

2022 Prison Law and Advocacy Conference Presenter Bios

Keynote Speakers

Reginald Dwayne Betts is a poet and lawyer, and the founding director of Freedom Reads. He is also a 2021 MacArthur Fellow. But on some fundamental level, what feels more significant than the awards that he has won or the books that he has published is that he's helped get three men out of prison who he served time with and is working to get others out. His books include his latest poetry collection, *Felon; the memoir, A Question of Freedom*; and two previous collections of poetry, *Shahid Reads His Own Palm* and *Bastards of the Reagan Era*. In 2019, Betts won the National Magazine Award in the Essays and Criticism category for "Getting Out," his *New York Times Magazine* essay that chronicles his journey from prison to becoming a licensed attorney. Dwayne holds a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Kristen Clarke is the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. In this role, she leads the Justice Department's broad federal civil rights enforcement efforts and works to uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all who live in America. Assistant Attorney General Clarke is a lifelong civil rights lawyer who has spent her entire career in public service. Assistant Attorney General Clarke began her career as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division through the Department of Justice's Honors Program. In 2006, she joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where she helped lead the organization's work in the areas of voting rights and election law across the country. Ms. Clarke worked on cases defending the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act, presented oral argument to the D.C. District Court in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, and has provided testimony on federal and state voting rights legislation. In 2011, she was named the head of the Civil Rights Bureau for the New York State Attorney General's Office, where she led broad civil rights enforcement actions. Under her leadership, the Bureau secured landmark agreements with banks to address unlawful redlining, employers to address barriers to reentry for people with criminal backgrounds, police departments on reforms to policies and practices, major retailers on racial profiling of consumers, landlords on discriminatory housing policies, school districts concerning issues relating to the school-to-prison pipeline and more. In 2015, Ms. Clarke was named the president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations founded at the request of John F. Kennedy. There, she led the organization's legal work in courts across the country addressing some of the nation's most complex racial justice and civil rights challenges. Assistant Attorney General Clarke was born in Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from Choate Rosemary Hall, she received her A.B. from Harvard University and her J.D. from Columbia Law School.

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Tania Amarillas joined the Prison Law Office in 2017 as a Litigation Assistant. In her time at the Prison Law Office, Tania has served as the Supervising Litigation Assistant and transitioned into an Investigator position in 2018. Tania monitors conditions of confinement in California state prisons, Arizona state prisons, Fresno County Jail, and was part of the team investigating and litigating conditions of confinement in immigration detention centers. Before joining the

PLO, she directed legal aid and college access services at her local community center in northeast Los Angeles. She has also worked extensively with immigrant communities in Los Angeles and Boston providing direct services and as an advocate for comprehensive immigration reform. Tania has also interned at various non-profit organizations including Centro Presente, Learning Rights Law Center, and the Phillips Brooks House Association. She received a B.A. in Government from Harvard College, and is fluent in Spanish.

Easha Anand litigates police excessive force, criminal defense, habeas, prison conditions, and other civil rights cases around the country. Prior to joining the MacArthur Justice Center, Easha was an attorney in the appellate practice of a large law firm, where she secured a grant of certiorari from the Supreme Court for a victim of a police shooting and argued an en banc Ninth Circuit case that resulted in vacatur of a life without parole sentence imposed on her client for crimes he committed as a juvenile. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Easha clerked for Justice Sonia Sotomayor on the United States Supreme Court and Judge Paul J. Watford on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Before law school, Easha worked as a journalist and as a capital defense investigator.

Easha is based in the San Francisco area and is affiliated with MacArthur's Washington, DC, office.

Amanda Antholt is a Managing Attorney in Equip for Equality's Civil Rights Team. EFE is a private, non-profit disability rights organization. Her work focuses on the intersection of disability and the criminal justice system. Prior to joining EFE, she spent 12 years in private practice litigating civil rights cases including involving police misconduct, prisoners' rights, and employment discrimination. She has taught courses on civil rights litigation as an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Prior to attending law school, Amanda spent several years working for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. There, her work on public policy issues and staffing a clemency project for women who were wrongly incarcerated inspired her to go to law school. During law school, she obtained wonderful clerkships with the New York Legal Aid Society's Prisoners' Rights Project and the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project. While in Madison, throughout law school, she worked with the public interest law firm Garvey & Stoddard on a class action challenge to the conditions of confinement at the Wisconsin Supermax prison.

Professor Andrea Armstrong joined the Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law faculty in 2010. She is a national expert on prison and jail conditions and is certified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a Prison Rape Elimination Act auditor. Prof. Armstrong founded IncarcerationTransparency.org, a database/website designed by Prof. Judson Mitchell, that provides facility-level deaths behind bars data and analysis for Louisiana and memorializes lives lost behind bars. Her research has been profiled by New Yorker Magazine and quoted in the New York Times, the Atlantic, National Public Radio, and the Times-Picayune among others. Her scholarship focuses on the constitutional dimensions of prisons and jails, specifically prison labor practices, the intersection of race and conditions of incarceration, and public oversight of detention facilities. She teaches in the related fields of incarceration law and policy, constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, law and poverty, and race and the law.

Vidhi Bamzai is a staff attorney with the Immigrant Justice Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Jackson, MS. Vidhi's current casework includes representing putative class members detained in a detention center in Georgia, victims of the historic 2019 ICE Raids in Mississippi, and individuals seeking habeas corpus relief from prolonged immigration detention. Prior to her immigrant justice work, Vidhi was a Law Fellow in the SPLC's Criminal Justice Reform Project, working on children's and adult prison conditions issues, also in Jackson. Specifically, Vidhi co-led an investigation into environmental conditions at Parchman Prison, including potential violations of the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Drinking Water Acts. Vidhi graduated from Boston University School of Law in 2018, where she was a Public Interest Scholar. She also graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Public Policy. Vidhi is a first-generation American who grew up in the suburbs of Detroit, MI, and is a huge Detroit and University of Michigan sports fan.

Sheila A. Bedi is a clinical professor of law at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and director of the Community Justice and Civil Rights Clinic, a law school clinic that provides students with the opportunities to work within social-justice movements on legal and policy strategies aimed at redressing over-policing and mass imprisonment. Bedi litigates civil-rights claims on behalf of people who have endured police violence and abusive prison conditions. She also represents grassroots community groups seeking to end mass imprisonment and to redress abusive policing. Bedi teaches classes on legal reasoning and writing and the law of state violence to students who are incarcerated through Northwestern's Prison Education Program. Bedi's partnerships with affected communities on litigation and policy campaigns have closed notorious prisons and jails, increased community oversight of law enforcement, created alternatives to imprisonment and improved access to public education and mental health services. Previously, Bedi served as a deputy legal director of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Her honors include the NAACP's Vernon Dahmer and Fannie Lou Hamer Award and the Federal District Court Excellence in Public Interest Award (N.D. IL). Bedi writes about race, gender, and the justice system. She is the co-author of a case book on the law of incarceration. Her scholarship has been published in the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, the Harvard Black Letter Law Review and her commentary has been published by the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, U.S. News and World Reports, and USA Today.

