Therapeutic Jurisprudence and its Application to Criminal Justice Research and Development*

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Summary: This essay, based on the 3rd Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture, delivered 26 May 2010 at the Criminal Courts of Justice in Dublin, and sponsored by the Association of Criminal Justice Research and Development, introduces the perspective of therapeutic jurisprudence (TJ) and applies the perspective to several criminal justice issues, such as sentencing, probation, and parole. It calls for an academic–practitioner interdisciplinary and international partnership to enable the field to grow and flourish.

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