



School of Law

Law & Economics Center

# Mason Judicial Education Program

2012 Economics Institutes and Spring Symposia

[www.MasonJEP.org](http://www.MasonJEP.org)

## The Law & Economics of Crime and Punishment

George Mason University, The Mason Inn Conference Center & Hotel

Thursday, April 19-Saturday, April 21, 2012

This program will provide judges with a strong understanding of the economics of crime, punishment, and deterrence. Topics to be covered include: the economic analysis of imprisonment; empirical evidence on the economics of crime and deterrence; the erosion of mens rea; the tort-crime boundary and the economics of punitive damages; prosecutorial discretion; and the consequences of criminalization of corporate activity.

Featuring: A. Mitchell Polinsky, Josephine Scott Crocker Professor of Law and Economics and Director, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics; Professor (by courtesy) of Economics; Senior Fellow (by courtesy), Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. Other presentations will feature leading law-and-economics scholars, former prosecutors, and prominent practitioners.

The program will begin with early registration and an optional meet-and-greet reception on Thursday, April 19. Classes will be held all day Friday, April 20 and will conclude by 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. A hosted group dinner for participants and speakers will be held on Friday evening.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to attend both spring symposia, the JEP will reserve and pay for your Saturday night stay. For those staying over, we will host an optional outing on Sunday afternoon to the Virginia countryside, with a tour of a local winery.

## Scientific Evidence in the Courts

George Mason University, The Mason Inn Conference Center & Hotel

Sunday, April 22-Tuesday, April 24, 2012

The program will begin with a foundational lecture on scientific methodology, featuring James S. Trefil, Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Physics at George Mason University. Professor Trefil is renowned for his ability to convey complicated scientific concepts to legal thinkers. Prominent attorneys — such as Bryan Blevins of Provost Umphrey, Mark Lanier of Houston, James Stengel of Orrick, John Beisner of Skadden — will then participate in a series of mini-dabates. Topics to be covered include: low-dose exposure and causation; the examination of scientific evidence in emerging mass torts; medical monitoring; science-based regulation; benzene; asbestos; welding rods; hexavalent chromium; BPA; and hydraulic fracturing.

The program will begin with early registration and an optional meet-and-greet reception on Sunday, April 22. Classes will be held all day on Monday, April 23 and will conclude by noon on Tuesday, April 24. A hosted group dinner for participants and speakers will be held on Monday evening.



# Mason JEP 2012 Economics Institutes

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1

George Mason University School of Law

Sunday, March 18 - Friday, March 23, 2012

Sunday, May 6 - Friday, May 11, 2012

Sunday, September 23 - Friday, September 28, 2012

The Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1, addresses fundamental issues that often are at the heart of legal disputes. Over a full week of intensive classroom lectures and discussions, judges are given a solid grounding in economics, finance and statistics. The practical relevance of these disciplines is emphasized through the analysis of numerous cases.

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2

Chapman University

Saturday, March 10 - Friday, March 16, 2012

University of Miami

Saturday, December 1 - Friday, December 7, 2012

The Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2, will build on the concepts learned during the Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1. This program will provide more in-depth coverage of topics touched upon in Week 1 and include advanced topics such as accounting, finance, environmental economics, scientific methodology, entrepreneurship, and the financial crises and its aftermath.

**Note:** Prerequisite for Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2

*To qualify for Week 2, you must complete or have completed an Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1 at George Mason, Northwestern, Brookings, or Kansas.*



# Mason JEP Program Information Sheet

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2

March 10-16, 2012

Format: Interactive Lectures  
Venue: **Chapman University School of Law**  
One University Drive, Orange, California 92866  
Hotel: **Doubletree by Hilton**  
100 The City Drive, Orange, California 92868

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1

March 18-23, 2012

Format: Interactive Lectures  
Venue: **George Mason University School of Law**  
3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Hotel: **Hotel Palomar Arlington, A Kimpton Hotel**  
1121 19th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209

## Symposium on the Law & Economics of Crime and Punishment

April 19-21, 2012

Format: Series of mini-debates, lectures and panel discussions  
Venue: **The Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel**  
4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

## Symposium on Scientific Evidence in the Courts

April 22-24, 2012

Format: Series of mini-debates, lectures and panel discussions  
Venue: **The Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel**  
4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1

May 6-11, 2012

Format: Interactive Lectures  
Venue: **George Mason University School of Law**  
3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Hotel: **Hotel Palomar Arlington, A Kimpton Hotel**  
1121 19th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1

September 23-28, 2012

Format: Interactive Lectures  
Venue: **George Mason University School of Law**  
3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Hotel: **Hotel Palomar Arlington, A Kimpton Hotel**  
1121 19th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209

## Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2

December 1-7, 2012

Format: Interactive Lectures  
Venue: **University of Miami, Newman Alumni Center**  
6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146  
Hotel: **Biltmore Hotel**  
1200 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

# Application Form: Mason JEP 2012 Economics Institutes & Spring Symposia

Please complete the following information and return the completed form by fax to 703-993-8181. An online application is also available at [www.MasonJEP.org](http://www.MasonJEP.org). Please note that you are not enrolled in the program until you receive confirmation of acceptance.

