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CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

March 31, 2022

Online Event Today!

[The Criminalization of Addiction: Law, Medicine, and Future Directions](#)

Register [here](#) to receive access to the livestream!



March 31, 2022, 12:00 PM ET
CLBB and the Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this panel discussion will be held virtually as an online webinar. To ensure that you will receive access to the livestream and be kept up to date on any changes to the event, [register now](#). We will send out a link to the livestream of the event to all registrants the day before and day of the event.

Last registration is 11:30am on the day of the event.

Event Description

In *Commonwealth v. Eldred*, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court held that a court may order a defendant who is addicted to substances to remain drug free as a condition of probation and that if a defendant tests positive for an illegal substance, the defendant may be found in violation of his or her probation. Join us for a discussion of this important case. Attorney Lisa Newman-Polk, who litigated *Eldred*, will discuss the legal landscape regarding criminalization of addiction. Dr. Alexander Walley will contextualize substance use disorder as a medical illness. Dr. Stephanie Tabashneck will then lead a discussion on the implications of criminalizing substance use disorder.

Join the conversation or submit questions on Twitter @PetrieFlom using #LawAndNeuro.

This event is part of the Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience, a collaboration between the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

Panelists

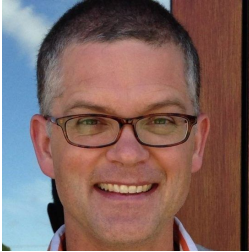
Introduction: [Carmel Shachar](#), Executive Director, Petrie-Flom Center



[Lisa Newman-Polk](#), Lawyer and Licensed Certified Social Worker



[Alexander Walley](#), Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine; Director, Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program; Co-Director, Fellow Immersion Training Program in Addiction Medicine; Associate Director, Faster Paths to Treatment Addiction Urgent Care Clinic; and Medical Director, Opioid Overdose Prevention Pilot Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health



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