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**K = Judge Irene M. Keeley**

K: The opioid crisis continues to affect our nation and our court system. An understanding of opioids is increasingly essential as we face cases and litigants directly dealing with opioid use.

The presentations here have discussed the biological and chemical processes associated with opioids, as well as non-biological social factors, treatment of opioid use disorder, and the interplay between opioid use and the court system. This includes complicated decisions associated with court rulings, supervised release, and how the judicial system treats individuals with opioid use disorder. I hope you have discovered through this program new ideas you can bring back to your courts to better understand this crisis.

At the same time, it is important to note that this is an evolving science, and some of the data and best methods presented may change over time. Continued diligence will be necessary when responding to this public health emergency. Overall, I hope that this program has provided you with the information you need to gain a foundational understanding of how opioid use disorder may enter the courtroom, and background information that may better assist you in future cases, and in dealing with future litigants. Thank you for participating.