

# Confronting Criminal Justice Debt: Introduction and Impact on Communities of Color

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Americas justice system is increasingly financed by the imposition of heavy fines, fees, and costs on individuals accused of crimes and civil infractions. The costs are disproportionately born by the poor and people of color. This webinar will provide an overview of criminal justice debt as an urgent racial justice problem. It will outline key policy reforms and provide an overview of consumer, constitutional, and criminal litigation issues that arise with criminal justice debt.

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## Additional material:

[Confronting Criminal Justice Debt: A Guide for Litigation \(NCLC\)](#)

[Confronting Criminal Justice Debt: A Guide for Policy Reform \(CJPP\)](#)