

North Dakota Law Review Presents Methamphetamine: Casting a Shadow Across Disciplines and Jurisdictions

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The *North Dakota Law Review* (NDLR) is pleased to host an important symposium centering on methamphetamine. This multi-faceted symposium will survey the effects of methamphetamine within professional disciplines and across prosecutorial jurisdictions. The symposium will address at least three important aspects of methamphetamine.

First, featured panelists and keynote speakers will investigate the approaches of various professional disciplines in an effort to identify the most significant problems associated with methamphetamine. For instance, law enforcement, correctional officials, and health related personnel commonly encounter individuals addicted to meth or under its influence. Such encounters raise significant health and safety concerns for public servants. Thus, effectively planning for and coping with these issues depletes budgets that are already limited.

In addition, the justice system is impacted under the influence of meth. As such, prosecutors and judges, each in their own way, shoulder the responsibility of protecting society from dangerous acts perpetrated against citizens. Further still, rehabilitation providers work to offer treatment and counseling to meth users, who are themselves parents, spouses, and employees in the community. Taken together, these problems present a real and urgent societal need requiring a remedy.

Second, feature panelists and keynote speakers will explain the current jurisdictional efforts to curb abuse. For example, one approach employed by the federal government is to impose strict and serious penalties for meth related crimes. Some states require private businesses such as pharmacies, grocery stores, and convenient stores to follow specific guidelines in marketing and selling materials used to manufacture meth. Other states work to provide a high level of support and funding for rehabilitating people addicted to meth. Some Indian tribes are working to reduce the demand of meth by educating the community about the ills of meth use.

Finally, we expect that, where possible, the panelists and presenters will highlight strategies and proposals for reducing the negative effects of meth across disciplines and jurisdictions. Some strategies and proposals will originate, at least in part, from the success stories of approaches such as drug court, rehabilitation, and education. Other strategies and proposals will include improving the security of international borders, more effectively regulating ingredients used to manufacture meth in certain ways, and modifying Indian tribes' authority to sentence offenders in certain ways.

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Schedule of Events



Distinguished Panelists

Leann Bertsch, J.D.

Director of North Dakota Corrections and Rehabilitation

Rob Bovett, J.D.

Legal Counsel, Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association

Christopher Chaney, J.D.

Deputy Director for the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services

Joseph Fink III, J.D./Ph.D.

Professor, University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy,
Senior Associate Vice President for Research & Economic Development

Mary Holley, M.D.

Member of Alabama Attorney General's Task Force on Methamphetamine;
Founder of Mothers Against Methamphetamine

The Honorable John Irby, East Central Judicial District

Andi Johnson, LAC

Director of Operations for ShareHouse Treatment Center

Jane Maxwell, Ph.D.

Director of the Center for Excellence in Epidemiology in the
Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center

Christopher Myers, J.D., Assistant United States Attorney

Jean O'Connor, J.D./M.P.H.

Senior Legislative Analyst and Deputy Manager of the Center for Health Policy:
Legislative Analysis at the MayaTech Corporation

Larry Robinson, North Dakota Senator

Wayne Stenehjem, J.D., North Dakota Attorney General

Peter Welte, J.D., Grand Forks County State's Attorney

Session I

7:30 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dean Paul LeBel & Kara Gansmann, NDLR Editor in Chief

8:15 a.m.

Identifying the Issue: The Meth Epidemic

Jane Maxwell & Mary Holley

9:30 a.m.

Assessing Current Responses to Individual & Societal Needs

Hon. John Irby, Larry Robinson, Leann Bertsch & Andi Johnson

11:00 a.m.

Addressing the Problems of Meth Across Disciplines

Avi Brisman

Session II

1:00 p.m.

Prosecution & Jurisdiction

Christopher Chaney, Wayne Stenehjem,
Christopher Myers & Peter Welte

2:45 p.m.

Developing Lasting Legal Solutions Across Jurisdictions

Rob Bovett, Joseph Fink III & Jean O'Connor

4:00 p.m.

Addressing the Problems of Meth Across Jurisdictions

(Special Emphasis on Indian Country)

Elizabeth Kronk

All events will take place in the Baker Court Room, 3rd Floor, School of Law

Keynote Speakers



Avi Brisman

Mr. Avi Brisman received his Master's in Fine Arts degree from the Pratt Institute in 2000 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut in 2003. After graduation, Mr. Brisman served as a law clerk to then-Vice Chief Justice and current Chief Justice Ruth V. McGregor of the Arizona Supreme Court. Mr. Brisman then served as a law clerk to Judge Alan S. Gold of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. From 2005 to 2006, Mr. Brisman worked as the Civil Rights Legal Fellow for the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless in Atlanta, Georgia. He is currently engaged full-time in a doctoral study program at the Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Brisman's early research interests focused on issues in environmental law and regulation, including environmental justice, storm water pollution, fisheries management, sustainability, and wind energy. More recently, Mr. Brisman's research interests have concentrated on the relationship of crime to the environment, ex-offender reentry and recidivism, collateral consequences of conviction and imprisonment, prison reform, prisoners' rights, therapeutic jurisprudence/problem solving courts, and theories of crime and delinquency.



Elizabeth Kronk

Ms. Elizabeth Kronk received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where she served on the *Michigan Law Review*. After graduating from law school, Ms. Kronk practiced Indian, environmental, and energy law as an associate in the Washington, D.C. offices of Latham & Watkins, LLP and Troutman Sanders, LLP. While in Washington, D.C., she also served as President of the Native American Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

Ms. Kronk currently works as an assistant professor of law at the University of Montana School of Law. Professor Kronk teaches in the areas of federal Indian and environmental law. Her research interests include methamphetamine use and domestic violence in Indian Country. She is an enrolled member of the Sault (pronounced "Soo") Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Michigan and serves on the executive board of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) Indian law section. Professor Kronk chairs the Ogichidaa Award Foundation, Inc., which annually awards scholarships to deserving law students interested in practicing in the field of federal Indian law.