

American Bar Association Judicial Division
Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary
Presents

A Panel Discussion on *Roper v. Simmons*

Friday, February 10, 2006

Program

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Reception

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker Dr.
Atlanta Room
West Tower, Gold Level

Will the rationale of Roper v. Simmons slow down significantly the certification of juveniles to adult courts to be prosecuted as adults? Does it suggest that long sentences are inappropriate? Is life without parole ever an appropriate sentence for a youth for conduct or behavior before the 18th birthday? Is life without parole an appropriate sentence when such an individual was merely an aider and abettor or a conspirator involved on the fringes of the criminal activity? Should counsel move for reduction of sentence for individuals who were convicted as adults even though under the age of 18 at the time of the criminal act? Does impulsivity and immaturity justify a shorter sentence than one meted out to a 29 or 34 year old offender? Join us for this dynamic CLE program, on the cutting edge of juvenile justice issues as we answer these questions and more. *Elimination of bias credit requested.*

Moderator: Honorable Arthur L. Burnett, Sr.
ABA Judicial Division Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary Member
National Executive Director
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Distinguished Panelists:

Former Chief Judge Eugene N. Hamilton
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Professor Victor Streib
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