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Angela J. Davis is a Professor of Law at the American University Washington College of Law. Professor Davis has been a Visiting Professor at George Washington University Law School and has served on the adjunct faculty at George Washington, Georgetown, and Harvard Law Schools. Professor Davis' publications include articles on racism in the criminal justice system and prosecutorial discretion. She has also published numerous book chapters on various criminal justice issues and is a co-author of the 4th edition of Basic Criminal Procedure. Prof. Davis received the American University Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Appointment in 2002 and received the Washington College of Law's Pauline Ruyle Moore award for scholarly contribution in the area of public law in 2000. Professor Davis was a 2004 Soros Senior Justice Fellow and is currently writing a book on prosecutorial discretion and power.

Professor Davis serves on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Center for Human Rights and the Peter M. Cicchino Social Justice Foundation. She is a graduate of Howard University and Harvard Law School. Professor Davis served as the Executive Director of the National Rainbow Coalition from 1994 - 1995. From 1991 - 1994, she was the Director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia ("PDS"). She also served as the Deputy Director from 1988 – 1991 and as a staff attorney at PDS from 1982 – 1988, representing indigent juveniles and adults. Professor Davis is a former law clerk of the Honorable Theodore R. Newman of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Norman S. Early

Former District Attorney of Denver, CO



Mr. Early was appointed the Denver District Attorney in January 1983 and was re-elected three times (November 1984, 1988 and 1992). Mr. Early served as Senior Vice President of Lockheed Martin IMS, Criminal Justice Services from June 1993 through May 1997. Mr. Early is a nationally recognized lecturer and trial lawyer. Prior to becoming Denver District Attorney, he served for ten years as Chief Deputy District Attorney with supervisory responsibility over a felony courtroom and he personally tried hundreds of cases ranging from fraud to murder. Mr. Early was the developer of the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, Drug Education Program, the Drinking and Driving Program called "It's Not Worth It," and others.

Mr. Early is the former President of the Colorado District Attorneys' Counsel, was the founder and first President of the National Black Prosecutors' Association, served as a member of the Boards of the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations and is the past President of the National Organization for Victim Assistance. Mr. Early served on the Board of the Denver Metropolitan Football Stadium District which was responsible for building and maintaining the new Denver football stadium. Mr. Early is the recipient of numerous community service awards and professional awards, including the National Black Prosecutors' Distinguished Service Award, the United States Department of Justice Award for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Victims of Crime, the Distinguished Faculty Award of the National College of District Attorneys, the Civil Rights Award from the Anti-Defamation League, the Ending Violence Effectively Award for outstanding contributions to survivors of sexual abuse, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Organization for Victim Assistance, and the Government Leadership Award presented by the National Commission Against Drunk Driving in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Early, originally from Washington, D.C. and holds a bachelor of arts degree in government from The American University. He earned his law degree from the University of Illinois, College of Law, at Champaign-Urbana.

David A. Harris

Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Research, University of Pittsburg School of Law; author of *Good Cops: The Case for Preventive Policing* and *Profiles in Injustice: Why Racial Profiling Cannot Work*



David Harris is a Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburg School of Law. Professor Harris studies, writes and teaches about police behavior and regulation, law enforcement, and national security issues and the law. Professor Harris is the leading national authority on racial profiling. His 2002 book, *Profiles in Injustice: Why Racial Profiling Cannot Work*, and his scholarly articles in the field of traffic stops of minority motorists and stops and frisks, influenced the national debate on profiling and related topics. His work led to federal efforts to address the practice and to legislation and voluntary efforts in over half the states and hundreds of police departments. He has testified three times in the U.S. Senate and before many state legislative bodies on profiling and related issues. His 2005 book, *Good Cops: The Case for Preventive Policing*, uses case studies from around the country to show that citizens need not trade liberty for safety; they can be safe from criminals and terrorists without sacrificing their civil rights if law enforcement uses strategies based on prevention. He gives speeches and does professional training for law enforcement, judges, and attorneys throughout the country, and presents his work regularly in academic conferences.

Professor Harris also writes and comments frequently in the media on police practices, racial profiling, and other criminal justice and national security issues. He has appeared on *The Today Show*, *Dateline NBC*, *National Public Radio*, and has been interviewed by the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among many others. In 1996, Professor Harris served as a member of the Civil Liberties Advisory Board to the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security. Before he began teaching in 1990, Professor Harris was a public defender in the Washington, D.C. area, a litigator at a law firm in Philadelphia, and law clerk to Federal Judge Walter K. Stapleton in Wilmington, Delaware.

