

NAME OF EVENT: Tinkering with the Machinery of Death: Resuming Federal Executions
(This event has been approved for 1 hour of California MCLE credit.)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: July 8, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The first federal execution since 2003 is scheduled for July 13, 2020, with three additional executions following just days later. U.S. Attorney General William Barr has scheduled these executions despite pending litigation in these cases and serious concerns about the legality, constitutionality, and humaneness of federal execution protocols. Join the American Constitution Society for a discussion of the federal death penalty, the reasons for the nearly twenty-year de facto moratorium on federal executions, and the concerns over this quick succession of executions planned for this summer in the face of continued criticism that the death penalty is arbitrary, racially biased, and plagued by poor, under-resourced lawyering.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Miriam Gohara, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School

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Gary Tyler, Former Death Row Inmate, Outreach and Engagement Support Worker, Safe Place for Youth

Russ Feingold, President, American Constitution Society, *Moderator*

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

5 minutes introduction

40 minutes speaker presentations and moderated conversation

15 minutes Q&A

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

[Background on Federal Death Penalty](#), DEATH PENALTY INFO. CTR. (last visited July 1, 2020).

DEATH PENALTY INFO. CTR., [FACTS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY](#) (2020).

[List of Federal Death-Row Prisoners](#), DEATH PENALTY INFO. CTR. (last visited July 1, 2020).

[Federal Death Row Population by Race](#), FED. CAP. HABEAS PROJECT (last visited July 1, 2020).

[Federal Death Row Population by State & Circuit](#), FED. CAP. HABEAS PROJECT (last visited July 1, 2020).

JON B. GOULD & LISA GREENMAN, [REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEFENDER SERVICES JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES: UPDATE ON THE COST AND QUALITY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATION IN FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY CASES](#) (2010).

[Roane v. Barr](#), No. 1:19-mc-00145, at *1 (D.C. Cir. Apr. 7, 2020).

[Brief of Administrative Law Scholars as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioners](#), [Roane v. Barr](#), No. 19-1348 (U.S. June 19, 2020).

[Emergency Application for a Stay of Mandate Pending Disposition for a Writ of Certiorari](#), [Roane v. Barr](#), No. 19A____ (U.S. June 10, 2020).

AJ Willingham and Ralph Ellis, [8 Controversial Executions that Sparked Lethal Injection Debates](#), CNN (Dec. 9, 2016).