

# Introduction to Harvard's Criminal Justice Policy Program's 50-State Criminal Justice Debt Law Web Tool

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The National Consumer Law Center and the Criminal Justice Policy Program at Harvard Law Schools free webinar series on criminal justice debt continues this spring. *Confronting Criminal Justice Debt* focuses on the fines and fees imposed by the criminal justice system. This webinar series brings together leading attorneys, academics, and other advocates to identify problems with the current fine and fee practices, including their disproportionate impact on the poor and people of color, and to discuss litigation and policy solutions.

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