Sparer Symposium 2015

“Buying Justice: How Big Money Defines Our Rights and Solutions that Level the Playing Field”

Symposium Schedule:

8:30 am:
Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am:
Opening Remarks

9:05 am:
Corporate Advantage? SCOTUS, the Defense Bar, and Rules that Keep Plaintiffs Out of Court (1.5 credit hours)
Robert Heim, Partner, Dechert
Sean Farhang, Professor at the School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley
Allison Zieve, Director, Public Citizen Litigation Group

10:30 am:
Democracy for Sale: Global Corruption, Elite Influence, and U.S. Foreign Policy (1.5 credit hours)
Cole Bockenfeld, Deputy Director for Policy, Project on Middle East Democracy
Peter Harrell, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security
Farahnaz Ispahani, Author and Former Member, Pakistan National Assembly

12:00 pm:
Keynote Speaker & Lunch Discussion (.5 credit hours):
Brenda Wright, Vice President, Policy and Legal Strategies, Demos

1:00 pm:
Voices at the Table: Working Together to Improve Education for Students in Philadelphia (1.5 credit hours)
Tamara Anderson, Parent, Educational Policy writer, and Organizer
Marjorie G. Neff, Chairwoman, School Reform Commission, School District of Philadelphia
Mike Wang, Executive Director, Philadelphia School Advocacy Partners

2:30 pm:
The Cost of Economic Opportunity for Underserved Communities (1.0 ethics/.5 substantive)
Dorcas Gilmore, Practitioner in Residence, American University
4:00 pm  A Closing Conversation on Criminal Justice (1.0 ethics)
Paul Heaton, Senior Fellow and Academic Director, Quattrone Center for the
Fair Administration of Justice
David Rudovsky, Senior Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Law School

5:00 pm  Reception

Register HERE.

This program has been approved for 7.5 (5.5 substantive/2.0 ethics) hours of CLE credits for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of $150.00 ($75.00 public interest/non-profit attorneys) cash or check made payable to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.