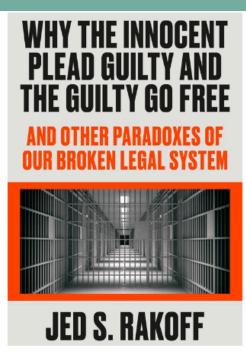


Please Join Us on October 21st







Jed Rakoff

Sarah Normad

Please join us via zoom on October 21st at 7:00PM. Visit fobpl.org to register.

The Honorable Jed Rakoff, Senior U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York, will discuss his book "Why the Innocent Plead Guilty and the Guilty Go Free, and Other Paradoxes of Our Broken Legal System" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Feb. 16, 2021).

Judge Rakoff, a leading authority on white-collar crime, will discuss why innocent people plead guilty, why high-level executives aren't prosecuted, why you won't get your day in court, and why the judiciary is curtailing its own constitutionally mandated power. "An elegant broadside . . . The precision with which Rakoff presents his arguments belies his outrage at a system that has gone wrong at multiple turns," wrote Michael O'Donnell in The New York Times Book Review.

The Moderator of this event, Sarah Normand, is a past president of the Library Trustees and a longtime supporter of this beloved institution. Sarah Normand joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York in 1999 and is currently Deputy Chief of the SDNY's Civil Division. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Normand clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and worked as an associate in the environmental group at Dewey Ballantine. Normand is a graduate of Georgetown University and its Law School.