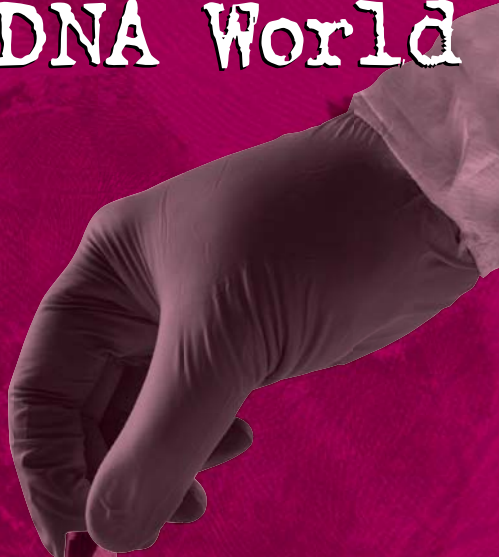


Beyond Biology: Wrongful Convictions in the Post-DNA World



November 15-16, 2007

Sutherland Moot Courtroom

University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law

Since 1989, more than 200 prisoners have been exonerated in the United States due to post-conviction DNA testing, which has proven their innocence beyond a shadow of a doubt. The original convictions in those cases occurred as a result of a number of errors, including mistaken identifications, false confessions, police and prosecutorial misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, perjury by jailhouse informants, and the use of dubious forensic science. Presumably, the factors that led to the wrongful convictions in those cases overturned by DNA evidence appear in matters that lack biological evidence (an estimated 80 to 90 percent of criminal cases overall), yet non-DNA cases are notoriously difficult to litigate. Over time, moreover, the rate of DNA exonerations is bound to diminish as pretrial DNA testing becomes commonplace and, thus, more innocent suspects are filtered out at the beginning of the process. Accordingly, issues surrounding non-DNA claims of innocence will become increasingly significant and comprise the subject of this symposium.



November 15 | Panel Discussion
 Sutherland Moot Courtroom | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Exoneration and Assistance Bill in Utah

Panelists

Jensie L. Anderson

Clinical Professor of Law
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 President, Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

Heather Harris

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Creighton C. Horton II

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November 16 | Sutherland Moot Courtroom | 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Discussion of Scholarly Research

Speakers

Daniel S. Medwed

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Professor Medwed's research and teaching revolve primarily around criminal law, with a particular emphasis on the issue of wrongful convictions. He has published extensively on this topic, and, among other pro bono activities, serves as a member of the board of directors of the Innocence Network, a national organization that represents the interests of various innocence projects across the country. He joined the Utah faculty Fall Semester 2004. For the previous four years, he was an instructor at Brooklyn Law School and also served as assistant director of the school's Second Look Program, where he worked with students in investigating and litigating innocence claims by New York state prisoners. During his time at Brooklyn, he was twice voted Professor of the Year by the graduating class. In 2006, he received A Student Choice Teaching Award from the Associated Students of the University of Utah. Professor Medwed has also worked in private practice and has been an associate appellate counsel at the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Appeals Bureau, of New York City. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Susan A. Bandes

Professor of Law, Distinguished Research Professor of Law
 DePaul University College of Law
 Visiting Professor, University of Chicago Law School

Susan Bandes is widely known as a scholar in federal jurisdiction, criminal procedure and civil rights, and, more recently, as a pioneer in the emerging study of the role of emotion in law. After receiving her J.D. from the University of Michigan, Professor Bandes worked at the Illinois Office of the State Appellate Defender, and then as staff counsel at the Illinois A.C.L.U., where she litigated a broad spectrum of civil rights cases, and helped draft and secure passage of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. She has taught at DePaul University since 1984, and was named Distinguished Research Professor in 2003. She is a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School for the 2007-08 academic year. Her book, *The Passions of Law*, was

published by N.Y.U. Press. Her recent pro bono activities include acting as co-reporter for the Constitution Project's bipartisan Death Penalty Initiative, which produced the report, "Mandatory Justice: Eighteen Reforms to the Death Penalty."

George C. Thomas III

Professor of Law,
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Professor Thomas teaches in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, and criminal adjudication. He received an M.F.A. in creative writing and a J.D. from the University of Iowa as well as an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. Prior to joining the Rutgers faculty in 1986, he practiced law in Tennessee and was a member of the faculty at the University of Tennessee. Professor Thomas is the author of *Double Jeopardy: The History, the Law*, and the co-author of *The Miranda Debate and Criminal Procedure: Principles, Policies and Perspectives*. His latest book, *The Supreme Court on Trial: How the American Justice System Sacrifices Innocent Defendants*, will be published by the University of Michigan Press in 2008.

Ronald F. Wright Jr.

Professor of Law, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
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Dean Wright's areas of expertise include prosecutorial charging decisions, plea bargaining, criminal sentencing and the use of sentencing commissions in state and federal government to develop sentencing rules. He also works on research and reform questions related to prosecutor office structure, defense funding, and the politics of crime. Professor Wright received his J.D. from Yale University. Before joining the Wake Forest faculty, he was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, where he prosecuted antitrust and other white-collar criminal cases. He is the co-author of two casebooks, *Criminal Procedures* and *Sentencing Law and Policy*.