*Please print or type.*

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (Required for consideration; PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name or Nickname for Name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Preference:  King  Double/Double

Judicial Experience:

Court \_\_\_\_\_ Appellate, General Juris, Civil, Criminal, Other \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service (Dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate program(s) for which you are applying.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2:** March 10-16, 2012 (Orange, CA)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1:** March 18-23, 2012 (Arlington, VA)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Symposium on the Law & Economics of Crime and Punishment:** April 19-21, 2012 (Fairfax, VA)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Symposium on Scientific Evidence in the Courts:** April 22-24, 2012 (Fairfax, VA)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1:** May 6-11, 2012 (Arlington, VA)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Economics Institute for Judges, Week 1:** September 23-28, 2012 (Arlington, VA)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Economics Institute for Judges, Week 2:** December 1-7, 2012 (Coral Gables, FL)

*\*If applying for a Week 2 program, please provide the Month, Year and Location of the Week 1 you attended:*

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility Requirements

- Federal and state judges are welcome. State judges must serve on general jurisdiction courts or higher. Judges from courts of limited jurisdiction (e.g., criminal courts or family courts) should not apply. Judges from certain specialized courts (e.g., tax courts or business courts) are welcome to apply.
- Judges must plan to stay on the bench for at least three years after completion of the program.

## Please Read and Sign

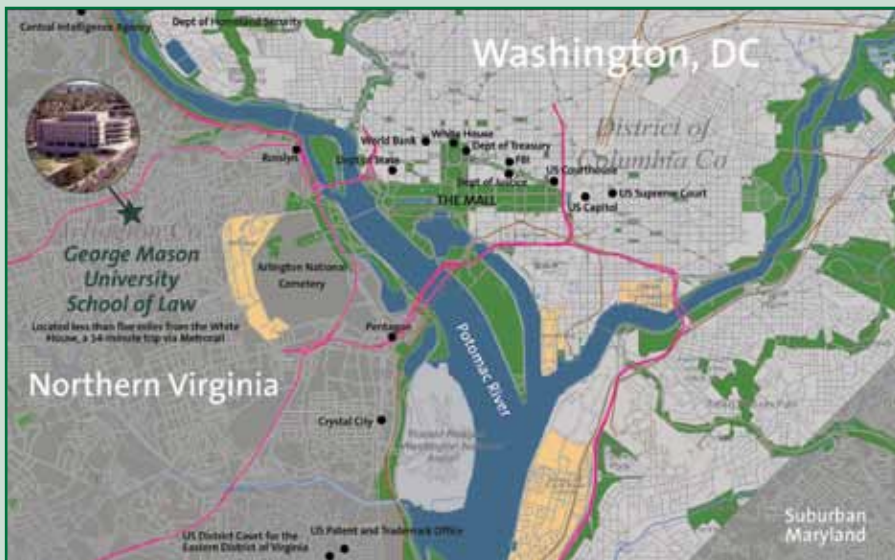
- I understand that limited spaces are available for these program and my registration mean that another judge will not be able to attend.
- I have made arrangements so that it is very unlikely that my judicial duties will preclude me from attending.
- I have read and understand the Mason JEP Travel Reimbursement Policy.
- I understand that I will be personally responsible for meal expenses other than those associated with group meals held in conjunction with the program.
- I understand that I will be responsible for any expenses associated with spouse/guest travel, meals, and lodging.
- I agree to read the assigned materials prior to class, attend all class and group functions promptly, and participate in classroom discussions and activities.
- I agree to make travel arrangements so that I am present for all sessions, including the opening and closing sessions. In general, my flights will arrive two hours before the start of the program and leave three hours after the end of the program.
- I do not expect to leave the bench during the next three years.

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**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please e-mail [LEC@gmu.edu](mailto:LEC@gmu.edu) or call 703-993-9960 if you have any questions.**

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### Contact Information

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### TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The JEP will reimburse reasonable transportation expenses up to \$500. For travel expenses exceeding \$500, the JEP will reimburse 50% of the amount above \$500 (e.g., for expenses totaling \$750, the JEP will reimburse a total of \$625 — \$500 plus half of the \$250).

For judges traveling from Alaska and Hawaii, the JEP will reimburse travel expenses up to \$1,000. If travel expenses exceed \$1,000, the JEP will reimburse 50% of the amount exceeding \$1,000.

Reimbursable travel expenses include: advance purchase coach airfare, ground transportation, and parking associated with travel to and from the program. Meals are not reimbursable.

Lodging at the program hotel is included for the program nights. Judges traveling more than two (2) time zones may request an additional night if necessary to allow for full attendance at all program sessions.