



# FAIR AND JUST PROSECUTION

Promoting justice through leadership and innovation

## FJP AT A GLANCE

**Fair and Just Prosecution (FJP)** brings together elected local prosecutors as part of a network of leaders committed to promoting a justice system grounded in fairness, equity, compassion, and fiscal responsibility.

**AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT:** Great strides have been made in promoting justice reforms that recognize that prior “tough on crime” and incarceration-driven practices have not always resulted in safer or healthier communities. More enlightened thinking has started to permeate criminal justice agencies and has prompted proactive and prevention-oriented strategies.

Elections are increasingly ushering in a new generation of prosecutors committed to changing office culture, enhancing transparency and accountability, and embracing prevention-oriented approaches to public safety that are rooted in local communities, based on data and evidence, and less punitive whenever possible.

**WHAT:** FJP is enabling a new generation of prosecutive leaders to move beyond incarceration-driven approaches and develop policies that promote a smarter and more equitable justice system. As these leaders innovate and model new justice system strategies, FJP highlights their successes and promotes their accomplishments, thereby propelling broader changes in the field. FJP’s work underscores, by example, the vitally important leadership role of prosecutors in advancing fair and just practices and promoting safer and healthier communities.

**WHY PROSECUTORS:** Criminal justice policy is primarily set at the state and local levels. Local prosecutors exercise tremendous control over who will come into the justice system, what charges they will face, and the trajectory of their case. Local elected prosecutors are on the front lines of change in our nation’s criminal justice system.

**HOW:** FJP works with bold and innovative leaders to enhance the health and safety of all parts of our community through efforts including:

- **Building a network** of prosecutors willing to rethink past practices, consider effective new approaches, and connect with other leaders in the field;
- **Assisting and supporting elected leaders** by helping them overcome barriers, implement new approaches, champion effective justice system policy changes, and redefine their role in promoting public safety;
- **Creating learning opportunities** through site visits, research materials, and access to national leaders and experts;
- **Lifting up the work and collective voice of elected prosecutors** as they model new ways to envision our justice system; and
- **Partnering with, and connecting** elected prosecutors to, local and national organizations and resources, academic institutions, and experts committed to supporting prosecutive reform.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact FJP at [info@fairandjustprosecution.org](mailto:info@fairandjustprosecution.org)

*“These new prosecutors are trailblazers. They model a more proactive, prevention-oriented, and community-focused conception of their role in the justice system. They do not measure success by length of sentence, number of indictments, or the growing size of the prison population. They embrace smart policies and strive to be leaders their communities can trust.”*

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