



United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division  
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### **Chief Judge Castillo speaks on Chicago State University panel addressing criminal law, justice, social equity**

On April 10, 2019, Chief Judge Rubén Castillo participated in a panel discussion addressing criminal law, justice, and social equity as part of the Chicago State University Criminal Justice Institute. Judge Castillo reflected on his role as vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission from 1999 to 2010. He also discussed the expansion of the District Court's Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Re-entry program and the establishment of the Sentencing Options that Achieve Results (SOAR) program, which provides an alternative to incarceration for federal pretrial defendants through treatment, sanction alternatives, and incentives to reinforce positive behavior.

Other panelists included Hon. David H. Coar (Ret.); John R. Lausch, Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Dr. Jon Patterson, Assistant Professor, Chicago State University; Xavier Ramey, CEO, Justice Informed; and Kwame Raoul, Illinois Attorney General. The panel was moderated by Nathalina Hudson, Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Illinois Attorney General. Sydney Roberts, Director of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, offered the keynote address.

