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MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION TO HOST OCT. 23 SENTENCING SYMPOSIUM AT THE STATEHOUSE

BOSTON, Mass. — Legislators, attorneys and advocates from across the state and nation, including Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea J. Cabral and former Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, will meet to discuss the crucial issue of sentencing reform at the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Sentencing Symposium from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the Statehouse Great Hall. This event is open to the public.

Two panels will examine the need for changes to the current system, among them eliminating mandatory minimums and creating greater opportunities for treatment, education/training, parole and CORI reform. Former WBZ-TV senior correspondent John Henning will moderate the discussions.

“The sentencing system in Massachusetts needs serious reform. It costs too much, it is not reducing crime and it is not rehabilitating inmates,” said MBA President David W. White Jr., who will offer welcoming.

“Improvements to the system will certainly reduce crime, restore families and communities, and ultimately, cost less.”

Panelists:

- **Andrea J. Cabral**, Esq., Sheriff, Suffolk County
- **State Sen. Robert S. Creedon Jr.**, Senate Chairman of Joint Committee on the Judiciary
- **James Alan Fox**, PhD, The Lipman Family Professor of Criminal Justice, Northeastern University, Boston
- **State Rep. Roger Goodman**, Vice Chair, House Judiciary Committee, Washington
- **Mary Elizabeth Heffernan**, Esq., Undersecretary of Criminal Justice, Executive Office of Public Safety
- **John J. Larivee**, Chief Executive Officer, Community Resources for Justice, Boston
- **William J. Leahy**, Esq., Chief Counsel, Committee for Public Counsel Service, Boston
- **Hon. Robert A. Mulligan**, Chief Justice for Administration and Management
- **State Rep. Eugene L. O’Flaherty**, House Chairman, Joint Committee on the Judiciary
- **Mary Price**, Esq., Vice President and General Counsel, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, Wash., D.C.

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