Mark Begnaud is a civil rights and personal injury lawyer with Eshman Begnaud in Decatur, Georgia. Mark is a former public defender who serves on the Georgia Bar's Indigent Defense Committee, and he is a 2010 graduate of Gideon's Promise, a public defender training organization. Since going into private practice, Mark has spent more than a decade litigating Section 1983 cases. Mark has been certified as lead counsel in two high-profile civil rights class action cases, and he has litigated or is litigating over 50 civil rights cases in Georgia federal courts, more than two dozen of which are prisoner cases. Mark is a graduate of Harvard University and the Georgia State University College of Law.

Elizabeth ("Beth") Blackwood is Counsel & Director for the First Step Act Resource Center at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). While at NACDL, Beth has helped manage the Federal Compassionate Release Clearinghouse and the Excessive Sentence Project, pro bono projects which have resulted in reduced sentences for over 200 federal prisoners. Before joining NACDL, Beth practiced for eleven years as an Assistant Federal

Defender and Research and Writing Attorney at the Federal Public Defenders of Western North Carolina, where she represented indigent defendants charged with a wide variety of federal crimes, including drug and firearm offenses, violent crimes, fraud, and sex offenses. Beth represented clients through every stage of a criminal case, including pre-indictment, pretrial, plea negotiations, trial, and sentencing. She also handled numerous habeas proceedings and appeals before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to the Federal Public Defenders, she practiced for several years at a large Chicago law firm where she worked extensively on criminal and pro bono matters, including the representation of a Georgia inmate in a capital habeas corpus proceeding and the management of the firm's pro bono clinic that provided legal services to indigent Chicagoans. She holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was an Executive Editor of the Michigan Journal of Race and Law.

Sarah Blair grew up in California and spent nine years living in Boston, where she earned her undergraduate degree from Boston University and her law degree from Harvard. Sarah spent her law school summers working at Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts and the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta. After graduating from law school in 2019, Sarah moved to Chicago and has been working as an attorney at Uptown People's Law Center ever since, litigating both individual and class action cases on behalf of Illinois prisoners. Sarah's most recent project has been revamping UPLC's prison mail system.

Alex Boutros is a community organizing manager at Chicago Votes, a nonprofit working to make our democracy more fun and inclusive. Alex graduated from DePaul University where she studied voting rights and felony disenfranchisement at Stateville Prison, she is now working with her team and a coalition of organizations to uphold the right to vote for those detained pretrial in IL. She is also currently helping to lead the Unlock Civics coalition to restore the right to vote for those currently still incarcerated in IL.

Brandon Carr is from New York and teaches physical education to elementary school children in Chicago. After practicing independently for 5 years to battle mental health issues, he received his yoga certificate at the height of the pandemic to bring healing to his heart and the community. His goal is to be an introduction to yoga to all who have never practiced before.

Laura Cowell is a Special Counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section. In her over twelve years with the Special Litigation Section, Ms. Coon has investigated, litigated, and enforced consent decrees and settlement agreements involving patterns or practices of unconstitutional prison/jail conditions and patterns or practices of police misconduct. These cases involve investigating the root causes of governmental deprivations of constitutional rights, designing institutional reform, litigating when necessary, and monitoring and enforcing the reform requirements. Her work at DOJ has spanned the country, including New Orleans, Jackson, Portland, Los Angeles, Detroit, Miami, Little Rock, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Prior to her tenure at the Justice Department, Ms. Coon was an associate with WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. and a law clerk for Hon. Irma E. Gonzalez, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. Ms. Coon obtained her J.D. from Vanderbilt in 2001.

Agnotti Cowie (they/she) grew up in Chicago and is passionate about the intersection of social justice, community dialogue, and performing arts. They facilitate workshops employing a variety of pedagogical techniques such as InterPlay, Theatre of the Oppressed, Clowning, and Devising. Since 2013, she has been hired by InterPlay to produce and facilitate events around the world as well as recently becoming their Development Director. They are also freelancing for a number of theatre companies and schools, as a teaching artist, performer, and facilitator offering workshops in drama, puppetry, storytelling, musical theater, and movement.

Kara Crutcher (she/her) joined the Community Justice and Civil Rights clinic at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2021 as the Thomas F. Geraghty fellow. Guided by great feelings of love for her hometown Chicago (the occupied land of the Council of the Three Fires), Black people, and abolition, Kara is a mental health informed attorney dedicated to movements for justice and the creation of spaces where people can truly lean into the fullness of their humanity. Her primary area of work includes civil rights litigation on behalf of individuals navigating the intersection of systemic oppression, mass incarceration, and over policing. Additionally, Kara represents grassroots community organizations advocating for alternatives to over policing, and is a volunteer attorney for the [Cannabis Equity Illinois Coalition](#) where she supports the coalition's record clearing and cannabis equity efforts. Her work is rooted in the path she continues to take towards radical self-love and healing, coming from a family, community, and people that have been deeply impacted by systemic violence, intergenerational trauma, and the practice of joy as a tool of resistance. Kara also incorporates embodiment practices such as Interplay and Theater of the Oppressed into her lawyering, organizing, and facilitation work, and co-coordinates the annual, midwest based artist residency [Swarm](#).

Kara has been organizing since she was a high school student and has worked with coalitions that address a number of issues including immigrants' rights, the wide-spread Chicago Public School closures, and gender-based violence. Kara graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in English Literature, and the University of Michigan in 2020 with a MSW/JD, where she was the editor-in-chief of the Michigan Journal of Race and Law, and. She began her legal career as an associate at Jenner & Block in Chicago.

Michele Deitch holds a joint appointment as a distinguished senior lecturer at the LBJ School and the Law School, and is an attorney with over 30 years of experience working on criminal justice and juvenile justice policy issues with state and local government officials, corrections administrators, judges and advocates. She specializes in independent oversight of correctional institutions, prison and jail conditions, managing youth in custody and juveniles in the adult criminal justice system. Deitch co-chairs the American Bar Association's Subcommittee on Correctional Oversight, and helped draft the ABA's Standards on the Treatment of Prisoners. Her numerous articles about correctional oversight include a 50-state inventory of prison oversight models and many reports on juvenile justice that have received national attention. Her TEDx talk, "Why are we trying kids as adults?" was named a TEDx Editor's Pick in January 2015. Deitch brings criminal justice policy issues to a broader audience through her frequent commentary in national and local media, and has significantly impacted public policy through legislative testimony and work with key legislators, including on Texas's Sandra Bland Act. She also chaired the Travis County (Texas) Sheriff's Advisory Committee on the Women's Jail, which proposed a reimaged, gender-responsive facility for women. Prior to entering academia,

Deitch served as a federal court-appointed monitor of conditions in the Texas prison system, policy director of Texas's sentencing commission, general counsel to the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee, and consultant to justice system agencies around the country. She has won numerous teaching awards, including being named to the 2019 Texas 10 list of the most inspiring professors at The University of Texas at Austin. She has been a Soros Senior Justice Fellow, and is the recipient of the 2019 NACOLE Flame Award for significant contributions to correctional oversight.

