

# Kids in a Jam

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## Why are African Americans and Latinos over-represented in the Juvenile Justice System and What Can Lawyers Do About It?

Thursday, December 8, 2005

12:00 noon

The Chicago Sheraton Hotel and Towers

A program of the  
Illinois State Bar Association  
in partnership with  
Cook County Bar Association  
Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative  
Puerto Rican Bar Association  
American Bar Association

\*\*\*\*\*PROGRAM\*\*\*\*\*

### 12:00 p.m. - Buffet Lunch/Program

Welcome - ISBA President Bob Downs

### What can *Courtroom 302* Tell Us About Minorities in the Juvenile Justice System? – Steve Bogira

Veteran Chicago courthouse and police reporter Steve Bogira presents material from his provocative and highly-acclaimed book, *Courtroom 302: A Year Behind the Scenes in an American Criminal Courthouse*. Described by reviewers as “a compelling dissection of modern justice” (*The Village Voice*) and a “brilliant piece of journalism and a genuine eye-opener” (*The Economist*), Bogira’s book documents how in Cook County’s Criminal Courthouse on 26th Street, “justice miscarries every day, by doing precisely what we ask it.”

**Reaction/Critique** – Professor Randolph Stone, Professor of Law, University of Chicago School of Law, and former Cook County Public Defender

**Question & Answer Session** - Moderated by Hon. Thomas Donnelly

**1:20 p.m. – Break -----**

**1:30 p.m. - How Did We Get Here?**

**Professor Cecil Hunt** of The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, will discuss the foundational, societal, economic, and historical reasons for the greater number of African American and Latino juvenile contacts with the criminal justice system.

**Question & Answer Session** - Moderated by **Hon. Thomas Donnelly**

**2:10 p.m. – Break-----**

**2:20 p.m. - The Illinois Experience**

In this panel presentation, Illinois-based experts will focus on Illinois' experience with disproportionate minority contact (DMC). Panelists include:

**Hon. Michael Stuttley**, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Dr. Alonzo DeCarlo**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Chicago State University

**Phillip Stevenson**, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Chicago

**Dr. Jeffrey Butts**, University of Chicago, Chapin Hall Center for Children

The panel will be moderated by **Hon. Thomas Connelly** and time will be allotted for questions from the audience.

**3:10 p.m. – Break-----**

**3:20 p.m. - Lawyers Who Have Made a Difference**

The focus during this panel presentation will be on lawyers and programs that have made a difference, either diverting juveniles of color from the juvenile justice system or providing significant assistance to those already in the system.

**4:10 p.m. - Where Are the Lawyers?**

During this panel presentation, speakers will educate the audience on volunteer opportunities available to lawyers and others who want get involved and make a difference.

**4:50 p.m. - Closing Remarks and Cocktail Reception**

**ISBA President Bob Downs.** Cocktails and reception immediately following closing remarks.

## REGISTRATION

This program, including the buffet lunch and cocktail reception are free of charge. However, you must register to attend. **Please make sure we have your reservation no later than Friday, December 2.** To register, or for further information, contact:

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