Bios

Tara Andrews is the Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programs at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). At CJJ, she is responsible for (1) monitoring, analyzing and informing federal fiscal, legislative and administrative policies and authoring and editing research reports, policy briefs and fact sheets on best policies and practices. Since 2007, Tara has helped inform and advocate for federal legislation to reauthorize JJDPA, and to promote evidenced-based gang and youth violence prevention strategies. She also has also co-chairs the National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition (NJJDPC), and tri-chairs NJJDPC's Gang and Youth Violence Prevention Task Force.

Before joining CJJ, Tara led state-level efforts to reform sentencing, confinement and re-entry policies in Maryland's criminal and juvenile justice systems as Chair of the Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition and Director of Justice Maryland. In 2007, she was honored with a Racial Justice Award by the YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area and named a Future Legal Legend by Associated Black Charities of Maryland. Tara earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Bowling Green State University and her law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Bert Brandenburg is the Executive Director of the Justice at Stake campaign, a national, nonpartisan partnership to keep courts fair, impartial and independent. Justice at Stake has helped pass reform legislation, built a coalition of more than 50 organizations, and has helped put the issue of independent courts on the national map. Brandenburg was the Justice Department's Director of Public Affairs and chief spokesperson under Attorney General Janet Reno, where he supervised media strategy and press relations for the Justice Department, the FBI, DEA, INS, and 93 U.S. Attorney's offices. He served in policy and communications positions for the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, the National Performance Review, the 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign and presidential transition team, Congressman Edward Feighan, and the Progressive Policy Institute. He was Vice President of International Programs for the Santéch Institute, and served as an observer during the 1990 Pakistan national elections. He has published articles and monographs on judicial elections, information policy, communications, civil rights, war powers, and international law. He serves on the board of directors of the National Institute on Money in State Politics and on the National Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Judicial Campaign Conduct. He holds a J.D. and B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Edwin Burnette is responsible for the overall vision and leadership of the Defender Legal Services department of NLADA, and for steering the national policy in the area of defender legal services. Immediately before joining NLADA he consulted on organizational development and strategic leadership. Mr. Burnette completed his term as Chief Executive and Chief Attorney of the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender in March of 2009. Prior to his appointment, while serving as First Assistant Public Defender, was responsible for the management and day-to-day operations of the Office. He served as an Assistant Public Defender from June 1987 and as a supervising attorney for the First Municipal Division. Served 15 years with the United States Marine Corps. During that time he served 10 years as a lawyer, practicing in prosecution and defense. Received J.D., DePaul University of Law; 1977 , B.S., United States Naval Academy, 1972.

Tonier Cain is a consumer advocate who has spoken nationally on trauma, incarceration, and recovery. She has served as a member of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with a Mental Illness (PAIMI) Council, a federally-required advisory body that reviews and guides work funded under the PAIMI grant and, in conjunction with the Board, sets and approves annual program priorities. She has also worked as a case manager and Director of Advocacy Services for a private non-profit in Annapolis, MD. Ms. Cain is featured in the documentary "*Behind Closed Doors: Trauma Survivors and the Psychiatric System*". Ms. Cain is the team leader for the National Center for Trauma Informed Care which provides consultation, technical assistance, and training to revolutionize the way mental health and human services are organized, delivered and managed,

while furthering the understanding of trauma-informed practices through education and outreach. Ms Cain is the subject in "Healing Neen", a documentary based on her life as she moved through multiple systems of care.

Stephanie Chang is the deputy director for the Campaign for Justice, a board-based group of organizations and individuals from across the political spectrum fighting for a fair and effective public defense system in Michigan. Stephanie works with the Campaign communications team and assists with coalition building and public education efforts.

She previously served as an organizer for Michigan United/One United Michigan, building local volunteer-led coalitions to educate the public about affirmative action and mobilize voter opposition against Proposal 2 in 2006. Stephanie is a University of Michigan-Ann Arbor graduate, with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Studies. In her spare time, she is on the board of Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote -Michigan and other organizations and enjoys mentoring Asian American youth through various empowerment programs.

Jay Clark has been representing the criminally accused in State and Federal courts for over 15 years in Southern Ohio. Born and raised in Cincinnati, Jay graduated from The Seven Hills School in 1981. He attended Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts where he received a B.A. in Business Management and B.S. in Economics, in 1985. In 1989 he graduated from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law. Jay is a 1996 graduate of the National Criminal Defense College and Advanced Cross Examination Program, in Macon, Georgia.

As a skilled, experienced, and aggressive trial lawyer *Jay* is actively involved in national, state, and local organizations with the common mission of providing zealous and effective representation to those accused of crime. Jay is on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where he has served as Co-chair of the Strike Force since 1998. He is also currently the Chairman of the CLE Committee. He is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where he is Vice-Chair of the Forensic Committee. He is a Past President and Board member of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Jay is a frequent lecturer on numerous subjects including cross examination, using public records in criminal cases, ethics and professionalism, defending cases where there is a confession, preparing to cross the police officer, and using Power Point in defense of the accused. Since 2001, Jay has been an adjunct faculty member at the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law where he teaches Forensic Science and Criminal Pre-Trial Investigation.

Allison Conyers serves as the Communications Specialist for the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth. She has a special passion for implementing strategic communications campaigns to empower low income communities and change federal policy. Prior to joining the Campaign, Allison was the Communications Director at the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association where she created a media training curriculum and facilitated trainings for hundreds of family planning program administrators across the country.

The immediate past board chair of the Progressive Communicators Network, Allison was one of the founding members of its Katrina Information Network in 2005, when she served as the Communications Coordinator for National ACORN--the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

A former journalist, Allison received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Journalism with a concentration in Public Relations from Howard University and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Organization Development in American University's AU/NTL program.

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli is deputy state director in Southern California for the Drug Policy Alliance, the nation's leading organization working to end the drug war and to envision new drug policies based on science, compassion, health and human rights. Since 2005, Dooley-Sammuli has coordinated the organization's work around Proposition 36, California's landmark treatment-instead-of-incarceration law, and promoted the economic benefits of prevention and treatment. She is an advisor to the Justice with Dignity project of the Santa Cruz-based Fund for Nonviolence.

