Collaboration Among Criminal Courts and Justice System Partners During a Time of Crisis

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Speakers:
- T. J. BeMent, District Court Administrator, 10th Judicial Administrative District, Athens, Georgia
- Amy Campanelli, Cook County Public Defender, Chicago, Illinois
- John Chisolm, District Attorney, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Honorable Jill E. Rangos, Administrative Judge, Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Randolph Stone, Clinical Professor of Law (Ret.), University of Chicago Law School, Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, Chicago, Illinois

Criminal courts have witnessed unprecedented societal challenges over the past ten months including both the COVID-19 pandemic and the emergence of civil unrest challenging the fairness of the criminal justice system. This webinar will address the need for collaboration among justice system partners during a time of national crisis, while at the same time ensuring the integrity of the courts, the justice system partners and the criminal justice system.

Topic areas include:
- Use of prosecutorial discretion in the current crisis (e.g. delayed filings, diversion, dismissals and plea offers)
- The facilitative role of the judge in moving criminal cases to disposition
- Defense attorney challenges in representing clients in the current environment
- Justice system partner collaboration in releasing pre-trial defendants from custody during the pandemic
- Rebuilding public trust in the criminal justice system

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