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Prosecutors' Center for Excellence Pop-Up Enhancing Community Trust

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**Join us for four 15 minute presentations on
prosecutor community outreach**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

The Presenters will facilitate the breakout groups.

Connecting with your community during the pandemic

- Presenter: Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Community Relations Division - Joyce Smith (Nassau, NY)

Outreach and Re-entry

- Presenters: Deputy Attorney General - Allison Abessinio and Community Engagement Specialist - Corie Priest (Delaware)

Creating a Community Advisory Board

- Presenter: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and the Director of Innovative Prosecution Solutions - Kate Brubacher (Jackson (Kansas City), MO)

Community Justice – Moving cases out of the criminal justice system

- Presenter: Assistant Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (Criminal Division) - Daniel Clark (King County (Seattle), WA)

Followed by 1 hour of conversation/break-out groups

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time)



Speaker Bios



Connecting with your community during the pandemic

Joyce Smith (Nassau, NY)

Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Community Relations Division

Joyce Smith is the Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Community Relations Division of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. In that capacity, she oversees five program offices including Recruitment, Immigrant Affairs, Victim Services and school-based programming, Community Affairs as well as the NCDA's Community Partnership Program Office in Hempstead. To further District Attorney Madeline Singas' vision for proactive community engagement, she created eight advisory councils comprised of faith leaders, business owners, students, and affinity-group members from a wide range of leaders in the African American, Hispanic, South Asian and Asian communities of Nassau County. Ms. Smith is currently working to expand these advisory councils into regional or community-based membership, which will afford additional opportunities for collaboration among the police, prosecutors and the communities they serve.

Ms. Smith maintains an interest in developing new and unique opportunities to enhance NCDA's community engagement efforts. She has broadened the office's participation in the annual National Night Out Against Crime events that take place at police precincts and parks around the country. Ms. Smith is a member of the Hempstead Prevention Coalition that was created by the Family and Children's Association to address substance abuse and addiction in Hempstead Village. In addition, she is working closely with the County Executive's team responsible for the development of the Nassau County Family Justice Center, which will provide important resources for families in crisis and survivors of intimate partner violence.

Ms. Smith came to the Nassau D.A.'s office with a rich background in both criminal and civil justice. Her prior service included four years as a staff attorney in the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Office of the General Counsel; three years with the NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, where she served as Executive Director for the Bronx Family Justice Center, and then Deputy Chief of Staff for OCDV headquarters; and fourteen years with the Queens D.A., where she specialized in prosecuting domestic violence cases, eventually rising to the position of Unit Chief in the Special Prosecutions Division. She is currently an Adjunct Professor for Hofstra University's Maurice A. Deane School of Law and Nassau Community College, where she teaches various courses in the law and criminal justice. She previously taught undergraduate criminal justice courses for Monroe College, University of Maryland, and the Community College of Baltimore County. She has written or edited numerous scholarly works on police-community relations and law enforcement best practices. Ms. Smith was raised in Hollis, Queens, and is a graduate of Adelphi University and Howard University School of Law.



Outreach and Re-entry

Allison Abessinio (Delaware)

Deputy Attorney General

Allison Abessinio is a Deputy Attorney General for the Delaware Department of Justice. She currently supervises the Community Engagement Unit, a non-trial unit that supports and uplifts communities statewide, and works to build trust between those communities and local law enforcement agencies. Prior to her time in the Community Engagement Unit, Allison served as an assistant supervisor in the City of Wilmington Felony Trial Unit. Since beginning her career with the Delaware Department of Justice in 2012, Allison has prosecuted a wide variety of cases, ranging from traffic violations to homicides. Allison graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a bachelor's degree in English Literature and a Minor in Spanish Languages in 2008 before graduating from Widener University School of Law in 2011.