In 2008, Dooley-Sammuli was Deputy Campaign Manager for Yes on Prop 5, a ballot initiative that would have significantly expanded access to treatment in the community and behind bars, and safely reduced state prison spending by $1 billion per year. In 2009, Dooley-Sammuli spearheaded the successful effort to direct $100 million in federal stimulus funds to community-based drug treatment, probation and re-entry courts – an investment that will reduce state costs by hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars.

Gary Fields, has covered criminal justice for most of his time in journalism in a career spanning nearly 30 years and five newspapers, including the Wall Street Journal and USA TODAY. His work has included a series of stories on the sentencing guidelines and how lengthy sentences have led to the aging of the prison population, as well as the injustices in the criminal justice systems of Native American tribes. He won a Thurgood Marshall Award for a story on a mentally ill death row inmate awaiting execution in Tennessee. At USA TODAY he was the runner up with co-author Richard Willing for a series of stories that examined the death penalty and found that geography played as large a role as race.

Fields began his career as a sports writer at the Natchitoches Times. In 1997, he was named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists. Other awards include the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Excellence in Criminal Justice Reporting Award; the Deadline Club Omnibus Award for Minority Issues; the Thurgood Marshall Journalism Award for covering death penalty issues; the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism; and the National Alliance of Mental Illness Journalism Award.

Gary is currently covering the political races and the run up to November for the Journal.

Angelyn C. Frazer is the state legislative affairs director for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), a professional association for criminal defense lawyers. Angelyn is responsible for the development, articulation, and strategic vision of NACDL's agenda on the state level. She also coordinates NACDL's State Criminal Justice Network (SCJN) Annual Conference. Prior to her position at NACDL, she was the deputy director of state legislative affairs for Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), a sentencing reform organization. Angelyn has over 25 years experience in community organizing, policy analysis and advocating on behalf of civil and human rights issues. Upon graduating high school, she worked on the grassroots campaign for Congressman Norm Dicks (D-WA), and later served as the legislative assistant to Rep. Dawn Mason in Washington State.

She was previously a marketing associate for the University of Washington Business & Economic Development Program encouraging University Departments to conduct business with women and minority owned businesses, post I-200, an anti-Affirmative Action ballot initiative that passed in Washington State in 1998. Angelyn was also a planning and development specialist at the Seattle Office for Civil Rights where she planned Human Rights Day events; facilitated discussions on race; and supported a 15 member Human Rights Commission.

Angelyn is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and has a B.A. in Latin American Studies from the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington.

She was the spokesperson for the Seattle-Cuba solidarity event during the WTO and currently serves on the National Advisory Committee of the U.S. Women & Cuba Collaboration, whose mission is to build a strong U.S. women's movement dedicated to ending the U.S. blockade against Cuba, and to creating mutually beneficial U.S. – Cuba relations. She has traveled to Greece, Turkey, Mexico, Cuba, and the Caribbean as well as, extensively to Honduras-the birthplace of her parents.

Netfa Freeman directs the Institute's Social Action & Leadership School for Activists. This project provides affordable courses covering all aspects of grassroots activism.

Netfa holds a B.A. in History from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and has been a political organizer/activist since 1985. He served as coordinator of the Committee for Political Education at the Pan-African Resource Center (1985-1989) and has worked as a phone-bank fundraiser for the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES 1988-1990).

Netfa has been intimately involved with many movements, such as the 1986 International Peace Gathering in response to the U.S. bombing of Libya, the 1997 Advocates Plus Save UDC movement, and the People Before Profit Community Healthcare Project that is organizing DC residents to take their healthcare needs into their own hands. He is a Board Member for both Empower DC and M.O.M.I.E.S. TLC, the U.S. liaison for the Ujamma Youth Farming Project in Gweru, Zimbabwe, and an organizer in the No War On Cuba Movement. Netfa is also a radio co-producer/co-host for *Voices With Vision* on WPFW 89.3 FM that airs Tuesdays from 11am-12pm.

His work regularly gets published in *Black Star News* (Ode To Black Women, Zimbabwe: Psychosis of Denial, What Happy Thanksgiving, Zimbabwe Election Deja Vu, *Black Commentator* (From Negro History Week to Pan-African Historical Context, Zimbabwe: More Than Complicity of Silence, Africa Advocacy & The Zimbabwe Factor), and *Black Agenda*

Dean Claudio Grossman is Professor of Law and Dean of American University Washington College of Law (WCL) and the Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law. Since his appointment as dean in 1995, WCL has further developed its intellectual creativity, pursuing numerous and exciting initiatives. For example, more than 30 full-time faculty members have been hired, dramatically improving the law school's student-faculty ratio and expanding and enhancing scholarship, teaching and service. New WCL programs have been developed during Dean Grossman's tenure including: dual JD Programs with institutions in Canada, France and Australia, the LL.M. in Law and Government Program, the Supervised Externship Program, the S.J.D. Program, a dual LL.M./MBA, new LL.M. specializations in Gender and the Law and in Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration, summer and semester abroad programs, the International Arbitration Program, a new Intellectual Property Program, as well as new clinics in IP, Disability Rights Law, and an evening section of the Civil Practice Clinic, and integrated sections in the first year so as to promote interconnectedness among the different law courses.

Dean Grossman was unanimously reelected Chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture in April 2010, a position he has held since April 2008, and has been a Committee member following his November 2003 election to that body. He is also a member of the Commission for the Control of Interpol's Files (since February 2005) as well as Chair of the Committee on International Cooperation of the Association of American Law Schools. In May 2009, Dean Grossman was named to the judging panel for the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award by the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights.

Dean Grossman served as President of the College of the Americas (COLAM), an organization of colleges and universities in the Western Hemisphere, from November 2003-November 2007. He was also a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) from 1993-2001. He was twice elected its President, first in 1996 and again in 2001. He also served twice as the IACHR's First Vice President (2000-2001, 1995-1996) and Second Vice President (1999-2000). He was the IACHR's first Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women (1996-2000), as well as its Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Populations (2000-2001) and its Observer of the AMIA Trial (2001-2005). Representing the IACHR, Dean Grossman participated in missions to Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Peru, among others. On behalf of international and non-governmental organizations, he has also chaired or participated in missions to observe elections in Nepal, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Romania, Surinam, and the Middle East.

