

Members of the District Task Force on Jails & Justice

As of March 2023

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Honorable Brooke Pinto
D.C. Council Member, Chair of Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety

Brooke Pinto was sworn in as Ward 2's Councilmember on June 27th, 2020 after winning the Special Election to fill the vacant seat. She is the first woman to hold this seat and the youngest DC Councilmember in history.



Brooke previously served in the Office of the Attorney General as a tax attorney where she represented the Office of Tax and Revenue as her client. She then served as the Assistant Attorney General for Policy and Legislative Affairs, during which time she drafted and introduced legislation to the Council on issues such as hate crimes, small business protection, and workers rights. She also advocated for DC Statehood before the National Attorneys General Association and on Capitol Hill. Prior to working in the DC government, Brooke worked in Senator Richard Blumenthal's (D-CT) office as a Health and Aging Fellow.

Brooke earned her B.S. from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration. She approaches her work as Ward 2's Councilmember from a customer service perspective and brings a deep appreciation for workers and the small business community.

Brooke is also a graduate of Georgetown Law School. She became involved in the Ward 2 and DC community as a law student through her work with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, which sparked her passion for addressing affordable housing issues.

Brooke is focused on ensuring that the law — both as written and as enforced — is fair for everyone and is committed to helping our city recover from COVID-19 and taking up the call for greater justice and fairness among our city's residents.

Will Avila
Founder, Clean Decisions and Changing Perceptions

Will Avila is an ex-offender who was sentenced to an adult prison at the age of 16 and spent 10 years in and out of prison, struggling to transition back into the community. Will, like so many other returning citizens, experienced first-hand the challenges, and rejection, that come with transitioning back into society and the workforce. In 2014, he founded Clean Decisions, a commercial kitchen and cleaning and labor services company with a bigger dream: to help employ returning citizens—people like him—who long for an opportunity to prove to society they are worth investing in.



Clean Decisions has successfully provided full- and part-time employment to over 30 people, and they have a 100% anti-recidivism rate. However, in addition to employment, what the year highlighted was the desperate need for therapeutic and supportive services. Returning citizens not only struggle to find employment, but they also need training and counseling to help them successfully transition back into contributing members of society. Thus emerged Changing Perceptions.

Changing Perceptions provides supportive services and job training to the re-entry community—ex-offenders and formerly incarcerated individuals—in Washington, D.C. Our array of therapeutic services and business development training programs are designed to prepare returning citizens for career pathways that will help them advance into the middle class and equip them with life skills that will allow them to be productive members of society. to prepare returning citizens for career pathways that will help them advance into the middle class and equip them with life skills that will allow them to be productive members of society. Our goal is to create a life and career pathway that will break the chronic intergenerational cycle of criminal activity and poverty for those returning home from incarceration.

David Bailey

Returning Citizen Advocate

David Bailey was born and raised in Washington D.C. His mother and father were heavily addicted to heroin, and Mr. Bailey was also born addicted. Mr. Bailey had a harsh upbringing during the late 80's early 90's in Washington D.C., when D.C. was nicknamed the Murder Capital. Mr. Bailey was in and out of juvenile facilities starting at age 11 or 12 years old until, at 17 years old, he was convicted as an adult under Title 16 for two homicides and was sentenced to 35 years to life. Mr. Bailey has been in over 25 different federal, state, and private institutions. The love he has for his daughter's drove him to work on himself. Mr. Bailey taught himself how to read, then got his GED. He took many psychology classes to learn how to better control his emotions and actions, like anger management, conflict intervention, and victim impact. Mr. Bailey used these classes to learn how to better communicate outside of class and works diligently on his mental state, changing the way he views his life.



Mr. Bailey was one of the first juvenile lifers to be released under D.C.'s Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA). Since his release, he has worked with at-risk youth, young adults, and fellow returning citizens as a mentor and life coach. He also does violence prevention work in Ward 8. Mr. Bailey is a Poet Ambassador for Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop. Mr. Bailey has spoken at George Washington University Law School and at La Salle University, and has testified before D.C. Council about bills impacting people who are incarcerated. Mr. Bailey has also worked with Campaign for the Fair Sentencing for Youth in Philadelphia and D.C.