Vanessa del Valle is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law at the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Her work focuses on enforcing the civil rights of individuals involved with the criminal justice system. She represents victims of police misconduct, incarcerated individuals in correctional facilities, and individuals who served time for crimes they did not commit. She also represents community organizations seeking to end abusive policing tactics.

Del Valle joined the MacArthur Justice Center in November 2015 after serving for two years as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Rubén Castillo in the Northern District of Illinois. In 2013, del Valle received a law degree from Stanford Law School. She majored in political science at Yale University where she received a bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, in 2010.

Michele DiTomas is currently Chief Medical Executive over the Palliative Care Initiative with the California Correctional Health Care Services. Previously, since 2007, she served as the Chief Physician and Surgeon and Hospice Medical Director at California Medical Facility in the California Department of Corrections. She earned her MD from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and is board-certified in both Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. DiTomas has long advocated for prison reform and culture change, especially with respect to issues impacting incarcerated older adults. She has extensive experience in compassionate release work and frequently collaborates with health care providers and legal organizations to effectively advocate for compassionate release. She has worked as a consultant through the UCSF Criminal Justice and Aging Project to assist in training clinical and custodial staff on the special needs of older incarcerated people and the provision of compassionate end of life care to the Hawaii and New York Department of Corrections as well as at Riker's Island Jail in New York City.

Sharon Dolovich is Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, and Director of the UCLA Prison Law & Policy Program. She teaches courses on criminal law, the constitutional law of prisons, and other post-conviction topics, and her scholarship focuses on the law, policy, and theory of prisons and punishment. Dolovich has been a visiting professor at NYU, Harvard, and Georgetown, and a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. Dolovich also directs the UCLA Law COVID-19 Behind Bars Data Project, which she launched early in the pandemic to track the impact of COVID-19 in prisons, jails and detention centers nationwide. Among other things, the Data Project publishes facility level data on infection rates and COVID deaths in all state and federal prisons and many jails, tracks jail and prison releases in response to the pandemic, and has partnered with Columbia Law School, Bronx Defenders and others to develop a comprehensive, searchable database of all court opinions addressing the claims of incarcerated people during COVID. It also hosts student research and draws on the work of more than 80 volunteers to support its many projects.

Dolovich's book, *The New Criminal Justice Thinking* (NYU Press, co-edited with Natapoff) came out in paperback in December 2018; her chapter, "Canons of Evasion in Constitutional Criminal Law," appears in that volume. Dolovich's article on prison conditions and the Eighth Amendment ("Cruelty, Prison Conditions and the Eighth Amendment," 84 NYU L. Rev. 881 (2009)) has been downloaded over 31,000 times in more than 135 countries worldwide.

Work growing out of Dolovich's landmark empirical study of the LA County Jail's segregation unit for gay men and trans women appeared in the *American Criminal Law Review* and the *Journal Of Criminal Law And Criminology*. Other major articles include "State Punishment and Private Prisons," 55 *Duke L. J.* 437 (2005), and "Legitimate Punishment in Liberal Democracy," 7 *Buff. Crim. L. Rev.* 307 (2004). The latter was selected for the 2004 Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum as the best article in both criminal law and jurisprudence & philosophy, the first article ever to be selected in two categories. In 2005, Dolovich was honored by the Cornell University Program on Ethics and Public Life with its Young Scholar Award.

Dolovich served as Deputy General Counsel for the Los Angeles Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence, which was charged with investigating use of force in the L.A. County Jail and making recommendations for institutional reform. She also has served as an expert witness and as a consultant on numerous prisoners' rights cases and has testified before the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons and the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. She currently hosts Prison Law JD, a listserv for current law students and recent law graduates interested in advocating on behalf of people in custody.

Jean Edrada is a Yoga practitioner, somatic facilitator, healing-centered advocate, curious cat and the creator of Movement and Medicine. Serving Chicagoland for over 2 decades, Jean understands the importance of access to spaces and opportunities for healing, creativity and creation, joy, pleasure and freedom. She dedicates her time in helping to rebuild, repair and strengthen the gaps of care and support. Through Movement and Medicine, Jean's mission is to help people find and make their own paths to their highest selves.

Christine Finnigan is a fervent advocate of harm reduction. She was the plaintiff in *Finnigan v. Mendrick*, a lawsuit challenging the DuPage County Jail's practices with respect to providing medication-assisted treatment to people with opioid use disorder. Chris continues to serve as a resource in her community for medication-assisted treatment for people suffering from substance use disorders.

Mark Fleming is the Associate Director of Litigation at the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC). Mr. Fleming focuses on litigation and public policy related to immigration enforcement and detention. He has litigated multiple immigration detainer and detention class actions. Mr. Fleming has provided technical expertise in the drafting and passage of multiple immigration "sanctuary laws" nationwide, as well as laws that limit local governments and private prison companies from contracting to perform immigration detention. Mr. Fleming has been quoted in various national media outlets and appeared in a PBS FRONTLINE documentary on ICE enforcement and detention.

Michael Freedman, senior counsel at Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP, focuses his practice on complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on cases seeking to enforce the rights of

incarcerated people and workers. He has successfully litigated class actions involving conditions in the California prison system, the California state hospital system, and Monterey and Yuba counties. In 2020 and 2021, Mike and his colleagues at RBGG obtained orders in *Armstrong v. Brown*—a long-running class action on behalf of California state prisoners with disabilities—aimed at putting an end to rampant staff misconduct at six prisons. The orders required that California install fixed -surveillance cameras, implement body-worn cameras, reform its system for investigating allegations of misconduct, and permit monitoring by plaintiffs’ counsel and a court-appointed expert.

Mike is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Claremont McKenna College. Prior to joining RBGG, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marilyn H. Patel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and to the Honorable Reginald C. Lindsay of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Vikrant Garg is a third-year medical student at the University of Illinois College of Medicine-Chicago, and co-founder and co-executive director of [The Chicago People’s Rights Collaborative](#) (CPRC). CPRC is a non-profit medical-legal collaborative focused on supporting clients with clinical testimony in an immigration and judicial system that is inherently unjust. His scholarly and teaching work is in Sociology, Postcolonial Studies, Public Health, Psychology, and Education. He believes in the power of organizing for collective liberation. The late bell hooks said that “there can be no love without justice,” and Vikrant centers these words in the work that he does.