Dean Grossman is the author of numerous publications regarding international law and human rights (see HYPERLINK "http://www.wcl.american.edu/dean/cv.cfm" http://www.wcl.american.edu/dean/cv.cfm). He has also received numerous awards for his work with human rights and international law, including the René Cassin Award from B'nai B'rith International in Chile and the Harry LeRoy Jones Award from the Washington Foreign Law Society. In October 2000, Dean Grossman was named Outstanding Dean of the Year by the National Association of Public Interest Law (now known as Equal Justice Works). In addition, the Inter American Press Association named Dean Grossman as the recipient of the Chapultepec Grand Prize 2002 for his achievements in the field of human rights and his work and commitment to promoting and protecting the freedom of expression and of the press for all people. In 2007, Dean Grossman received the Simón Bolívar Award from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in recognition of his lifetime achievements in promoting human rights, and the Charles Norberg International Lawyer of the Year Award from the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Inter-American Bar Association. In 2010, Dean Grossman received the Henry W. Edgerton Civil Liberties Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area in recognition of exceptional lifetime achievements related to the advancement and defense of human rights and civil liberties.

Dean Grossman is a member of numerous associations, including the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, for which he is a member of the Board of Directors

Marco Guido is a Principal at Hilltop Public Solutions. He draws from a diverse field, political, and communications background that allows him to create solutions to the most complex problems. After managing field and political programs at home and abroad, he has developed a reputation for his disciplined approach to communicating with voters using innovative tactics.
Marco graduated from the University of San Diego with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Born in Southern California, Marco enjoys fishing, surfing, and spending time with his family.

Aaron Houston is the executive director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and in that capacity oversees the work of a national staff that coordinates students on more than 150 campuses nationwide. Named a "Rising Star of Politics" by Campaigns & Elections' Politics Magazine in 2008, Aaron is a nationally recognized expert on drug policy and marijuana law, having appeared on NBC's Today show, The Colbert Report, FOX News, CNN's Inside Politics, and NPR, among others.

During his seven years at the Marijuana Policy Project, Aaron served as the only full-time marijuana legalization lobbyist on Capitol Hill. He managed the grassroots campaign during the presidential primary season that led to then-Senator Barack Obama pledging to end the DEA's raids on medical marijuana patients and providers and later played a key role in pushing the Department of Justice to formally issue written guidelines on medical marijuana in October 2009. Aaron was also instrumental in removing the ban on the District of Columbia implementing its medical marijuana law and on several occasions, in preventing anti-medical marijuana amendments from being attached to must- pass bills in Congress.

Aaron's efforts on Capitol Hill were chronicled in a 2007 Showtime original documentary, In Pot We Trust. A Bloomberg News review of the film noted that, "Anyone wondering how lobbyists operate will benefit from watching Houston. [He} is … clearly comfortable with political combat."

Before coming to Washington, D.C., Aaron worked as a political consultant in Denver, managing campaigns and advising various Democratic candidates, including contenders for governor and Congress. As executive director of the Colorado Student Association, Aaron led the effort to enact the historic Students' Bill of Rights in 2001, which guaranteed transferability of course credits among all public colleges and universities around the state. Houston started his career spending three years as a staff member in the Colorado Senate from 1998 until 2000, including a two-year stint as reading clerk for the Senate leadership.

Aaron attended the University of Colorado at Denver, and in his free time, he works pro bono on behalf of homeless individuals. He lives with his wife and three young children in the Washington D.C. area.

Zerline Hughes is the Communications Manager for The Sentencing Project, a national nonprofit focused on criminal justice reform by way of research and advocacy. Ms. Hughes pitches news stories to television, radio and newspaper reporters and columnists on The Sentencing Project's research reports and involvement on issues surrounding issues of incarceration.

She also writes for the organization's Web site which serves as a daily news digest and resource for reporters, scholars, students, practitioners and Congressional staff, and she distributes messages to more than 7,000 online subscribers.

Ms. Hughes graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC with a Bachelor's of Arts in journalism and photography, and Simmons College in Boston with a Master's of Science in Communication Management.

Before joining The Sentencing Project in 2006, she was a public relations consultant and newspaper reporter and freelance writer for publications including the Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun, Ventura (Calif.) County Star and Dance Magazine.

Hughes lives in northeast Washington, D.C. with her two children and is a native of Los Angeles.

Cynthia Hujar Orr, has attained national prominence defending citizens and entities in state and federal trial and appellate courts. She is the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Past President of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. She is Vice Chair at large of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section Council and, in the local community, is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club and chair of the San Antonio Bar Association's Federal Courts Committee - Criminal Law Subcommittee. She is also on the Board Directors for the San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce where she also worked for a minority business accelerator. She was also inducted into the San Antonio Woman's Hall of Fame. She is co-founder of the Texas Innocence Network.

She is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and is listed as the Best 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas by the American Trial Lawyers Association. Cynthia obtained the first confession of error by the State of Texas in a death penalty case. She was counsel on the amicus brief in *CNN vs. General Manuel Noriega* before the United States Supreme Court where she successfully defended this unpopular defendant's attorney-client privilege.

She began her career clerking for Fifth Circuit Judge Emilio Garza when he was on the District Court bench in San Antonio, Texas. She is most active advocating criminal justice reforms. She is also Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell.

A 1979 undergraduate of the University of Texas at Austin and 1988 graduate of St. Mary's School of Law, she is proficient in trial, appeals, writs of habeas corpus, petitions for discretionary review, writs of certiorari, mandamus, prohibition and *corum nobis*. Her breadth of experience with each vehicle compliments the others, making her a strong and experienced advocate.

She has received the following honors: Best 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas, American Trial Lawyers Association, 2008, 2009, 2010; Best Lawyers in America 2005-present; Recipient Women's Leadership Mentoring Award, San Antonio Business Journal, 2009; Featured in Texas Monthly chosen as a Texas Super Lawyer by peers 2003-present; Featured in Scene in SA Monthly chosen as one of the best Lawyers in San Antonio by peers 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 (top 25), 2009, 2010; Inductee, San Antonio Womens Hall of Fame, 2006; AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell since 2006; OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS:Successful before the U.S. Supreme Court with regards to money laundering in *Moreno -Gonzalez vs. U.S.*, No. 07-400 (2008).

