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Responsibility, Culpability and Juvenile Life Without Parole

Friday, April 20, 2012, 12 noon-2:30 p.m. | Suffolk University Law School
Luncheon and Panel Discussion

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Massachusetts is the only state in New England to impose life without parole on juveniles in the past 15 years. Legislation is pending in Massachusetts to change the law and the Supreme Court this term will be hearing *Miller v. Alabama* and *Jackson v. Hobbs*, two cases that argue that the 8th amendment prohibits life without parole for 14 year olds convicted of felony murder. On Friday, April 20th, national expert Marsha Levick, Deputy Director and

Chief Counsel of the Juvenile Law Center in Pennsylvania addresses the upcoming Supreme Court argument and the national landscape. In addition, a panel of local experts will offer their views of juvenile life without parole, the pending Massachusetts legislation and the broader issues of what the research says about youthful offenders and their competency, and level of responsibility.

Attend and Learn...

- ◆ What are the possible practice implications of *Miller and Hobbs*
- ◆ How pending legislation changes judicial discretion and parole review
- ◆ How you can integrate recent research into your cases involving juveniles
- ◆ What possible defenses can be raised for juveniles in courts