

## **SHIFTING LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS TO REDUCE MASS INCARCERATION**

### ***Agenda***

The need to reform law enforcement practices is now at the center of American public discourse. Join the Brennan Center and the nation's leading law enforcement officials, including U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, and economic policy experts for a full-day conference on transforming prosecutorial practices and federal funding structures to better reduce crime and violence and reduce the nation's incarcerated population.

The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law is a nonpartisan law and policy institute that seeks to improve our systems of democracy and justice, and has a flagship initiative to reduce mass incarceration. A growing chorus of law enforcement and government leaders are recognizing that criminal justice punishment should be used more prudently and government dollars should be used more wisely. As Attorney General Holder has stated, "Too many people go to too many prisons for far too long for no good law enforcement reason."

At the conference, the Brennan Center will unveil a report recommending that federal prosecutors adopt new priorities for the twenty-first century by applying a policy called "Success-Oriented Funding." Success-Oriented Funding ties government dollars as tightly as possible to clear, concrete outcomes in order to drive actors toward the twin goals of reducing crime and reducing mass incarceration. The report's recommendations will be informed by a Blue Ribbon Panel of leading federal prosecutors, co-chaired by James E. Johnson, former Undersecretary for Enforcement of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and G. Douglas Jones, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. The conference will also discuss a second Brennan Center report released last month recommending that the federal government implement Success-Oriented Funding for federal criminal justice grants to help shift law enforcement incentives across the country.

Experts will discuss applying these policies and other reforms to shift law enforcement goals and incentives at the federal, state, and local level.

### **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

8:30AM – 9:00AM      **Registration & Breakfast**

9:00AM – 9:15AM      **Welcome**  
Michael Waldman, President, Brennan Center

9:15AM – 10:30AM    **Session 1: New Priorities for Federal Prosecutors**  
Prosecutors are increasingly exploring how to define their role to converge with the growing consensus that they can protect public safety, dispense justice, and reduce incarceration. The nation's leading U.S. Attorneys will discuss how to shift incentives, goals, and funding to better align with this modern approach and how federal prosecutors can play a leading role in both reducing violence and incarceration.

- Moderator: Timothy Purdon, U.S. Attorney, District of North Dakota; Member, Attorney General's Advisory Committee

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- Paul Fishman, U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey; former Chair, Attorney General's Advisory Committee; former Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
- Lanny Breuer, Vice Chairman, Covington & Burling, LLP; former Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- G. Douglas Jones, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama
- Kenneth Polite, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana
- Barry Grissom, U.S. Attorney, District of Kansas

10:30AM – 10:45AM **Break**

10:45AM – 12:00PM **Session 2: New Priorities for Broader Law Enforcement**

There is a rising discussion among broader law enforcement – including state and local prosecutors, police and federal agencies – on shifting goals and incentives away from overuse of arrests and prosecution. This session will bring together leaders in law enforcement to discuss how to create this shift.

- Moderator: James E. Johnson, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; former Undersecretary for Enforcement, U.S. Department of Treasury
- Cyrus Vance, District Attorney, Manhattan, New York
- Cathy Lanier, Chief of Police, Washington D.C.
- Anthony Batts, Commissioner, Baltimore Police Department
- Douglas Gansler, Attorney General, Maryland
- Jeff Tsai, Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of Attorney General Kamala Harris, California
- David Keene, Opinion Editor, *The Washington Times*; founding Member, Right on Crime; former President, National Rifle Association; former Chair, American Conservative Union; Board Member, Constitution Project

12:00PM – 1:00PM **Lunch Break**

1:00PM – 2:15PM **Keynote: The Benefits of Shifting Law Enforcement Priorities and Incentives**

- 1:15pm: Introduction by James E. Johnson, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; former Undersecretary for Enforcement, U.S. Department of Treasury
- 1:30pm-2:00pm: **Hon. Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General**

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**Break**

2:30PM – 3:45PM

### **Session 3: Reforming Federal Grants and State Budgets to Reduce Incarceration**

Many government funding structures inadvertently encourage more arrests, more detentions, and more prison sentences. The nation's leading economic policy experts and criminal justice leaders will discuss using fiscal policy and economic incentives, at the federal and state level, to reduce incarceration.

- Moderator: Inimai Chettiar, Justice Program Director, Brennan Center
- Gene Sperling, former Director, White House National Economic Council
- Neera Tanden, President, Center for American Progress
- Robert Greenstein, President, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Mark Earley, former Attorney General, Virginia; former President, Prison Fellowship; Signatory, Right on Crime
- Jeremy Travis, President, John Jay College

3:45PM – 4:00PM

### **Closing Remarks**

Michael Waldman, President, Brennan Center