Cynthia also obtained the first confession of error by the State of Texas in a death penalty case, *Miguel Angel Martinez vs. Gary Johnson*, No. L-98-37 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas,

Laredo Division, underlying case - *State of Texas vs. Miguel Angel Martinez*, Cause No. K-91-294-D3 in the 341st Judicial District Court, Webb County, Laredo, Texas.

Senator Constance N. "Connie" Johnson (OK County, 48-D) joined the Oklahoma State Senate in 1981, was elected senator in a 2005 special election upset, and re-elected in 2006 and again in 2010, consummating a 24-year career as a Senate staff researcher, analyst and drafter on issues and laws ranging from birth to death. In a term-limited Legislature, her knowledge of the issues and extensive experience in the application of the legislative process to resolve issues is unique. She has raised citizen awareness about the role and power of communication, involvement, and advocacy in the legislative process throughout her career. With the closing of Oklahoma's 52nd Legislature, she completed her 30th session, where she continued to focus on minority and small businesses access to government contracts; alternatives to incarceration; abolishment of wrongful convictions and the death penalty; expungement/re-entry for formerly incarcerated and/or veterans; health disparities; domestic violence; and other issues that often disproportionately affect Oklahoma's poor, minorities and women, and most especially the children. She has achieved significant change in the plight of grandparents raising their grand and sometimes great grand children. Sen. Johnson concurrently focuses her work on programs and activities that promote respect, valuing, and appreciation of diversity. She has singularly advocated for policy change through having introduced legislation throughout her tenure related to medical marijuana in Oklahoma. During that time she has also witnessed the level of advocacy grow with regard to this issue in Oklahoma.

Senator Johnson serves on the General Government and Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Health and Human Resources, General Government, Transportation, and Veterans Standing Committees. She is recording secretary and executive board member of the National Black Caucus of State Legislatures, and former executive board member of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

A Holdenville, Oklahoma, native, Sen. Johnson grew up in Oklahoma City—the fourth of 5 children of educators—graduated with honors from Frederick Douglass Sr. High, and earned a full scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, where she majored in French and completed Masters of Science in Education coursework. She graduated in May, 2010 with a Master's of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Langston University, Oklahoma's only Historically Black College or University. She has three children; has mentored countless others through her church's youth and music ministry and involvement in her children's educational journeys; and has a new granddaughter named Savannah.

Sen. Johnson's purpose and passion is sharing quality, caring and committed service in the communities from which she has so richly benefitted, and doing so with a spirit of peace and love.

Cynthia Jones Cynthia Jones has been a full-time member of the WCL faculty since 2004. She holds expertise and teaches in criminal law; criminal procedure; evidence; and Race, Crime and Politics. She has made various presentations in the areas of ethnic and racial justice, racial profiling, and the juvenile death penalty. Cynthia was an associate at the law firm of Dickstein, Shapiro and Morin from 1990 through 1992. She has served as an adjunct instructor at AU Washington College of Law, UDC, and George Washington University. Previously, she was staff attorney at D.C. Public Defender Service; deputy director of the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency and executive director of the D.C. Public Defender Service. She has lectured extensively on criminal law and sentencing issues.

Rick Jones is the Executive Director and a founding member of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (NDS). He is a noted trial lawyer with more than 18 years experience in complex, multi-forum litigation. He is frequently asked to consult on civil and criminal trial matters throughout the country.

Rick is a Lecturer in Law at Columbia Law School, where he teaches a criminal defense externship and a trial practice course. He is also on the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College (NCDC) in Macon, Georgia.

Rick sits on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), where he serves as a co-chair of the Indigent Defense Committee and a co-chair of the Special Task Force on Problem-Solving Courts.

Rick also sits on the Boards of the New York State Defender's Association, the Sirius Foundation and is an Editorial Board member of the Amsterdam News newspaper.

Spurgeon Kennedy is Director of the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency's Office of Research, Analysis and Development. In that position, Mr. Kennedy helps lead the Agency's strategic planning initiatives and efforts to implement evidence-based practices and innovations. Before joining the Pretrial Services Agency, Mr. Kennedy served as Programs Manager with the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice, overseeing the Institute's *Breaking the Cycle* system-wide drug testing and treatment initiative, and helping to create and implement field tests, demonstration programs, and other applied research. Mr. Kennedy also served as a Senior Associate with the Pretrial Services Resource Center, a technical assistance provider to and national clearinghouse for information about pretrial services agencies and court processing and jail crowding issues.

During his nearly 30 years in the criminal justice field, Mr. Kennedy has provided technical assistance and support to organizations such as the Office of Justice Programs, the American Bar Association, the National Institute of Corrections, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. He also has served as a facilitator or training faculty member for agencies such as the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies, the American Probation and Parole Association, the National Institute of Corrections, the National Institute of Justice, the Office on Violence Against Women, and state pretrial associations in Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, and California.

Jack King is NACDL's director of public affairs and communications. He has edited or written for a number of general interest and legal publications, including *American Lawyer/Criminal Justice Weekly, BNA Criminal Law Reporter, BNA Criminal Practice Manual*, *Forensic Echo, ABA Mental and Physical Disability Law Reporter* and *The Champion*.

Ryan S. King works on the Pew Center's sentencing and corrections initiative, the Public Safety Performance Project. He was most recently a policy analyst at The Sentencing Project. He holds a master's degree in Justice, Law & Society from American University.

Hon. Darryl L. Larson has been Chair of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission since 2007 and is a former District Court and Circuit Court Judge in Lane County, Oregon. In 1994, Judge Larson created and presided over Lane County's Drug Court, the second drug court in Oregon and one of the first 12 in the United States. Judge Larson is a Past President of the Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association and the Oregon Association of Drug Court Professionals. He received his B.A. in political science with minors in economics and history from the University of South Dakota and he obtained his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law.

