

# Speaker Biographies || NACDL State Criminal Justice Network Conference 2019

**Huda Ajlani Macri** is a solo practitioner based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Huda entered private practice after having served as an assistant public defender with the Broward County Public Defender's Office. Huda is a board-certified criminal defense attorney in Florida, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of both the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (FACDL).

At FACDL, Huda serves as the chair of the Criminal Rules and Jury Instructions Analysis Committee, which submits recommendations to the Florida Bar Committee that writes the rules and amendments to jury instructions submitted to the Florida Supreme Court. She also serves on the Grievance Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Florida Bar. Huda was recently appointed to serve as a co-chair of NACDL's Immigration Committee. She received a certificate from the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College, and earned her undergraduate degree at the University of South Florida and her law degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center.

**Leo Beletsky** is a Professor of Law and Health Sciences at Northeastern University, where he directs the Health in Justice Action Lab. He is also on the faculty of the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine. Beletsky's research and programmatic work addresses the impact of law and law enforcement on public health, with special focus on drug policy and the current overdose crisis. He is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Anita D. Colón, MHS** grew up in the Spring Garden section of Philadelphia and attended J.R. Masterman High School. She went on to attend Villanova University where she majored in Criminal Justice and obtained a Master's Degree in Human Services from Lincoln University. Anita is the past present of the Pennsylvania Prison Society Board of Directors and served on the PPS board for 9 years. She serves as the Pennsylvania State Coordinator for the Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth and is a co-founder of the PA Coalition for Fair Sentencing of Youth. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth as well as the Abolitionist Law Center.

Anita's advocacy work came about as a result of her brother's life without parole sentence for a crime he was convicted of participating in on his 16th birthday. Her brother was released on parole in February 2018 after 28 years as a result of the Montgomery versus Alabama Supreme Court Decision. Anita has testified before the US House of Representatives and the PA Senate and House Judiciary Committees concerning the elimination of Juvenile Life Without Parole Sentencing. She also served on the Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission Juvenile Act Advisory Committee which provided a report recommending changes to the existing laws as they relate to juvenile offenders and currently serves on the PA Lt. Governor's Board of Pardons Advisory Council (LGBOPAC).

**Kade Crockford** is the Director of the Technology for Liberty Program at the ACLU of Massachusetts and MIT Media Lab Director's Fellow. Kade works to protect and expand core First and Fourth Amendment rights and civil liberties in the digital 21st century, focusing on how systems of surveillance and control impact not just the society in general but their primary targets—people of color, Muslims, immigrants, and dissidents.

Kade researches, strategizes, writes, lobbies, and educates the public on issues ranging from the wars on drugs and terror to warrantless electronic surveillance. Kade has written for *The Nation*, *The Guardian*, *The Boston Globe*, WBUR, and many other publications, and regularly appears in local, regional, and national media as an expert on issues related to technology, policing, and surveillance.

**Patricia Cummings** is Supervisor of the Conviction Integrity & Special Investigations Unit, Office of the District Attorney, City and County of Philadelphia, and has practiced criminal and juvenile law for over 25 years. Before moving to Philadelphia in February 2018, Patricia was the Director of Policy and Litigation for the Innocence Project of Texas and General Counsel for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association where she led the policy efforts during the 84th and 85th Texas Regular Legislative Sessions. During the 83rd Texas Regular Legislative Session, Patricia also helped secure criminal discovery reform in Texas with the passage of the Michael Morton Act in 2013 after having served as a pro bono member of Michael Morton's legal team.

She is one of three former Special Fields Bureau Chiefs to lead the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. The Dallas CIU has been responsible for numerous exonerations in Dallas County since its establishment in 2007. Patricia grew up in El Paso, Texas and is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center.

**Jarrell E. Daniels** is an Open Society Youth Activist Fellow and Justice-in-Education Scholar at Columbia University, where he is the Justice Ambassadors Youth Council, Program Manager. Jarrell is a member of the Formerly Incarcerated Reintegration Science Training program (F.I.R.S.T.) at Columbia University. His primary focus is bringing policy makers together with community members to work across differences to improve social challenges, particularly challenges facing youth.