Thomas N. Faust
Director, Department of Corrections

Thomas N. Faust formally served as Director of the D.C. Department of Corrections (DOC), a Cabinet level position of the Executive Office of the Mayor, from 2011 to 2016. DOC is a major component of the District's public safety and justice cluster, with responsibility for administering institutional and community-based correctional services. On January 24, 2022, Mr. Faust returned to serve the Bowser Administration as Director of The Department of Corrections. In his previous tenure as DOC Director, Tom Faust was an innovative leader in instituting system-wide protocols to enhance security, implement effective population management and program services, and promote fiscal stability. He led system-wide assessments to drive implementation of effective inmate education and jobs programs, community corrections, re-entry and other services. Mr. Faust has extensive experience in building partnerships through effectively collaborating with a wide variety of community-based organizations, constituent groups, and local and federal partner agencies. He also successfully led the detention facilities national accreditation by the American Correctional Association and federal PREA certification.



A native of the D.C. he most recently served as Chief of Staff for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, the largest probation department in the United States. As Chief of Staff, Mr. Faust oversaw all administrative support areas of the Department which encompasses both adult and juvenile probation services with a budget of over \$800M and 5,000 employees.

Mr. Faust joins the District government as an accomplished public safety and business executive with over 35 years of executive management experience in the field of criminal justice and organizational leadership.

Mr. Faust received a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech and a Master of Public Administration from George Mason University. He has previously served on the George Mason University Administration of Justice Advisory Board; the Northern Virginia Community College Criminal Justice Curriculum Advisory Board, and the National Institute of Corrections Large Jail Network. Mr. Faust also served as Past President of the American Jail Association.

Shelley Broderick
Dean Emerita, UDC Law

Chair, District Task Force on Jails & Justice

Katherine S. Broderick served as Dean of the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law from August 1999 until June 2018, having previously served as Interim Dean, Clinical Director, Associate Dean and faculty member since 1979. In 2011, she was named the Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. Chair of Social Justice.



Professor Broderick began her academic career as a clinical faculty member. She directed the Criminal Defense Clinic at the Antioch School of Law for ten years representing more than 2,000 individuals charged with crimes in the Superior and District Courts of the District of Columbia. She also co-directed the Legislation Clinic for four years, supervising students working primarily on health and safety, environmental justice and criminal justice legislation with the D.C. Council. She has taught Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and a seminar, "Perspectives on Social Justice." She taught in Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop, in the Fall Semester, for many years.

Professor Broderick is a founder and ardent participant in the D.C. Consortium of Legal Services Providers, an organization committed to increasing the quantity, improving the quality, and coordinating the delivery of legal services to low-income D.C. residents. She was appointed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to serve on the District of Columbia's Access to Justice Commission for 2008 and is now serving a fourth term. She also serves on the Board of D.C. Appleaseed. Professor Broderick was named to the Norton Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission in 2009 and continues to serve. She also hosts Sound Advice, a UDC cable television show available in 200,000 D.C. households, providing information about legal issues affecting the District's most vulnerable residents, including predatory lending, domestic violence, AIDS and the District's abuse and neglect system. A committed civil libertarian, Professor Broderick is a past president and served on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of the Nation's Capital for many years. She continues to serve on the Litigation Screening Committee and on the Nominations Committee.

Professor Broderick received the 2018 "Potter Stewart Award" from the Council for Court Excellence, the 2017 "Heman Sweatt Award" from the National Bar Association, the 2015 "Effective Force in Service of the People Award" from the D.C. Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild in recognition of outstanding leadership, the 2010 Champion of Justice Award from the Trial Lawyers Association of Washington for her successful efforts to establish and develop the School of Law, and the 2009 Deborah L. Rhode Award from the Association of American Law Schools in recognition of her work to increase pro bono and public service opportunities in law schools. She was named "Hero in the Law" by the Olender Foundation for 2007 and one of the 100 most powerful women in Washington by the Washingtonian Magazine in 2006. She was honored with the Servant of Justice Award by the Legal Aid Society in 2005. Professor Broderick was named a Fellow of the American Bar Association in 2000.

Heather N. Pinckney
Director, Public Defender Service

As the director of PDS, Heather N. Pinckney provides defense and related legal and non-legal services to people charged with crimes in the local District of Columbia courts who cannot afford to hire an attorney.