Jim E. Lavine the 52nd president of NACDL, represents clients at trial and on appeal in state and federal courts, as well as before professional licensing boards. He also represents individual and corporate clients in regulatory compliance matters and as witnesses, suspects, or targets in grand jury investigations. Admitted to practice in Texas and Illinois, he is board certified in criminal law by the National Board of Trial

Advocacy and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He won the Robert C. Heeney Award in 2007; it is NACDL's most prestigious honor.

Dahlia Lithwick is a senior editor at Slate, and in that capacity, writes the "Supreme Court Dispatches" and "Jurisprudence" columns. She is a biweekly columnist for Newsweek. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, Harper's, The Washington Post, and Commentary, among other places.
She received the Online News Association's award for online commentary in 2001 and again in 2005, for a series she coauthored on torture, and was the first online journalist invited to serve on the Steering Committee for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. She is the co-author of "Me v. Everybody: Absurd Contracts for an Absurd World," a legal humor book, and "I Will Sing Life: Voices from the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp", a book about seven children from Paul Newman's camp with life-threatening illnesses. She lives in Charlottesville, VA with her husband and two sons.

Lynn Marks is the Executive Director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, a statewide nonpartisan organization working to reform Pennsylvania's courts, particularly in the areas of judicial selection, judicial discipline, jury service, court funding, and increasing racial, gender and ethnic fairness. Ms. Marks serves on the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness, the Advisory Board of PA Coalition Against Rape and the ABA's Commission on the American Jury. She was a member of the PA Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Gender Bias and co-chaired its gender fairness work.

A University of Pennsylvania Law graduate, Ms. Marks is the author of a legal treatise on the rights of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She has chaired the Boards of the Women's Law Project, Living Beyond Breast Cancer and the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women. Ms. Marks was named one of 25 "Women of the Year" in 2008 by American Lawyer Media. She has received numerous awards, including the Philadelphia Bar Association's "Sandra Day O'Connor Award" and "Alexander Hamilton Award" as well as a Philadelphia City Council Proclamation "in tribute to her life's work."

David Maurer is a Director in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Homeland Security and Justice team, where he leads GAO's work reviewing DHS and DOJ management issues. His recent work in these areas includes DHS management integration, Secret Service financial management, DOJ grant management, cost estimation within the federal prison system, and an assessment of technologies for detecting explosives in the passenger rail environment.

From 2008-9, Mr. Maurer worked as an Acting Director in GAO's Natural Resource and Environment team, where he managed work assessing U.S. global nuclear detection programs, wastewater treatment along the U.S.-Mexican border, and enforcement of federal environmental law. Mr. Maurer was also detailed to the House Committee on Appropriations, Surveys and Investigations staff. From 1993-2007, Mr. Maurer managed and led work in GAO's International Affairs and Trade team, where he reviewed U.S. efforts to combat international terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, U.S. assistance to the former Soviet Union, peacekeeping in the Balkans, and several other international issues. He also served as the team's manager for staffing and human capital issues. In recognition of his contributions to audit work, training, and operational responsibilities, Mr. Maurer has received several GAO awards during his career.

From August 2005 through June 2006, Mr. Maurer was a student at the National Defense University where he was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and received an M.S. in national resource strategy. Mr. Maurer also has an M.P.P in international public policy from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in international relations from Michigan State University.

Tamar M. Meekins joined the faculty of Howard University School of Law in July 2002 as an Associate Professor. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia Law School, Professor Meekins directs the Howard Clinical Law Center. Following her graduation from law school, Professor Meekins worked as an associate attorney in the Washington, DC office of the law firm of Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood, where she gained experience in corporate and commercial real estate transactions and general litigation. She then joined the nationally renowned District of Columbia Public Defender Service (PDS) as a staff attorney. During her 12 year tenure at the Public Defender Service, Professor Meekins litigated dozens of juvenile and adult trial cases, including over 50 serious felony cases in which she was lead or sole trial counsel. She also argued several appellate matters in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, litigated parole matters before the D.C. Board of Parole and the United States Parole Commission and worked on several civil case matters that affected individual or groups of PDS clients. Professor Meekins also served for four years as the Chief of the Trial Division of PDS where she managed the day-to-day operations of the office's largest division and supervised 50-60 attorneys. She was later appointed to the position of Chief of Legal Services, where she was responsible for training, management and coordination of the Agency's 100 attorneys who worked in the Trial, Juvenile, Civil, Mental Health, Parole and Special Litigation Divisions. After leaving the D.C. Public Defender Service in October 2001, Professor Meekins joined the Office of Citizen Complaint Review ("OCCR") as Deputy Director. The OCCR, recently renamed as the Office of Police Complaints, is an independent, District of Columbia Government agency charged with the investigation, resolution and mediation of some citizen allegations of police officer misconduct. As Deputy Director, she was responsible for the training of Agency investigative and legal research staff, the drafting of agency regulations and the management of the day-to-day operations of the office, including personnel responsibilities.

Professor Meekins is active in the legal and greater Washington, D.C. community. She continues to act as a trainer for new attorneys, supervisors and investigators at the D.C. Public Defender Service, and has helped to train public defenders for the Georgia State Public Defender Council. Additionally, she has made professional presentations at the Deborah T. Creek Criminal Practice Institute, the Neglect Practice Institute, a community reentry panel and other legal and community events. She has served as a chairperson of a Hearing Committee for the D.C. Court of Appeals Board of Professional Responsibility. Professor Meekins has previously served on the Board of the Greater Washington Urban League, and as President and Community Service Coordinator of its auxiliary, the Urban Roundtable. She also worked as a tutor in the Roundtable's elementary age tutoring program, Kids Learning Center, a program she helped to develop. Professor Meekins is also a foster parent.