Since his release from prison, Jarrell has become a sought-after speaker on college campuses, where he has shared the experiences that led to his incarceration and has introduced strategies to reduce incarceration and recidivism rates. His work is driven around changing the narrative of the criminal justice system where justice and democracy is applied equally to all. As a result of Jarrell dedication to equal human rights, Jarrell became an Annie E. Casey Youth Advisory Council Member and serves as a Youth-Advocate and peer mentor for Friends of the Island Academy. Jarrell offers disciplined advice for justice-involved youth re-emerging from Rikers Island and juvenile detention centers throughout NYC, as well as teens struggling to find social balance.

**Sharon Dietrich** is the Litigation Director of Center for Legal Services. She also serves as Managing Attorney of CLS' Employment Unit. Ms. Dietrich represents low-income persons in employment matters with the goals of removing employment barriers, preserving jobs, and getting access to employment-related income. Ms. Dietrich specializes in employment issues faced by people with criminal records.

Prior to her employment with CLS, Ms. Dietrich served as a law clerk for Ann Aldrich, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. From 1994 through 2004, she also worked as a contract attorney with the National Employment Law Project in New York. NELP provides assistance to legal services programs, unions and community-based organizations nationwide and promotes a national advocacy agenda on issues related to criminal records, unemployment compensation, and others. Ms. Dietrich is a summa cum laude graduate of Albright College and earned her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

**Michael DiLauro** is Director of Training & Legislative Liaison for the Rhode Island Department of the Public Defender (RIPD). Prior to creating this position, he was a member of the RIPD's Trial Division where he tried approximately sixty capital (potential life sentence) cases to verdict. As Director of Training & Legislative Liaison he is responsible for creating programs that meet the professional needs of the department's forty plus attorneys and advancing the RIPD's legislative package through the RI General Assembly while responding to other legislation touching upon the practice of criminal law and procedure, respectively.

Mr. DiLauro is a member of several legal associations including, the RI Bar Association (RIBA) and its Criminal Law Bench Bar Committee; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and its State Criminal Justice Network (SCJN); the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) and its National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators (NAIDE); and is a charter member of the RI Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (RIACDL). In 2013 Mr. DiLauro received the Commitment Award from his alma mater the University of Toledo College of Law and in 2011 Mr. DiLauro was the first recipient of NACDL's SCJN *Champion of State Criminal Justice Reform Award*.

**Marissa Dodson** is the Public Policy Director at the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR). Marissa is responsible for developing and advocating for legislation that furthers SCHR's mission, including reforming harsh sentence laws, enhancing alternatives to incarceration, abolishing the death penalty, strengthening the public defender system, and ending the criminalization of poverty.

In 2008, Marissa was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to develop the first program in Georgia to address individual and systemic barriers facing people with a criminal history through direct service, education and legislative advocacy at the Georgia Justice Project. Marissa received the Commitment to Justice Award in 2012 from the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyer Division for her advocacy of reforms to the state's expungement law. In 2015, Marissa was named by the Fulton County Daily Report as an "On the Rise Georgia lawyer under 40" and was the recipient of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer's SCJN *Champion of State Criminal Justice Reform Award*.

Marissa received her B.A. in Political Science from Spelman College in 2005 and her J.D. and Bachelors in Civil Law from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 2008. She is a member of the Georgia bar.

**Ivan Dominguez** serves as NACDL's Senior Director of Public Affairs and Communications. Ivan brings the Association's activities and positions to the attention of the news media and the public, through news releases, opinion essays and the like. He maintains ongoing relationships with key legal affairs, justice, congressional, and Supreme Court reporters, provides background information and/or media referrals to NACDL's leadership, and prepares spokespersons for media interviews. Ivan edits NACDL's *Daily Criminal Justice Briefing* and hosts NACDL's podcast series, "The Criminal Docket."

Ivan practiced law for more than a decade in New York City prior to joining NACDL in 2008. He began his career as a litigator at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Most recently, Ivan was a litigator and the Director of Diversity, Pro Bono & Community Relations at the firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP.

