

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIMAN PUBLIC INTEREST COLLOQUIUM

# ORGANIZING & REORGANIZING: PUBLIC INTEREST IN INDIVIDUAL & GLOBAL CONTEXTS

### Thursday, March 30, 2006

5:00 – 7:00 pm      Dedication of the portrait of the Honorable Stephen R. Reinhardt, YLS '54  
Alumni Reading  
Room

### Friday, March 31, 2006

8:00 – 8:30 am      Registration and Continental Breakfast  
Room 120

8:45 – 9:00 am      Welcoming Remarks: Yale Law School; Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of  
Room 127              Law; Kenji Yoshino, Deputy Dean for Intellectual Life and Professor of Law

9:00 – 10:15 am     **Enabling the Disabled: Work, Education, Treatment & Welfare**  
Room 127

Disagreements exist about how to best empower those with disabilities and how well law and social structures currently integrate people with disabilities. This panel will address the law, policy, theory and practices raised by these problems, the particular responsibilities of lawyers in this area, as well as the effects of individual strategies contrasted with aggregate strategies.

*Moderator:* Deborah J. Cantrell, Clinical Lecturer, Director, Arthur Liman Public Interest Program, Yale Law School

*Confirmed speakers:*

Sofia Yakren, Liman Fellow, Urban Justice Center  
Pat Kaplan, Executive Director, New Haven Legal Assistance Association  
Samuel R. Bagenstos,\* Prof. of Law, Washington University of St. Louis  
School of Law  
Cary LaCheen, Senior Attorney, Welfare Law Center

10:30 – 11:45 pm    **Life, Death & Strategy: The Death Penalty, Life Without Parole, & Juveniles**  
Room 127

Advocacy groups such as the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund have begun a project on the number of juveniles sentenced to life without possibility of parole (LWOP). This panel will consider how strategies related to juveniles sentenced to LWOP affect those litigating death penalty cases and the roles of race, class, and social science data in pursuing challenges under the US constitution, state law or international treaties.

*Moderator:* Brett Dignam, Clinical Professor of Law, Yale Law School

*Confirmed Speakers:*

Holly Thomas, Liman Fellow, NAACP LDF  
Deborah Labelle, Esq., Ann Arbor, MI  
Daniel Tokaji,\* Asst. Professor of Law, Ohio St. Law School  
Peter Neufeld, Innocence Project, New York City

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12:00 – 1:30 pm

**Luncheon and Remarks: Stephen Reinhardt, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit** (introduced by Heather K. Gerken\*, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, visiting Yale Law School)

1:45 – 3:00 pm  
Room 127

**Communities Of and For Change: The Local, the National, the Global**

What kinds of interventions, invoking what set of laws or using politics, at which levels of government will bring about progressive changes? What risks of backlash exist? Using efforts in California at the state and local levels to improve the public schools, to respond to homelessness, and efforts at the international level to protect individuals' dignity, this panel will address the relationships among boundary-crossing social movements.

*Moderator:* Robert Solomon, Yale Law School

*Confirmed Speakers:*

Kim Pattillo Brownson, Liman Fellow, ACLU of Southern California  
Ramona Ripston, Executive Director, ACLU of Southern California  
David Barron,\* Professor of Law, Harvard Law School  
Thomas Saenz,\* Chief Counsel, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa  
Joanne Mariner,\* Deputy Director, Americas Program, Human Rights Watch

3:15 – 4:30 pm  
Room 127

**Organizing & Reorganizing: The Challenges for Immigrants & Labor**

What forms of legal or social action bring out what plausible positive results under current immigration and labor laws? Considering examples such as litigation challenging denials of drivers' licenses to immigrants and organizing campaigns like "Justice for Janitors," this panel will discuss social movements, both local and global, that are responding to restrictive work and immigration policies.

*Moderator:* Dennis Curtis, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law Yale Law School

*Confirmed Speakers:*

Eliza Leighton, Liman Fellow, CASA of Maryland  
Jorge Baron, Liman Fellow, New Haven Legal Assistance Association  
Benjamin Sachs,\* General Counsel, SEIU  
Kate Andrias,\* Visiting Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris; former organizer/area director SEIU  
Michael Wishnie, Professor of Clinical Law, NYU Law School

4:30-4:45 pm  
Room 127

**Closing Comments:** Lewis J. Liman, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Dining Hall

**Annual Auction Sponsored by the Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale**

The Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale is a non-profit student organization that provides start-up money for projects that protect the legal rights or interests of inadequately represented groups. The Initiative funds innovative projects aimed at

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creating new models for more effectively representing clients. Proceeds from the auction will help fund the Initiative's grants.