

FAIR AND JUST PROSECUTION *Reimagining The Field Of Prosecution*

AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT: Great strides have been made over the past few years in promoting justice reforms that recognize that prior “tough on crime” and incarceration-driven practices have not always resulted in safer or healthier communities. Accountability is vitally important, yet too many individuals unnecessarily enter, or excessively remain in, the justice system as a result of issues including addiction, mental illness or adolescent misbehavior better addressed through other societal responses. Local elected prosecutors are an integral part of changing these paradigms – and this is a particularly opportune moment to do so. Recent elections ushered in a new generation of leaders committed to changing office ethos, enhancing transparency and accountability, and embracing prevention-oriented and less punitive approaches to public safety.

WHAT: Fair and Just Prosecution (FJP) brings together elected prosecutors as part of a network of like-minded leaders committed to change and innovation. These individuals – and the new approaches to prosecution that they exemplify – will be supported and reinforced through in-person convenings, vehicles for ongoing information sharing, communications and research support, and opportunities for on the ground learning.

WHY: FJP will enable a new generation of prosecutive leaders to learn from best practices, respected experts, and innovative approaches aimed at promoting a justice system grounded in fairness, equity, compassion, and fiscal responsibility. As these leaders model new justice system strategies, efforts will be made to help them overcome barriers, while enabling others to learn from their successes and use their accomplishments to propel broader changes in the field. The work of FJP will underscore, by example, the important leadership role of prosecutors in advancing fair and just practices and promoting safer and healthier communities.

HOW: FJP will achieve these objectives by:

- **Assisting and supporting** recently elected reform-minded prosecutors -- fortifying prosecutors committed to change as they seek to implement new approaches and redefine their role in promoting public safety;
- Building a **network** of new prosecutors willing to rethink past practices and connecting these like-minded leaders to each other;
- Creating **learning opportunities** through site visits, research support, and access to key national leaders and experts;
- Supporting elected leaders as they develop, implement, and champion criminal justice **policy changes**;
- Developing **communications strategies** to give voice to change agents within the field of prosecution and help them navigate the inevitable challenges that will arise; and
- **Connecting** new prosecutors to local and national resources, research opportunities, experts and organizations committed to supporting prosecutive reform.

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