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Criminal Justice Forum: Reflections of an International Criminal Prosecutor



The Honorable Fatou Bensouda, former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Fatou Bensouda served as Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) from 2012-2021. Before that, she served as Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the ICC and as Prosecutor at the Rwanda tribunal.

Prosecutor Bensouda will discuss relevant international criminal law issues related to the prosecution of leaders who order the commission of atrocity crimes. In addition, she will discuss challenges and opportunities associated with such prosecutions, and with leading prosecutions at an international tribunal.

Between 1987 and 2000, Ms. Bensouda served in successively senior positions in The Gambia, including Attorney General and Minister of Justice, in which capacity she served as Chief Legal Advisor to the President and Cabinet. In March 2022, Ambassador Bensouda was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council to be Chairman of the three-person International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia which is investigating atrocities in Tigray and neighboring regions.

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IP+ National IP Conference



This year's conference features an incredible lineup of topics that you won't find at other IP conferences around the country; a keynote from **Laura Quatela**, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Lenovo; panels including intellectual property, finance, and venture funding; a view from in-house intellectual property counsels; the law of emerging medical technology; the independent inventor perspective; and an update of changes in intellectual property law. Speakers will include **Chris Storm** (Uber), **Nancy Berardinelli-Krantz** (Eaton), **Todd Federman** (North Coast Ventures), and **Todd Schwarzinger** (Cleveland Clinic Innovations), and many others in the field.

We will also hear from three inventors, **Charu Ramanathan**, **Charlie Lougheed**, and **Kip Azzoni Doyle**, who made successful business exits using intellectual property, including to Medtronic and IBM. And get your substance abuse and ethics credit from a panel featuring Olympic medalists **Butch Reynolds**, **Diana Munz DePetro**, **Matt Ghaffari**, and **Tara Nott-Cunningham** discussing the IP and social impact of performance-enhancing drugs. Autographed Olympic memorabilia will be given away as prizes!

The Conference is designed for a broad audience. 6.0 hours of CLE has been applied for, including 1 hour of substance abuse and ethics credit. Registration is required. The cost is \$99 for lawyers at firms, \$49 for corporations, government, or non-profit, and free for CSU students, faculty and staff.

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Thursday • September 29 • 5 PM
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Criminal Justice Forum: Ruined: Language Use and Choice By Judges at Sentencing in Rape and Sexual Assault Cases

Judges play a critical role in one of the most important states of a criminal case's adjudication—sentencing. While there have been substantial limitations placed on the discretion judges can exercise in devising punishments, there are little to none on what judges say at such hearings when articulating their rationales for the sentences they impose on convicted defendants. In her lecture, Professor Romero will examine the language judges use when sentencing defendants convicted rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse that describes victims of those crimes and the harms they have sustained, especially language that describes victims as "ruined," "broken," or "destroyed." Professor Romero argues that the use of such language, while apparently meant to be empathetic, only serves to uphold misogynistic understandings of rape and sexual assault and actively harms victims. Judges trying to justify harsh sentences for defendants convicted of sex crimes also engage in shaming and exploitation of victims when saying that defendants have left victims "ruined" at sentencing.

Guest Speaker

Maybell Romero, Felder-Fayard Associate Professor of Law at the Tulane University School of Law

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