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A Rudman Center Roundup

Wrongful convictions, government accountability, the culture of policing, climate change – it's been a busy few months at the Rudman Center. If you missed any of these conversations, see below for writeups that include links to video and audio recordings of the full events. And send comments – and ideas for future discussions – to ellen.grimm@law.unh.edu.

Justice & Journalism: NPR's Sarah McCammon

Although abortion can seem among the most polarizing issues in this country, many Americans have an interest in compromise that can get lost in the political fray, according to NPR correspondent Sarah McCammon who explored the complexities of covering abortion during a Justice & Journalism event. Read our [writeup](#).

“The American people do have fairly nuanced views, and complex views, about abortion, and when you sit down and talk with people, many people do express complicated feelings about abortion, whether they’re for or against it in terms of public policy.” – Sarah McCammon, NPR Correspondent



NHPR host **Rick Ganley**, Rudman Center Community Engagement Director **Laura Knoy**, and NPR Correspondent **Sarah McCammon** at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law.

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Real Talk: A Community Conversation on the Culture of Policing

Why do incidents such as the deadly beating of Tyre Nichols by Memphis police officers continue to happen? How can communities work together to ensure this won't happen in New Hampshire? Those were among the questions explored

during a March event organized by the New Hampshire Center for Justice & Equity. Read our [writeup](#).

“I think we might be getting there, but I do think we have a long way to go. If racism is systemic, then does it really matter if we have more representation, as in more Black police officers, working in our local police departments or in these positions of power?” – Ronelle Tshiela, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Manchester, 2L student at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law



From left to right: **Jasmine Torres**, moderator, NHPBS; **Ronelle Tshiela**, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Manchester; **Eddie Edwards**, assistant commissioner N.H. Dept. of Public Safety; **John Scippa**, director of NH Police Standards and Training; **Quovella Maeweather**, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); and **Tanisha Johnson**, moderator, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Seacoast. *PHOTO CREDIT: The N.H. Center for Justice & Equity*

Keeping the Light On: Holding Government Accountable

When it comes to government transparency and access to public records, there has been much progress in New Hampshire, according to legal experts. Among the challenges: Keeping the public up to date on evolving Right-to-Know matters. Read our [writeup](#).

"We do constantly need to be educating folks about what their rights are under the statute. That is a hurdle. The law is ever changing. If people don't know what their rights are, that is a hurdle in and of itself to government transparency. Because these rules and principles don't automatically happen. People have to enforce and invoke them.

– Gilles Bissonnette, Legal director, ACLU-NH



Gregory V. Sullivan, Malloy & Sullivan, a First Amendment Law specialist; **The Honorable N. William Delker**, Justice, NH Superior Court; **Emily Gray Rice**, City Solicitor, City of Manchester, NH; **Gilles Bissonnette**, Legal Director, ACLU - New Hampshire. *PHOTO CREDIT: Quinn Kobrin*

The Economic Impact of Climate Change

A look at the economic and budgetary cost of climate inaction, the economic opportunity of climate action, and the current and future environmental regulatory landscape. Read our [writeup](#).

"Any company that's trying to make things is going to be affected by extreme weather events, by business disruption, by threats to supply chain, whether it's cocoa, cotton, coffee, any number of agricultural commodities. And that's one of the reasons why so many companies have started to, over the last several years, set net-zero targets, purchase enormous amounts of renewable energy and really start to take this

seriously.” – Anne Kelly, Vice President of Government Relations for Ceres



Brad Campbell, President of the Conservation Law Foundation, **Laura Knoy**, Rudman Center Community Engagement Director, **Anne Kelly**, Vice President of Government Relations for Ceres, **Pat Parenteau**, Emeritus Professor of Law and Senior Fellow for Climate Policy at the Vermont Law and Graduate School

The Innocence Project: Correcting and Preventing Wrongful Convictions

Panelists explored the personal and societal costs of wrongful convictions, the underlying factors that contribute to the problem, and solutions. Read our [writeup](#).

“In 50 percent of our exoneration cases, we have identified the real perpetrator. And 50 percent of those real perpetrators went on to commit additional violent crimes, including over 80 rapes and 30 murders.”
– *Laurie Roberts, State Advocate for the Innocence Project*



David Thompson, certified forensic interviewer and president of Wicklander-Zulawsky & Associates; **Albert (Buzz) Scherr**, professor of criminal law and procedure at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law and police commissioner in Portsmouth; **Huwe Burton**, exoneree and public speaker for the Innocence Project; **Laurie Roberts**, state policy advocate for the Innocence Project; **Laura Knoy**, Rudman Center Community Engagement Director.

The NH Supreme Court: How Recent Trends Can Inform Future Litigation Strategies

Civil and criminal attorneys discussed voting rights, public records, search and seizure, and the role of technology in court proceedings. Read our [writeup](#).

“Watching somebody testify on a camera with a recording is not the same as seeing the person in person.” – Elizabeth Woodcock, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Justice Bureau, N.H. Office Of the Attorney General.



Interior of the N.H. Supreme Court. *PHOTO CREDIT: The N.H. Supreme Court Society*

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