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Poverty Expert Peter Edelman to Speak at New York City Dialogue

Joins Panel of Experts to Discuss the Changing Face of Poverty

Peter Edelman, one of the nation's foremost authorities on the subject of poverty, will join a panel of experts at the Shriver Center's National Law & Policy Dialogue on October 23, 2014, in New York City to explore the issue of what it means to be poor in America fifty years after the launch of the War on Poverty. Peter Edelman has spent decades working to eradicate poverty. A Georgetown University law professor, he's served in all three branches of government, including as a legislative assistant to Sen. Robert Kennedy and in various roles in President Clinton's administration. He's also written extensively on constitutional law, children and youth and poverty. Professor Edelman's 2012 book, *So Rich So Poor: Why It's So Hard to End Poverty in America*, is an informed analysis of why poverty remains stubbornly high in the United States. Edelman graduated from Harvard Law School and has chaired and been a board member of numerous organizations and foundations.

Edelman will be joined on the panel by Jojo Annobil, Attorney-in-Charge of the City-wide Immigration Law Unit at the Legal Aid Society in New York, and Aleyamma Mathew, Director of the Women's Economic Justice Program at the Ms. Foundation. The panel will discuss how the changing demographics of people living in poverty has affected the problems they confront and how these changes affect emerging issues such as the dramatic rise of undocumented child refugees and growing income inequality. The event, which will be moderated by Shriver Center President John Bouman, will reflect on the successes of the War on Poverty and explore how policy makers, state and local governments, and advocates are responding to poverty issues today.

WHEN: Thursday, October 23, 2014, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, 125 Broad St., New York, NY.

Open to the public; space is limited. Register now at <http://povertylaw.org/events/dialogueny>

The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty. We specialize in practical solutions. Through our advocacy, communication, and training programs, we advocate for and serve clients directly, while also building the capacity of the nation's legal aid providers to advance justice and opportunity for their clients.

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