Ivan is a 1992 graduate of Harvard College, where he received the Judge Charles Wyzanski Award for his commitment to political discourse and concern for the theoretical and practical issues of justice. At Harvard, he also received the Pechet Family Traveling Fellowship. Ivan received his Juris Doctor at the New York University School of Law where he served as Executive Editor of the *Journal of International Law & Politics*. And he earned his M.S. in Journalism from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

**Van Faggins**, a churchgoer, and both a Cub and Boy Scout growing up, landed behind bars at the age of 24. Released a year later, he started selling and smoking cocaine—to feed a drug addiction. This cycle continued for 30 more years. Arrested for the last time in 2016, he joined The REAL Program in the Richmond City Jail, and when released on bond, began the work to transform his life, eventually becoming the house manager at the REAL (recovery) House. He has been clean for three years, and works, and is in Unbound RVA, an entrepreneur training program, where his goal is starting a lawn care business. Van is a success story that he attributes to “the stability from REAL has kept [him] grounded.”

**Lisa Foster** is the Co-Director of the Fines and Fees Center. She is a retired judge and the former Director of the Office for Access to Justice at the United States Department of Justice. As a California Superior Court Judge in San Diego, where she served for ten years, Lisa presided over criminal, family and civil cases and served as the Presiding Judge of the Court's appellate division.

Her collaborative work across multiple Department components resulted in two DOJ convenings, millions of dollars in funding, and the development of critical advocacy tools. With Vanita Gupta, then head of the Civil Rights Division, Lisa wrote a ten-page “Dear Colleague” to every Chief Justice and state court administrator, addressing the legal framework that governs the enforcement of fines and fees and warning that many collection practices may

violate the federal Constitution and/or statutes. She and former Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason co-authored an Advisory to juvenile courts throughout the country on the civil rights implications of imposing fines and fees in juvenile justice proceedings.

Since leaving DOJ in January 2017, Lisa has traveled extensively in the United States and Canada speaking about fines and fees and other issues related to poverty and justice and working with state and local courts to address these issues.

Lisa received a B.A. in American Studies from Stanford University and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

**Angelyn C. Frazer-Giles** is the Executive Director of the National Network for Justice (NNJ). She has over 25 years' experience in community organizing, policy analysis and advocacy on civil and human rights issues and criminal justice. Previously she was the Director of State Legislative Affairs and Special Projects for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) where she was responsible for the development, articulation, and strategic vision of NACDL's agenda on the state level and implemented various state-based criminal justice initiatives, and projects.

Angelyn is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York with a degree in Fashion Buying and Merchandising, has a B.A. in Latin American Studies from the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, studied Spanish at the Universidad De Guadalajara in Jalisco, México and received her Paralegal certificate from Delaware State University. Angelyn has traveled to Italy, Portugal, Cuba, Greece, the Caribbean and Honduras the birthplace of her parents. She is also a licensed instructor of Zumba®, Zumba Gold®, Zumba Sentao™ and Aqua Zumba®.

**Kassandra Frederique** is New York State Director at the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA). Frederique previously ran the day-to-day operations of the statewide campaign to end New York's racially biased marijuana arrests, which cut the number of NYC marijuana arrests in half. Frederique also represented DPA as a member of Communities United for Police Reform, which focused on addressing Stop & Frisk and broader police reform/accountability measures bridging the gap between the War on Drugs and policing.

As a co-author of Blueprint for a Public Health and Safety Approach to Drug Policy and as technical advisor to Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick's The Ithaca Plan, Frederique cultivates and mobilizes powerful coalitions in communities devastated by drug misuse and drug criminalization to develop municipal strategies to foster healthier and safer communities.

She is currently working on an emerging body of work that discusses Black recreation and drug use. A native New Yorker, Frederique holds a M.S. in Social Work from Columbia University and earned a B.S. in Industrial Labor Relations at Cornell University.

**Nina Ginsberg** is a founding partner at DiMuro Ginsberg, P.C., in Alexandria, VA and has practiced criminal law for more than 35 years. She has represented individuals and corporations in a wide range of matters, with a focus on national security law, white collar

investigations and prosecution, financial and securities fraud, computer crime, copyright fraud, and professional ethics. Her work has included representing one of the September 11th Guantanamo detainees in the military commissions and in the DC Court of Appeals as part of the John Adams Project.

She is currently a member of the Steering Group of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia's Committee on National Security Law, Policy & Practice. *Best Lawyers in America* © named Ms. Ginsberg Washington, DC's Lawyer of the Year in Criminal Defense; General Practice in 2017. In 2013, she was selected to join the Top 100 Trial Lawyers list by The National Trial Lawyers organization. Ms. Ginsberg is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in Martindale's Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers.

