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Workshop Title *

Overcoming Barriers to Health Care and Safety for Transgender Prisoners

Workshop Description *

Some jails and prison systems have made some improvements in their treatment of transgender prisoners, while most continue to delay or outright deny transgender people the medical care they need. In addition, prisons still mostly place women who are transgender in male facilities – putting them at constant risk of being sexually assaulted and forcing them to undergo the indignity of being searched by male guards and showering in front of male prisoners and guards. Local advocates continue to push correctional institutions for more humane treatment for transgender people, but for many prisoners litigation is only option, with or without the support of lawyers. Join attorneys involved in litigating prisoner rights cases to discuss some of the challenges transgender people face in prison and in securing their rights to necessary medical care, safety and basic human dignity. Share ideas about how you and other lawyers may be able to assist transgender prisoners in your city, county or state.

Confirmed Speakers *

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Please identify the type(s) of diversity your speakers will bring to the panel *

Racial or Ethnic Minorities
Non-Profit Organization Staff
Practicing Attorney

Transgender
Women

Is this a professional development workshop? *

No

Please list other conferences in which you have presented this or a similar topic *

LGBT Litigators Roundtable

List the legal statutes referenced in your workshop *

* Constitutional protections

* Prisoner Rape Elimination Act

Provide any additional materials or comments about your workshop

CLE materials will include an overview sheet of state and county transgender prisoner policies across the country, a list of relevant prisoner rights cases, and copies of select case documents and a list of other helpful resources.