

# SYMPOSIUM

## MEDIA, JUSTICE, AND THE LAW

### INTRODUCTION

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The 2009 *Stanford Law Review* Symposium, “Media, Justice, and the Law,” explores the intersection of media and criminal justice, and examines the ongoing dialogue among legal actors, policymakers, the media, and the American public that informs the opinions and behavior of all participants. The Articles presented in this Issue address media constructions of criminals,<sup>1</sup> crime, and the criminal justice process,<sup>2</sup> as well as past and future changes in criminal justice reporting;<sup>3</sup> the Note focuses on blogging as an emerging form of ex parte communication with the Supreme Court.<sup>4</sup>

The live Symposium at Stanford Law School on January 30-31, 2009, cosponsored by the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, further explored these themes. The event brought together the authors published in this Issue as well as Professor Penelope Andrews, blogger and Professor Douglas Berman, *Sacramento Bee* Staff Reporter Andy Furillo, author and journalist Jennifer Gonnerman, Professor Perry Moriearty, United States Attorney Joseph P. Russoniello, former Duke lacrosse defendant Reade Seligmann, and former *L.A. Times* Reporter and Professor Henry Weinstein. The Law School’s own Larry Marshall, Pamela Karlan, and Robert Weisberg moderated the

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1. Russell D. Covey, *Criminal Madness: Cultural Iconography and Insanity*, 61 STAN. L. REV. 1375 (2009); Russell K. Robinson, *Racing the Closet*, 61 STAN. L. REV. 1463 (2009).

2. Simon A. Cole & Rachel Dioso-Villa, *Investigating the ‘CSI Effect’ Effect: Media and Litigation Crisis in Criminal Law*, 61 STAN. L. REV. 1335 (2009).

3. William R. Montross, Jr. & Patrick Mulvaney, *Virtue and Vice: Who Will Report on the Failings of the American Criminal Justice System?*, 61 STAN. L. REV. 1429 (2009).

4. Rachel C. Lee, *Ex Parte Blogging: The Legal Ethics of Supreme Court Advocacy in the Internet Era*, 61 STAN. L. REV. 1535 (2009).

Symposium.<sup>5</sup> Each panelist provided her perspective on the interplay between media and the law, and many shared their unique experiences working and living at the intersection between the two. The panelists' creativity, energy, and expertise created an engaging event that promises to launch an enduring dialogue on these important issues.

The Symposium's success would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Editorial Board of the *Stanford Law Review* and the members of the Symposium Committee: Billy Abbott, Samantha Bateman, Ben Brady, Mark Gaber, Lindsay Heyen, Emily Maglio, Chaandi McGruder, Erica Ross, Craig Wasserstrom, and Ruthie Zemel. I would like also to thank Jillian Del Pozo, Kara Dansky of the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, and the Stanford Law School Program Group for their invaluable support.

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5. All three panels as well as Jennifer Gonnerman's Keynote Address are available at <http://lawreview.stanford.edu/events/symposium/index.htm>.