Corie Priest (Delaware)

Community Engagement Specialist

Corie Priest is the Community Engagement Specialist for the Delaware Attorney General's Office. Mr. Priest takes great pride being the first person the Attorney General's Office in the state of Delaware, and maybe even the country, to have hired someone they formerly prosecuted. After coming home from incarceration ten years ago, Corie has been a moving force in reentry and criminal justice reform in the State of Delaware. Corie is the director of C L Priest Consulting, which specializes in mass incarceration, inner city poverty and crime, reentry, workforce development, and child support. Mr. Priest volunteers his time on several committees, which include: Law Enforcement Accountability Task Force, the Delaware Correctional Reentry Commission – Co-Chairman Communities of Support Subcommittee, and the DOJ's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Corie has a great passion to encourage, support, listen, and advocate for individuals looking to overcome barriers and obstacles to empower them to become their best selves.

"If what you went through in life does not give you the ability to change the world in extraordinary ways, you haven't found your purpose yet." Corie Priest



Creating a Community Advisory Board

Kate Brubacher (Jackson (Kansas City), MO)

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and the Director of Innovative Prosecution Solutions

Kate is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and the Director of Innovative Prosecution Solutions at the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Kansas City) where she develops and implements a broad range of programming aimed at reducing gun violence in the urban core. Kate works with community members as well as academic partners, foundations, and think-tanks across the country to understand current research in criminal justice and design programs in Kansas City that will increase public safety and contribute to the national conversation on responsible reform. Kate is a member of the PreTrial Research Advisory Board at Arnold Ventures, LLC.



Community Justice – Moving cases out of the criminal justice system

Daniel Clark (King County (Seattle), WA)

Assistant Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (Criminal Division)

Dan Clark is the Chief Deputy for the Criminal Division of the King County Prosecutor's Office, overseeing a division of over 300 lawyers and staff. Dan joined the office in 1996 after graduating from UCLA Law School and Tufts University.

In his time at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Dan has served as a trial attorney in various units including District Court, Juvenile, Narcotics, Domestic Violence, and Violent Crimes. Dan also served nearly 4 years in the Appellate Unit arguing cases before the Court of Appeals and the Washington State Supreme Court.

In 2007, Dan spearheaded a committee to draft the first written Brady protocol for the King County Prosecutor's Office. The protocol was the first of its kind in Washington and has since been adopted as a state model policy. Dan has chaired the Brady/Potential Impeachment Disclosure (PID) Committee ever since.

Dan has served as a supervisor since 2002, serving first as the Chair of the Narcotics Unit, and then the Chair of the Violent and Economic Crimes Unit. For 13 years Dan served as the Managing Attorney at the office's satellite office and the Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division. Dan was promoted to Chief Deputy in December 2019.



Kristine Hamann (Prosecutors' Center for Excellence)

Executive Director

Kristine Hamann is the Executive Director and founder of Prosecutors' Center for Excellence (PCE). PCE provides consulting and research services for prosecutors and supports statewide prosecutor-led Best Practices Committees. The Best Practices Committees are devoted to proactively improving the criminal justice system and assessing emerging issues. Ms. Hamann is a consultant for prosecutors of all sizes across the country on a variety of topics including full-office assessments, investigating violent crime, conviction integrity, discovery, body worn cameras, ethics and enhancing community trust. Many of these engagements are paid through federal grants. Ms. Hamann regularly presents at national and statewide prosecutor meetings on issues including the evolving role of the prosecutor, ethics, witness intimidation, eye witness identification procedures and conviction integrity units.

From July 2013 to January 2016, Kristine Hamann was a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance. She is the chair of the New York State Best Practices Committee for prosecutors and she is a co-chair of the National District Attorneys Association's Best Practices Committee. She is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law School. She is a member of the ABA Criminal Justice Council and is on the ABA Criminal Justice Journal Editorial Board. She was an Independent Counsel to the Conviction Integrity Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

From 2008 to 2013, Ms. Hamann was the Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of the New York. The office conducts international, national and local drug trafficking investigations and prosecutions which impact New York City.

From 2007 to 2008, Ms. Hamann was the New York State Inspector General. The Inspector General is charged with investigating and preventing fraud, waste and abuse in New York State government.