Heather is an experienced litigator specializing in criminal defense, civil litigation, family law, wrongful death, and civil rights cases. On June 21, 2022, the PDS Board of Trustees appointed her as the next Director of PDS.

Prior to returning to PDS, she served as a managing partner at the law firm of Harden & Pinckney and as the executive director of the Black Public Defender Association. She also currently serves as an adjunct professor at The George Washington University Law School, where she teaches a seminar entitled “The Role of the Public Defender.”

Heather is currently a board member of Rising for Justice and JusticeAid. She has also served as the co-chair of the D.C. Bar Criminal Law and Individual Rights Section Steering Committee and chair of the PDS Board of Trustees.

Before entering private practice, Heather served as the deputy chief of the Trial Division for PDS – widely recognized as the premier public defender office in the country. As deputy trial chief, Heather assisted in the management and day-to-day operations of the trial division and supervised attorneys litigating criminal cases in the D.C. Superior Court. Prior to becoming deputy trial chief, Heather served as a staff attorney at PDS, for eight years, representing juvenile and adult indigent clients on criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to homicides. She was also tasked with hiring the best and brightest attorneys at PDS and served as the Chair of the PDS Hiring Committee.

Heather teaches litigation skills at programs all around the country including Colorado, Connecticut, Missouri, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Wisconsin. She has also served as a guest lecturer at Harvard Law School’s Trial Advocacy Workshop, Howard University School of Law, NYU School of Law, American University School of Law, and David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC). Heather also serves as a faculty member for Gideon’s Promise, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the National Criminal Defense College.

Heather is a native Washingtonian and received her Juris Doctorate from George Washington University Law School. She is admitted to practice before the District of Columbia Superior Court and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.



Marcus Bullock
CEO, Flikshop

Marcus Bullock is a justice reform advocate, public speaker, and entrepreneur. Following his 2004 release from prison, he launched a painting company and is now CEO of Perspectives Premier Contractors, which employs other returning citizens. Bullock is founder and CEO of Flikshop, a free app that enables incarcerated people to receive mail and postcards, and the Flikshop School of Business, a program that teaches incarcerated youth life skills and entrepreneurship. He is a member of the Justice Policy Institute's board of directors and a re-entry coordinator for Free Minds Book Club and Writer's Workshop. Married with two children, Bullock's story has received coverage from CNN and the *Washington Business Journal*.



Leslie Cooper
Director, Pretrial Services Agency

Over the last six years, Ms. Cooper has been at the forefront of moving PSA towards being an evidence-based and data driven agency, as demonstrated in her previous roles as Associate Director and Deputy Director for PSA.

Ms. Cooper began her federal career as a Program Analyst with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) in 1998. From there, she moved into progressively responsible positions, including Program Manager and Deputy Associate Director for Community Justice Programs. During her time with CSOSA, she established the Treatment Management Team and was a key leader in the activation and opening of the Re-Entry and Sanctions Center (RSC). She also was responsible for a host of other programs and services, including substance use disorder treatment; community relations; educational and vocational support; violence reduction programming; community service; mentoring; and victim services.



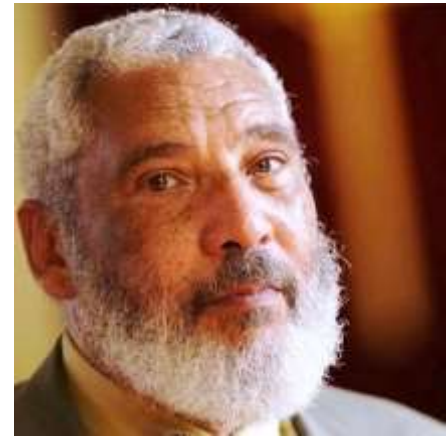
In 2008, Ms. Cooper accepted a senior leadership position with the US Department of Labor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, where she handled a diverse portfolio of regulatory and programmatic policy, and completed work on a number of the initial regulations to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Obama Care”). This work, in addition to her previous experience, added a significant component to the solid foundation she brought to PSA when she joined us in 2011 as the Associate Director for Operations.

Leslie received her Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University and her Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. She is a member of the bar associations of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

In her new position as PSA Director, she will continue to lead in a direction not only to enhance our reputation as the premier pretrial justice organization in the country, but also to ensure that the services the Agency provides to our criminal justice stakeholders and client population are of the highest quality.

