Experts in government and public health acknowledge that opioid abuse is an epidemic hitting both urban and rural America with deadly consequences.

The nation’s judiciary is often the first to encounter individuals who have an opioid drug use disorder. As such it is important to equip judges with the most updated tools and information. The National Judicial College has crafted a new course for judges “Drugs in America Today,” that focuses on the neurobiology of addiction, with an emphasis on heroin and prescription opioids.

The public is invited to join us on the first night of the course to hear from a panel of experts who are working to combat this epidemic through community engagement, philanthropy, public policy and legal and medical education. The NJC will address how the courts view opioid addiction, what legal and medical experts are learning about opioids, why the opioid addict may require medication for life, what family and friends need to know, and what the future holds.

PANELISTS:
Stacie Mathewson, Founder, CEO & President, Transforming Youth Recovery
Dr. Melissa Piasecki, UNR Medical School
Sara Gordon, Esq. William S. Boyd School of Law
Bob Forrest, Recovery Advocate, Activist, Certified Addiction Specialist

Admission to the panel is free, however space is limited to the first 150 participants. To reserve your seat contact Jeanne Hill, 775 327-8257, or hill@judges.org by September 30, 2016.