

NATIONAL JUDICIAL TASK FORCE  
TO EXAMINE STATE COURTS' RESPONSE  
TO MENTAL ILLNESS

**Membership Directory**



## Task Force Co-Chairs

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**Honorable Paul L. Reiber**  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Vermont

Paul L. Reiber was appointed as a member of the Vermont Supreme Court in 2003 and as Chief Justice in 2004 after more than 25 years in private practice in Rutland, VT. He is past president of the Conference of Chief Justices and former chair of the NCSC Board of Directors.

Supreme Court of Vermont  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-0701



**Honorable Lawrence K. Marks**  
Chief Administrative Judge  
State of New York Unified Court System

Lawrence K. Marks was appointed New York's Chief Administrative Judge in 2015 after serving in executive positions in the court system since 2003. In 2009 he was appointed as a judge on the NY Court of Claims. Before joining the court system, he was an attorney with the Legal Aid Society and in private practice.

State of New York Unified Court System  
25 Beaver Street, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

## Executive Committee Members

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**Honorable Robert Brutinel**  
Chief Justice  
Arizona Supreme Court

Robert M. Brutinel was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2010 and began his service as Chief Justice in 2019. He previously served as the presiding judge of the Yavapai County Superior Court and was in private practice. He is past president of the Arizona Judges Association and in 2010 was chosen as the national CASA Judge of the Year.

Arizona Supreme Court  
1501 W Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3222



**Nancy Cozine**  
Oregon State Court Administrator

Nancy Cozine was appointed as the Oregon State Court Administrator in 2018. She previously served as the Executive Director of Oregon's Public Defense Services, as a trial court administrator, and as a staff attorney. Before joining the court system she spent nine years in private practice.

Supreme Court Building  
1163 State Street  
Salem, OR 97301-2563



**Tonnya K. Kohn**  
South Carolina State Court Administrator

Tonya Kennedy Kohn was appointed South Carolina State Court Administrator in 2017, having previously served as a staff attorney and law clerk and in private practice. Before attending law school she was a journalist, serving as a reporter and an editor at newspapers in Nashville, TN, Lexington, KY, Norfolk, VA and most recently in Columbia, SC.

Calhoun Building  
1220 Senate Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29201

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**Marcia M. Meis**  
Director  
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

Marcia M. Meis was appointed Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in 2017. Since 1999 she has served as an attorney for the office, as Chief Legal Counsel and as Deputy Director. She worked briefly in private practice before serving as a law clerk for several Illinois Appellate Courts.

Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts  
222 North LaSalle Street, 13th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601



**Honorable Richard Robinson**  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Connecticut

Richard A. Robinson was appointed as a member of the Connecticut Supreme Court in 2013 and as Chief Justice in 2018. He served on the superior court from 2000-2007 and on the appellate court from 2007-2013 and for many years as the corporate counsel for Stamford, CT.

Supreme Court of Connecticut  
231 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106



**Honorable Loretta H. Rush**  
Chief Justice  
Indiana Supreme Court

Loretta H. Rush was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in 2012 and as Chief Justice in 2014. She served for 14 years as a Tippecanoe Superior Court judge and spent 15 years in private practice in Lafayette, IN. She is a member of the CCJ Board of Directors and was the co-chair of the National Judicial Opioid Task Force.

Indiana Supreme Court  
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## Criminal Justice Work Group

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### Co-chairs



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Supreme Court of Connecticut



Nancy Cozine  
Oregon State Court Administrator

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Honorable Paula M. Carey, Chief Justice  
Massachusetts Trial Court  
John Adams Courthouse, One Pemberton Square, Suite 1M, Boston, MA 02108

Paula M. Carey was appointed Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court in 2013 by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and reappointed in 2018. She and the Court Administrator oversee seven court departments with 385 judges and 6,400 court staff, including the Massachusetts Probation Service. Chief Justice Carey was appointed to the bench in 2001 and named Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court in 2007.



Terrance Cheung, Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation  
Arizona Superior Court in Pima County  
110 W Congress Street, 9th Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701

Terrance Cheung was appointed in February 2020 as Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation at the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County. He previously served as the Director of Justice Reform Initiatives leading the County's jail reduction efforts through the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge. He's worked in Northern California, serving as Chief of Staff to a County Supervisor in Contra Costa County and Richmond Mayor.



Jerry Clayton, Sheriff  
Washtenaw County, Michigan  
2201 Hogback Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Jerry L. Clayton is a 30-year Public Safety Services professional, currently serving his third term as the Sheriff of Washtenaw County. Sheriff Clayton leads an organization of approximately 420 staff, serving a population of over 358,000, covering a 720-square mile geographical area. During his career with the Sheriff's Office, Jerry served as a front-line Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff and command officer. He was also appointed to the following executive positions; Corrections Commander, Police Services Commander and SWAT Team Commander.



