**Schedule of Events**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**
7:45 am – 8:10 am

**Opening Remarks**
Interim Dean Bill Corbett
8:10 am – 8:15 am

**Keynote Speaker**
8:15 am – 8:45 am

**Panel 1**
Louisiana Practitioner Roundtable
8:45 am – 10:15 am

**Break**
10:15 am – 10:30 am

**Presentation 1**
Organizational Sentencing Guidelines
10:30 am – 11:30 am

**Lunch**
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Presentation 2**
Juvenile Sentencing Practices
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

**Panel 2**
Historical Perspectives on U.S. Sentencing
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Break**
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

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A Louisiana Law Review symposium
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**Symposium Objective/Purpose**

The United States is the world’s leader in incarceration, with 2.2 million people currently in the nation’s prisons or jails—a 500% increase over the last 30 years.

Louisiana has a higher incarceration rate than any other state or nation in the world. One out of 87 adults are behind bars in Louisiana, which is more than twice the average rate of all 50 U.S. states and significantly higher than every other country in the world. These trends have resulted in prison overcrowding and state governments being overwhelmed by the burden of funding a rapidly expanding penal system.

The increased prison population has led to a nationwide discussion concerning whether it is now time to retrench from the stringent mandatory sentencing laws adopted during the 1980s and 1990s. Many believe that criminal sentencing guideline reform is long past due, while others say that pro-reformers are underestimating the severity of the crimes committed by individuals sentenced to an extended term in state or federal prison.

In this Symposium, the LSU Law Center and experts from across the nation will gather to discuss sentencing reform on a state and national level. Please join us as we consider the history behind the current Louisiana state and federal guidelines for sentencing, examine what those systems have achieved, and offer new and innovative perspectives on sentencing practices.

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PRESENTATION 2

**JUVENILE SENTENCING PRACTICES**

**Katherine Hunt Federle, Professor**  
**The Ohio State University**  
**Moritz College of Law**

Professor Federle is the director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies and has been especially active in the field of juvenile law.

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**PANEL 2: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON U.S. SENTENCING**

**Moderator: Ray Diamond**  
**Associate Dean, LSU Law Center**

**Paul Finkelman, Professor**  
**Albany Law School**

Professor Finkelman is a scholar in American legal history, constitutional law, and race and the law.

**Peter Wallenstein, Professor of History**  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

Professor Wallenstein is currently researching in the areas of segregation and desegregation.

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**PANEL 3: PHILOSOPHICAL AND RATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Moderator: Ken Levy, Professor**  
**LSU Law Center**

**Kevin Bennardo, Professor**  
**Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis**  
**Robert H. McKinney School of Law**

Professor Bennardo’s scholarship focuses on criminal sentencing and incarceration.

**Russell Christopher, Professor**  
**The University of Tulsa College of Law**

Professor Christopher’s research is in the area of criminal law and criminal procedure.

**Tamara Lawson, Professor**  
**St. Thomas University School of Law**

Professor Lawson’s research and writing interests include criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, trial advocacy, cyber crime, international criminal law, race and law, and professional responsibility.