From 1998 to 2007, Ms. Hamann served as the Executive Assistant District Attorney to D.A. Robert M. Morgenthau in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York City. Prior to 1998, Ms. Hamann held several other positions in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, including Deputy Chief of the Trial Division in charge of the Criminal Court, Director of Training, and Deputy Bureau Chief of the Career Criminal Bureau. After law school she was an associate at Simpson Thacher and Bartlett in New York City.

She has received various awards including the Ethics and Accountability Award (City & State NY, 2018); Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year (NY State Bar Association, 2013), Prosecutor of the Year for Executive Leadership (NY District Attorneys Association, 2010), Excellence in Government Award (Albany Law School, 2008), Public Service Award (NY County Bar Association, 2005) and New York County District Attorney's Office Prosecutor of the Year (2001).



CLE Credit and Survey



Instructions to Receive CLE Credit

Please Read Carefully

The Prosecutors' Center for Excellence has not requested continuing legal education accreditation for this program. Instead, we will supply you with a **Uniform Certificate of Attendance**. This certificate will include Prosecutors' Center for Excellence (PCE) as the sponsor, the title of this conference, the dates of this conference, the location of this conference as well as a calculation of the CLE Credit Hours under both a 60-minute and 50-minute hour system. We believe that these hours accurately reflect the CLE credit you should receive. However, each state has its own rules on the accrediting process which could affect this calculation.

At the end of each session, you will receive a conference evaluation. You will need to fill out the survey in order to receive the **Uniform Certificate of Attendance.**

As part of the meeting materials, PCE will supply you with this meeting's agenda, a description of the various content to be covered throughout this conference, as well as the names and biographies of the speakers.

You will need to apply for CLE credit on your own through your state's specific process. Most jurisdictions have this as an option. Some jurisdictions require members to apply and report within 30 days of the original program date. We hope that the **Uniform Certificate of Attendance** will aid you in this process.

Sign-In Sheets

To obtain CLE credit, most states require attendees to sign in at the time of the meeting. PCE will maintain a copy of the registration list as well as a record of who attended each session (present at start and end of each session) and send copies upon request.

Here are some specific sign-in rules from a variety of states. Because this is a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 there will be no physical sign-in sheet, instead PCE will be taking time-stamped screenshots of the participant list at the beginning and end of each session. If you need a copy of our records please contact PCE.

Delaware Attorneys: Delaware Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** at each individual session you attend.

Illinois Attorneys: Illinois Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** at each individual session you attend. The sign-in documentation is used to verify your total number of CLE hours.

New York Attorneys: New York Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** and **sign out** of each individual session you attend.

Pennsylvania Attorneys: Pennsylvania Attorneys must complete the Pennsylvania CLE Credit Request form to report attendance at in-person programs.



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UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

SPONSOR: Prosecutors' Center for Excellence
ACTIVITY TITLE:
 PCE Pop Up – Enhancing Community Trust
DATE: January 11, 2021
LOCATION: Virtual

____ **Full Program:** 2 hours of CLE credit (not ethics), PENDING STATE APPROVAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY

By signing below, I certify that I attended the activity described above and am entitled to claim _____ CLE credit hours of which 0 were in Ethics.

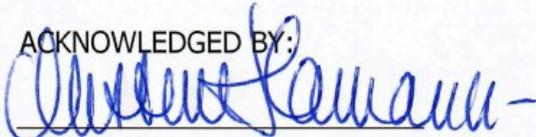
 ATTORNEY'S NAME (*please print*)

 SIGNATURE

 BAR MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION
 OR SUPREME COURT NUMBER

 DATE

 STATE WHERE CREDITS ARE TO BE
 REGISTERED

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Meeting Survey

The January 11th PCE Pop-Up Enhancing Community Trust survey will be available at the end of meeting. If you need proof of your survey for CLE credit please email PCE at contactpce@pceinc.org.

Survey Link:

<https://forms.gle/cRxFFfpAFH6MJdxg8>

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Thank you for participating!