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Prosecutors' Center for Excellence Pop-Up
Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing
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Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing

AGENDA

March 22, 2024

12:00 pm—2:00 pm (EST)

Welcome and Introductions

Kristine Hamann, Executive Director, Prosecutors' Center for Excellence

Overview of Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing

Puja Bhatia, Senior National Attorney, For the People

Questions

Prosecutors Implementing Resentencing

Tami McConkey, Director of the Victim, Witness and Postconviction Justice Division,
Ramsey County Attorney's Office

Questions

Working with Law School Clinics & For The People on Resentencing

Lizzie Lockwood, Director of Legal Training and Staff Attorney, For the People

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Coming Home from Prison Through Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing

Troy Dunmore, Registered Substance Abuse Counselor

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Conclusion and Survey

Kristine Hamann, Executive Director, Prosecutors' Center for Excellence



Speaker Bios



Puja Bhatia
Senior National Attorney
For The People

Puja Bhatia is the Senior National Attorney at For The People. She spearheads outreach and engagement with district attorneys' offices nationwide implementing Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing (PIR). Puja strategizes on communications and messaging to various audiences, builds stakeholder partnerships across the country, and speaks about PIR to prosecutorial audiences in various forums. Puja served as an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia for over five years, prosecuting homicide and January 6th Capitol Riot cases.



Troy Dunmore
Registered Substance Abuse Counselor

Troy Dunmore is a Registered Substance Abuse Counselor in San Francisco, California supporting people to stop cycles of incarceration and addiction at the root. He was released from prison through Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing in October 2021. Since returning to his community, Troy has successfully completed his transitional housing program and parole. He is now four courses shy of obtaining his Substance Abuse Counselor certification, with an Addiction Studies major, at the City College of San Francisco. Outside of work and school, Troy also mentors formerly incarcerated men. In his free time, he loves to kayak and spend time with his family.



Kristine Hamann
Executive Director
Prosecutors' Center for Excellence

Kristine Hamann is the Executive Director and founder of Prosecutors' Center for Excellence (PCE). PCE provides consulting, publications, national meetings, and research services for prosecutors to promote best practices, spur innovations and implement solutions. PCE conducts assessments of prosecutor offices of all sizes providing recommendations for improved practices and efficiencies. She is a technical advisor and subject matter expert on many topics including gun crime, witness intimidation, ethics, crime strategy and data collection, community outreach and implicit bias. From 2013 to 2016, Kristine Hamann was a Visiting Fellow at DOJ/ Bureau of Justice Assistance and has worked with prosecutors in over 40 states on best practices. She chairs the National and NY State Best Practices Committee for prosecutors and teaches at Georgetown Law School. She was a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Criminal Justice Council and is on the ABA Criminal Justice Journal Editorial Board. From 2008 to 2013, Ms. Hamann was the Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York. From 2007 to 2008, Ms. Hamann was the New York State Inspector General. From 1998 to 2007, Ms. Hamann served as the Executive Assistant DA to DA Robert Morgenthau in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York City. Prior to 1998, Ms. Hamann held several other positions in that office including Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Director of Training. She started her career as a violent crime prosecutor. She has received various awards for her public service, including The Morgenthau Award (NYS District Attorney's Association 2020), The Ethics and Accountability Award (City and State NY, 2018), Outstanding Prosecutor of 2013 (NY State Bar Association), Prosecutor of the Year for Executive Leadership (NYS District Attorney's Association 2010), Excellence in Government Award (Albany Law School, 2008) and Public Service Award for Outstanding Public Service (NY County Bar Association, 2005).



Lizzie Lockwood
Director of Legal Training & Staff Attorney
For The People

Lizzie Lockwood is the Director of Legal Training & Staff Attorney at For The People. She leads DA and Pro-Bono training, oversees For The People's internship and fellow programs, and leads the resentencing clinic at UC Davis Law School, in partnership with the Yolo County District Attorney's Offices and For The People. Since starting with For The People, she has helped directly facilitate the resentencing and early release of more than 40 people. Prior to joining For The People, Lizzie spent a decade working as a post-conviction criminal defense investigator on capital cases for the Habeas Corpus Resource Center. As an investigator, she developed a fierce passion for criminal justice and prison reform, and she became dedicated to working to bring people home from prison.



Tami McConkey

Director of the Victim, Witness and Postconviction Justice Division
Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Minnesota

Tami McConkey has been a prosecutor since her law clerk days in 1992 and is currently the director of the Victim, Witness and Postconviction Justice Division of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The RCAO worked with For the People to support state legislators in passing Prosecutor-Initiated Sentencing Adjustment legislation in 2023. The Postconviction Justice unit in Tami's division also handles sentencings, expungements, and has been assisted by the Prosecutor Center for Excellence in some conviction review work and some work under a new felony murder reform act, also passed in 2023.