Currently at Howard Law, Professor Meekins directs the Clinical Law Center, an experiential learning center for law students that encompasses ten separate academic and public interest programs. She teaches in the Criminal Justice Clinic, where she trains law students to become outstanding defense advocates. Additionally, she has taught first year criminal law, a second year course in evidence, a course in criminal trial advocacy and a course on "Lawyering in the Public Interest." Professor Meekins is the recipient of the 2006 Warren Rosmarin Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service. This award is given to one law school professor each year at the annual commencement exercises. The staff of the Law School also awarded her a new award in June 2005 for excellence in service to the University, the Law School and the surrounding community. Her research interests are in the areas of criminal law, lawyering skills, the administration of criminal justice, trial litigation and ethics. Professor Meekins is the author of "*This is Your Mind on Drugs*," Legal Times, July 2003; "*Are the New Good Courts Too Good to Be True?,*" a book review, ABA Criminal Justice Magazine, Spring 2006; "You *Can* Teach Old Defenders New Tricks: *Sentencing Lessons from Specialty Courts*," ABA Criminal Justice Magazine, Summer 2006; "*Specialized Justice: The Over-Emergence of Specialty Courts and the Threat of a New Criminal Defense Paradigm*," 50 Suffolk Law Rev. 1 (2006) and "*Risky Business: Criminal Specialty Courts and the Ethical Obligations of the Zealous Criminal Defender*," 12 Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law 75 (Spring 2007).

Nathan Miller has been practicing law for seven years and is currently a trial attorney with Kentucky's Department of Public Advocacy, which is constitutionally charged with representing indigent criminal defendants. He handles a high volume of drug trafficking and DUI cases, most of them related to the area's prescription pill abuse/diversion problem. Before his work as a public defender, Mr. Miller spent three years in Washington D.C. lobbying for marijuana policy reform. He has testified before state legislatures, filed a successful Data Quality Act petition against the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and had numerous op-eds and letters to the editor published in newspapers across the country. Mr. Miller was appointed to NACDL's State Legislative Affairs Committee this April. He is a 2002 graduate of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

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In 2006, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University, with an emphasis in social and cognitive psychology. As an undergraduate, she conducted a research project on electro-dermal measures in facial recognition, in collaboration with Alison L. Morris, PhD. The findings were presented at the 2006 Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society Conference, and the manuscript reporting those findings is in development for publication.

Dr. Ashley Nellis has an academic and professional background in analyzing criminal justice policies and practice, and has extensive experience in addressing disparities among minority youth in the juvenile justice system. She leads The Sentencing Project's research and legislative activities in juvenile justice reform and works with national coalitions to advance a more rational approach to juvenile justice. She delivers testimony, authors articles and other publications, and conducts research.

Nellis previously managed and participated in juvenile justice-related research at a national nonprofit research organization for six years, and has presented research findings at numerous academic and practitioner conferences. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at St. Edwards College in Austin, Texas and her Ph.D. in Justice, Law and Society from American University's School of Public Affairs.

Nicole Pittman received her B.A. from Duke University and her J.D. from Tulane University School of Law. After graduating from law school, Nicole worked as an Orleans Parish Public Defender in New Orleans, LA. She then worked as a Staff Attorney for the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL). Nicole then moved to the East Coast, where she currently works both as the Juvenile Justice Policy Analyst Attorney for the Defender Association of Philadelphia, and as a national expert for represents the National Juvenile Defender Center.

Nicole specializes in legal and legislative issues related to juvenile sexual offending behavior and the use of forensic science to better defend juveniles in delinquency proceedings. For nearly five (5) years now, Nicole has worked on issues related to the Federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). She regularly consults with members of U.S. Congress, Governors, State Legislators, State Attorney Generals, and Local Officials on the barriers to implementing SORNA as it relates to juveniles. Most notably Nicole presented on the SORNA as it relates to juveniles at the Summer Meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) in Providence, Rhode Island in June 2008. In March 10, 2009, Nicole was invited to participate in the US House Judiciary Subcommittee on

Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security's first hearing on sex offender legislation entitled, "Barriers to Timely Implementation of SORNA." Within the past year, Nicole traveled to thirty (30) states to testify on the impact of SORNA implementation.

Laura Porter is the Director of Organizing at Equal Justice USA. Previously she served as the Deputy Director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty (NYADP). At NYADP, she oversaw the growth of an organizing team from just herself to seven organizers across the state. She led the team in a successful campaign in New York preventing reinstatement of the death penalty through extensive public education, media, lobbying and grassroots organizing. Laura is also Chair of the New York State League of Women Voters Westchester County Government Committee and has trained both the statewide League and New Yorkers for Verified Voting on how to run an issue campaign. Laura has volunteered with the American Civil Liberties Union and the New York Coalition for Civil Rights. She has extensive media experience as a legal analyst and worked for 12 years as a criminal defense trial attorney for the Legal Aid Society.

Nicole D. Porter coordinates state level communication and legislative campaigns on criminal justice policy. She also manages The Sentencing Project's state and local advocacy efforts on voting rights, reentry and racial disparity. Porter works closely with advocates at the state and local level in planning their media and advocacy strategies to advance criminal justice reforms.

Porter is the former director of the ACLU's Prison & Jail Accountability Project (PJAP). PJAP's mission was to monitor the conditions of confinement in Texas jails and prisons. Porter advocated in the Texas legislature to promote felony enfranchisement reforms, to address prison rape, and improve prison medical care. Previously, Porter also worked for the Appleseed Foundation, National Women's Political Caucus, and the *American Prospect magazine.* Porter graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School. Her master's thesis addressed exploring self employment as an economic strategy among formerly incarcerated African Americans. Porter received her BA in International Affairs from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. She also studied African Politics at the University of Ghana, West Africa.

Norman L. Reimer is the Executive Director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). NACDL is the preeminent organization in the United States advancing the mission of the nation's criminal defense bar to ensure justice and due process for all and to advocate for rational and humane criminal justice policies. As executive director, Norman Reimer leads a professional staff based in Washington, D.C. serving NACDL's more than 10,000 direct members and 90 local, state and international affiliate organizations with another 35,000 members.

Prior to assuming this position Norman Reimer practiced law for 28 years, most recently at Gould Reimer Walsh Goffin Cohn LLP. A criminal defense lawyer throughout his career, with expertise in trial and appellate advocacy, in both state and federal jurisdictions, Mr. Reimer is also a recognized leader of the organized bar, and a spokesperson in behalf of reform of the legal system.

