

## **Washington Courts: News and Information**

### **Juvenile Justice Problem and Recommendations Presented to Washington State Supreme Court on March 28, 2012**

**March 26, 2012**

#### **University of Washington School of Law**

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SEATTLE – On March 28, the Task Force on Race & the Criminal Justice System will address the over representation of minority youth in Washington's Juvenile Justice System -- a problem which has been documented for years with little progress in a presentation to the Washington State Supreme Court. For example, black youth are twice as likely as white youth to be arrested and twice as likely to be referred to juvenile court for charging as white youth.

Four youth of color will discuss their experiences in the juvenile justice system - and offer insights into what is and isn't working and where we might improve the system.

James Bell, Director of the Haywood Burns Institute and a national leader on the fight to end the disproportionate representation of youth of color in the juvenile justice system will deliver a call to action.

Other speakers include Judge Frank Cuthbertson of Pierce County Superior Court and Chair of the DMC Committee of the Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice, Justice (ret.) Bobbe Bridge of the Center for Children and Youth Justice, Dr. Carl McCurley of the Washington State Center for Court Research, Ryan Pinto who is the Office Chief for the Washington Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice, Professor Michael Pullman in the Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington, Professor Kim Ambrose of the University of Washington School of Law, and TJ Bohl and Kevin Williams of the Pierce County Juvenile Court.

This is the second presentation to the Supreme Court by the Task Force on Race & the Criminal Justice System.

The presentation will be held at the Temple of Justice, Washington State Supreme Court in Olympia, Washington on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Members of the Task Force will be available after the presentation including Anna Lee of TeamChild and Kim Ambrose of the UW School of Law.

The event will be covered by TVW, Washington's Public Affairs station. For programming information, please visit [www.tvw.org](http://www.tvw.org). A full agenda for the event follows.

For more information, or to attend, please contact Elizabeth Coplan at [ecoplan@uw.edu](mailto:ecoplan@uw.edu) or 206.369.9412.

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**Washington State Supreme Court Presentation:  
*Juvenile Justice and Racial Disproportionality*  
March 28, 2012**

**1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Temple of Justice, Olympia, Washington**

<b>AGENDA</b>		
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b>	<b>Judge Mary I. Yu</b> King County Superior Court <b>Dean Kellye Y. Testy</b> University of Washington School of Law <b>Judge Frank Cuthbertson</b> Pierce County Superior Court Chair, DMC Committee of the Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice
<b>1:15</b>	<b>Overview: Juvenile Justice and Disproportionality</b>	<b>Justice (ret.) Bobbe Bridge</b> Center for Children and Youth Justice
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Evidence of Disparity and Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System</b>	<b>Dr. Carl McCurley</b> Washington State Center for Court Research <b>Ryan Pinto</b> , Office Chief Washington Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice <b>Professor Michael Pullman</b> Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences University of Washington
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Youth Voice: Reflections and Recommendations</b>	<b>Professor Kim Ambrose</b> University of Washington School of Law Reese Ali Karen Garcia Drew Gipson Anjene Miller
<b>2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Washington Showcase: Pierce County's Progress in Reducing Detention Population and Disproportionality</b>	<b>Judge Kitty-Ann van Doornick, Pierce County Superior Court (introduces)</b> <b>TJ Bohl</b> , Pierce County Juvenile Court Probation Manager <b>Kevin Williams</b> , Pierce County Juvenile Court
<b>3:45</b>	<b>Recommendations and Call to Action</b>	<b>James Bell</b> , Executive Director Haywood Burns Institute
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Adjournment to Reception</b>	