Examining "Justice Involved" The Law Behind Registration and Notification Schemes

Level

Introductory

CE

CPA/BBS/BRN/CJER/MCLE

Track

Sex Offender/Legal

Bio

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Catherine, the Honorable Arleigh M. Woods and William T. Woods Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School, teaches and writes in the area of criminal law. She was elected to the prestigious American Law Institute (ALI) in 2012 where she serves on the Advisory Committee examining the Model Penal Code's laws on sexual assault. She is also Vice President of Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offenses (ACSOL) and Executive Director of Access to Restorative Justice Fund (ARJ), which strives for reintegration of the marginalized through education and advocacy. Catherine's primary scholarly focus is on sex crimes and sex offense registration laws. Her scholarship has been influential - cited by courts, law professors, attorneys, as well as by mainstream media covering these issues.

Narrative

Forensic mental health professionals are on the front lines in treating and supervising justice-involved individuals. This presentation is designed to highlight what "justice-involved" means for one who has committed a sex crime. It will highlight the prominent legal and sociological theories that have shaped registration and notification schemes and it will analyze recent best-evidence practices used by courts to reframe how the law categorizes and punishes these individuals.

Learning Objectives

List three collateral consequences associated with the commission of sex offenses.

Describe three sociological forces that have been instrumental in creating collateral consequences.

Describe two published statistical data that refute assumptions on recidivism rates for sex offenses.

Explain three prominent legal decisions that have held unconstitutional aspects of registration and notification schemes.