Antony Gemmell is a senior staff attorney at the New York Civil Liberties Union, where he litigates constitutional and civil rights cases in a range of subject areas, including criminal justice, disability rights, immigrants’ rights, and the First Amendment.

Among other cases at the NYCLU, Gemmell is lead counsel in *P.G. v. Jefferson County*, 5:21-cv-388 (N.D.N.Y.), the first case in the Second Circuit recognizing a right to continue methadone treatment in jail, and *M.C. v. Jefferson County*, 6:22-cv-190 (N.D.N.Y.), the first class-action challenge in the Second Circuit to a jail’s ban on medication for opioid use disorder.

Penny Godbold, Of Counsel at Rosen, Bien, Galvan & Grunfeld, has over 13 years of experience enforcing disability and civil rights judgments in class action cases involving prisoners. Her focus is on protecting the rights of people with disabilities in California prisons.

Ms. Godbold is class counsel in *Armstrong v. Brown* and has served as class counsel in *Clark v. California*, two state-wide class actions on behalf of thousands of persons with disabilities in California prisons. Prior to joining the firm she was a staff attorney at Prison Law Office. Ms. Godbold was a member of the investigation and litigation team in *Plata v. Brown*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed a lower court order requiring California to significantly reduce its severe prison overcrowding, an accomplishment for which the team was selected as a finalist for the 2010 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from the Public Justice Foundation. She has also represented individual prisoners in state court actions challenging conditions of confinement, violations of civil rights and restrictions on religious freedom inside California prisons.

Ms. Godbold earned her J.D. in 2003 from University of California Hastings College of Law where she graduated with honors and was a founding member of the *Race and Poverty Law Journal*, a participant in the Civil Justice Clinic and a graduate of the Public Interest Program. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with high honors from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

She has long been interested in human rights and conditions of confinement. She completed an undergraduate course in international human rights and comparative legal systems at Tilburg University in the Netherlands. She has twice traveled to Haiti as a member of the Hastings to Haiti Partnership where she has toured Haitian jails and participated in criminal court proceedings. This fall Ms. Godbold is traveling to Norway as part of the U.S. European Criminal Justice Innovation Program, a delegation of representatives including heads of state corrections departments, judges, lawmakers, professors and experts on international conditions of incarceration.

Sarah Grady is a partner at Loevy & Loevy. She joined the firm in 2013. She leads the firm's Prisoners' Rights Project, which advocates for men and women locked up in jails, prisons, and detention centers across the country. Sarah has dedicated her practice to ensuring that the rights of all incarcerated people are protected. She represents individuals and classes of individuals whose rights have been violated by public officials charged with safeguarding them. Sarah has litigated cases resulting in millions of dollars of compensation for her clients. She has also obtained injunctive relief to halt continuing denials of her clients' constitutional rights. In addition, she has written numerous merits and amicus briefs addressing important issues pertaining to prisoners' rights in the U.S. Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals.

Sarah graduated cum laude from Northwestern University School of Law in 2012. During law school, she worked on prisoners' rights issues and litigated death penalty cases with the MacArthur Justice Center and Death Penalty Clinic at Northwestern University School of Law's Bluhm Legal Clinic. Following her graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Alison Hardy joined the Prison Law Office in 1988 with a one-year grant to advocate for incarcerated people with HIV/AIDS. After a brief stint in Oregon where she set up a prisoner's rights project, Alison returned to PLO, focusing primarily on healthcare issues in California prisons and Fresno County Jail. She works on *Plata v. Newsom* and *Hall v. County of Fresno*. She has tried cases challenging conditions for people with serious medical and mental illnesses and developmental disabilities, and people living on death row. She earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, and her J.D. at UCLA in 1988. She was admitted to the California State Bar in December 1988.

Niyeh Higgins is a formerly incarcerated trans woman of color. She is currently building a non-profit organization for currently- and formerly-incarcerated LGBTQ+ people who do not have the proper financial or emotional support to re-enter society.

Atteeyah Hollie is SCHR's Deputy Director. She formerly served as a Senior Attorney and more recently Managing Attorney in SCHR's Impact Litigation Unit (ILU). Atteeyah originally joined SCHR as an Investigator in the ILU for four years before returning in 2010 as an Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale Fellow. Atteeyah has litigated cases challenging the denial of the

right to counsel for poor Georgians, illegally closed courtrooms, wealth-based detention, inhumane prison conditions, and the denial of utility services because of court debt. In addition, Atteeyah, along with Managing Attorney Patrick Mulvaney, has spearheaded SCHR's efforts to end extreme sentencing in Georgia. Atteeyah is a 2010 graduate of Gideon's Promise and currently assists the organization with training public defenders. She was named a 2017 "On the Rise" Georgia lawyer by the Fulton County Daily Report. She received her B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 2002, graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2010, and is a member of the Georgia bar.

Renaldo Hudson is an educator, minister, and community organizer, and focuses his work on ending perpetual punishment in Illinois. After being sentenced to death row, Hudson worked for 37 years while incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections, where he became a leader, educator, and founder. Hudson developed and implemented groundbreaking programs inside the Department of Corrections, including the prison-newspaper Stateville Speaks and the Building Block Program, a transformational program run by incarcerated people within the Illinois Department of Corrections. Hudson's work and life have been featured in media outlets including the BBC, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Magazine*, and others. His story and work to create back end mechanisms for the release of incarcerated people is the subject of the documentary Stateville Calling. He was released in September 2020 when Governor Pritzker commuted his life sentence, and joined IPP as its Director of Education later that year. Renaldo currently serves as UChicago's Artist of the People.

Rebekah Joab is a Staff Attorney at the Legal Action Center. She advocates for individuals who have experienced discrimination because of their arrest or conviction records, substance use disorders, and/or HIV status, and fights to protect the privacy rights of individuals in these areas. Rebekah works on LAC's impact litigation and direct legal services across these areas. She also educates and trains organizations and individuals about anti-discrimination and privacy laws protecting LAC's constituencies.

Before joining LAC, Rebekah was a program analyst at the DC Corrections Information Council. Previously, she was a student attorney with Georgetown Law's Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic. Rebekah earned her BA in psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her JD from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Corene Kendrick is the deputy director of the ACLU's National Prison Project. She is a former staff attorney at the Prison Law Office.

