## Substance Use Disorders and the Role of the Prosecutor

Our nation is in the midst of the worst addiction crisis in its history. The Center for Disease Control's most recent report revealed that the rate of drug overdose deaths has increased 137% since 2000, including a 200% increase involving opioids. Studies estimate the substance abuse recovery community in the U.S. alone is at 23.5 million people.

This article by Susan Broderick, a former prosecutor, outlines the important role prosecutors can play in addressing and reducing substance use disorders. Read

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