Reverend Graylan Scott Hagler
Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Graylan Scott Hagler began his career as an activist fighting to hold the forces of corporate America accountable for the socio-economic impact of their actions. For three decades he has been a powerful voice for disenfranchised black and Latino communities fighting irresponsible or racist corporate decisions which exploit those communities.



As minister at the Third Unitarian Church on Chicago's West Side in the 1970s, Graylan began looking for ways to bring the black and Latino communities to face injustices by which they were both affected. He founded Black and Latinos In Action, the first black and Latino coalition in the city, which was instrumental in the election of Harold Washington as mayor of Chicago.

In 1981, Graylan moved to Boston, attracted to the challenge of "combating racism and sexism, and attempting political empowerment in a city like Boston." There he took over a run-down, city-owned building near Dudley Station in Roxbury to start the Church of the United Community and started a small weekly drug program, which grew in attendance and success until it was offering daily meetings to accommodate hundreds of people a week.

Graylan was also involved in addressing issues of racial justice in the Boston area in his church. He was an outspoken critic of the Boston Police Department's unjust and racially-motivated gang control tactics and became Vice President of the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union, a National Consultant to the Disciples of Christ Actions for Safe and Just Communities, and a member of the Racial Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches.

In 1993, Graylan brought his socio-political awareness from Boston to Washington, D.C. where he now works in the Fort Totten neighborhood, which he describes as a "community ripe for exploitation and withdrawal of capital." As minister of the Plymouth Congregational United Church, he has been instrumental in helping his neighborhood control which businesses are allowed to operate.

Last year, Graylan became the Chair of Initiative 51, a group fighting to pass Proposition 51-a referendum in the District of Columbia to allow the public examination of corporate property tax records. Proposition 51 passed with 80 percent of the vote, allowing citizens to identify those large corporations that do not contribute their fair share to their communities because of tax breaks.

Graylan Scott Hagler is an outspoken critic of the U.S. Congress's imposition of the District of Columbia Control Board, which he sees as epitomizing the dangers of anti-democratic power. He is also wary of the power of minority "status quo" politicians and emphasizes the importance of understanding that "our power comes from within ourselves—no politician or leader is going to save us if we don't try to save ourselves."

Tyrone Hall

Returning Citizen Advocate

Tyrone Hall, the youngest member on the District Task Force on Jails & Justice, grew up in Ward 1's Shaw Howard community. Tyrone has experienced extensive stays in and out of the prison system since he was a teenager. Not being able to attend his mother's funeral last year was the breaking point, which Tyrone now looks at as a blessing. After recently reentering the community in December 2018, Tyrone has dedicated his time and positive energy into advocating for criminal justice reform and returning citizens like himself. He hopes to one day start a non-profit to help at-risk youth transition into adulthood.



Indira Henard
Executive Director, D.C. Rape Crisis Center

Indira Henard is the Executive Director of DCRCC. Indira has been involved in the violence against women movement for 20 years. Indira's expertise in gender-based violence is rooted in an anti-oppression, feminist theory and survivor centered model. Indira's direct service experience in various gender based violence programs has helped to inform her policy analysis that has led to coordinating public policy initiatives, organizing and planning space for survivor led advocacy and educating local and International communities around civic participation within the violence against women movement.



Indira received her Masters of Social Work degree from the National Catholic School of Social Service at Catholic University of America. Additionally, Indira has deep ties within the policy sector having served as a Ralph Bunche Institute Fellow at Duke University, a Congressional Truman Fellow on Capitol Hill, and a Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow at Georgetown Law Center.

Prior to joining the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, Indira served as a Senate Aide for Senator Barack Obama D-IL on Capitol Hill, as well as Special Assistant on his Presidential Campaign. Indira was most recently awarded the national "Victim Impact Award" from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Tyrell Holcomb
Chairman, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F

Commissioner Tyrell M. Holcomb, was first elected in 2016 with 43% of the vote and re-elected in 2018 (unopposed) carrying 95% of all ballots casted. In 2018 his colleagues elected him Chairman of the 7F Commission. A fourth generation Washingtonian, Holcomb's legacy of service began at an early age. As a participant of the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute, he'd go on to serve as Youth Mayor of the District of Columbia and Chairman of the D.C. Youth Advisory Council.



