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# CENTER FOR INTEGRITY IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

**An Evening with Radley Balko, *Washington Post* criminal justice reporter, and  
Dean Strang and Jerome Buting of Netflix's *Making A Murderer***

**November 14, 2018**

**5:30 p.m. (program at 6:00 p.m.)**

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Join us for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and an opportunity to meet and talk informally with celebrated criminal justice journalist Radley Balko and the two standout defense lawyers for Steven Avery in the Netflix documentary *Making A Murderer*. Proceeds will go entirely to the newly-launched **Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences**, which seeks to elevate scientific standards, independence, and objectivity of the nation's crime laboratories and also to pair graduate and undergraduate students of the sciences with law students to work directly on cases that raise serious concerns about the reliability of forensic analysis.

False or misleading forensic evidence has contributed to nearly **one in four (24%)** of the 2,266 known wrongful convictions of innocent people in the United States since the advent of DNA testing. A lack of scientific objectivity, a lack of independence from law enforcement agencies under pressure to solve crimes, and unreliable, unvalidated forms of analysis contribute to mistaken imprisonment of the innocent. The **Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences (CIFS)** is the first charitable non-profit organization to focus exclusively on improvement of forensic analysis at both the systemic level and the individual case level, and the first to create an interdisciplinary clinical program in which science and law students collaborate.

CIFS is the brainchild of **Prof. Keith A. Findley**, a co-founder of the Wisconsin Innocence Project and for more than a quarter century a pioneering scholar in wrongful convictions at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and **Dean Strang** and **Jerome Buting**, Wisconsin defense lawyers who came to national prominence for their principled and devoted defense of Steven Avery in the case at the heart of *Making A Murderer*. This will be an informative and fun evening during which you can get acquainted with Radley Balko, the award-winning reporter at the *Washington Post* who covers criminal justice, too. Balko, Buting, and Strang share a deep commitment to justice and to improving the reliability, accuracy, and accountability of all institutions in the criminal justice system. **Generous donations to CIFS encouraged and welcomed.**

Donors are welcome to attend, without cost, the symposium "Where's the Science in Forensic Science?" that CIFS is sponsoring the next day, Thursday, November 15, 2018, at Washington University Law School. To register for the symposium, go to <http://law.wustl.edu/faculty/forms/rsvpform.asp?BookingID=1583670>

**We look forward to seeing you Wednesday evening, November 14!**