This past year, Ms. Ginsberg served as NACDL's President-Elect and she will be sworn in as NACDL President at the conclusion of the annual meeting on August 3, 2019. She is serving a Trustee of the NACDL Foundation for Criminal Justice and is currently its Treasurer. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester, where she received her B.A. in 1972, and the Antioch School of Law, where she received her J.D. in 1978.

**Bonnie Hoffman** serves as Director of Public Defense Reform and Training for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), where she focuses on addressing the needs of both public defense systems and the attorneys who provide representation to those accused. Overseeing NACDL's commitment to public defense, Bonnie assists full-time public defenders, private assigned counsel, and contract counsel by developing and delivering training programs and materials, as well as working with local, state and national leaders to address reforms in our nation's public defense delivery systems.

Prior to joining NACDL in May 2017, Bonnie spent over 21 years as a state court public defender in Loudoun County, Virginia. Representing adults and juveniles charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses from drunk driving on a farm tractor to murder; her practice included both trial and appellate work.

**Mike Iacopino** is the senior partner at Brenna, Lenehan, Iacopino and Hickey, bringing 30 years of trial experience to his practice. He represents individuals and businesses in criminal cases including investigations, trials, and appeals. In business law, represents individuals and businesses subject to regulation, investigation, and prosecution by administrative agencies. He also represents individuals injured due to the negligence of others.

Mike represents clients in every court in the state and before numerous administrative agencies. He is often called upon to train other lawyers in the art and science of trial advocacy. He has served and continues to serve as a leader in various bar association activities. He is a member of NACDL and has received the NACDL's Presidential Commendation and NHACDL's Champion of Justice Award. He is a cum Laude recipient of both his B.A. in Economics from New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business & Economic and his J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA.

**Raj Jayadev** is the co-founder of Silicon Valley De-Bug, a community organizing and advocacy organization based in San Jose, California. Through De-Bug's criminal justice community organizing program called the Albert Cobarrubias Justice Project, they created "participatory defense," a community organizing model for families whose loved ones are facing the criminal court system to impact the outcome of the case and change the landscape of power in the courts.

De-Bug has started participatory defense hubs across the country and is building a National Participatory Defense Network of community organizations to partner with public defender offices and make systemic change in the courts. Jayadev is currently a Stoneleigh Fellow, partnering with the Defender Association of Philadelphia to build up a blueprint model of participatory defense in Philadelphia. Jayadev was selected as a MacArthur Fellow in 2018.

**Reuben Jones** is JustLeadershipUSA's Philadelphia Campaign Coordinator and currently runs the #CLOSEthecreek campaign. He is a social justice advocate and clinical therapist and the founding Executive Director of Frontline Dads Inc., an organization that provides re-entry support and transitional services to men and women returning from incarceration. Reuben also served as the Social Services Director for the Focused Deterrence Gun Violence Reduction Strategy in Philadelphia.

He obtained his Master's Degree from Lincoln University (with Honors) in 2009. Reuben is a member of the Philadelphia Re-Entry Coalition, The Coalition for a Just D.A., the Philadelphia Anti Violence Coalition, the Philadelphia Community Bail Fund, and the NO215Jails Coalition. He served on Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney's Transition Team and on the city's Universal Pre-K Commission. In 2016, Reuben won the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama.

**Jody Kent Lavy** is the executive director of the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY) and was the first staff person hired upon the organization's founding in 2009.

Under Jody's leadership, the CFSY staff has grown significantly, and it serves as a national leader and convener and provides strategic guidance on communications, litigation, and advocacy to attorneys, advocates, and others working at the state and federal levels. Jody has also ensured that people directly impacted by this issue are increasingly at the helm of the movement.

Jody is married, and is the mother of three children. She is also an avid sports fan – in particular, she suggests you don't mess with the UNC Tarheels and any and all of the teams from her native New England.

**Andrew Kossover**, a partner in Kossover Law Offices (New Paltz, NY) and Ulster County (NY) Chief Public Defender is Past-President and current Legislative Chair of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is the former Chair of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Mandated Representation and a member of the Executive

Committee of the Criminal Justice Section. Andy attended SUNY Buffalo and Vermont Law School.

