



BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) DRUG COURT CLEARINGHOUSE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SERIES: Summary of “FAQ’s” Available and Being Developed as of February 5, 2009

Note: All of the “FAQ’s” listed below are available at www.american.edu/justice. Additional Comments on any of the issues addressed are welcome and should be addressed to: justice@american.edu. Comments received will be included in subsequent updates of these FAQ’s.

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