Defying the odds of a broken home, poverty, and an absentee father, Holcomb learned the value of mentorship, service, and being a change-maker. Over the years he's worked on multiple political campaigns, served on various local boards, and mentored numerous young men, all while serving as Lead Minister to Youth at his home church.

Holcomb has quickly established himself as a progressive voice advocating for jobs, economic development, responsive government, equitable health care, eliminating Ward 7's food desert, and issues effecting youth and seniors. Keeping his campaign commitment to be a Commissioner who's present and accessible; he established monthly community walkthroughs, a monthly community newsletter and quarterly district meetings. Holcomb's unwavering commitment to public service is evident through his current work in non-profit management.

Additionally, Holcomb serves as a Board Member of the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization where he is charged with overseeing juvenile justice issues. In his spare time when not fighting to end food injustice or working for his constituents; Holcomb enjoys a good run in his neighborhood, and rooting on his hometown sports teams.

Dr. Marc Howard
Professor, Georgetown University

Marc M. Howard is Professor of Government and Law, and the founding Director of the Prisons and Justice Initiative, at Georgetown University. He is one of the country's leading voices and advocates for criminal justice and prison reform. His academic research addresses the deep challenges of contemporary democracy and the tragedy of criminal justice and prisons in America. The author of three books and dozens of scholarly articles, his work has received numerous awards, including from the American Political Science Association and the International Studies Association. His most recent book is *Unusually Cruel: Prisons, Punishment, and the Real American Exceptionalism*.



He is also a prize-winning teacher, and his "Prisons and Punishment" course has become one of the most sought-after courses at Georgetown. The students in his "Making an Exoneree" course—co-taught with his childhood friend, Marty Tankleff, who was himself wrongfully imprisoned for almost 18 years—re-investigate likely wrongful conviction cases and create documentaries that suggest innocence. Their project has already resulted in the exoneration of Valentino Dixon, who had served 27 years in prison. Under Howard's leadership, PJI recently launched the Pivot Program, for formerly incarcerated women and men to become entrepreneurs and business leaders, as well as the Scholars Program, which offers both credit-bearing and non-credit courses to incarcerated students at the D.C. Jail.

Corporal Arnold E. Hudson, Sr.
Vice-Chairman, FOP D. C. Department of Corrections

Corporal Arnold Edward Hudson, Sr. is a native Washingtonian and currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Fraternal Order of the Police for the District of Columbia Department of Corrections.

As a young man, Cpl. Hudson witnessed the problems that were attacking his community. He had a vision to give back to his community by coaching Little League Football. Through the game, he sought to teach his players how to work as a team, make good decisions, and learn the lessons of responsibility and dependability. He hoped these skills would transfer into their daily lives, leading them to become productive citizens and good fathers.



Cpl. Hudson currently resides in Ward 5. Over the years, Cpl. Hudson has touched the lives of thousands of young men in the city through coaching and working with the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras. He is a leader in his home, community, church, and Masonic organizations. He personally teaches young men the importance of being a good father, active positive member of their community, church and a faithful friend.

Lindsey Appiah
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Lindsey Appiah has been appointed as the Acting Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ). Deputy Mayor Appiah began her career in public service as an Assistant Attorney General representing the Department of Children’s Services and the Department of Labor in the Tennessee Office of the Attorney General where she managed a team of attorneys that represented the departments in various matters, including state tort actions and federal civil rights action. In 2012, Deputy Mayor Appiah began her career in District government at the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) and served in several leadership roles, including Assistant General Counsel, General Counsel, and Interim Director. Deputy Mayor Appiah joined the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice as Chief of Staff in 2021.



Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad
Assistant Professor, Howard University

Bahiyyah M. Muhammad received her B.S. in Administration of Justice from Rutgers University- New Brunswick Campus with a minor in Psychology and a Criminology Certificate. As an undergraduate, she became a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and a Minority Academic Career Program (MAC) - Undergraduate Research Fellow. She also spent a semester as a research intern at the University of Natal, located in Pietermaritzberg, South Africa where she interviewed natives on their attitudes toward the criminal justice system. Dr. Muhammad went on to receive her M.S. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice- New York City. As a graduate, she presented research findings at numerous professional conferences such as those held by the Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS), American Society of Criminology (ASC), Sisters of the Academy (SOA), and the American Correction Association (ACA).