Nishi Kumar is the Director of Civil Litigation at the Promise of Justice Initiative, a legal non-profit in New Orleans, Louisiana. She litigates around various criminal justice issues affecting currently and formerly incarcerated people throughout Louisiana. She was on the trial team for *Lewis v. Cain*, a class action case on behalf of all people at Angola prison, in which a federal judge recently found that the healthcare system violated the Eighth Amendment and Americans with Disabilities Act. She also litigates two class actions challenging the Louisiana Department of Corrections' practice of overdetecting people who are eligible for release. During COVID, she filed two emergency 1983 class actions: one representing all people incarcerated in Louisiana and one representing all children confined in juvenile facilities in Louisiana. She graduated from NYU Law School in 2015, where she was a Hays Civil Liberty fellow, a Notes

Editor on the NYU Law Review, and co-chair of the South Asian Law Students Association. Before joining PJI as a legal fellow in 2017, Nishi clerked for Judge Paul Watford on the Ninth Circuit and Judge Jesse Furman on the Southern District of New York. Prior to law school, Nishi was a middle school math teacher at New Orleans College Prep.

Dr. Terry Kupers is a psychiatrist with a background in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, forensics and social and community psychiatry. He did his residency training at the University of California, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Institute and, because of an interest in object relations theory, spent the third year of his residency at the Tavistock Institute in London. He also did a fellowship in social and community psychiatry. Since 1974, he has practiced psychiatry in both the public and private sectors. At Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital (and Charles Drew Postgraduate Medical School, where he was Assistant Professor) in South Central Los Angeles and the Richmond Community Mental Health Center in Richmond, he served as director or co-director of an outpatient clinic, a psychiatric residency program, and a partial hospitalization program. He left the Richmond Center in 1981, joined the faculty at the Wright Institute, and has continued to teach and to maintain his private practice while consulting to various mental health centers and social rehabilitation programs in the community. His forensic psychiatry experience includes testimony in several large class action litigations concerning jail and prison conditions, sexual abuse, and the quality of mental health services inside correctional facilities. He is a consultant to Human Rights Watch.

Dr. Kupers has taught medical students and residents in psychiatry as well as psychology graduate students. He has always been interested in the integration of clinical and social theory. Classes he has taught include Basic Psychoanalytic Concepts; Social Psychopathology (with Dr. Richard Lichtman); Brief Psychotherapy; Public Mental Health; Freud; Group Psychotherapy; the Sociology of Knowledge (with Dr. Lichtman); Gender, Psychopathology and Psychotherapy; Forensic and Correctional Mental Health; and Social Bases of Behavior: Clinicians to Society. His diverse interests are reflected in the titles and subject matter of his five books, the books he edited, and the representative articles listed below.

He is board-certified in psychiatry; is Contributing Editor of Correctional Mental Health Report, and is an editorial advisor for the journal Psychology of Men & Masculinity. In 2005, Dr. Kupers received the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and he received the 2009 William Rossiter Award for “global contributions made to the field of forensic mental health” from the Forensic Mental Health Association of California. In 2020, Dr. Kupers received the Gloria Huntley Award from NAMI.

Shanell Lavery is a 200-hour Level One Kundalini Yoga Teacher, completing training at Yoga at the Ashram in 2020. Yoga and meditation have been a part of Shanell’s life for many years, and her practice has helped her grow both on and off the mat. In her classes, she brings a spirit of playfulness and a dose of inspiration to help you deepen your practice. Her goal is to help others thrive in life by nurturing body, mind, and soul with yoga. Shanell is also the Program Manager for the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP).

A’Keisha Lee (she/her) is the Lead Organizer for Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation (SOUL). A’Keisha graduated from Saint Louis University's College for Public Health and Social Justice with a Masters in Public Health and a concentration in Health Management

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Talila A. Lewis (no gender pronouns; use Talila or "TL" instead of using pronouns) is an abolitionist community lawyer, educator, and organizer whose work reveals and addresses the inextricable links between ableism, racism, classism, and all forms of systemic oppression and structural inequity. Recognized as a 2015 White House Champion of Change and one of Pacific Standard Magazine's Top 30 Thinkers Under 30, Lewis engineers innovative and intersectional social justice efforts that address grave interconnected injustices within education, medical, and legal systems that have gone unaddressed for generations. Lewis's advocacy primarily focuses on harm and violence reduction and interruption, advocacy with people affected by incarceration/institutionalization, and abolition of all forms of incarceration/institutionalization.

As one of the only people in the nation working to correct and prevent wrongful convictions of deaf/disabled people, Lewis regularly presents and trains on this and related topics. As the creator of the only national database of deaf/blind/disabled people, Lewis advocates with and for hundreds of disabled defendants, incarcerated, and returned people and their loved ones. Lewis co-founded and serves as volunteer director of HEARD (HEARD), a cross-disability abolitionist organization that works to end ableism, racism, capitalism, and all other forms of oppression and violence. As a founding member of the Harriet Tubman Collective and the co-creator of Disability Solidarity praxis, Lewis spent most of 2017 and all of 2018 traveling the "United States," to exchange knowledge with multiply-marginalized communities; visit incarcerated deaf/disabled people; and bake for "love, life & liberation" under the moniker Sweet Solidarity.

Lewis currently serves as a consultant for dozens of social justice organizations on various topics including racial, economic, gender, and disability justice, and as an expert on cases involving disabled people. Lewis previously served as the Givelber Public Interest Lecturer at Northeastern University School of Law and as a visiting professor at Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf. A recent graduate of American University Washington College of Law, Lewis has received awards from numerous universities, the American Bar Association, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, American Association for People with Disabilities, the Nation Institute, National Black Deaf Advocates, and *EBONY Magazine*, among others.

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Margot Mendelson is an attorney at the Prison Law Office. She works on a wide range of issues related to conditions of confinement, access to health care, disability rights, use of force, and staff misconduct in California prisons, jails, and immigration detention centers. Margot's work involves trial, appellate, and post-judgment enforcement work, as well as policy advocacy. Before joining the PLO, Margot worked at Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld, where she practiced complex civil litigation in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate level, with a focus on civil rights matters. Margot was an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow, where she represented immigrants detained in Southern Arizona. She clerked for Judge Diana G. Motz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Judge Catherine Blake of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Margot received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2009 and her B.A. from Harvard College. Margot is on the board of Immigrant Legal Defense, based in Oakland, California.

Alan Mills started volunteering at UPLC in 1979 while attending Northwestern University School of Law. He served as a staff attorney for two years, and became Legal Director in 1992. In 2014, Alan was appointed UPLC's Executive Director. Under his leadership, UPLC has developed the largest docket in the state of Illinois of civil rights cases filed on behalf of Illinois prisoners. UPLC currently has seven pending class action cases protecting Illinois prisoners' civil rights.

Joey L. Mogul is a partner at the People's Law Office. Mogul's practice focuses on representing people who have suffered from police and other governmental torture, abuse, and misconduct in civil rights cases, and defending individuals in criminal and capital cases. Mogul is also dedicated to representing organizers and community organizations seeking justice and liberation.

