



Reining in Mandatory Minimums: Perspectives from both sides of the “V”

This CLE Event is Presented by:

The Federal Bar Council & **The Center on the Administration of Criminal Law**

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2013

Time: 5:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Location: Greenberg Lounge, Vanderbilt Hall, New York University School of Law, 40 Washington Square South (between McDougal and Sullivan Street), New York, NY

Judicial Moderator

The Honorable John Gleeson, U.S. District Judge, EDNY

Panelists

Marshall L. Miller, Esq., Chief, Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, EDNY

David E. Patton, Esq., Executive Director and Attorney-In-Chief, Federal Defenders of NY

Julie Stewart, President, Families Against Mandatory Minimums

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Program Description

On August 12, 2013, Attorney General Holder released a memorandum entitled “Department Policy on Charging Mandatory Minimum Sentences and Recidivist Enhancements in Drug Cases.” The memorandum acknowledges that mandatory minimums and recidivist enhancements often result in “unduly harsh sentences” and in many cases “do not promote public safety, deterrence, and rehabilitation.” Our program will discuss how this recent federal policy change has affected the on-the-ground practice of attorneys on both sides of the bar. The panelists will also discuss what this executive action means for the future of mandatory minimums and sentencing reform. At a time where incarceration rates are soaring and budgets are tight, this program will be a unique opportunity for legal practitioners, policymakers, and members of the public to engage in a dialogue about fair and effective sentencing in the criminal justice system.