

CONFERENCE ON PRE-TRIAL PROCESSES

Organised by:

The Centre for Criminology and Victimology, NLU Delhi, The Centre for Constitutional Law,
Policy and Governance, NLU Delhi, and Pepperdine University School of Law

March 14-15, 2017

Room 301A, Academic Block, NLU Delhi

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
09:30 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:15	Opening Remarks	Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Professor and Registrar NLU Delhi & Prof. Jim Gash, Pepperdine University
10:15 – 10:45	Panel 1 An overview of pre-trial processes in India and the US	Judge Mike DiReda, Utah Superior Court Prof. B.T. Kaul, Chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy Chairperson: Professor Jim Gash, Pepperdine University
10:45 – 11:00	Tea	
11:00 – 12:00	Panel 2 Pre-trial detention - Access to legal counsel and bail	Melissa Mertens - Public Defender (Adult Division) Dr. Aparna Chandra, Assistant Professor of Law, and Research Director, Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance, NLU Delhi Discussion Chairperson: Dr. Mrinal Satish
12:00 – 1:00	Panel 3 Disclosure of Evidence	Brad Siegel, Public Defender (Juvenile Division) Students: Tess Douglas, Brooke Bergen Dr. Mrinal Satish, Associate Professor of Law, and Executive Director, Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance, NLU Delhi Role of prosecution and disclosure of evidence Discussion Chairperson: Professor Jim Gash, Pepperdine University
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch	

2:00 – 3:15	<p>Panel 4 Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System</p>	<p>Lisa Brackelmanns, Public Defender (Juvenile Division) Student assistants: Michelle Curtis, Hannah Kazim</p> <p>Shahbaz Shervani, Casework Director, CSJ</p> <p>Dr. Bharti Yadav, Assistant Professor of Law, NLU Delhi</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Chairperson: Professor (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, NLU, Delhi</p>
3:15 – 3:30	Tea	
3:30 – 5:00	<p>Panel 5 Plea Bargaining</p>	<p>Melissa Mertens - Public Defender (Adult Division) The role of sentencing guidelines in pre-trial case resolution Student assistants: Chelsea McGrath, Steve Birch</p> <p>Judge Mike DiReda The role of judges in pre-trial case resolution in the US Student assistants: Jesslyn</p> <p>Prof (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai: Development and use of plea bargaining in India</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Chairperson: Professor Jim Gash, Pepperdine University</p>

Day-2, March 15

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09:30 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 11:30	Panel 6 Plea bargaining as a solution to case backlog	Michelle Mendonca, Project Director, CSJ Delayed trials and case backlog in India Case study: Uganda Andrew Khuakha, Technical Advisor to Uganda Judiciary Professor Jim Gash, Pepperdine Discussion Chairperson: Dr. Mrinal Satish, NLU Delhi
11:30– 11:45	Tea	
11:45 – 1:00	Panel 7 Overview/Summary of Discussions	Discussion of outcomes Future goals and next steps Discussion Chairperson: Prof (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch	
2:00 – 2:30	Overview of the Clinic program (Closed Door – Only for CSJ & Pepperdine University team)	Presentation by Ms. Pious Ahuja on the clinic