Related Materials



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Understanding Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing: How and Why Prosecutors Are Using a New Tool to Expand Justice

January 10, 2023

FEATURE

Understanding Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing: How and Why Prosecutors Are Using a New Tool to Expand Justice

Hillary M. Blout and Jeff Reisig

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This piece is adapted exclusively for the ABA from the recent publication [Advancing Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing: A Guide for Prosecutors, Policymakers, and Advocates](#) (Sept. 2022).

I have prosecuted thousands of cases. This is the right thing to do no matter what side of the aisle you fall on. If people go to prison for a very long time and it doesn't seem just, or they've done a great job at rehabilitating themselves, why wouldn't we as prosecutors consider that? It's just the right thing to do. —Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District Attorney

As of Summer 2022, about two million people were incarcerated in US prisons and jails. Despite a decline in recent years, the United States continues to have the highest incarceration rate in the world. Research suggests that unduly long sentences do little to make communities safer. See Nat'l Rsch. Council, [The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences](#), ch. 5 (Jeremy Travis et al. eds., 2014). Understanding that there are thousands of currently incarcerated people who could be safely released, and given the high cost to keep these people in prison, many of these long sentences have diminishing returns.



Advancing Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing:

A Guide for Prosecutors, Policymakers, and Advocates

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One simple criminal justice reform could solve the prosecutor shortage.

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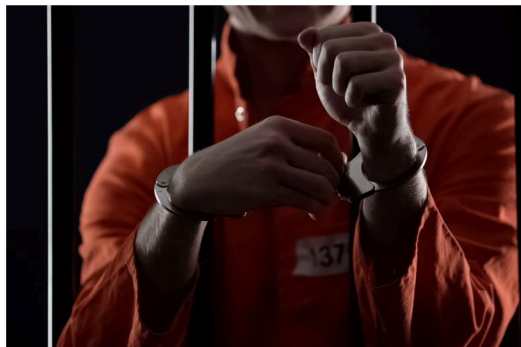
A TRUE DISRUPTOR WHO HAD NO IDEA WHAT IT WAS DISRUPTING

JURISPRUDENCE

One Simple Criminal Justice Reform Could Solve the Prosecutor Shortage Crisis

BY HILLARY BLOUT

MARCH 20, 2024 • 10:00 AM



The law enables prosecutors to revisit old cases and propose revised sentences to the court. Getty Images Plus.

In the 1990s, Phillip Villanueva attempted to rob a local doughnut shop. With this being his “third strike,” he was sentenced to 25 years to life. While in prison for more than two decades, Villanueva dedicated himself to rehabilitation, participating in programs such as substance recovery, conflict resolution, mentorship, and even [training service dogs](#) for veterans. To his surprise, in 2018, a law passed that enabled the very same prosecutor’s office that had once sentenced him to prison to instead [recommend Villanueva’s release](#). This was the last to his freedom.

Full Article: [One Simple Criminal Justice Reform Could Solve the Prosecutor Shortage Crisis](#)

CLE Credit and Survey



Instructions to Receive CLE Credit

Please Read Carefully

The Prosecutors' Center for Excellence has not requested continuing legal education accreditation for this program. Instead, we will supply you with a **Uniform Certificate of Attendance**. This certificate will include Prosecutors' Center for Excellence (PCE) as the sponsor, the title of this conference, the dates of this conference, the location of this conference as well as a calculation of the CLE Credit Hours under both a 60-minute and 50-minute hour system. We believe that these hours accurately reflect the CLE credit you should receive. However, each state has its own rules on the accrediting process which could affect this calculation.

At the end of each session, you will receive a conference evaluation. You will need to fill out the survey in order to receive the **Uniform Certificate of Attendance.**

As part of the meeting materials, PCE will supply you with this meeting's agenda, a description of the various content to be covered throughout this conference, as well as the names and biographies of the speakers.

You will need to apply for CLE credit on your own through your state's specific process. Most jurisdictions have this as an option. Some jurisdictions require members to apply and report within 30 days of the original program date. We hope that the **Uniform Certificate of Attendance** will aid you in this process.

Sign-In Sheets

To obtain CLE credit, most states require attendees to sign in at the time of the meeting. PCE will maintain a copy of the registration list as well as a record of who attended each session (present at start and end of each session) and send copies upon request.

Here are some specific sign-in rules from a variety of states. There will be no physical sign-in sheet, instead PCE will be taking time-stamped log of participants from zoom reports. If you need a copy of your records please contact PCE.

Delaware Attorneys: Delaware Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** at each individual session you attend.

Illinois Attorneys: Illinois Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** at each individual session you attend. The sign-in documentation is used to verify your total number of CLE hours.

New York Attorneys: New York Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** and **sign out** of each individual session you attend.

Pennsylvania Attorneys: Pennsylvania Attorneys must complete the Pennsylvania CLE Credit Request form to report attendance at in-person programs.

Texas Attorneys: Texas Attorneys must complete the Texas CLE Course Attendance Form to report attendance at in-person programs.



UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

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ACTIVITY TITLE: PCE Pop-Up: Prosecutor-Led Resentencing
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LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

THIS PROGRAM OFFERS A TOTAL OF:

_____ Full Program: 2 hours of CLE Credit (not ethics), PENDING STATE APPROVAL. TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY

Please adhere to your state's requirements.

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By signing below, I certify that I attended the activity described above and am entitled to claim _____ CLE credit hours of which ____ were in ethics.

ATTORNEY'S NAME *(please print)*

SIGNATURE

BAR MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION
OR SUPREME COURT NUMBER

DATE

STATE WHERE CREDITS ARE TO BE
REGISTERED

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

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Meeting Survey

The March 22, 2024 PCE Pop-Up, Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing survey will be available at the end of the meeting. If you need proof of your survey for CLE credit please email PCE at contactpce@pceinc.org.

Survey Link:

[Survey](#)

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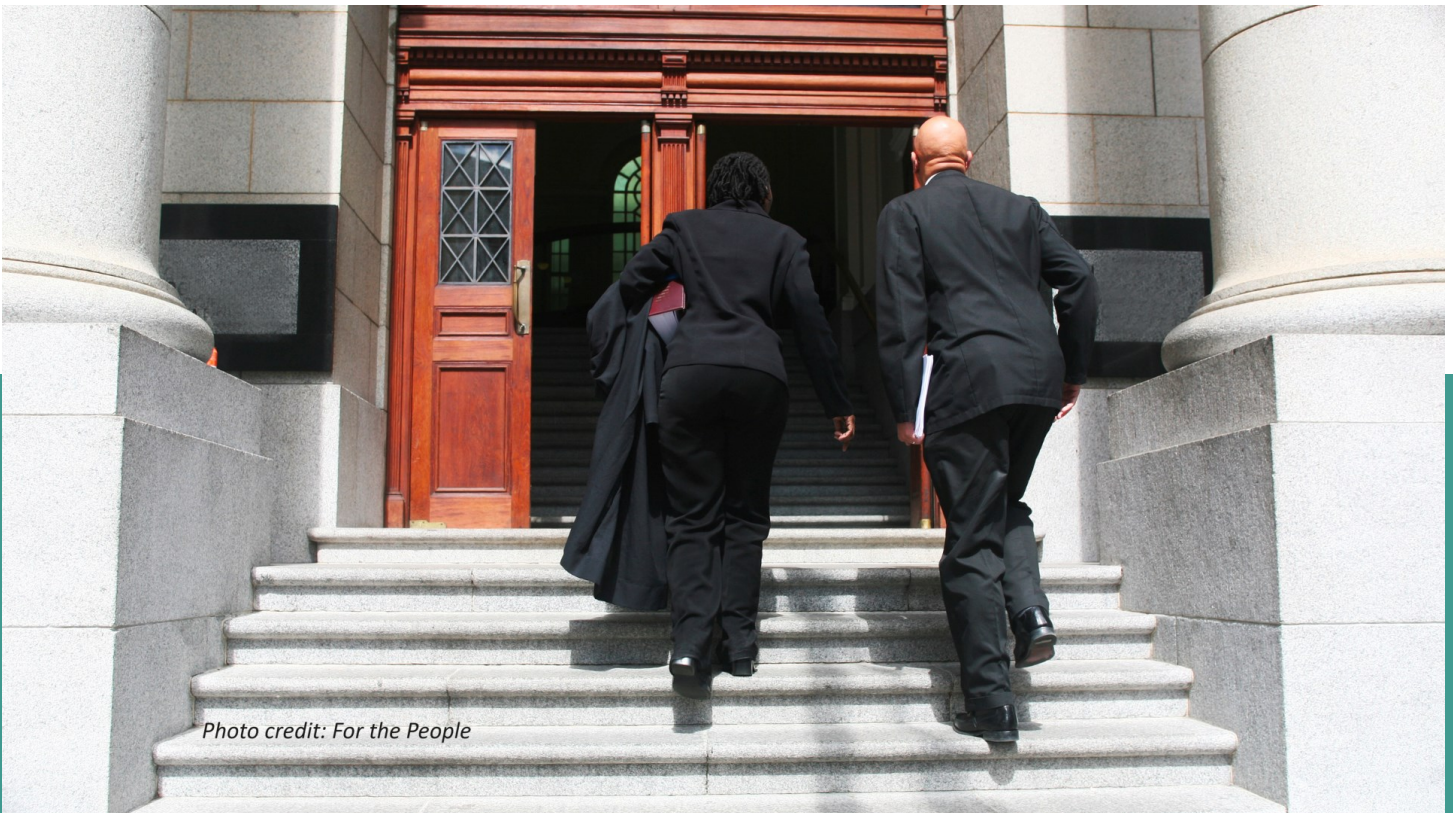


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Thank you for participating!