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LOPD celebrates 60th anniversary of the right to counsel

NM joins in national Concerts for Indigent Defense, hosts expert lecture

SANTA FE, NM — March 18 is Gideon Day in remembrance of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that gives us all the right to have an attorney by our side in a criminal court — even if we can't afford one.

The New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender celebrates Gideon's 60th anniversary this year by joining public defenders across the nation in hosting a Concert for Indigent Defense. The New Mexico concert is in Santa Fe with Chief Public Defender Ben Baur and his band JJ and the Hooligans. Additionally, we are hosting a special Zoom with Jon Mosher, a national expert on public defense law and landscape.

“The Gideon decision, which cemented the right to have an attorney when facing criminal charges from the government, is such a landmark in our country's history. The work is so important and so often serious. I'm glad we can have some fun celebrating those who devote their lives to this work,” Chief Ben Baur said.

Please help us spread the word and join us for a nationwide celebration of Gideon Day.

CONCERT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE

Public defense agencies across the country are hosting concerts dedicated to Gideon Day and the important right it represents. More info on Concerts for Indigent Defense found here: www.concertsforindigentdefense.org.

- JJ and the Hooligans with Chief Ben Baur on drums
- Friday, March 17, 2023
- 8-11 p.m.
- The Cowgirl at 319 S Guadalupe St, Santa Fe, NM 87501

GIDEON EXPERT ZOOM FOR NEW MEXICO

Jon Mosher, deputy director of the Sixth Amendment Center, will share insight on what threats might be lurking for the right to counsel and how hopeful public defense trends in New Mexico and the country.

- Monday, March 20
- 12 – 1 p.m.
- Zoom, no cost
- Register for Zoom link at our website: www.lopdm.us/gideonday2023
- www.sixthamendment.org

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