Dr. Muhammad received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University's School of Criminal Justice, where she specialized in families and communities affected by mass incarceration. Her particular area of expertise rests in the lived experiences of children of incarcerated parents. Dr. Muhammad has spent the last decade of her criminal justice career conducting ethnographic work about children ages 7 – 18, living in urban communities throughout New Jersey, who have experienced the loss of one or both of their parents to the prison system. She is currently founding a non-profit organization to address the dynamic concerns faced by children of the incarcerated.

Dr. Muhammad has taught numerous undergraduate courses at the Rutgers University, West Chester University, and The New School in New York City. She has also taught classes in numerous prisons, including at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women (EMCF) in Clinton, NJ, and Northern State Prison, Newark, NJ. Dr. Muhammad also served as director of the College Bound Consortium, a prisoner education program facilitated at EMCF through a partnership between Drew University and Raritan Valley Community College.

Currently, Dr. Muhammad is Assistant Professor of Criminology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Howard University. This spring she is teaching Corrections and Criminology. Dr. Muhammad recently signed a publishing contract for children's books and parenting resources for families affected by incarceration.

Honorable Brian L. Schwalb
Attorney General of the District of Columbia

Brian L. Schwalb has committed his legal career to using the law in service of others, advocating for what matters most to the people and organizations he represents. As the District of Columbia's second independently-elected attorney general, Brian is committed to fighting for D.C., advancing the public interest, and ensuring that the law works to make the District safer, healthier, and more equitable for all who live and work here.



Brian is a third-generation Washingtonian. After graduating from Duke University and Harvard Law School, and completing a two-year judicial clerkship, Brian served as a trial attorney in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. After completing his service with the Justice Department, Brian entered private practice representing clients – individuals, businesses, nonprofits and families — in a multitude of high stakes matters including advocating for people injured by excessive, unconstitutional police force, defrauded out of their assets, and fighting for their lives on death row.

Among other professional recognitions, Brian is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, whose membership is limited to the top 1% of area trial lawyers and whose careers have reflected the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. Brian is also an experienced law firm leader, having served as Venable's firm-wide Vice Chairman and then as the Partner-in-Charge of Venable's D.C. office.

Outside the practice of law, Brian has volunteered his time, legal services, leadership, and mentorship to organizations dedicated to enhancing D.C.'s justice system, mentoring D.C. Public School students, and reducing the local impact of HIV/AIDS. Brian is also an active supporter of cancer treatment and prevention, Holocaust education, and has served as an officer and trustee of his synagogue.

Brian and his wife Mickie Simon live in Ward 3 where they raised their three daughters – Jessica, Allison, and Sydney.

Bruce Reid**Director of Mental Health for Corrections, Unity Healthcare**

Born and raised in Annapolis, Maryland, Bruce Reid graduated from Annapolis High School. He continued his education at Louisiana State University, earning his BA in Psychology and then his MA in Clinical Social Work. He spent many years working as a cognitive behavioral therapist in private practice and as a mental health clinician at the D.C. Jail.

In 2008, Bruce became the Director of Mental Health for Unity Health Care at the D.C. Department of Corrections. Since assuming his current position, Bruce has worked on several reports on the status of mental health in D.C. correctional facilities, including the D.C. Jail Suicide Prevention Task Force Report. He has also spoken on “The Face of Mental Illness” panel at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council’s annual summit.



Christy Respress
Executive Director, Pathways to Housing D.C.

Christy Respress has more than 20 years of experience working with individuals who are experiencing homelessness and living with complex behavioral health challenges. She has worked with Pathways to Housing for 17 years, and has been in the role of Executive Director of Pathways to Housing DC since January 2011. She has extensive knowledge of Housing First and has provided technical assistance to agencies and communities around the country to implement this innovative model. She is also the President of the Board of Directors of the D.C. Behavioral Health Association. Christy received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from The Catholic University of America and her Masters in Social Work from Howard University.