He began the practice of law under the auspices of the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York (Kings County). Mr. Kossover is also a member of the adjunct faculty at the State University of New York at New Paltz where he has taught such courses as Criminal Law and Introduction to Law.

In 2015, Andy was awarded the Michele S. Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defense Practitioner by the New York State Bar Association. The Award is named for the late Michele Maxian, a Legal Aid Society lawyer who spurred criminal justice reform in New York City.

**Marsha Levick**, is the Chief Legal Officer, co-founded Juvenile Law Center in 1975. Throughout her legal career, Levick has been an advocate for children's and women's rights and is a nationally recognized expert in juvenile law. Levick oversees Juvenile Law Center's litigation and appellate docket. She has successfully litigated challenges to unlawful and harmful laws, policies and practices on behalf of children in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Levick also spearheaded Juvenile Law Center's litigation arising out of the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania juvenile court judges' corruption scandal, known as the "kids for cash" scandal, where Juvenile Law Center successfully sought the expungement and vacatur of thousands of juveniles' cases before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and is pursuing civil damages for the children and their families in a federal civil rights class action.

Levick is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University Law School. Levick is currently an adjunct faculty member at Temple University Beasley School of Law.

**Lindsay Lewis** is a partner in the firm of Dratel & Lewis in New York City, and practices in federal and state court. She handles a wide range of criminal cases including high-profile cyber, drug trafficking, white collar, national security-related, and extradition cases, as well as minor cases with potentially serious collateral consequences, such as limiting a client's capacity to pursue advanced educational and career goals, or threatening their ability to maintain a professional license, to work for the government, or to serve in the military. Lindsay has also successfully represented clients in the SORA hearing process, and in school administrative proceedings ancillary to criminal charges.

In 2015 and 2016, Lindsay helped to conceptualize and served as legal consultant on a series of books titled Know Your Rights. The series informs teens on the cusp of adulthood of their legal rights with regard to topics such as: felony and misdemeanor prosecution, alcohol and drug offenses, racial profiling and discrimination, and rights in school and online. Previously, as a law student and after graduation, she worked with the Innocence Project in New York.

Lindsay serves on the board of directors of NACDL and the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is co-chair of NACDL's Women in Criminal Defense

Committee. She is also a member of the Federal Bar Council's Sentencing and Alternatives to Incarceration Committee. She received her B.A. from Vassar College and her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

**Jumana Musa** is a human rights attorney and racial justice activist. She is currently the Director of the Fourth Amendment Center at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. As director, Ms. Musa oversees NACDL's initiative to build a new, more durable Fourth Amendment legal doctrine for the digital age. The Fourth Amendment Center educates the defense bar on privacy challenges in the digital age, provides a dynamic toolkit of resources to help lawyers identify opportunities to challenge government surveillance, and establishes a tactical litigation support network to assist in key cases.

Prior to joining NACDL, Ms. Musa served as a policy consultant for the Southern Border Communities Coalition, a coalition of over 60 groups across the southwest that address militarization and brutality by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in border communities. Previously, she served as Deputy Director for the Rights Working Group, a national coalition of civil rights, civil liberties, human rights, and immigrant rights advocates where she coordinated the "Face the Truth" campaign against racial profiling. She was one of the first human rights attorneys allowed to travel to the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and served as Amnesty International's legal observer at military commission proceedings on the base.

In 2016, Ms. Musa received the Ralph Johns Civil Rights Award from the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee in recognition of her work. Ms. Musa holds a BA in International Relations from Brown University and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Ian Nawalinski** serves as a Public Affairs and Communications Assistant at NACDL and provides support to all of NACDL's communications work, including assistance to NACDL's White Collar and Overcriminalization initiatives. He also manages the social media component of NACDL's Campaign to End Overcriminalization.

Ian studied communications and journalism and earned his undergraduate degree in communications from West Chester University, with most of his undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii. While in Hawaii, he served as a Senior Staff Writer for the University of Hawaii's Kaleo Weekly. Prior to his work at NACDL, Ian served as Membership Coordinator and Event Planner at the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). His work at MPP included legislative analysis and fundraising for marijuana legalization campaigns during the 2016 election.