Timothy P. Silard

President, Rosenberg Foundation; former Chief of Policy for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office



Timothy Silard is the fifth president of the Rosenberg Foundation. He was previously the Chief of Policy of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, developing reforms in criminal justice, civil rights and immigrants' rights. Mr. Silard distinguished himself by launching the nation's first civil rights division in a local prosecutor's office, designing model reentry programs that have proven to sharply reduce recidivism, and drafting and advocating for state and local legislation in the areas of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, expanded access to services for immigrants and low-income families, and public safety policy innovations.

Mr. Silard also was a leader of San Francisco's nationally replicated approach to addressing commercial sexual exploitation, which won the Ford Foundation's Innovations in American Government Award. He previously was HOPE VI Director for the Corporation for National Service, where he developed nationally modeled programs for immigrants, refugees and severely low-income families living in public housing and served on the Community Enterprise Board and White House Urban Policy Working Group.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Silard served as a Skadden Fellow at the Income Rights Project and Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo, West Africa. Mr. Silard earned his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his law degree from Stanford Law School.

Robert M.A. Johnson

Former Anoka County Attorney, MN; Past President, National District Attorneys Association; Chair-elect, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section



Robert M.A. Johnson began work in the Anoka County Attorney's Office in 1968. After brief tenures at a private law firm and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, Mr. Johnson returned to the County Attorney's Office in December 1974 as the Chief Deputy County Attorney. In 1982, Mr. Johnson was elected Anoka County Attorney and re-elected in 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006 before retiring in December, 2010.

Mr. Johnson is a past president and past chairman of the board of the National District Attorneys Association. He is also a past chair-elect of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section. He is past-president of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, the Anoka County Bar Association, and served as chair of the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He served in the Minnesota National Guard from 1968 to 2003. He has worked on projects with ALI, NCCUSL, CSG, NIC, BJA and other organizations.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Law School.

William Lansdowne

Chief, San Diego Police Department; former Chief, San Jose Police Department



Chief Lansdowne was sworn in as San Diego's Chief of Police on August 4, 2003. He graduated from San Jose State University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Chief Lansdowne began his law enforcement career in 1966, when he joined the San Jose Police Department. As he learned policing, he also was serving his state as a member of the California National Guard (1966-72). He rose steadily through the ranks at SJP, commanding a variety of units and divisions - and developing a reputation as a person who cared about his officers and the community they policed. He was accessible and he was not afraid to make decisions. Those skills eventually elevated him to the position of Assistant Chief. In 1994, a new challenge presented itself. Chief Lansdowne left San Jose to head the police department in Richmond, CA. In August 1998, Chief Lansdowne returned to San Jose as that city's "top cop." Over the years, Chief Lansdowne has expanded his expertise and his reputation as one of the foremost law enforcement professionals in the country.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has served on a variety of state and national boards, including the Major Cities Chiefs and the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Marc L. Miller

Vice Dean for Faculty & Ralph W. Bilby Professor of Law, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law



Marc L. Miller currently serves as the Ralph W. Bilby Professor of Law at the University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law. Previously, he was a Professor of Law at Emory Law School from 1988 to 2005 and Associate Dean for Faculty and Scholarship from 2003 to 2005.

Miller graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and Pomona College. He is author of the comprehensive casebook *Criminal Procedures: Cases, Statutes and Executive Materials* (Aspen Publishers, 2nd Ed. 2003) (with Ronald Wright) and of the first major casebook on sentencing, *Sentencing Law and Policy: Cases, Statutes and Guidelines* (Aspen Publishers, 2004). He is a founding editor (with Dan Freed) of the *Federal Sentencing Reporter* (Vera Institute / Univ. Cal. Press), which he edited for seven years and now serves as advisor.

Miller has written numerous articles and essays on topics including prosecutorial decision-making, sentencing, the politics of crime, the death penalty, and juvenile law. He also writes and teaches about public lands and natural resources, with special attention to issues at the intersection of law, science and policy. He is the editor of *Harmful Invasive Species: Legal Responses* (ELI 2004) (with Robert Fabian).

