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# REFLECTIONS ON THE WAR ON DRUGS

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## PROGRAM

*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2024*

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| 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM | <b>Registration</b> – Shalala Student Center, University of Miami<br>(1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146) |
| 1:15 PM – 1:17 PM  | <b>Welcome:</b> <b>Grace Slicklen</b><br><i>Editor-in-Chief</i><br>University of Miami Law Review                |
| 1:17 PM – 1:20 PM  | <b>Opening Remarks:</b> <b>Laura Curry</b><br><i>Symposium Editor</i><br>University of Miami School of Law       |
| 1:20 PM – 2:00 PM  | <b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>Kassandra Frederique</b><br><i>Executive Director</i><br>Drug Policy Alliance         |
| 2:00 PM – 2:10 PM  | <b>Break #1</b>  |

**2:10 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Panel I: What is Addiction?**

*This will be a multidisciplinary panel aimed at providing attendees with a foundational understanding of addiction and the history of how the legal system has addressed addiction. It will touch on issues such as harm reduction, the relatively recent history of the War on Drugs, and a medical perspective of what addiction looks like in the body.*

**Moderator:** [Donald Jones](#)  
*Professor of Law*  
University of Miami School of Law

**Panelist 1:** **Jan Sokol Katz**  
*Senior Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies of the Department of Sociology and Criminology*  
University of Miami

**Panelist 2:** **Dr. David Serota, MD, MSc**  
*Professor of Medicine*  
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

**3:00 PM – 3:10 PM**

**Break #2**

**3:10 PM – 3:55 PM**

**Panel II: Civil Litigation**

*This panel will focus on the civil litigation against pharmaceutical companies aimed at holding companies legally responsible for the harm caused by the opioid epidemic.*

**Moderator:** [Madeline Plasencia](#)  
*Lecturer in Law*  
University of Miami School of Law

**Panelist 1:** **Curtis Osceola**  
*Chief of Staff*  
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

**Panelist 2:** **David Herzberg**  
*Assistant Professor of History*  
State University of New York at Buffalo

**Panelist 3:** **Francis A. “Frank” Citera**  
*Shareholder & Adjunct Professor*  
Greenberg Traurig  
University of Miami School of Law

4:00 PM – 4:55 PM

**Panel II: Criminalization of Addiction and Alternatives to Incarceration**

*This panel will invite a discussion on the societal implications of criminalizing addiction and ways in which the legal system has attempted to develop a new approach to addiction.*

**Moderator:** [Shara G. Kobetz Pelz](#)  
*Lecturer in Law*  
University of Miami School of Law

**Panelist 1:** **Honorable Laura Cruz**  
*Circuit Court Criminal Judge*  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

**Panelist 2:** **Beau Kilmer**  
*Codirector*  
RAND Drug Policy Research Center

**Panelist 3:** **Rob Collins**  
*Education & Outreach Coordinator*  
Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence,  
Inc. (HOPE, Inc.) – Miami Dade County

4:55 PM – 5:05 PM

**Break #3**

5:05 PM – 5:45 PM

**Fireside Chat: Possibilities of Legalization**

*This will be a conversation around what paths to legalization and decriminalization could look like and the various debates on this issue. We hope to share what options there are for the structure of local decriminalization or legalization. Additionally, we would like to provide the space for a discussion on the various viewpoints around this issue and why it remains so contentious in our national debate.*

**Moderator:** **Myles Crandall**  
*Assistant Federal Public Defender*  
Southern District of Florida

**Speaker 1:** **Jason Barker**  
*Attorney & Lecturer in Law*  
Holland & Knight  
University of Miami School of Law

**Speaker 2:** **Dr. Mason Marks**  
*Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor*  
Florida State University College of Law

**5:45 PM – 5:50 PM**

**Break #4**

**5:50 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Keynote Address:** **Laura E. Mate**  
*Vice Chair*  
U.S. Sentencing Commission

**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Reception**