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Women In Urban Law Leadership Initiative

Feminist Lawyering in Criminal Court: An Online Panel Discussion With Leaders in the Field of Criminal Justice

April 29, 2020
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
The Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative (WIULLI) of the Urban Law Center supports networking and career development for women practicing urban law and law students interested in pursuing urban law.

**Agenda**

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| 12:35 – 1:30 p.m. | **CLE Panel Discussion on Feminist Lawyering in Criminal Court**  
  *(1.0 Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias CLE)* |
  
  *Featuring*
  
  **Danielle Eaddy ’91**, Trial Bureau Chief, Kings County District Attorney’s Office  
  **Martha Rayner**, Clinical Associate Professor, Criminal Defense Clinic at Fordham Law School  
  **Sylvia Shweder ’05**, Deputy Chief, Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York

  *Moderated by*
  
  **Geeta Tewari ’05**, Director, Urban Law Center

**CLE CREDIT**

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Danielle V. Eaddy is a criminal attorney with more than 25 years of trial experience. She is currently the Bureau Chief of a Trial Bureau at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office where she is responsible for the supervision and trial of cases in five Brooklyn precincts. Ms. Eaddy rejoined the Kings County District Attorney’s Office in 2017 after having previously served as an Assistant District Attorney for 12 years.

Prior to her return to the Kings County District Attorney’s Office in 2017, Ms. Eaddy spent 11 years as a defense attorney. She specialized in Criminal Law and Civil Rights Litigation in the State and Federal Courts of the State of New York. Ms. Eaddy has handled some of the most sensitive and complex high-publicity cases within New York City including successfully defending Robert Ellis in the highly charged New York City police shooting case of the People v. Dexter Bostic, Robert Ellis and Lee Woods, a case involving the murder of a New York City Police Officer and the attempted murder of another New York City Police Officer.

Ms. Eaddy was able to secure an acquittal for her client on the more serious charges of murder and attempted murder, stunning the packed courtroom that was present for the reading of the verdict into shocked silence as reported by major news sources. Indeed, said jury took just one day to come to its stunning verdict. In addition, Ms. Eaddy was part of the defense team in the case of People v. Diane Gordon, a complex bribery case involving a New York State Assembly Member as well as the lead attorney in the case of People v. Daniel Ignacio wherein her client was charged with the arson-murder of five individuals.

Prior to opening her own practice in March 2006, Ms. Eaddy served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office in Brooklyn, New York from 1994 through 2006. At the time of her departure from the Kings County District Attorney’s Office in 2006, Ms. Eaddy was a Bureau Chief of a Trial Bureau. In that capacity, she was responsible for the supervision and trial of hundreds of cases within her Bureau. In addition, Ms. Eaddy served in many capacities within the Kings County District Attorney’s Office during her tenure as she moved up the ranks as both a successful trial attorney and manager including that of Deputy Bureau Chief for the Domestic Violence Bureau, Deputy Bureau Chief for the Grand Jury and felony assistant within the Sex Crimes Bureau. In her twelve year career as an Assistant District Attorney, Ms. Eaddy tried some of the most complex and serious felony cases as lead counsel, including numerous homicide cases involving the defenses of justification (self-defense) and psychiatric defenses in addition to several cases requiring the presentation of complex DNA evidence.

Before joining the Kings County District Attorney’s Office in 1994, Ms. Eaddy was an Associate in Complex Litigation and Appeals at Rosenberg & Estis, P.C., in New York, New York. While at Rosenberg & Estis, P.C., she gained extensive civil litigation experience involving complex real estate issues at both the trial and appellate levels.

Ms. Eaddy received a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science from Boston University. Ms. Eaddy was a staff member of the Fordham International Law Journal from 1989 to 1991.

Ms. Eaddy is a member of the New York State Bar and the Eastern and Southern District Courts of New York’s Federal Courts. She also served as the Chair of the Kings County 18-B Selection Committee for several years, continues to serve as a Board member of the Kings County Criminal Bar Association and was a Vice President of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Ms. Eaddy was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Urban League from 1993 to 1999, and a member of their Executive Committee from 1997 to 1999 and is an active member of the Brooklyn Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was born in and makes her home in Brooklyn, New York.

Martha Rayner
Clinical Associate Professor, Criminal Defense Clinic at Fordham Law School

Professor Rayner has been a clinical teacher at Fordham Law School since 1998. She co-directs the Criminal Defense Clinic, which defends clients at the trial level, takes on the civil consequences of arrests, represents incarcerated persons seeking clemency, parole and in post-conviction matters, and engages in broad-based advocacy and litigation on behalf of clients indefinitely detained without charge by the United States military at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

She began practicing law as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society and went on to be one of the founding members of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, a community-based, model public defender office that redefined public defense from the traditional notion of working within the span of arraignment to conviction, to a broader demarcation of pre-arrest to post-disposition “after care.” At NDS, she developed a special unit that provided representation to clients facing the civil consequences of criminal accusations. Areas of practice included family law, housing, civil rights, immigration,
and forfeiture, from trial to appellate level. She is a proud member of the first graduating class of City University of New York School of Law and has taught in Fordham Law School’s Summer Ireland Program.

Sylvia Shweder ’05
Deputy Chief, Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York

Sylvia Shweder has been with the U.S. Attorney’s Office since 2008. She is now Deputy Chief of the Financial Litigation Unit.

In January 2008, when Sylvia joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office’s criminal division, she prosecuted cases in General Crimes, Narcotics and Business & Securities Fraud. After several years as a line Assistant U.S. Attorney, she became Senior Trial Counsel in the Business & Securities Fraud section and then Deputy Chief in the International Narcotics & Money Laundering and General Crimes sections. She has conducted 11 jury trials and argued 10 times in the Second Circuit.

Prior to her time at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, she was a litigation associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where she worked in the Criminal Defense & Investigations group. Sylvia Shweder graduated from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism in 1994 and Fordham University School of Law in 2005. Following law school graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Loretta A. Preska, District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Geeta Tewari ’05
Director, Urban Law Center, Fordham Law School

Geeta Tewari is the Director of the Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School, where she launched the Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative in Spring 2019. She graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in Government, and from Fordham University School of Law. At the Law School, she served as an editor for the Fordham International Law Journal and was granted the Archibald R. Murray Dean’s Award of Excellence for Outstanding Public Service.

Tewari is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C., and has practiced with the New York City Law Department and the Washington D.C. Office of the Attorney General. Tewari also holds a Master of Fine Arts in Writing from Columbia University, where she has taught creative and expository writing, and served on the Fiction Board of the Columbia Journal of Literature and Art. Her fiction has appeared in Granta Magazine, New England Review, and other literary publications, and she is co-editor of Global Perspectives in Urban Law (Routledge, 2018) and Law and the New Urban Agenda (Routledge, forthcoming 2020). Tewari is a member of the New York Women Bar Association’s Advancing the Status of Women Committee, and her legal scholarship on gender equity and narrative justice has appeared in N.Y.U. Journal of Law and Business.