Marc Schindler
Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute

As JPI's executive director, Marc Schindler is a dedicated justice system reformer, while serving in a variety of roles. Most recently, he was a partner at a D.C.-based nonprofit philanthropic investment organization, Venture Philanthropy Partners. He served in a variety of leadership roles at D.C.'s juvenile justice agency, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) including Chief of Staff and Interim Director. Schindler also served as Staff Attorney with the Youth Law Center, advocating for the rights of young people in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. He is also a former Baltimore City public defender. Schindler is a recognized expert in the field, providing commentary in the national media, including on CNN and NPR, and is also the author of numerous articles and book chapters.



Tammy Seltzer
Director, D.C. Jail and Prison Advocacy Project at Disability Rights D.C.

Tammy Seltzer is the Director of the D.C. Jail and Prison Advocacy Project at Disability Rights DC (DRDC). DRDC founded the D.C. Jail and Prison Advocacy Project in 2007 to assist D.C. residents with serious and persistent mental illness returning to the community from jail and prison, removing obstacles to reentry and linking individuals to services and supports. The D.C. Jail and Prison Advocacy Project is the only D.C. legal services provider to assist individuals with disabilities to apply for SSI and SSDI prior to their release from incarceration.



Tammy has worked for over 20 years vindicating the civil rights of people with mental illness in various arenas including the justice system. Tammy spent two years as the Director of State Policy at the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the national association for community mental health and substance abuse treatment providers. As part of her work with the National Council, Tammy provided technical assistance on a variety of policy issues involving mental health and substance use disorders, such as funding for home- and community-based services and healthcare reform. Tammy also spent 10 years as an attorney with the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, where she focused on children and criminal justice issues, including an SSI benefits project to assist children of Vietnam War veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

In 2016, Tammy received the Council for Court Excellence's 2016 Justice Potter Stewart Award for her work with people with disabilities. Tammy graduated from Cornell University with a BS in Public Policy and received her law degree from the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia.

Matthew Graves
United States Attorney for the District of Columbia

Matthew Graves was confirmed by the United States Senate on October 28, 2021, and sworn in on November 5, 2021, as the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Graves first joined the United States Attorney's Office in 2007 as a line Assistant United States Attorney, serving with distinction in both the Superior Court and Criminal Divisions of the Office, investigating and prosecuting a wide range of criminal matters, including violent crime, drug trafficking, illegal firearms possession, and fraud cases. In 2010, he was named a senior Assistant United States Attorney within the Fraud and Public Corruption Section.



While serving in the Fraud and Public Corruption Section of the Criminal Division of the Office, Mr. Graves prosecuted financial crimes and serious breaches of the public trust, handling some of the Section's most significant cases. In 2015, Mr. Graves assumed a leadership role in the Office, taking the helm of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section as an Acting Deputy Chief and ultimately as an Acting Chief.

Mr. Graves began his legal career serving, in 2001, as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Richard W. Roberts, then United States District Court Judge for the District of Columbia. Thereafter, he joined the Washington, D.C., office of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now Wilmer Hale) where he conducted internal investigations of Fortune 500 companies; represented clients before the SEC and other regulators; and handled a variety of litigation matters, including lawsuits involving allegations of securities fraud. Prior to his nomination and commission as United States Attorney, Mr. Graves was a litigation and compliance partner in the Washington, D.C., office of DLA Piper, representing corporations and individuals in government investigations; criminal and regulatory proceedings; and civil litigation.

Mr. Graves was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from Washington & Lee University in 1998, and the Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School in 2001.

Jonathan M. Smith**Executive Director, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs**

Jonathan M. Smith was appointed executive director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs on July 1, 2016. Immediately prior to joining the Committee, Mr. Smith was the Associate Dean of Experiential and Clinical Programs at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.



Mr. Smith was the Chief of the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice from 2010 to 2015. The Section was responsible for pattern or practice investigations of civil rights violations by law enforcement, correctional, juvenile justice, and mental health and developmental disability agencies. Under his leadership, the Section conducted the civil investigation of the Ferguson, Missouri Police Department following the death of Michael Brown.

Prior to his government services, Mr. Smith was the executive director of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, the Public Justice Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and the D.C. Prisoners' Legal Services Project. In each of these positions, in addition to providing program leadership, he has handled individual, class action and impact litigation, engaged in legislative advocacy and in institutional reform efforts. He started his career as an associate to Virginia civil rights lawyer Victor Glasberg.

