

Civil Commitment: A Way to Address America's Opioid Crisis?

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Right now more people in America are dying of drug overdoses than car accident and gun related deaths combined. In the last 15 years more than half a million people across the country have died from drug overdoses. More than two-thirds of those are opioid related deaths. Across the country many states are utilizing, creating, or expanding statutes, to permit courts to involuntarily commit someone with a drug or alcohol addiction.

At Cohen Cleary, we are proud to announce that [Attorney Kellie Sanders](#) will be serving as a panelist and moderator for a Webinar through the American Bar Association, where she will be discussing the current opioid crisis, the status of involuntary commitment laws across the country, along with other treatment models that are being used to address the growing drug related crisis in America.

[Attorney Sanders](#) has extensive experience representing individuals who are the subject of involuntary commitment petitions in Massachusetts. She has represented nearly 100 people in these commitment hearings. In addition to her expertise representing clients in these hearings, she is also a published Author on this subject, "[Nature and Utilization of Civil Commitment for Substance Abuse in the United States.](#)"

For more information, or if you'd like to attend "Civil Commitment: A Way to Address America's Opioid Crisis?" on 10/5/2017 please visit https://shop.americanbar.org/-/ebus/ABAEventsCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?productId=280856769&sc_cid=CE1710CCO-FMP to register.

Format:
Webinar

Date:

October 5, 2017

Time:

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

Credits:

1.50 General CLE Credit Hours

Panelist(s):

[Kellie Sanders](#)

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