Mogul has sought justice for Chicago Police torture survivors for over twenty years, successfully representing a number of Burge torture survivors in their criminal post-conviction proceedings and in federal civil rights cases. Mogul served as co-lead counsel in litigation securing legal representation for the Burge torture survivors who remain behind bars in post-conviction proceedings in 2014. Mogul also successfully presented the cases to the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) in Geneva, Switzerland in 2006, obtaining a specific finding from the CAT calling for the prosecution of the perpetrators and accountability in these cases in May of 2006.

Mogul drafted the original City Council ordinance providing reparations for the Chicago Police (Burge) torture survivors filed in 2013 on behalf of an organization Mogul initiated and

co-founded, Chicago Torture Justice Memorials (CTJM). On May 6, 2015, the Chicago City Council unanimously passed unprecedented legislation providing reparations to the Burge torture survivors becoming the first municipality to provide systemic redress for racially motivated police violence.

Mogul has represented several organizers and activists arrested and charged for participating in uprisings in support of Black Lives, sex workers, and those opposing the prison industrial complex, war, and militarism in criminal and civil rights cases.

Maru Mora Villalpando is a community organizer and formerly undocumented immigrant mother. She was born and raised in Mexico City. Since she was very young in Mexico, she was involved in protests and marches and supporting work stoppages or strikes. In the US, she has spent more than two decades working for racial justice and immigrant rights.

Maru is the founder of Latino Advocacy, providing bilingual statewide community organizing work and trainings, primarily focusing on immigrant, racial, and reproductive justice issues since 2010. Maru is also the founder of La Resistencia (formerly known as Northwest Detention Center Resistance), organizing alongside people detained at NWDC for the past eight years. The group's main focus is to shut down the immigration detention in Tacoma while addressing detention conditions and demanding the release of all undocumented immigrants held there, by following the lead of people detained and their families.

Maru is also a regular guest in several local, national, and international media outlets. She has written several pieces on immigration for Truthout, *Yes! Magazine*, Al Jazeera and others. She is a regular contributor to *El Tribuno del Pueblo*, and Law at the Margins.

Unlike many other undocumented immigrants, she has been an outspoken activist and has been upfront about staying in the United States after her tourist visa expired. Due to the successful work she has been part of, in December 2017 ICE put her in deportation proceedings. Despite these challenges, Maru is undeterred and continues her community organizing work. In September 2021, Maru was granted prosecutorial discretion by the same agency that tried to deport her, and with this recent win Maru continues the work to end all detentions and deportations in Washington State where she currently lives.

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Previously, Jade worked as the Litigation Specialist at the ACLU of Mississippi. As a member of the legal team, Jade worked with attorneys, plaintiffs, and witnesses through matter screening, investigation, legal research, and litigation coordination. She worked on civil rights and civil liberties matters involving criminal justice, free speech, and discrimination against persons due to their sexual orientation or disability status.

Jade received her Juris Doctorate from Mississippi College School of Law. She is also a graduate of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she earned a degree in Women's Studies with a specialization in Gender and Social Justice.

Professor Jamelia Morgan is an award-winning and acclaimed scholar and teacher focusing on issues at the intersections of race, gender, disability, and criminal law and punishment. Her scholarship and teaching examine the development of disability as a legal category in American law, disability and policing, overcriminalization and the regulation of physical and social disorder, and the constitutional dimensions of the criminalization of status.

Prof. Morgan joins UCI Law from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she was Associate Professor of Law. Prof. Morgan has taught at Brooklyn Law School, NYU School of Law and Yale Law School. Prior to Prof. Morgan's academic career, she was a civil rights litigator at the Abolitionist Law Center and worked to end the use of solitary confinement in Pennsylvania state prisons. Prof. Morgan was also an Arthur Liman Fellow with the ACLU National Prison Project, where she focused on the impact of prisons on individuals with physical disabilities. Prior to her fellowship, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Richard W. Roberts of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Dr. Anjali Niyogi completed her MD/MPH from Tulane University School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She is a Hospitalist at University Hospital where @SOULInChicagoshe teaches medical students and residents. Dr. Niyogi serves as an adjunct professor at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine where she teaches topics in Health and Human Rights.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Niyogi developed ad-hoc clinics throughout the city and advocated for the expansion of clinics away from the centralized MCLNO model to community-based clinics. Following residency, she completed the Piper Fellowship in Internal Medicine, with a focus on pediatric malnutrition and community health worker training in India. Dr. Niyogi has continued her work in global health with clinical and educational experience in Ghana, Uganda, Jamaica, Ethiopia, and most recently with Central American refugees in Mexico and Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghani refugees in Greece. Dr. Niyogi is one of the founders and co-directors of the Resident Initiative in Global Health at Tulane (<http://tulane.edu/som/right/index.cfm>).

In 2015, Dr. Niyogi founded the Formerly Incarcerated Transitions (FIT) Clinic, which provides continuity of care for acute and chronic medical conditions to persons recently released from incarceration. She is a trained member of the Physicians Human Rights' (PHR) Asylum Network and conducts evaluations for asylum seekers in Louisiana. She is co-founder of the Forensic Asylum Clinic in New Orleans.

Dr. Niyogi has conducted qualitative and quantitative research in international and US settings.

Aislinn Pulley is a co-executive director of the Chicago Torture Justice Center founded out of the historic 2015 reparations ordinance for survivors of Chicago police torture. Aislinn is also the cofounder of Black Lives Matter Chicago. She was an organizer with We Charge Genocide, a

founding member of Insight Arts, a cultural non-profit that used art for social change, and a member of the performance ensemble, End of the Ladder. She is a founder of the young women's performance ensemble dedicated to ending sexual assault, Visibility Now, as well as the founder and creator of urban youth magazine, *Underground Philosophy*.

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VOTE and enroll in Tulane Law School, despite having no undergrad degree. He graduated in 2014. Bruce co-founded Transcending Through Education Foundation (TTEF) with two friends who also entered prison at a young age, and earned law degrees after being released. He is the author of "Communities, Evictions, and Criminal Convictions," a foundational report on public housing, and "The Racial History of Felon Disenfranchisement in Louisiana," which served as a key building block to *VOTE v. Louisiana* and the re-enfranchisement of 40,000 people, including himself. Bruce is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leader, and had a prior career as an artist, lighting designer, DJ, and theater director.

Christina Rivers is an Associate Professor of Political Science at DePaul University. Her teaching and research interests include African-American politics and political thought, voting rights, and the political implications of mass incarceration. She is the author of *The Congressional Black Caucus, Minority Voting Rights, and the U.S. Supreme Court*, and more recently has written felony disenfranchisement laws and prison-based gerrymanders. She teaches a course on law and politics at Stateville Correctional Center to a mix of incarcerated and free students, as part of DePaul's Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, and coordinates a think tank at Stateville, comprised of alumni of her course there. With the think tank and members of the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Chicago Votes, Dr. Rivers was involved in the writing and passage of Illinois' "Re-Entering Citizens Civics Education Act" (PA 101-0441). This law mandates voting and civics information as part of the exit process from the state's Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice. She has also volunteered with Chicago Votes to provide voter registration and ballot access to eligible voters at Cook County Jail. Her current scholarly project is editing a volume on voting access for pre-trial detainees, felony disenfranchisement, and prison gerrymanders.

