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Chief Justice Stuart Rabner to Give Keynote Address at USC Law Conference

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner will give the keynote address today at a conference at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law.

The Criminal Law at the Crossroads conference will address topics such as the role of accuracy in the criminal justice process and its relationship to due process; the proper role of judicial gatekeeping; and assimilating empirical data into criminal justice policy.

Participants will include Justice Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court as well as attorneys and law professors who specialize in criminal law.

Chief Justice Rabner's remarks will focus on eyewitness identification and the underlying case law informing the New Jersey Supreme Court's 2011 ruling in *State v. Henderson* (208 N.J. 208). In that case, the court revised the approach for evaluating whether eyewitness testimony may be admitted in criminal cases and called for enhanced jury charges to help jurors weigh that evidence. The court's decision followed an extensive review of existing social science research on the reliability of eyewitness identification.

The chief justice has previously addressed this topic in the 18th Annual Brennan Lecture he delivered at the New York University School of Law on Feb. 22, 2012. The lecture was published in the *New York University Law Review* (87 N.Y.U.L. Rev. 1249).

Chief Justice Rabner has been invited to speak on the topic of eyewitness identification on several occasions, including the Bernard Segal Memorial Lecture in Law and Ethics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, co-hosted by Columbia Law School, the 2013 Louisiana Judiciary's Judicial College, and a national training program for federal and state judges hosted by NYU's Institute of Judicial Administration.

To view today's conference program, [click here](#).

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