**Kyle O'Dowd** is the Associate Executive Director for Policy for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). In that role, he helps coordinate the association's efforts to support the criminal defense bar and reform aspects of the criminal justice system. Before joining NACDL, he was General Counsel for Families Against Mandatory Minimums, where

he lobbied Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and ran a project that raised court challenges to inflexible sentencing laws.

He has served on various advisory groups, including the United States Sentencing Commission's Practitioners Advisory Group, and written numerous articles and reports on sentencing and other criminal law issues for NACDL and outside publications, including the Federal Sentencing Reporter. He was a criminal defense lawyer at the firm Moffitt, Zwerling & Kemler in Alexandria, Virginia, for several years after graduating from Emory University School of Law and Washington University in St. Louis.

**Insha Rahman** is the director of strategy & new initiatives. As a member of Vera's leadership team, she helps to incubate new work in the areas of prosecutorial reform, bail, and decarceration, with a focus on developing advocacy-related strategies and accountability. Having practiced as a public defender before coming to Vera, she is a nationally-recognized expert on bail and has developed bail legislation and policies, including recently passed reforms in New York State, and provided technical assistance and training to advocates, judges, defense attorneys, and prosecutors on bail reform, pretrial justice, and reducing jail incarceration.

From 2016-2017, Insha served as staff to the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice & Incarceration Reform, a blue-ribbon commission chaired by former Chief Justice Jonathan Lippman of the New York State Court of Appeals that developed a blueprint to close Rikers Island. She earned her J.D. from the City University of New York School of Law and her B.A. in Africana Studies from Vassar College.

**Devin Reaves** is a person living in recovery since 2007. He is a community organizer and grassroots advocacy leader. Devin has worked on the expansion of access to the lifesaving medication Naloxone, implantation of 911 Good Samaritan policies, and the development of youth-oriented systems. Devin is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition (PAHRC) whose mission is to promote the health, dignity, and human rights of individuals who use drugs and communities impacted by drug use.

Devin received a Master of Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice with a focus on community and organizational change and has a BA in Human Services from Lynn University. Devin also serves on the Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force and the Board of Directors for the Association of Recovery Schools.

**Monica L. Reid** serves as the Director of Advocacy for NACDL. In this capacity, Monica manages NACDL's day-to-day grassroots advocacy operations, coordinates state legislative reform campaigns and NACDL's efforts to mobilize its members, individuals, and other organizations in support of NACDL's policy objectives.

In the community, Monica has worked to promote civic awareness, political engagement and advocacy throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region. In 2013, Monica was awarded the Marian Van Landingham Legislation & Public Policy Award by the Alexandria Commission

on Women, the Excellence in Social Action Award by the Omicron Zeta Sigma Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and was a 2013 recipient of the Top 40 Under 40 Award presented by the EnVest Foundation.

Monica is a graduate of George Mason University with a Master's in Public Administration and a B.A. in Government & International Politics and Economics.

**Norman L. Reimer** is the Executive Director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), the nation's preeminent criminal defense bar association, and NACDL's related Foundation for Criminal Justice (FCJ).

Since joining NACDL in 2006, Norman Reimer has overseen a significant expansion of the Association's educational programming and policy initiatives, cultivated external support and launched a major capital campaign. He has led major initiatives to promote public defense reform, address collateral consequences of conviction, pretrial justice reform, flawed forensic science, judicial independence, and various injustices that contribute to mass incarceration and disparate impact on communities of color and the poor. Mr. Reimer was a founder of Clemency Project 2014, one of the largest pro bono projects ever undertaken by the legal profession. The Project secured sentence commutations for nearly 900 individuals, saving more than 13,000 years of imprisonment. In 2018, NACDL joined with Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM) to launch a state clemency initiative. Mr. Reimer also serves as the publisher of NACDL's acclaimed Champion magazine.

Prior to assuming this position, Norman Reimer was a practicing criminal defense attorney for 28 years and a recognized leader of the bar. He is a past president of the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA).

Norman Reimer taught Trial Practice as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School from 1990 until 2004. He received his B.A. cum laude from New York University's Washington Square College and his J.D. with honors in criminal law from New York University School of Law.