Lori Rifkin founded Rifkin Law Office in 2013. She has extensive experience litigating civil rights cases as an attorney in the public and private sectors, and has led numerous lawsuits to success in jury trials and settlements.

Ms. Rifkin is a former partner of the civil rights law firm Hadsell Stormer & Renick LLP. She also worked as a Senior Trial Attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), focusing on matters involving jail and prison conditions, police misconduct, and juvenile justice. Ms. Rifkin also served on the Civil Rights Division's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Intersex (LGBTI) Workgroup, advising the DOJ on LGBTI issues.

Previously, Ms. Rifkin worked as a staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Unions (ACLU) of Connecticut and Southern California, an associate at the San Francisco civil rights law firm Rosen, Bien & Galvan, LLP, and an attorney at the San Francisco-based Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center.

Amy Robertson - is a partner in the Denver-based impact civil rights firm Fox & Robertson, which she co-founded with her husband, Tim Fox, in 1996. They both took a hiatus from F&R from 2013 to 2021 to found and lead the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center, a nationwide civil rights nonprofit based in Denver. In both roles, Ms. Robertson has litigated class and individual impact cases enforcing civil rights laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Fair Housing Act, and other federal and state anti-discrimination statutes. Ms. Robertson has spoken and trained on a wide variety of subjects, including disability

rights, fair housing, and class actions. Originally from Washington, DC, Ms. Robertson graduated from Yale Law School in 1988 and is licensed to practice in Colorado and DC.

Nancy Rosenbloom has been a lawyer fighting for equal justice for more than 25 years. She has represented clients in civil rights, reproductive rights, criminal defense and youth law matters, through individual cases, impact litigation, and policy advocacy. Ms. Rosenbloom graduated from Brown University and Columbia University Law School. After clerking for federal judge U.W. Clemon in Alabama, she was a staff attorney and Special Litigation Director at the NYC Legal Aid Society, Judicial Strategy Director at the Center for Reproductive Rights, Project Director at the City Bar Justice Center and Legal Advocacy Director at National Advocates for Pregnant Women.

Laura Rovner is Professor of Law and Director of the Civil Rights Clinic at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where she has taught since 2004. Through the clinic, she supervises law students representing incarcerated clients in constitutional litigation about prison conditions, such as indefinite solitary confinement, denial of outdoor exercise, lack of adequate medical and mental health care, and the free exercise of religion. She is a recipient of the ACLU of Colorado's Edward Sherman Award for Outstanding Legal Work on Behalf of Further Civil Liberties in Colorado, the University of Denver's Distinguished Teaching Award, and has been named as one of 5280 Magazine's Top Lawyers in Civil Rights for multiple years. Professor Rovner was a member of the litigation teams that led to the creation of outdoor exercise yards at the state of Colorado's supermax prison, for which the team was selected as a finalist for the 2017 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from the Public Justice Foundation. She has provided expert testimony before the European Court of Human Rights about conditions of confinement in the federal supermax prison, and served on the Colorado legislature's Work Group on Serious Mental Illness in Long-term Isolated Confinement. She lectures and writes frequently about the rights of people incarcerated in prisons and jails, particularly about solitary confinement. Her 2018 talk at TEDxMileHigh - [What happens to people in solitary confinement](#) - was selected for inclusion on the TED website and has been viewed over 2.3 million times. Laura graduated from Cornell Law School and received her LLM from Georgetown University Law Center.

Jessie Rossman joined the ACLU of Massachusetts as a staff attorney in June 2013. She has both trial level and appellate advocacy experience, and litigates on a broad range of civil rights and civil liberties issues, including privacy and technology, free speech, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination. She was recognized as a [2015 National Law Journal Boston Rising Star](#).

Jessie has a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Yale University. Before joining the ACLU of Massachusetts, Rossman served as a law clerk to Judge Raymond C. Fisher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She also worked as a staff attorney at the ACLU of Michigan and as a litigation fellow at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Prior to joining the ACLU of Massachusetts, Jessie settled a pregnancy discrimination lawsuit in *Prater v. Detroit Police Department*, resulting in a new policy to ensure that pregnant officers were protected against discrimination on the job, and briefed *Duncan v. Granholm*, a class action lawsuit which challenged the state of Michigan to reform its broken indigent defense system.

Richard Saenz (he/him) is a Senior Attorney and the Criminal Justice and Police Misconduct Strategist at Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those living with HIV. He coordinates Lambda Legal's litigation and policy work on behalf of incarcerated people, against the criminalization of LGBTQ+ people, and rooting out bias in the legal system.

Currently, Richard is the program manager for *Protected & Served? 2022*, Lambda Legal's groundbreaking community survey on government misconduct in the criminal legal system to be launched in May 2022. His policy advocacy includes the *Gender Identity Respect, Dignity, and Safety Act* (NY) and changes to the federal Bureau of Prisons Transgender Offender Manual.

Richard is lead counsel in *John Doe v. Delaware County*, concerning discrimination against an incarcerated person living with HIV who was unlawfully denied participation in a prison's work program and disclosure of his HIV-positive status. He was lead counsel in *Dorn v. Michigan DOC* that resulted in substantive changes to the DOC's policy directive that unlawfully discriminated against incarcerated people living with HIV, a review of other individuals who were classified to administrative segregation under the policy, and a monetary settlement.

He was a lead member of the litigation team in *Hicklin v. Precythe*, a successful challenge to Missouri's DOC's "freeze frame" policy denying appropriate health care to transgender people in its custody, in one of the first court decisions to rule specifically that "freeze-frame" policies are unconstitutional as they are in violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. The court ordered that Ms. Hicklin have access to hormone therapy, permanent body hair removal, and access to gender-affirming canteen items.

In *Rhines v. Young*, a capital case in South Dakota, Richard was co-author of an amicus brief urging the U. S. Supreme Court to allow Mr. Rhines to present evidence that anti-gay bias was a factor in some jurors' decisions to sentence him to death. And he co-authored an amicus brief in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Corlett* concerning the constitutionality of New York's licensing for concealed carry permits. The brief details the elevated risk of harm from firearms towards LGBTQ people including hate violence and suicides. He has authored *amicus* briefs on the right to health care for incarcerated transgender people, the rights of sex workers, and the rights of incarcerated LGBTQ people to have their cases reviewed.

Richard is a frequent speaker on criminal justice and policing issues at national conferences, law schools, and bar associations. His work has been featured in the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, and *The Advocate*. In 2016, he served as a panelist at the White House LGBT/HIV Criminal Justice Briefing.

