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**JUDICIAL SYMPOSIUM ON USING THE LAW AND  
ECONOMICS TO REFORM THE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE: THEORY, EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE, AND SOME  
APPLICATIONS**

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**DECEMBER 9 – 11, 2015**

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Wednesday, December 9

Turnberry Isle Miami Resort,  
All Sessions

<div>6:00 PM – 7:00 PM</div> <div>REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION</div> <div>Garden Foyer</div>	
<div>7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</div> <div>DINNER</div> <div>Cascata Pool</div>	<div>WELCOME</div> <div>TODD J. ZYWICKI</div> <div>Executive Director, Law &amp; Economics Center and George Mason University Foundation</div> <div>Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law</div>

**HOTEL & CLASSES:** Turnberry Isle Miami Resort, 19999 West Country Club Drive, Aventura, FL 31180

Thursday, December 10

Turnberry Isle Miami Resort,  
Garden Room, All Sessions

<b>7:00 AM – 7:50 AM</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b> <i>Magnolia Courtyard</i>	
<b>8:00 AM – 8:15 AM</b> <b>CONFERENCE</b> <b>INTRODUCTION AND</b> <b>OVERVIEW</b>	<b>TODD J. ZYWICKI</b>
<b>8:15 AM – 9:15 AM</b> <b>ARE CRIMINALS</b> <b>RATIONAL ACTORS?</b>	<b>DANIEL D. POLSBY</b> Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law
<b>9:30 AM – 10:45 AM</b> <b>THE ECONOMICS</b> <b>OF CRIME AND</b> <b>PUNISHMENT</b>	<b>JONATHAN KLICK</b> Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School
<b>11:00 AM – 12:30 PM</b> <b>EMPIRICAL WORK</b> <b>ON CRIME AND</b> <b>PUNISHMENT</b>	<b>JONATHAN KLICK</b>

Thursday, December 10

Turnberry Isle Miami Resort,  
Garden Room, All Sessions

**12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**LUNCHEON KEYNOTE**

*Magnolia Courtyard*

**THE ECONOMICS OF PRISON GANGS**

**DAVID SKARBEEK**

Senior Lecturer in Political Economy and Undergraduate Exam Board Chair, Department of Political Economy, King's College London

**2:15 PM – 3:45 PM**  
**OVERCRIMINALIZATION:  
AN ECONOMIC  
PERSPECTIVE**

**PAUL J. LARKIN**

Senior Legal Research Fellow, Center for Legal & Judicial Studies, The Heritage Foundation

**ELLEN S. PODGOR**

Gary R. Trombley Family White-Collar Crime Research Professor and Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law

**PAUL H. ROBINSON**

Colin S. Diver Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School

**JAY STEPHENS**

Chairman, Legal Policy Advisory Board, Washington Legal Foundation

**MODERATOR: DANIEL D. POLSBY**

**Reading Assignments:** Paul J. Larkin, Jr., "Public Choice Theory and Overcriminalization", *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, Vol. 36

Ellen S. Podgor and Lucian E. Dervan, "'White Collar Crime': Still Hazy After All These Years", *Georgia Law Review*, Vol. 50, No. 3, 2016 Forthcoming

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**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**  
**PROSECUTORIAL**  
**DISCRETION**

**R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA**

Dean, Florida International University Law

**MEGAN F. CHANEY**

Associate Professor of Law, Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova  
Southeastern University

**ROBERT FROMMER**

Attorney, Institute for Justice

**KATHLEEN M. RIDOLFI**

Professor of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, Co-Founder and  
Former Director, Northern California Innocence Project

**WILLIAM N. SHEPHERD**

Partner, Holland & Knight LLP

**MODERATOR: DENNIS M. BLACK**

Acting Director of Education, Law & Economics Center

**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**RECEPTION**

*Laguna Pool*



Friday, December 11

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Garden Room, All Sessions

<div>7:00 AM – 7:50 AM</div> <div>BREAKFAST</div> <div>Magnolia Courtyard</div>	
<div>8:00 AM – 9:30 AM</div> <div>PRETRIAL DECISION- MAKING</div>	<div>MATT ALSDORF</div> <div>Director of Criminal Justice, Laura and John Arnold Foundation</div> <div>MARIE VANNOSTRAND</div> <div>Justice Project Manager, Luminosity</div> <div>MICHAEL WILSON</div> <div>Associate, Justice System Partners</div>
<div>9:30 AM – 10:00 AM</div> <div>BREAK, CHECK OUT OF HOTEL – CHECK BAGS</div>	

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Friday, December 11

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**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**  
**INCARCERATION AND**  
**ALTERNATIVES**

**JAMIE ALLEN**

Public Protection Coordinator, Louisville Criminal Justice Commission

**LISA DAUGAARD**

Interim Deputy Director, King County Department of Public Defense

**ALEXES HARRIS**

Associate Professor, University of Washington

**Reading Assignments:** Alexes Harris, Heather Evans and Katherine Beckett, "Courtesy Stigma and Monetary Sanctions: Toward a Socio-Cultural Theory of Punishments", *American Sociological Review* 2011 76: 234

Alexes Harris, Heather Evans, and Katherine Beckett, "Drawing Blood from Stones: Legal Debt and Social Inequality in the Contemporary United States", *American Journal of Sociology* Volume 115 Number 6 (May 2010)

Alexes Harris, "The Cruel Poverty of Monetary Sanctions", *The Society Pages* (July 2014)

**11:30 AM**  
**ADJOURN**