

From Bloodsworth to Today: Wrongful Convictions in Maryland

Thursday, September 29, 2016

12th floor

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration and boxed lunches

12 - 12:30 p.m.

Welcoming remarks

Michele Nethercott, director, University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic

Shawn Armbrust, executive director, Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

12:30 - 1 p.m.

Remarks from Maryland exonerees

Malcolm Bryant, Sabein Burgess and Demetrius Smith

Moot Courtroom, garden level

1 - 2 p.m.

The Legislative Response to Wrongful Convictions

Sen. Delores G. Kelley, District 10, Baltimore County

Sen. Catherine E. Pugh, District 40, Baltimore City

Del. Ereik L. Barron, District 24, Prince George's County

Moderator: Rebecca Brown, director of policy, Innocence Project

2 - 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Litigating Innocence Cases: The Defense Perspective

Booth Ripke, Nathans & Biddle LLP

Don Salzman, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Steve Mercer, Forensics Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender

Moderator: Michele Nethercott, director, University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic

3:45 - 4 p.m.

Break

4 - 5:30 p.m.

Litigating Innocence Cases: The Prosecutor's Perspective

Michael N. Herring, commonwealth's attorney, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Richmond, Va.

Thiru Vignarajah, Maryland deputy attorney general

Karen Polis, assistant state's attorney, Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County

Moderator: John Hollway, executive director, Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, University of Pennsylvania Law School

5:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Closing remarks

Shawn Armbrust, executive director, Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

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Fundraiser to follow: Support the Maryland Expert Fund

A reception and fundraiser for the **Maryland Expert Fund** will feature special guest **Laura Nirider** from *Making a Murderer*.

Tickets required