



April 6, 2015



For information contact:
Leah Gurowitz 202/ 879-1700

PRESS ADVISORY

VA STATE SEN CREIGH DEEDS TO KEYNOTE DC COURT-BAR CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

The D.C. Courts and the D.C Bar will co-host their biennial Judicial-Bar Conference on Friday, April 17, 2015. The theme of conference is “*Meeting Mental Health Challenges in Our Legal System.*” The keynote luncheon speaker will be Virginia State Senator Creigh Deeds, who has become a leading voice in the fight for mental health care reform. The conference will be one day and will feature a number of differing seminar sessions in the afternoon, after State of the Judiciary remarks by the two Chief Judges, a State of the Bar address by the D.C. Bar President, and a plenary session in the morning entitled ‘Community Integration and the Courts.’

WHAT: District of Columbia Judicial and Bar Conference

WHERE: Reagan International Trade Center - 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

WHEN: Friday, April 17, 2015 -- 9:30 am – 5:15 pm

**WHO: Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, D.C. Court of Appeals
Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield, Superior Court of D.C.
DC Bar President Brigida Benitez
Virginia State Senator Creigh Deeds**

Plenary sessions will cover a wide range of mental health topics, such as addressing the mental health needs of low income children, developments in guardianship law, mental health discrimination in access to care, and an interdisciplinary examination of psychotropic medication. In addition, there will be a session at 2:15 entitled “So, You Want to be a Judge in the District of Columbia?”

For more information, click on the following links:

[Conference Description](#)

[Conference Itinerary](#)

[List of sessions and panelists at each](#)

PRESS: Media passes are available; there will be some restrictions on photography and live feeds.

###