Prosecutors’ Center for Excellence Pop-Up

- Bringing in the Community -
Prosecutors Evolving Use of Community Advisory Boards

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Agenda
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2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

Jean Peters Baker, Elected Prosecutor
Jackson County, Missouri

Bryan Porter, Elected Commonwealth’s Attorney
Alexandria, Virginia

Troy Rawlings, Elected District Attorney
Davis County, Utah

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

Conversation in break-out groups facilitated by the presenters.
Speaker & Facilitator Bios
Jean Peters Baker
Jackson County, Missouri
Elected Prosecutor

Jean Peters Baker has spent more than two decades in the prosecutor’s office, serving in nearly every unit of the office. She was appointed Jackson County Prosecutor in May 2011, only the second woman to lead the office; the first, former-U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, hired Jean as a young assistant prosecutor. Baker is known as a prosecutor unafraid of tackling difficult cases. In 2011, she prosecuted the bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph for failing to report potential abuse of children by a priest. She was later named special prosecutor in a high-profile sexual assault involving high school football players in northwest Missouri. Recently, Baker successfully pursued the release of Kevin Strickland, who was wrongly convicted and served 43 years in a Missouri prison. During her decade as Jackson County’s top prosecutor, Baker has made gun violence a strong focus, including the development of innovative ways to reduce it.
Bryan Porter
Alexandria, Virginia
Elected Commonwealth’s Attorney

Bryan Porter is the elected Commonwealth’s Attorney for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, his hometown. He was first elected in 2014 and is currently serving his second term in office. Bryan and his wife, Karin, a criminal defense attorney, reside in Alexandria.

Bryan began his career as a police officer, working the midnight shift while attending law school. He obtained his law degree from the George Mason University School of Law in 2001. Immediately after passing the bar exam, Bryan was hired as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for the City of Alexandria. During his tenure as an assistant, Bryan conducted the investigation and prosecution of hundreds of violent offenses, to include murders, robberies, shootings, and gang offenses.

Bryan is the author of a book about the investigation and trial of a serial killer case he handled, *The Parable of the Knocker*.

Bryan has taught constitutional law and civil liability to literally thousands of citizens, law enforcement officers, and lawyers. He has taught on subjects as varied as prosecutorial ethics, search and seizure law, and Virginia law regarding the restoration of civil rights. Bryan has also taught constitutional law to citizens at community events and at the annual Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Citizen’s Academy he initiated in 2017.

Bryan is recognized as a leader in criminal justice reform. During his term in office, Bryan has enacted a number of new policies, such as assisting in the rewrite of Virginia’s criminal discovery rule, increasing the use of diversion programs, and initiating both a mental health docket and a drug treatment court.
Since 2007, Troy has served as an elected District Attorney in Davis County, Utah. He was sworn in for a 4th term on January 7, 2019. In May of 1994, Troy received his JD degree from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. From 1994-2000, Troy was in private practice specializing in criminal defense and family law. He joined the Davis County Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor in January of 2000. Prior to his 2007 election, Troy was the Section Chief of the Special Prosecutions Unit in the Davis County Attorney’s Office. As both a prosecutors and defense attorney, he has handled numerous cases and has been involved in many jury and bench trials related to violent crimes against children and women. Troy also serves on the Advisory Board of the National Center for Prosecutor Integrity and the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. He has received both state and national professional awards. Multiple of Troy’s cases have been featured on local or national television, including CNN, Fox News and Dateline NBC. Troy has been a frequent local and national presenter for the National District Attorney’s Association as well as in New York City at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 2017 and the California District Attorney’s Association in 2018.
Kristine Hamann is the Executive Director and founder of Prosecutors’ Center for Excellence (PCE). PCE provides consulting and research services for prosecutors to promote best practices, spur innovations and implement solutions. From 2013 to 2016, Kristine Hamann was a Visiting Fellow at DOJ/Bureau of Justice Assistance where she worked with prosecutors in over 30 states. She chairs the NY State Best Practices Committee for prosecutors and teaches at Georgetown Law School. She is 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 a number of 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.
Sophia Roach was a prosecutor in the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office (SDCDA) for 23 years, where she assisted in the management of four divisions, issued and prosecuted over 600 vertical gang, narcotics, and family protection cases, and prosecuted 77 jury trials to verdict, including 11 murder cases and oversaw large scale investigations and wiretap projects. Ms. Roach is an expert in gang prosecution, the development of informants, protecting confidential information and vulnerable witnesses, complex wiretap investigations, inclusive voir dire, and elimination of bias in prosecution work. She is a veteran instructor of lawyers, law enforcement, and students at both the law school and collegiate level. She also served as an in-house Ethics Advisor from 2010-2021.

Ms. Roach previously served as a liaison to the FBI Violent Crime Task Force, the East County Gang Task Force, the Jurisdictions United for Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force, and the San Diego Crime Laboratories. She was a training advisor for the California District Attorneys Association Narcotics Section, a member of the SDCDA Legal Training Advisory Board from 2009-2021, and the advisory board for the SDCDA Committee on Race and Equity.

Ms. Roach helped form the NDAA Women Prosecutors Section, San Diego Women Prosecutors, and Power League, a school based SDCDA outreach program. She served on the board of directors for the California District Attorneys Association and the San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association, which awarded her their 2009 “Outstanding Prosecutor” and 2019 “Prosecutor of the Year” awards as well as two service awards. Ms. Roach has received 3 FBI Director Commendations and numerous other local law enforcement commendations.

Ms. Roach is currently employed as a senior attorney with Prosecutors’ Center for Excellence and a consultant and trainer for Fair and Impartial Policing, where she has helped develop and teach their Science of Bias program for prosecutors. She also holds an LLM in Prosecutorial Science.
Related Materials
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- Conviction Integrity Unit Policy - Davis County, UT
- Conviction Integrity Unit Website - Davis County, UT
- SMART PROSECUTION - Jackson County, MO

Jackson County, MO Sample Community Board Agenda:

Upcoming Events

Community Board Meeting
December 17, 2021, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Rockhurst Community Center, 5401 toasted Avenue.

Agenda

I. Overview of 2021 Crime in Kansas City
   A. Historical Trajectory
   B. National Comparison
   II. How Effective are we at Solving Crime?
      A. Clearance rates
      B. Charge rates
      C. Conviction rates
   III. Why are we not solving crimes?
      1. Time/Resources/Resource Allocation
      2. Community Trust
         a. 47% of unsolved cases are labeled “lack of cooperation”
      IV. How can we address lack of Community Trust?
      V. Other
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. Because this is a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 there will be no physical sign-in sheet, instead PCE will be taking time-stamped screenshots of the participant list at the beginning and end of each session. If you need a copy of our 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.
UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

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ACTIVITY TITLE: PCE Pop Up – Bringing In the Community – Prosecutors Evolving Use of Community Advisory Boards
DATE: March 10, 2022
LOCATION: Virtual

Full Program: 2 hours of CLE credit (not Ethics), PENDING STATE APPROVAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY
By signing below, I certify that I attended the activity described above and am entitled to claim ___2___ CLE credit hours of which ___0___ were in Ethics.

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STATE WHERE CREDITS ARE TO BE REGISTERED

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Meeting Survey
The March PCE Pop-Up–Bringing in the Community -Prosecutors Evolving Use of Community Advisory Boards 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.

Evaluation Links:
Survey

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Thank you for participating!