Recently, Richard was selected to receive the LGBT Bar Association of New York's 2022 Community Excellence Award. He has been named a Hispanic National Bar Association's Top Lawyers Under 40 and a National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40.

He received his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law, where he was a Stein Scholar for Public Interest Law and Ethics. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University.

Jose Saldana is the Director of Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP). Jose was released from state prison in January 2018, after 38 years of incarceration and four parole denials. During his decades in prison, he obtained a college degree. More importantly, he committed himself to organizing and advocating for racial justice and meaningful changes to the criminal legal system, including transformative changes to parole and sentencing. He is an alumnus of the Resurrection Study Group, which espouses the Non-Traditional Approach to Criminal and Social Justice. Since his release from prison, Jose has been a critical advocate pushing for key policy changes for incarcerated people and building strategic partnerships to end mass criminalization. He was chosen as RAPP's director by Mujahid Farid and the entire RAPP leadership collective just before Farid's passing in late 2018. As an advocate, Jose is a prominent national speaker on issues of mass incarceration and ending life sentences. He is the recipient of the 2019 Freedom Fighter Award issued by Citizens Against Recidivism. He mentored hundreds of men during his years inside and continues to inspire all of us with his energy, commitment, and leadership.

Jessica Sandoval, National Director of the Unlock the Box Campaign to End Solitary Confinement, has 25 years of experience reforming the youth and adult justice systems. Mrs. Sandoval uses her organizing and advocacy expertise to develop and administer strategies and tools to support state campaigns aligned with the mission of the "stop solitary" movement.

Margo Schlanger is the Wade H. And Dores M. Mccree Collegiate Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, where she has taught since 2011. After clerking for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court, she began her legal career as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, where she worked to remedy civil rights abuses by prison and police departments. Her scholarship about prison litigation has appeared in many leading law reviews, and is frequently cited by courts and litigants. A leading authority on civil rights issues and civil and criminal detention, she served on the Vera Institute's blue ribbon Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons; worked as an advisor on the development of proposed national standards implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act, and testified before the Prison Rape Elimination Commission. She also served as the reporter for the American Bar Association's revision of its Standards on the Treatment of Prisoners. She has served as both an independent monitor and an expert in systemic prisoners' rights lawsuits.

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David Shapiro has devoted his career to fighting for racial justice and civil rights, first at the ACLU National Prison Project, and since 2012 as a MacArthur Justice Center attorney and a Northwestern Law clinical faculty member. He has spent major portions of his career as both a federal trial court lawyer and a federal appellate lawyer.

In 2016, David founded the Justice Center’s Supreme Court and Appellate Program, which he directs. As reported by U.S. Law Week, the group has “won a string of civil rights and criminal justice victories.” The Supreme Court and Appellate Program, which currently consists of fourteen appellate attorneys, exists to ensure that people subjected to police brutality, indecent prison conditions, wrongful convictions, and other law enforcement abuse have the best representation possible in appellate and Supreme Court cases—cases that will help to determine the future of civil rights protections throughout the United States.

David has argued appellate cases in state and federal courts across the nation, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, the Seventh Circuit, and many other appeals courts sitting both as panels and en banc. He has won major victories on such issues as police brutality, deaths in custody, wrongful convictions, prisoners’ religious exercise, criminal sentencing, and freedom of speech.

David spent the first ten years of his career litigating principally in federal district courts. For example, he obtained a consent decree that restructured a jail’s censorship policies, helped to try a case that abolished the segregation of prisoners with HIV throughout the State of Alabama, and litigated many federal cases on behalf of innocent people who were wrongfully convicted.

David has the privilege of exposing law students to the power of litigation to achieve justice. Students working under his supervision have argued and won cases in federal courts across the United States on such issues as the rights of transgender prisoners, qualified immunity, sexual abuse by correctional officers, and other civil liberties.

David is also an accomplished scholar on civil rights, incarceration, and policing. He has published law review articles on these topics in the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Notre Dame Law Review*, and the *George Washington Law Review*, among many others, in addition to co-authoring a textbook on prisoners’ rights and training federal court staff on civil rights litigation through the Federal Judicial Center.

David graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 2001, was a Fulbright Scholar from 2001-02, graduated from Yale Law School in 2005, and clerked for Judge Edward R. Becker on the Third Circuit.

Brenda V. Smith is professor of law at the American University Washington College of Law and Director of the Community Economic Development Law Clinic. From 2018-2020, Smith served as Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs at the law school. Professor Smith has directed The Project on Addressing Prison Rape since 1998. In 1993, Professor Smith was awarded the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship and, in 1998, inducted into the D.C. Women’s Hall of Fame for her work on behalf of low-income women and children. In November 2003, Professor Smith was appointed to the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission by the United States House of Representatives Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Prior to Professor Smith’s faculty appointment at the Washington College of Law, she was the Senior Counsel for Economic Security at the National Women's Law Center and Director of the Center's Women in Prison Project and Child and Family Support Project. Professor Smith’s scholarly

work and writing focuses on the intersections of gender, crime, and sexuality. She is widely published and has received the Emmalee C. Godsey Research Award for her article *Battering, Forgiveness and Redemption*, 12 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 921 (2003) and the 2017 Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar for Outstanding Scholarship Area of Public Law: Boys, Rape, and Masculinity: Reclaiming Boys' Narratives of Sexual Violence in Custody, 93 N.C. L. Rev. 1559 (2015). Her most recent scholarship is *Promise Amid Peril: PREA's Efforts to Regulate An End To Prison Rape*, 57 AMER. CRIM. L. REV. 1599 (2020). Relevant speaking engagements include the Convening on Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System in June 2016 at the White House, Testimony before the United States Commission on Civil Rights hearing in *Women in Custody: Seeking Justice Behind Bars* in 2019, and Testimony before the U.S. Department of Justice Review Panel on Prison Rape in 2020.

Jennifer Soble is the founder and executive director of the Illinois Prison Project. After spending years representing clients condemned to die in prison in intentionally labyrinthian court proceedings, Jennifer founded IPP to advocate for better mechanisms for the release of people from prison. Prior to founding IPP, Soble was a staff attorney in the trial division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia and an Assistant Federal Defender in the Northern District of Indiana. In both jobs, she represented indigent clients charged with serious felonies and specialized in forensic issues, as well as juveniles charged as adults and sentencing law.

She has also been Senior Legal Counsel to The Justice Collaborative where she worked with organizers, activists, and political candidates to advance criminal legal reform; a visiting clinical professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's Bluhm Legal Clinic where she represented juveniles and youthful offenders charged with serious felonies; and a litigation fellow for the Public Citizen's Litigation Group where she litigated consumer protection, civil rights, and First Amendment cases. After graduating from the University of Michigan and Yale Law School, Soble clerked for Judge R. Guy Cole of U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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