

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### LAW 546J Criminal Justice Transformation – Through 'The Wire'

This course will consider the merits of, and prospects for, criminal justice transformation in the United States. Class discussions will interrogate, legal, social, moral, and political perspectives on the modern criminal legal system and will explore such issues as The War on Drugs, policing and democracy, the school-to-prison pipeline, progressive prosecutors, mass incarceration, reform and abolition efforts, and racial justice movements. The course content will be framed by selected readings and episodes of David Simon's critically-acclaimed HBO series *The Wire*.