

# Lethal Injection, Politics, and the Future of the Death Penalty

America's death penalty is in a tizzy. That much is clear from headlines about botched executions and untested lethal injection protocols. In this symposium, we bring together a diverse group of individuals—all experts with a unique viewpoint on the death penalty—to share their expertise and spark a thoughtful, engaging conversation with each other and our audience. We hope you will join us.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014**

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**MOOT COURT ROOM**

**UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW**

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

### **Stephen Bright**

Harvey Karp Visiting Lecturer, Yale Law School; President and Senior Counsel, Southern Center for Human Rights

### **Deborah W. Denno**

Arthur A. McGivney Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

### **Joel Zivot**

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine; Medical Director of the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit, Emory University Hospital

### **Eric Berger**

Associate Professor of Law, Nebraska College of Law

### **Frank Green**

Reporter, Richmond Times-Dispatch

### **Mark L. Earley**

Former Attorney General of Virginia, Earley Legal Group LLC

### **Richard B. Roper**

Partner, Thompson & Knight LLP

### **Corinna Barrett Lain**

Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Faculty Development, University of Richmond School of Law

### **Stephen Smith**

Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School

### **John Douglass**

Professor of Law, University of Richmond School of Law

### **Brandon L. Garrett**

Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law

### **Richard Dieter**

Executive Director, Death Penalty Information Center

## Agenda

### Welcome and Keynote Speaker

9:00 – 9:45 AM



#### Stephen Bright

*The Role of Race, Poverty,  
Intellectual Disability and  
Mental Illness in the Decline  
of the Death Penalty*

#### Break

9:45 – 10:00 AM

## Panel 1

### The Death Penalty Today: Lethal Injection Issues

10:00 – 11:30 AM

#### Deborah W. Denno

*Lethal Injection Chaos Post-Baze*

#### Joel Zivot

*Physicians, Secrets, and  
Lethal Injection*

#### Eric Berger

*The Executioner's Dilemmas*

#### Frank Green

*Witnessing Executions*

#### Jim Gibson

Moderator

#### Lunch

11:30 – 1:00 PM

## Panel 2

### The Shifting Politics of the Death Penalty

1:00 – 2:30 PM

#### Mark Earley

*What Life Has Taught Me About  
Death, a Former AG's View*

#### Richard B. Roper

*The Death Penalty and  
Reliable Results*

#### Corinna Barrett Lain

*The Politics of Botched Executions*

#### Stephen Smith

*The Politics of Death Revisited*

#### Henry L. Chambers

Moderator

#### Break

2:30 – 2:45 PM

## Panel 3

### The Future of the Death Penalty

2:45 – 4:15 PM

#### John Douglass

*Death as a Bargaining Chip:  
Plea Bargaining and the Future  
of Virginia's Death Penalty*

#### Brandon L. Garrett

*Interrogation Policies*

#### Richard Dieter

*The Future of the Death Penalty*

#### Mary Kelly Tate

Moderator

#### Conclusion and Reception

4:15 – 6:00 PM

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