

# Justice for All

## A National Symposium on the Role of Forensic Science in the Evolution of Criminal Justice Reform in the United States

*Duquesne University  
(Building location to be announced)  
Pittsburgh, PA*

*Thursday, April 20 – Saturday, April 22, 2006  
(Please note new dates)*

One year following the enactment of the Justice for All Act of 2004, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law will convene a national symposium to explore the sweeping impact of forensic scientific advances on criminal justice reform in this country.

In the wake of waves of exonerations based on forensic scientific advances that exposed wrongful convictions, the climate for criminal justice reform has changed dramatically. The advent of DNA technology demonstrated the fallibility of the criminal justice system in this country, highlighting the need for legislation to both harness the growing potential and address the limitations of forensic science in meting out justice for all.

Significantly, the Justice for All Act, which President Bush signed into law last fall, brings together those with a vested interest in the truth-seeking function of the criminal justice system and includes provisions that protect victims' rights, advance state forensic testing, provide for post-conviction DNA tests, improve the performance of counsel in capital cases, and create a National Forensic Science Commission, among others.

Among those expected to benefit from this symposium are prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, forensic scientists and all others interested in criminal justice in America.

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