

Guest Lecture Series

Title: - “Cyber Law and Identity Theft, E.S.I., DNA evidence in U.S. Court”

Date: - 26th March, 2018.

Speaker: - Mr. Frank J. LaBuda, New York State Judge, (Frm.) Major U.S. Army

Data has become akin to any other commodity. It's the 'fuel' of the digital age. With the advent of technology, identity theft has become the crime of the new millennium. The past decade has seen great advances in a powerful criminal justice tool: DNA which can be used to identify criminals with incredible accuracy when biological evidence exists.

With the objective of keeping its students abreast with techno-legal issues, Lloyd Law College organized an International Seminar on Cyber Law and Identity Theft, E.S.I. and DNA evidence. Mr. Frank J. LaBuda was invited to deliver a lecture on the topic.

Mr. Frank J. LaBuda is a New York State Judge. Mr. LaBuda began his career as a military prosecutor for the U.S. Army. He served in this position for a brief time in 1975. From 1978 to 1992, he was a Chief Assistant District Attorney in Sullivan County, New York. His judicial career began in 1994, when he became a Mamakating Town Court Justice. He was elected to the Sullivan County Court in 1997. Ten years later, in 2007, he was appointed an acting justice of the Sullivan County Supreme Court.

The speaker put forth his views on the burgeoning extent of data related crimes in the present era that data rights have been for too long, ignored in the name of innovation and that, individuals should have a say in how their online worlds are governed.

Highlighting on the importance of DNA, he explained to the students how DNA materials remain usable for a longer period of time and are a cogent source of evidence. The Speaker also threw light on going issues relating to preservation, collection, processing and production of electronically stored information (ESI).

A lot of questions were raised on the issue of DNA profiling to which the speaker laid down his views marking DNA profiling as an effective tool for social welfare , particularly to enable the criminal justice delivery system to identify the offenders. The lecture was attended by the students of 6th Semester of B.A. LL.B. program