

## Philadelphia Criminal Law American Inn of Court

In February, the Philadelphia Criminal Law American Inn of Court in Pennsylvania hosted its first-ever Philadelphia Mayoral Candidates Forum at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law. The Inn invited all 2023 mayoral candidates to present their strategies on dealing with criminal justice issues in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Mayoral candidates—Councilmember Derek S. Green, City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart, Councilmember Maria D. Quinones Sanchez, Councilmember David Oh, and Judge James M. “Jimmy” DeLeon III—participated in a discussion on a wide variety of topics. Topics included gun violence and the rise in murders in Philadelphia; the opioid epidemic; bail reform and cash bail; mental health and drug addiction treatment; plans to increase the number of police officers; conditions of the Philadelphia County jails; funding of prosecutors and public defenders; their positions on Philadelphia as a sanctuary city and on safe injection sites; and plans to deal with quality-of-life crimes.

Each candidate provided a unique perspective on tackling these tough issues. Inn members were able



*In the photo above are, seated left to right, Councilmember Derek S. Green; Councilmember Maria D. Quinones Sanchez; Judge James M. “Jimmy” DeLeon III; and Councilmember David Oh. Standing, left to right, Inn Executive Board members Becca Conlon, Esq.; Richard P. Lopez, Esq.; Scott P. Sigman, Esq.; Matthew S. Hagarty, Esq.; and Liam Riley, Esq. Not pictured: City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart.*

to ask tough questions for real-time answers. The event was hosted by members of the Inn’s executive team, which includes Liam Riley, Esquire; Richard P. Lopez, Esquire; Matthew S. Hagarty, Esquire; Scott P. Sigman, Esquire; and Becca Conlon, Esquire. ♦