



When Sex is a Crime and Spit is a Dangerous Weapon

A TELECONFERENCE ON HIV CRIMINAL LAWS: THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016, 10:30-11:30AM

A forum for criminal defense lawyers, service providers in the legal, medical and social work communities, and people living with HIV.

Thirty-four U.S. states and territories have criminal statutes that allow prosecutions for allegations of non-disclosure, exposure and (although not required) transmission of the HIV virus. Prosecutions have occurred in at least 39 states under HIV-specific criminal laws or general criminal laws. Most of these laws treat HIV exposure as a felony, and people convicted under these laws are serving sentences as long as 30 years or more. Learn from experts about these laws and how to defend against them.

OPENING REMARKS

Norman L. Reimer

Executive Director, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)

MODERATOR

Richard A. Wilson

Chair, ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee

PRESENTATIONS

***Department of Justice Civil Rights Division's
"Guide to Reform HIV-Specific Criminal Laws
to Align with Scientifically-Supported Factors"***

Allison Nichol

Co-Executive Director, Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP)

In May 2013 the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division issued guidance on how to reform HIV-specific criminal laws to bring them into alignment with current science, from actual routes and risks of transmission to the transformation of HIV treatment and prevention with the development of highly effective antiretroviral therapy (ART).

Defending Against HIV State Law Prosecutions

Mayo Schreiber, Jr.

Deputy Director, Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP)

Two recent cases in which CHLP participated, one in Missouri and one in Ohio, will be discussed, along with the HIV criminal statutes in those states. These cases and statutes are illustrative of the fundamental injustice of the statutes as drafted and the punishments provided for violating them. Defense trial and sentencing strategy will be analyzed, including identification of experts and supporting resources, and current thinking on legal challenges to these laws.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATIONS

THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE.

THE MORNING OF THE EVENT SIMPLY DIAL THE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1 (877) 317-0419 AND ENTER ACCESS CODE: 2244415

TO RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE REFERENCED DURING THE TELECONFERENCE, PLEASE EMAIL: IDOMINGUEZ@NACDL.ORG OR ANICHOL@HIVLAWANDPOLICY.ORG