Courtney Stewart
Chairman, National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens

Executive Director Courtney Stewart has been involved in criminal justice reform, restorative initiatives, and addiction prevention since 1989. After returning from prison, he began mentoring formerly incarcerated individuals and realized the need for a coordinated effort for political, economic, and social empowerment. Founded on this call to action in 2010, the National Reentry Network has consistently participated in direct outreach with impacted community members. Their efforts have included voter registration, hosting candidate forums on reentry, linking returning citizens with employment opportunities and skills development, and mobilization and engagement on community issues and civic rights. The Network has built trusted relationships among returning citizens and their families through direct engagement and consistent follow-through, giving us greater access to disaffected groups. They are uniquely positioned to meaningfully reach this population and serve as a conduit for these voices to be elevated to action.



Patrice Sulton
Director, D.C. Justice Lab

Patrice Sulton is the Director of D.C. Justice Lab, an organization that works to identify problems in D.C.'s criminal justice system and advocate for transformative, evidence-based policy solutions. She also advises the D.C. Police Reform Commission on best practices and the Criminal Code Reform Commission on revisions to the city's criminal code. Patrice has educated students on criminal law and trial skills as a professor at the George Washington University Law School as well as at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Rising for Justice (formerly D.C. Law Students in Court), the D.C. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. Her work on criminal justice reform been featured on Newsweek, the Washington Post, and NPR.



Before entering the policy sphere, Patrice practiced law and specialized in criminal defense. Numerous national organizations awarded her for her performance as an attorney. The National Trial Lawyers and American Society of Legal Advocates both included her in their Top 40 Under 40 Lists, and SuperLawyers, the National Law Journal, and the National Bar Association named her as a rising star.

As a lifelong advocate for justice, Patrice has served on the board of the D.C. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, D.C. Lawyers for Youth, and NAACP Washington D.C. She received a BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a JD from the George Washington University Law School. During her academic career, she earned awards including the Powers-Knapp Scholarship and the Justice Thurgood Marshall Award.

Paula Thompson
Co-Chair, D.C. Reentry Action Network

Paula Thompson serves as co-chair of the D.C. Reentry Action Network (RAN). RAN is a coalition of community-based nonprofit organizations providing direct reentry-specific services to justice-involved District residents. RAN strives to ensure that all justice-involved people in D.C. have access to high quality reentry services to support their successful reintegration and promotes community-based alternatives to end D.C.'s over-reliance on the criminal justice system.



Ms. Thompson brings more than 20 years of experience to this role, including her current position as Executive Director of Voices for a Second Chance (VSC), an organization with 50 years of service to the community that bridges the gap for individuals from incarceration to community and serves over 4,000 individuals a year. Ms. Thompson is a passionate, proven leader, champion and advocate for incarcerated and returning citizens and her commitment to this population is evidenced through her visionary leadership that has resulted in the implementation of gender-specific trauma informed focused groups individual pre-and-post release counseling, expanded reentry, family centered/reunification services and children of incarcerated parents focused programming and special projects to respond to their growing complex needs while “doing time” at home when a parent/loved one is incarcerated.

In addition to her passion for this work, as Executive Director, Ms. Thompson successfully manages the administrative, financial and programmatic operations as well as tactical decision making for the organization. As an expert in the field of social justice, human rights and equity for marginalized populations, Ms. Thompson continues to elevate the discussion to influence policy makers and stakeholders to give returning citizens real access to second chances with the tools and resources necessary to integrate effectively into the community. To achieve this end, Ms. Thompson continues to advance advocacy around policy and funding through public private partnerships while also serving as a Council for Court Excellence Board Director, appointed Commissioner by Mayor Bowser to the Returning Citizens Affairs Commission, and other community and civic affiliations. In 2017, Ms. Thompson was the recipient of the D.C. Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs Excellence in Reentry Leadership Award.

Before embarking on a career in nonprofit senior management, Ms. Thompson was a successful federal lobbyist having secured over \$35 million in federal and private funding; created development plans for nonprofits; and designed and implemented public policy and advocacy agendas for not-for and for-profit organizations. Ms. Thompson holds a BS degree in Public Affairs-Political Science from The Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.