Before teaching he served as law clerk to Chief Judge John Godbold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, as Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, and as Special Counsel at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York. He spent the spring 1998 term as visiting professor at the Duke Law School, and the 1995-1996 school year as Visiting Scholar at Stanford Law School. Miller is a member of the American Law Institute (ALI), and an advisor to various criminal justice and environmental publications and organizations.

Candace Mosley

Director of Programs for the National District Attorneys Association



A 1982 graduate of the University of Houston and 1985 graduate of Southern Methodist University School of Law, Ms. Mosley joined the National College of District Attorneys (now, the National District Attorneys Association) in 1993. Prior to that, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Family Criminal Law Division (1989-1993) and General Trial Bureau (1987-1989) of the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston, Texas; she also served as law clerk to the Honorable Calvin Botley, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Southern District of Texas (1985-1987). Ms. Mosley has lectured for the Attorney General's Office in Chuuk, Micronesia, the California District Attorneys Association, the Office on Violence Against Women, the National Center for State Courts/ National Criminal Justice Association, the National Black Prosecutors Association and the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network in collaboration with the Illinois Attorney

General's Office. Currently, she serves on the boards of the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation and the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; she also serves on a variety of working groups and advisory committees in the area of domestic violence. She currently manages national training programs, independent contract training programs and the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women for NDAA.

Karen P. Seymour

Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP; Trustee, Board of Trustees, Vera Institute of Justice



Karen Patton Seymour is the head of Sullivan & Cromwell's Criminal Defense and Investigations Group. Her practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense and internal investigations. She also represents clients in complex federal and state civil litigation. From 2002-2004, Ms. Seymour served as the chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she supervised 165 federal prosecutors and oversaw all criminal investigations and prosecutions in the district, including the investigations of corporate fraud involving WorldCom, ImClone and Adelphia. She was lead trial counsel for the government in the prosecution of Martha Stewart and Peter Bacanovic. During her first tenure in the U.S. Attorney's Office from 1990 to 1996, she prosecuted a wide variety of cases and served as Chief of the General Crimes Unit.

Ms. Seymour is a board member of the Vera Institute of Justice (2007-present) and various other organizations. She frequently lectures on business ethics, corporate fraud, internal investigations, securities enforcement and other topics

Ms. Seymour is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas Law School, and the University of London Law School.

Cassia C. Spohn

Professor and Director of Graduate Programs, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Arizona State University



Cassia Spohn is Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she holds an Isaacson Professorship and serves as Department Chair. She is the author of *How Do Judges Decide? The Search for Fairness and Justice in Punishment*. She also is the co-author of two books: *The Color of Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America* and *Rape Law Reform: A Grassroots Movement and Its Impact*. She has published extensively on prosecutors= charging decisions in sexual assault cases, the effect of race/ethnicity and gender on sentencing decisions, sentencing of drug offenders, and the deterrent effect of imprisonment. She is currently completing a study of charging and sentencing decisions under the federal sentencing guidelines. She also is conducting an evaluation of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Violent and High-Risk Offender Reentry Program.

In 1999, Dr. Spohn was awarded the University of Nebraska Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award. She also received the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Excellence in Teaching Award and Award for Distinguished Research or Creative Activity. In 1994, she received for W.E.B. DuBois Award for outstanding contributions to scholarship on crime and race/ethnicity from the Western Society of Criminology. Dr. Spohn is a member of Nebraska's Minority and Justice Task Force Implementation Committee and is on the board of directors for the Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest.

Ronald Wright

Professor of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law



Ronald Wright is currently a Professor of Law at Wake Forest University School of Law. He has also been a visiting professor at Washington and Lee University School of Law and North Carolina State University. He is the co-author of two casebooks in criminal procedure and sentencing; his empirical research concentrates on the work of criminal prosecutors. In 2007, he was invited to present the distinguished Hoffinger Lecture on criminal justice at the NYU School of Law. He is a board member of the Prosecution and Racial Justice Project of the Vera Institute of Justice, and has been an advisor or board member for Families Against Mandatory Minimum Sentences (FAMM), North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Inc., and the Winston-Salem Citizens' Police Review Board. He currently serves as Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, where he will focus on curricular and academic issues affecting students and faculty. Prior to joining the faculty, he was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuting antitrust and other white-collar criminal cases.