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News & Events from the TSO Week of August 3, 2015

## **Legal Forum II:**

Sentencing Reform & Washington's Marijuana Law

Working with the Senior Lawyers Section of the Washington State Bar Association, TSO has lined up two preeminent speakers to discuss prison sentencing reform (September 16 @ 10 AM) and Washington's new marijuana law (September 17 @ 10 AM) in room 1125 North Campus.

Sentencing Reform (9/16): The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world; vastly higher than our nearest competitors for this title, Rwanda, Russia, Iran & Brazil. Progressives and conservatives agree that something must be done about this problem. Learn about the incarceration crisis from a man-in-the-trenches, Thomas W Hillier II, the Federal Public Defender in Western Washington for 32 years. Tom, now a member of the Perkins, Coie firm (Seattle office) will review the history of the dramatic rise in imprisonment in the United States and discuss recent events that signal a hope for change.

Washington's Marijuana Law (9/17): After making a purchase at a state-sanctioned marijuana emporium, can an FBI agent bust you for possession? Former Washington State Bar Association President, Salvador A. Mungia II, a member of the Gordon, Thomas Honeywell firm (Tacoma office) will provide an overview of how Washington became one of first two states to legalize recreational marijuana for adults. Among other things, Sal will discuss the current practice of certain local jurisdictions banning marijuana retail sales and whether these local jurisdictions have violated state law.

Please email info.telosso@gmail.com to confirm your reservation for each seminar.

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