Norman was a president of the New York County Lawyers' Association, (NYCLA), one of the nation's largest and most prestigious metropolitan bar associations. In his work at NYCLA, Mr. Reimer played a pivotal role in undertaking litigation against the State and City of New York that upheld the right of a bar association to sue on behalf of indigent litigants and resulted in a judicial decision declaring New York's under-funding of indigent defense services unconstitutional. In recognition of this effort the New York County Lawyers' Association received the ABA's Harrison Tweed Award in 2003.

Norman Reimer also played a leading role in a successful effort to persuade the American Bar Association to adopt a policy calling for the mandatory recording of all custodial interrogations and a successful effort to persuade the New York State Bar Association to support a moratorium on death penalty prosecutions. Norman

Reimer has also led NYCLA's efforts in support of the independence of the judiciary, expanding access to justice, preservation of *habeas corpus* and judicial selection reform.

In 2009, Mr. Reimer also assisted in an *amicus* brief in *Caperton v. Massey*, 556 U.S. ___ (2009), in which the United States Supreme Court held that the Due Process Clause compels judicial recusal where a judge has received substantial campaign contributions from a party.

He is a graduate of New York University School of Law and the recipient of numerous awards including, the prestigious Champion of Indigent Defense Award, presented by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2003 and the Gideon Award presented by the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2002. In 2005 Mr. Reimer and the New York County Lawyers' Association were honored by the New York City Council for their dedication to expanding access to justice to all persons without regard to economic status and in 2007 Norman received the Robert Louis Cohen Award for Profession Excellence from the New York Criminal Bar Association and the David S. Michaels Memorial Award for Courageous Efforts in Promoting Integrity in the Criminal Justice System from the New York State Bar Association.

Jay Rorty is the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union Criminal Law Reform Project, a division of the ACLU's national legal department. The ACLU Criminal Law Reform Project seeks an end to excessively harsh crime policies that result in mass incarceration and stand in the way of a just and equal society. The Project focuses its work at the "front end" of the criminal justice system, from an individual's first contact with law enforcement through to the sentencing phase, with an emphasis on ending our nation's punitive drug policies, which have failed to achieve public safety and health while putting unprecedented numbers of people behind bars and eroding constitutional rights. The Project fulfills our mission through strategic litigation and advocacy that promotes reform of the criminal justice system and drug laws in particular, reduces the number of people entering the system, and protects the constitutional rights of those in the system.

Mr. Rorty graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983 and from New College of California School of Law in 1987. Before joining the ACLU, Mr. Rorty was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Northern District of California, supervising the San Jose office of the Defender from 2004 to 2007. He has also been a staff attorney and Senior Trial Attorney at the Bayview Hunters Point Community Defender in San Francisco. He is also a former board chair of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

Diann Rust-Tierney is an expert in the movement to eliminate the death penalty in the U.S. In 2004 she became the Executive Director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP). Founded in 1976 in response to a Supreme Court decision permitting executions to resume, the NCADP unifies an extensive network of affiliates, dedicated advocates and volunteers, and prominent national human and civil rights organizations to fight the imposition of the death penalty in the United States. As NCADP Executive Director, Ms. Rust-Tierney manages and directs the program for the national organization and 100 affiliates seeking to change public policy on the death penalty. She serves as the national spokesperson for the organization and the movement to eliminate capital punishment.

Before coming to the NCADP, Ms. Rust-Tierney was the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project in Washington, D.C. from 1991 to 2004. As its lead strategist and spokesperson, she appeared on radio and television to educate the public about problems with the death penalty, and developed death penalty education materials, including a video on race and capital punishment. She developed and coordinated national strategy on capital punishment, and provided leadership to the death penalty abolition movement. She expanded efforts to build broad coalitions between the ACLU and new partners in order to spread the abolition message. She provided legal analyses of proposed state and federal death penalty legislation, and provided technical advice and assistance to affiliates on specific legislative proposals.

Ms. Rust-Tierney served the ACLU as its Chief Legislative/Counsel Associate Director from 1994 to 2000. Among her responsibilities was assisting the ACLU Director in developing and implementing the office's mission and vision. Additionally, she worked with the Director to manage the organization's legislative program and supervise its lobbyists. She identified and managed potential legal issues for the local and national ACLU offices, and provided oversight on legislative strategies. She was the ACLU's national spokesperson on various legal, civil rights and civil liberties issues. From 1985 to 1991, Ms. Rust-Tierney was the ACLU's Legislative Counsel, representing the organization before Congress and the news media on a range of civil liberties issues, including capital punishment. She also researched and wrote legal memoranda analyzing legislative proposals from a civil liberties perspective.

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Eric E. Sterling has been the President of The Criminal Justice Policy Foundation since 1989, a private non-profit educational organization that helps educate the nation about criminal justice problems. Mr. Sterling frequently lectures at colleges and universities, and to professional societies throughout the nation about criminal justice issues. Mr. Sterling is currently an Adjunct Lecturer in Sociology at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Sterling was Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary from 1979 until 1989. On the staff of the Subcommittee on Crime, (Rep. William J. Hughes (D-NJ), Chairman), he was responsible for drug enforcement, gun control, money laundering, organized crime, pornography, terrorism, corrections, and military assistance to law enforcement, among many issues. He was a principal aide in developing the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, the Anti-Drug Abuse Acts of 1986 and 1988, and other laws. He has traveled to South America, Europe and many parts of the United States to examine the crime and drug problems first hand. In the 96th Congress, he worked on comprehensively rewriting the Federal Criminal Code. Mr. Sterling was honored by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Mr. Sterling is admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sterling was a participant in the Conference on World Affairs at the University of Colorado for a decade. He served on the adjunct faculty of American University. His analyses have been published in *the Villanova Law Review, Valparaiso Law Review, Fordham Urban Law Journal, American Criminal Law Review, Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review, Margins* (Maryland's Law Journal on Race, Religion, Gender, and Class), *Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Baltimore Sun, Houston Chronicle, Christian Science Monitor, Christian Social Action, Legal Times, Public Management, The Progressive, Law Enforcement News*, and other journals. He served on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse in Washington, on the Baltimore Mayor's Task Force on Drug Policy, and numerous civic organizations. He was an assistant public defender in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He is a liaison to the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Substance Abuse and a past chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities.

