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It has been such a great year for the State & Local Government Section! The section leadership is very excited about the 2017 AALS panel, "Marijuana Law 2017: Federalism, Criminal Justice, and Health Care," cosponsored by the Sections on Criminal Justice, and Law, and Medicine and Health Care. Over the past 15 years, the United States has seen significant changes in attitudes toward cannabis. A majority of states have begun to liberalize cannabis laws—decriminalizing possession, sale, or cultivation in certain circumstances. These state-level initiatives have created challenges for courts, policymakers, and law enforcement, in light of federal laws prohibiting the very same activities. This panel will explore these challenges, focusing on current trends at the state level. Unresolved issues related to criminal justice, health care (including neonatal care), parental rights, housing, and employment will be discussed.

The speakers & their institutional affiliations are:

Sam Kamin, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Shabnam Malek, National Cannabis Bar Association
Robert A. Mikos, Vanderbilt University Law School
Art Way, Drug Policy Alliance

This dynamic panel will take place on Friday, January 6, from 8:30-10:15 a.m. And don't forget we are cosponsoring the Property Law Section’s panel on Thursday, January 5, from 1:30-3 p.m., on housing affordability, and we also have the Section breakfast before our panel from 7-8:30 a.m. on January 6.

It has been an honor to serve as your chair. Matthew Parlow will make a fantastic chair for 2017 (assuming a peaceful and orderly transition of "power")! If anyone else would like to join the Executive Committee, please be in touch with me at sara.bronin@uconn.edu.
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