Panelists will discuss the steps their organizations have taken to diversify their agencies, challenges they have faced, and the effectiveness of those actions. They will also address ongoing efforts, goals, and their vision for the future.

Moderator:

- **Troy Brown**, Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, CT Judicial Branch

Panel Members:

- **Gail P. Hardy**, Executive Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State's Attorney
- **Brian Hill, M.S.**, Executive Director, Administrative Services, Connecticut Judicial Branch, Office of the Chief State's Attorney
- **John J. Russotto**, Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State's Attorney

Session 2: Wellness for Criminal Justice Professionals

Presenters will share lessons learned from leading initiatives aimed at instilling wellness and safety programs to alleviate police officer stress in the Danbury Police Department. Participants should leave with practical strategies they could employ to cope with the stress and vicarious trauma of working in the criminal justice field.

Presenters:

- **Edward C. Keane, Ph.D.**, Consultant
- **Chief Patrick Ridenhour, M.S.**, Danbury Police Department

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Session 3: Bail Reform: Are We Making Progress? Efforts and Current Status

In this breakout session presenters will provide the background of Connecticut's efforts to reform our bail system and discuss current issues. Panelists will review what other states have done, summarize the changes that have been achieved in Connecticut, and discuss the issues that have prevented more comprehensive change.

Moderator:

- **Alex Tsarkov, M.P.P., J.D.**, Executive Director, Connecticut Sentencing Commission

Panel Members:

- **Charles E. Green, Jr. Esq.**, Senior Assistant Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District
- **Kevin D. Lawlor**, Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice
- **Michael P. Lawlor, J.D.**, Associate Professor, University of New Haven
- **Gary A. Roberge**, Executive Director, Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

11:45-12:45 p.m. **LUNCH**

Presentation - What We've Done

Review of significant changes to Connecticut's criminal justice system over the past 15–20 years, including a review of the Police Accountability law.

Presenter:

- **Michael P. Lawlor, J.D.**, Associate Professor, University of New Haven

12:45-2:00 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS II**

Session 4: Law Enforcement Developments

This breakout session will begin with a brief presentation highlighting the recommendations of both groups. A moderated discussion with task force members and police leaders will focus on the impact of these reforms and what is still left to accomplish.

Moderator:

- **Attorney Preston Tisdale**, Task Force Member, CT Bar Association Policing Task Force

Panel Members:

- **Ken Barone**, Associate Director, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy
- **Margaret Castinado**, President-Elect, Connecticut Bar Association
- **Chief John "Jack" Drumm**, Madison Police Department
- **Chief Patrick Ridenhour**, Danbury Police Department

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