Mr. Sterling's opinion is regularly reported by the national news media. Mr. Sterling has been quoted on the front pages of *New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune*, *USA Today, Christian Science Monitor*, and *Los Angeles Times*. His expert analysis is used by Members of Congress, legislators, nationally syndicated columnists, major network television news programs, NPR, Pacifica Radio, *60 Minutes, Nightline, ABC 20/20, PBS Frontline*, etc. He has been a guest on *CNN, FOX, COURT TV, Donahue, Gil Gross, Diane Rehm, Jim Bohannon, Oliver North*, etc. He has debated U.S. Senator Joseph Biden, Jr.(D-DE), then-chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III; then-DEA Administrator Robert Bonner; then-U.S. Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.), and other officials about the "War on Drugs." In 1999 he was honored with the Justice Gerald LeDain Award for Achievement in the Field of Law by the Drug Policy Foundation.

Mr. Sterling was Editor-in-Chief of NewsBriefs, the newsletter of the National Drug Strategy Network, for ten years. Mr. Sterling helped found FAMM -- Families Against Mandatory Minimums, in 1991, and serves on its board. He helped found FEAR -- Forfeiture Endangers American Rights, in 1993, and served on its board. He helped found the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) in 1995, and serves on its board. He helped found the Voluntary Committee of Lawyers in 1997 and is now President of its board. He helped found the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative and serves on its board. He also serves on the board of the Partnership for Responsible Drug Information, Inc., the national board of directors for Students for Sensible Drug Policy and the board of directors for the Andean Information Network. Mr. Sterling also serves on the advisory boards of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), DrugSense, Drug Reform Coordination Network (DRCNet), Flex Your Rights Foundation, and Sex Workers Outreach Project.

Mr. Sterling received a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 from Haverford College (Pa.) majoring in religion, and his Juris Doctor from Villanova University School of Law in 1976. He graduated from Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, led wilderness canoe trips for high school students, and climbed the Matterhorn in 1979. He lives in Chevy Chase, MD with his wife, June S. Beittel, and their daughter, Maya Rebecca Sterling.

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Jim Vance anchors Washington, DC News4 at 6 and News4 at 11 with Doreen Gentzler.
Mr. Vance has been part of the News4 team since 1969. He started as a General Assignment reporter then moved to the anchor desk in 1972. Vance also provides special reports on a wide variety of issues. His reporting has taken him all over the United States and to several countries including El Salvador, South Africa and Vietnam.

In 2007, the National Association of Black Journalists inducted Vance into its Hall of Fame. Other honors include 17 Emmy Awards, induction into the Journalists Hall of Fame and membership in the Silver Circle of the Washington Chapter of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences. He also holds the Ted Yates Award for outstanding community service and has been honored as a "Washingtonian of the Year."

Mr. Vance's story of addiction and recovery is featured in the book *Moments of Clarity: Voices from the Front Lines* by Christopher Kennedy Lawford. The book illuminates the lives of the 27 million Americans who live with addiction to drugs and alcohol daily. Jim has spent the last 24 years as a recovering addict and his poignant story is both thought-provoking and triumphant.

Geneva Vanderhorst is an attorney who has her own criminal defense practice in Washington, D.C. In 2008, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the association's 50th annual meeting. Primarily, she represents persons accused of criminal offenses on the felony II, Accelerated Felony Trial, Mental Health Court, Domestic Violence Court, Community Court, Drug Court, Traffic and general misdemeanor calendars. Prior to opening her practice, she was a Judicial Law Clerk in D.C. Superior Court, a Dean Scholar Instructor at George Mason University School of Law (GMUSL) and a Howard T. Brooke Fellow in the Office of the Public Defender in Alexandria, VA.

Attorney Vanderhorst is a graduate of Old Dominion University, where she was named among the "Who's Who Among American College Students"; GMUSL, where she was published in, and served as Articles Editor of, the Civil Rights Law Journal; and Howard University School of Divinity, where she was selected as a 2001 National Capital Seminarian on social justice & criminal policy issues. In 2000-2001, she was selected as the Faith Leaders Initiative Fellow, where she published *"Denouncing Racism",* an interfaith theological underpinnings for the National Conference for Community & Justice, as part of President Clinton's Race Initiative.

In 2010, following service as a vice-chair and co-chair, she was appointed as the lead Co-chair to NACDL's Indigent Defense Committee. In 2009, she represented NACDL at the ABA's Criminal Justice Conference on reentry issues and was a conference panel speaker on "Up Against the Wall: The Impact of Race on Criminal Justice Policies, Prison Expansion and the Profession" hosted by NACDL's State Legislative Network. She has accepted presidential appointments to the NACDL's Long-Range Planning Committee, since 2005, Diversity Task Force, since 2007, Nominating Committee, since 2007, and CLE Advisory Council, since 2009. She also serves as Vice President of the D.C. Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where she is involved in organizing each CLE and member gatherings, and a Board Member of the Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association, where she interacts with judges and prosecutors on different task forces. She is also a former president of the Charlotte E. Ray American Inns of Court.

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He has served as the Policy and Communications Manager for Multnomah County's Department of Community Justice, the county agency that runs the parole, probation and juvenile justice department for Portland Oregon and surrounding communities.
He is the co-founder the Justice Policy Institute, one of the Americas leading juvenile justice and prison reform think tanks. He served as the organizations Director of Policy and Research, and Associate Director.

His research, policy and communications work on juvenile and criminal justice policy is frequently used by non-profits, foundations, think-tanks, law enforcement, community organizations, government and the media to promote sound public safety policies. He is the recipient of two Media Advocacy Awards from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for exceptional research and communications work in support of prison

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Ziedenberg has served on the California Governor’s Juvenile Justice Reform Working Group, and the Mayor of Washington DC's transition team on corrections. He has represented JPI’s research and analysis before the U.S. Congress, state legislators, city and county councils, and various national and state commissions considering juvenile and criminal justice reform.
He is also a research consultant to the National Institute of Correction, the NAACP, the National Center for Youth Law and the Campaign for Youth Justice.