

**The Criminal Law Program of the University of Illinois College of Law and the Federal Defenders Office for the Central District of Illinois present:**

**Why Lawyers Matter:** *Federal Criminal Defense in an Era of Uncertainty*

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.** *Welcome*, Lesley Wexler, Associate Dean, University of Illinois College of Law

**9:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** *The Criminal Trial as a Game of Truth or Dare*, Margareth Etienne, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Professor of Law, Nancy Snowden Research Scholar in Law.

**Break 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:15 p.m.** *Risk Assessments in Federal Court: Helpful Aids or Dangerous Trends?*, Frank Draper, Office of Defender Services, Washington D.C.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Views From the Bench – an open forum*, Hon. Eric Long, United States Magistrate Judge, Central District of Illinois

**Break for Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Hosted by University of Illinois College of Law Criminal Law Program.

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** *Ethical Challenges for Criminal Defense Attorneys*, Peter Rotskoff, Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, Springfield, Illinois

**2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break**

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** *The First Step Act – The Current Sentencing Conundrum*, Jayme Feldman, Sentencing Resource Counsel, Washington D.C.

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** *Open Forum – Practice Issues in the Central District of Illinois*, Tom Patton, Federal Defender for the Central District of Illinois, Peoria, IL, and Chuck Schierer, CJA Panel Representative, Peoria IL

**Moderator:** J. Steven Beckett, Director of Trial Advocacy (ret.) Adjunct Professor, University of Illinois College of Law