Commission on Safety and Abuse in America’s Prisons

Hon. Nicholas de B. Katzenbach and Hon. John Gibbons, Chairs
Hosted by the Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

November 1 & 2, 2005, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
(with breaks for lunch)
Anheuser-Busch Hall, Room 310

Commission Hearings - Prison Safety and Abuse: Corrections Officers’ Challenges & Opportunities

Testimony by invited witnesses will explore issues including:
- Significant problems correctional officers face, from controlling gang violence to low pay and esteem
- How lack of training and support, understaffing, and other management failures can create a violent and abusive environment
- The “code of silence”
- Labor-management relations
- Interpersonal dynamics that contribute to conflict between officers and prisoners

A reception, co-sponsored by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and open to the public, will follow the first day of hearings at 3:30 pm in the Janite Lee Reading Room.

Related Events:

October 31, 2005, 3:00-4:00 pm, Room 305
Commissioner Discussion: Problems & Solutions in American Criminal Justice
Eligible for 1.0 MCLE credit hour

Dr. Richard Dudley
Forensic psychiatrist, former Deputy Commissioner, NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Saul Green
Court-appointed monitor of the Cincinnati Police Department, former United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan

Gary Maynard
Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections and president-elect of the American Correctional Association

Margo Schlanger
Professor of Law, Washington University in St. Louis, expert on civil rights and inmate litigation

November 2, 2005, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Room 310

Stephen B. Bright

Crime, Prison, and the Death Penalty: The Influence of Race and Poverty
Eligible for 1.0 MCLE credit hour

The Public Interest Law Speakers Series presents Stephen B. Bright, the director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, which provides legal representation to people facing the death penalty and prisoners in cases involving claims of cruel and unusual conditions of confinement. He is a member of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America’s Prisons.

For more information, please visit http://law.wustl.edu/Clinicalfaq/index.asp?id=1362.