

**JURY SYSTEM REFORM** – On January 2, *The Washington Post* published an editorial urging that CCE's report, *Jury Service Revisited: Upgrades for the 21st Century*, and its 25 recommendations "must not be consigned to the shelves and instead should provide the basis for needed action." CCE has formed a working group, chaired by **Peter Kolker** of **Zuckerman Spaeder LLP**, to identify all of the steps involved in implementing the report's recommendations through changes to court rules, systems, and procedures; possible legislative reform; and a public education campaign.

**SCHOOL JURY EDUCATION PROGRAM** – One of CCE's longest-running programs wrapped up another successful school year with visits to 12 classrooms at nine schools, reaching 200 students throughout the District. Five Superior Court judges, four US District Court judges, and two lawyers from the CCE board participated in school visits.



The Honorable **Emmet G. Sullivan** (center) of the US District Court for the District of Columbia returns to his alma mater, McKinley Technology High School, to teach students about jury service.

**BENCH-BAR-MEDIA DIALOGUE** – On March 17, CCE convened its ninth public event, *Justice on the Big Screen*, hosted by the Motion Picture Association of America. The panel explored the interaction among the media, lawyers, and judges in high-profile cases that is dramatically illustrated in recent popular film and television. **Laura Handman** of **Davis Wright Tremaine LLP** moderated the discussion, which featured clips from 2016 Best Picture Oscar® winner *Spotlight*, HBO's *The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst*, and *The Response*, an ABA Award-winning docudrama based on actual transcripts from the Combatant Status Review Tribunals held at Guantanamo Bay.



Bench-Bar-Media Committee Co-chairs **Laura Handman** and **Jim McLaughlin** flank panelists **Marty Baron**, executive editor of *The Washington Post*; the Honorable **Gladys Kessler** of the US District Court for the District of Columbia; **Victor Kovner** of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; and **Sig Libowitz**, a lawyer and filmmaker who wrote and produced *The Response*.



Above The audience enjoys popcorn in MPAA's screening theater. Below MPAA Chairman & CEO Senator Chris Dodd chats with CCE President Iv Nathan during the Bench-Bar-Media Dialogue reception.

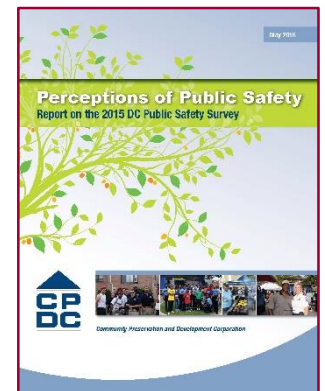
**Mental Health** – In April, Board directors **Cliff Keenan** and **Cynthia Wright**, along with a large group of stakeholders, travelled with a CCE delegation to Bexar County (San Antonio), Texas, to gather information on a program that diverts people with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders from jail to treatment over, please

facilities under appropriate circumstances. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provided a technical assistance grant for the site visit. Subsequently, the coalition assisted the DC Department of Behavioral Health and the Metropolitan Police Department in applying for a larger BJA grant that, if awarded, would allow DC to plan its own pre-booking diversion program.



**“MEET THE NEXT CHIEF JUDGE” PUBLIC FORUM** – CCE held a public forum on June 6 to provide an opportunity for the public to hear from the judges who applied to become chief judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Judicial Nomination Commission, which designates the chief judge, invited public comments as part of its selection process. The **University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law** hosted the event that drew an audience of nearly 200. Thirteen other stakeholders co-sponsored the event, including the DC Consortium of Legal Services Providers, two DC Bar sections, and several voluntary bar associations. CCE board director **Karen Evans** of **The Cochran Firm** served as moderator. The format included opening statements, moderator questions, audience questions, and closing remarks.

**PERCEPTIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY** – Last year, the Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC) chose CCE to collaborate on a project to survey District residents about public safety and community-police relations. In June 2016, CPDC released the report detailing CCE’s findings and recommendations. CCE presented a panel on *Perceptions of Public Safety* at its recent board meeting. After CCE policy analyst **Emily Tatro** provided an overview of the report, **Professor Paul Butler** of Georgetown University Law Center moderated a panel that included **Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie**, **Assistant Police Chief Peter Newsham**, and community development expert **Dayna Dixon**.



**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (OAH)** – Under a contract with the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, CCE continued its review of the DC Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). The project committee gathered litigant and OAH input, reviewed the OAH Establishment Act, and conducted a jurisdictional comparison, among other research and analysis. The forthcoming report evaluates the extent to which the original legislative intent has been accomplished and makes recommendations regarding operational policies and practices to ensure the District’s administrative litigation system is fair, efficient, and effective.

## WHAT’S ON THE HORIZON

- Publication of *Beyond Second Chances* reentry report and release event for stakeholders and media
- Remote Access to Court Electronic Records (RACER) survey report and recommendations
- Revamped School Jury Education Program video and curriculum
- Guide to adult guardianship and alternatives
- And much, much more