The Spangenberg Group Joins George Mason University
New Project Will Work on Access to Justice and Indigent Defense

George Mason University is delighted to announce that The Spangenberg Group has joined the university’s Center for Justice, Law and Society. Under this exciting new arrangement, Mason has created The Spangenberg Project, which offers research, consulting, and technical assistance on issues of access to justice and indigent defense.

As part of the merger, Robert Spangenberg and David Newhouse have joined George Mason University as research professors, where they will work collaboratively with faculty researchers and graduate students. The combined team will connect field work on indigent defense with larger research and policy goals on access to justice. Among other things, the Center will create an annual Robert L. Spangenberg prize for the best student paper on the subject.

Over the past 35 years, Mr. Spangenberg has worked in all 50 states with civil legal services programs, indigent defense programs, bar associations, state and county officials, and legislative bodies interested in improving the U.S. justice system. Since 1986, he and Mr. Newhouse have been the primary providers of technical assistance on indigent defense systems for the American Bar Association's Bar Information Program, which provides support and research to individuals and organizations working to improve their jurisdictions' indigent defense systems.

The Center for Justice, Law and Society is a nationally-recognized research center on law, judicial administration and legal development. It has three core objectives:

1) Advancing research and scholarly debate on questions of law and legal behavior.
2) Bridging the gap between academe and practice. 3) Assisting policymakers and practitioners by applying empirical research to practical problems in the field.

The Center also is part of George Mason University, Virginia's flagship institution in the Washington, D.C. area. U.S. News and World Report recently rated George Mason University “the number one national university to watch.”

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