

HIV in Minnesota Criminal Courts: Protecting the Public or Criminalizing a Chronic Disease?

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Thursday, June 24th from 1-4:30

Training Description:

Minnesota Statute §609.2241 makes the knowing transfer of communicable disease a crime. In 2014 the Minnesota Supreme Court overturned the conviction of an HIV+ defendant raising questions regarding the statute and its public health implications. This program will discuss the pros and cons of prosecutions under the statute, how to advise clients, and how to handle issues involving HIV in your practice. In addition, this course will clarify the current health risks of HIV and public health considerations when assessing cases and claims. A panel of speakers will lead a discussion of strategies and responses to potential defendants and potential crime victims in our current context.

Presenters:

- **Jerry Burg, Esq.** Mr. Burg practices in the areas of Criminal Defense, Family Law and Employment Law with a focus on specific matters pertaining to GLBT people in each area.
- **Amy Sweasy, Esq.** As an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney in the Adult Prosecution Division since 1995, Ms. Sweasy is in charge of cases involving the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- **Lynn Mickelson, Esq.** Ms. Mickelson has been the Minnesota AIDS Project Legal Services Manager since 1995 providing legal services to clients affected by HIV.

Training Details:

Location: Minnesota AIDS Project (1400 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404)

Continuing Education Units: 3.25 hours of Standard MN CLE credit applied for.

Cost:

- Private attorney: \$75
- Public/Public Interest attorney: \$60
- MAP volunteer attorneys: \$50
- Law Students: \$20
- Non-Lawyers: \$50

Registration:

Eventbrite: <http://mnhivcriminalization.eventbrite.com>

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