**Martin Sabelli** received his degrees from Harvard College (1985), the London School of Economics and Political Science (1987), and Yale Law School (1990). He currently has his own firm and have served, in the past, as a Federal Public Defender, a partner of a national firm (Winston & Strawn), the Director of Training of the Office of the San Francisco Public Defender, and as a law clerk to the late Honorable Robert F. Peckham, United States District Judge.

He has represented individuals in state and federal courts since 1993 in a wide range of civil and criminal matters including complex federal white collar criminal prosecutions, multi-defendant federal conspiracy cases, federal and state gang-related prosecutions, and federal and state death-penalty matters. These matters have included corporate internal investigations in civil and criminal matters as well as matters pending before the Securities and Exchange Commission, matters investigated and prosecuted by the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corporation, matters prosecuted under the Racketeering and Corrupt Organization Act, and legal malpractice matters.

He has taught for the National Criminal Defense College since 2001 and for the Trial Advocacy Workshop of Harvard Law School, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) as well as numerous other criminal defense and public defense programs around the country and abroad.

He has also served as the Director of the Mexico Program for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. He regularly lectures on comparative criminal justice issues and trains judges, prosecutors, and lawyers in Argentina, Mexico, Chile, and Peru. He has also trained judges, prosecutors, and lawyers in numerous other countries including Colombia, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Tunisia and Egypt.

He has authored law review articles and practice guides on gang expert issues, the dangers of self-representation, expert witnesses, prosecutorial discretion, and comparative law issues.

**Thea Sebastian** recently joined Civil Rights Corps as its first Policy Counsel. Thea is a graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University, and Harvard Law School, where she founded the Social Enterprise Law Association and co-founded a Conversation on Race discussion series. Prior to joining Civil Rights Corps, she served as Associate General Counsel to District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, working on numerous issues spanning urban policy.

Thea is interested in issues surrounding concentrated poverty and equal opportunity, particularly as these issues affect low-income youth. When not battling for social justice, she is most likely to be running, doing yoga, eating dark chocolate, binging on the Good Wife, or consuming audiobooks at an alarming rate.

**Alexander Shalom** is Senior Supervising Attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey. In that role, Alex primarily litigates cases on issues that disproportionately impact people of color. He appears in state and federal trial and appellate courts on cases addressing important criminal and juvenile justice issues. In the last several years he has appeared more than forty-five times before the New Jersey Supreme Court on cases focusing on issues including pretrial justice, the right to counsel, sentencing, search and seizure, and public access to police records.

Before joining the ACLU-NJ, Alex worked as an Assistant Deputy Public Defender in Essex County. Prior to that, he served as capital cases clerk for Hon. Deborah J. Portiz, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. In 2017, the New Jersey Law Journal named him the Attorney of the Year.

**Theodore “Theo” Shaw** was most recently a law clerk for Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson of the Louisiana Supreme Court. He received his law degree from the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle, Washington, where he was a Gates Public Service Law Scholar, member of the Moot Court Honor Board, and, upon graduation, was presented with

the Order of the Barristers honor. Before law school, Theo worked for three years as a community advocate for the Southern Poverty Law Center's New Orleans office, where he worked with a team of attorneys and advocates challenging inhumane and violent conditions of confinement in jails and prisons across Louisiana and Mississippi.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Louisiana Monroe, in Monroe, Louisiana. As a teenager, in the case of the "Jena Six," Theo was wrongfully arrested and spent nearly seven months in jail awaiting trial. During law school, Theo interned with the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C. and the Bronx Defenders in Bronx, New York. In August 2019, he will be attending Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. as a Prettyman Fellow with the Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic.

### **Loretta Simmons-Jackson, "Teddy's mom"**

A Virginia native, Loretta received her Bachelor's degree in Interior Design and a Master's in Business Administration. Faced with a health challenge, she is certified to recommend holistic remedies, with a focus on pain management. The mother of two, her son Teddy featured in **16 BARS** struggled with mental health and addiction, leading to his incarceration and later his involvement in the REAL Program at Richmond Jail, eventually receiving services within REAL LIFE.

Loretta's desire to help her own son led her to help others in tough situations, and she became a Recovery Coach at REAL LIFE through AmeriCorps. She brings the perspective of a mother and advocates the importance of mental health.

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