

***The Committee on Law and Justice Semi-Annual Meeting and  
Seminar on Legal Cannabis: Legal and Policy Questions and Research Opportunities***

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**Presenter Biographical Sketches**

**David Blake** is a Deputy Attorney General at the Colorado State Attorney General's Office. Prior to this, he worked as Assistant Solicitor General for the Colorado Department of Law since September 2010. His recent work includes having been appointed to the Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force by Governor John Hickenlooper, chairing a subcommittee, and participating in finalizing the Task Force's recommendations for all areas of the implementation of Amendment 64. Before coming to Colorado, he served in a variety of roles with the U.S. Department of Justice from 1996 and 2010. His assignments there ranged from working for the Office of Legislative Affairs and in the National Security Division; serving as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia; acting as counsel to the Guantanamo Detainee Review Task; and working as a trial attorney in the Civil Division. Blake also served as an adjunct professor at the George Mason University School of Law. Blake is a 2007 graduate of the George Mason University School of Law and a 1996 graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

**Richard J. Bonnie** is the Harrison Foundation professor of medicine and law, professor of psychiatry and neurobehavioral sciences, professor of public policy, and director, Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy at the University of Virginia. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1991. He teaches and writes about criminal law, bioethics, and public policies relating to mental health, substance abuse, aging, and public health. He was associate director of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse (1971-1973), special assistant to the Attorney General (1975-76), secretary of the first National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse (1975-1985), chief advisor for the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards Project (1981-1988), and chair of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform in Virginia (2006-2011). He has served on the MacArthur Foundation's Research Networks on Mental Health and the Law and Mandated Community Treatment, and is currently serving on the Network on Law and Neuroscience. Bonnie was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1991 and has chaired IOM and NRC committees on elder mistreatment, underage drinking, tobacco policy and other topics. He received the Yarmolinsky Medal in 2002 for his contributions to the IOM and the National Academies. In 2007, Bonnie received the University of Virginia's highest honor, the Thomas Jefferson Award. He has a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and an LL.B. from the University of Virginia, School of Law.

**Mark A.R. Kleiman** is professor of public policy in the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs; for academic year 2012-13. He is a visiting fellow at the National Institute of Justice and visiting professor of policy at the University of Virginia Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy. He teaches courses on methods of policy analysis, on imperfectly rational decision-making at the individual and social level, and on drug abuse and crime control policy. His current focus is on the dynamics of deterrent threats, and on the prospect of reducing crime and incarceration by substituting swiftness and predictability for severity in the criminal justice system generally and in community-corrections institutions specifically. Dr. Kleiman is the author of *Marijuana: Costs of Abuse, Costs of Control; Against Excess: Drug Policy for Results; and When Brute Force Fails: How to Have Less Crime and Less Punishment*, listed by The Economist as one of the "Books of the Year" for 2009. *Drugs and Drug Policy: What Everyone Needs to Know* (co-authored with Jonathan Caulkins and Angela Hawken) was published by Oxford University Press in July 2011, and *Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Caulkins, Hawken, Kilmer, and Kleiman) in June 2012. He edits the *Journal of Drug Policy Analysis*. In addition to his academic work, Dr. Kleiman provides advice to local, state, and national governments on crime control and drug policy. Before coming to UCLA in 1995, he taught at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and at the University of Rochester. Before he began to teach, Mr. Kleiman worked for the U.S. Department of Justice as director of policy and management analysis for the Criminal Division. He graduated magna cum laude in political science, philosophy, and economics from Haverford College and did his graduate work (M.P.P. and Ph.D.) at the Kennedy School.

**Beau Kilmer** is a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, where he codirects the RAND Drug Policy Research Center. Kilmer's research lies at the intersection of public health and public safety, with a special emphasis on substance use, illicit markets, corrections, and public policy. His research has been published in leading journals such as *American Journal of Public Health, Foreign Policy, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and his essays have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today*. His recent book on marijuana legalization (co-authored with J. Caulkins, A. Hawken, and M. Kleiman) was published by Oxford University Press. Before earning his doctorate at Harvard University, Kilmer received a Judicial Administration Fellowship that supported his work with the San Francisco Drug Court.