

Juries and Lay Participation: American Perspectives and Global Trends

Friday, October 10, 2014

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** - Lobby

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. **Introduction** - Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Courtroom

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Challenges to Juror Bias

Neil Vidmar, Russell M. Robinson, II Professor of Law & Professor of Psychology, Duke University School of Law and

Catherine Grosso, Associate Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law

Barbara O'Brien, Associate Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law

Nancy Marder, Professor of Law and Director of the Justice John Paul Stevens Jury Center, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

Moderator: Joan Steinman, Distinguished Professor of Law, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break** - entryway to Marovitz Courtroom

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. The Jury as a Political Institution

Jeffrey Abramson, Professor of Government & Professor of Law,

School of Law, University of Texas at Austin

Robert Burns, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law Mary Rose, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

Richard Lempert, Eric Stein Distinguished University Professor of Law & Sociology Emeritus, University of Michigan Law School

Moderator: Christopher Schmidt, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. **Luncheon** - Event Room (10th Floor)

Keynote Speaker: Judge James F. Holderman (United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois), "Maximizing Jurors' Understanding"

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. **Practices and Innovations: A Cross-Country Exchange**

Valerie P. Hans, *Professor of Law, Cornell Law School*Marie Comiskey, *Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies*and Public Prosecution Service of Canada

Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, Professor, College of Social Science, School of

Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Professor of Law, University of Dayton School of Law

Moderator: David Gerber, Distinguished Professor of Law & Co-Director, International & Comparative Law Program, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. **Coffee Break** - entryway to Marovitz Courtroom

3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Lawyers, Judges & Jurors: Practitioners' Perspectives

Judge Matthew Kennelly, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois* (federal judge)

Richard Kling, Clinical Professor of Law, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (defense attorney)

Bruce Kohen, *Anesi Ozmon Rodin Novak & Kohen Ltd.* (*Retired*) (plaintiff's attorney)

James Matsumoto (former jury foreperson, first Blagojevich jury trial) Alan Tuerkheimer, *Senior Litigation Communication Expert, Zagnoli McEvoy Foley LLC* (jury consultant)

Moderator: David Erickson, Senior Instructor of Law, Associate Director of the Trial Advocacy Program, Director, Criminal Litigation Program, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (former state court judge)

4:15 - 4:25 p.m. **Concluding Thoughts**

4:30 p.m. **Reception** - Event Room (10th Floor)