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Punitive Injunctions: A Conversation About Civil Incarceration and the Right to Counsel

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Join JLASC, CASAC, DADI, and ACS for a conversation about civil incarceration and the right to counsel, featuring Professor Stephanos Bibas and Professor Nirej Sekhon of Georgia State University College of Law.

Should people who fail to pay child support be incarcerated for what essentially amounts to a civil offense?

The question becomes even more relevant in light of the recent tragic death of Walter L. Scott in South Carolina. Pulled over for driving with a broken taillight, Scott fled on foot and was shot in the back five times by a police officer. Scott had reportedly been arrested about 10 times, mostly for failing to pay child support. The *New York Times* [reported](#) that Scott may have been overdue in his payments, and his lawyer asserts that he fled the routine traffic stop because he "didn't want to go to jail for back child support."

To explore the issues of civil incarceration and the right to counsel, especially in the context of child support payments, please join us for a panel lunch discussion featuring Professor Stephanos Bibas and Professor Nirej Sekhon from Georgia State University College of Law.

The event is based in part on Professor Sekhon's recent article, *Punitive Injunctions*, which was published in Issue 17.2 of the *Journal of Law and Social Change*. You can read the article by [clicking here](#).

The event will take place on Thursday, April 16th from Noon to 1:20 in G-213. Lunch will be served!

This event is brought to you by the Journal of Law and Social Change, the Custody and Support Assistance Clinic (CASAC), Defense of the Accused, Detained, and Incarcerated (DADI), and the American Constitution Society (ACS).



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