
Bargain With Death

*usan ehrhard - ncsc - attorneys to discuss a plea bargain in death-eligible cases have been discussed anecdotally, based on interviews with attorneys (e.g., white, 1991), but thus far, there has been only one systematic study (kuziemko, 2006). thus, it is important to ask whether prosecutors use the death penalty as leverage and to study both prosecutors' **the death penalty and plea bargaining to life sentences** - more defendants plea bargain to a life or long sentence in states where the death penalty is available. the average county with the death penalty disposes of 18.9% of murder cases with a plea and a long sentence, compared to 5.0% in counties without the death penalty. the difference is statistically significant at the p*