

Cop, Defense, Prosecutor, Judge: Behind the Scenes in Clark County, 1/24/2018

Audience discussion questions:

1. What was the most surprising thing you heard tonight?

- How frank each person was about the vulnerabilities of the system. They were honest about the system.
- Cooperation between the various entities.
- Domestic violence offender would be put to jail.
- I was surprised and glad to hear that they are opening a new mental court system that gives individuals a chance to drop charges with support to recovery.
- I was surprised how few people retain a defense attorney themselves (rather than court appointed). Also surprised there are volunteer opportunities with the police.
- That Clark County is doing better than most in terms of how the system works.
- That Clark County is rated top in police officer training as well as trained in CIT.

2. What questions do you still have about criminal justice in Clark County?

- How legal marijuana (recreational) has changed street-level practice in criminal justice.
- What is needed in terms of a new jail and alternatives, better ways of thinking about incarceration.
- No.
- I'd like to hear more about mental health in the system: mental health court.
- Are we improving mental health when behind bars?
- What is needed to increase more cases/additional cases to be seen in mental health court

3. Is there something you are moved to do as a result of your participation in tonight's forum?

- I would love to observe court more often than I do. I would like to observe Judge Clark's "fish bowl"-- clients at the initial appearance stage.
- Be involved in discussion of new jail.
- I am a language interpreter. Sometimes, especially in the past, I would interpret at Multnomah County Courthouse. That's why I came. Would take more appointments at court. However, I am not certified or qualified yet. Have to wait for my company (IRCO, Immigrant and Refugee Center of Oregon). I am working to get them further training for me.
- I'm moved to learn in greater depth about the court systems and the stages that different cases go through. Motivates me to continue getting involved and try to educate those people in my cultural community.
- I would like to sit in on a court case in which the public is welcome.
- Keep reading and informed about criminal justice in this county.

- Continue to become more involved and/or educated in understanding what could be done to bridge the gap between law enforcement or join first responders front line. Go back to school and lead for legislation.