Honorable Matthew D'Emic, Judge  
New York State Supreme Court  
320 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Matthew J. D'Emic was appointed to the NYS Court of Claims in 1996 and assigned to the Kings County Supreme Court. In 1998, he was assigned to a specialized felony domestic violence part and in 2002 to the first mental health court in New York State. In 2014, he was also appointed the administrative judge for criminal matters in Kings County Supreme Court.

## Criminal Justice Work Group

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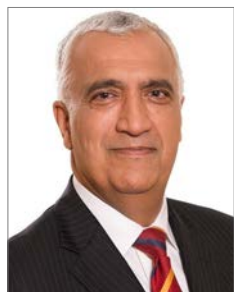
Tim DeWeese, LMSW, County Behavioral Health Director  
Johnson County Mental Health Center  
6000 Lamar, Suite 130, Mission, KS 66202

Tim is the Director of Johnson County Mental Health Center. The Mental Health Center is a department of County Government and employs more than 330 staff who provide behavioral health services to more than 10,000 county residents annually. Tim possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Missouri Southern State University and a Master of Social Work Administration degree from the University of Kansas.



Travis Finck, Executive Director  
North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents  
PO Box 149, Valley City, ND 58072

Travis W. Finck is a 2007 graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Law. Travis has devoted most of his professional career to helping individuals and families who are deemed to be indigent through his work with the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. He has served as a contract attorney, full-time public defender, supervising attorney of the Bismarck-Mandan Public Defender Office, Deputy Director and now Executive Director for the Commission.



Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney  
Salt Lake County District Attorney  
35 E 500 Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Sim Gill was elected as Salt Lake County District Attorney in November 2010. As a veteran prosecutor, Sim has been a champion on issues of therapeutic justice, criminal prosecution and alternatives to prosecution. He has long been an advocate of taking a systems approach to the issues of criminal and social justice, focusing on collaborative and community-oriented approaches to problem solving.



Dr. Debra Pinals, Medical Director, Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Debra A. Pinals, MD, currently serves as Michigan state medical director for behavioral health and forensic programs director of the Program in Law, Psychiatry and Ethics at the University of Michigan. Widely published and nationally recognized as a policy advisor, educator and leader in her field, she has served as a forensic psychiatrist expert witness in courts and has consulted to numerous systems on topics pertaining to mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, forensic processes, substance use and the law.



Dr. Kenneth Rogers, State Director  
South Carolina Department of Mental Health  
2414 Bull Street, Suite 321, Columbia, SC 29201

Kenneth Rogers was appointed as the State Director of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in April 2020. He is an adult, child, and adolescent psychiatrist who has spent his career in the justice system. He was previously director of the Court Evaluation Team for the Circuit Court of Baltimore. Most recently, he served as Chief of Psychiatry at Parkland Hospital where he was responsible for mental health services at the Dallas County Jail.

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Honorable John Stegner, Justice  
Idaho Supreme Court  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0101

John R. Stegner was appointed to the Idaho Supreme Court in 2018. He served for twenty-one years as a district court judge in Latah County, during which time he established their Drug and Mental Health Courts. He was previously in private practice for over twelve years. He is a recipient of the George G. Granata Jr. Award given by the Idaho Judiciary and the Distinguished Jurist Award presented by the Idaho State Bar.



Walter Thompson, Peer Support Specialist  
Jail Diversion Program, 11th Judicial Court  
1351 NW 12th Street, Miami, FL 33125

Over 4 years of experience working as a Peer Support Specialist for the 11th Judicial Court. Also works as an Intentional Peer Specialist. Teaches classes as a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Facilitator. Retired Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Army with over 20 years of active service.



Honorable Nan Waller, Judge  
Multnomah County Circuit Court  
1200 SW First Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

Nan Waller was appointed to the Circuit Court bench in Multnomah County Oregon in 2001. She has served as the Chief Family Court Judge and Presiding Judge. She currently handles the mental health dockets for her court and co-chairs the Chief Justice's Behavioral Advisory Committee.

## NCSC Contact and Primary Support for Work Group



Michelle O'Brien, JD, Principal Court Management Consultant  
National Center for State Courts  
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Michelle R. O'Brien, JD, Principal Court Management Consultant with the National Center for State Courts, was previously the Executive Director of the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice, the Specialty Courts Administrator for the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Illinois, and a Winnebago County, Illinois, Assistant State's Attorney.

## Civil, Probate, and Family Justice Work Group

### Co-chairs



Honorable Robert Brutinel  
Chief Justice of Arizona



Tonnya K. Kohn  
South Carolina State Court Administrator

### Members



Kent Batty, Senior Special Projects Consultant  
Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts  
3825 N Foothills Club Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85750

Kent Batty retired as administrator for the Pima County Superior Court in 2016, after more than 40 years in court administration, including 20 years in Michigan. He currently works for the AZ AOC and chairs the Supreme Court's statewide Committee on Mental Health and the Justice System. He is a past president of the National Association for Court Management and served on the Board of Directors of the NCSC.



Rachel Bingham, Director of Planning, Executive Officer of the Department of Family & Juvenile Services  
Kentucky Court of Justice, Administrative Office of the Courts  
1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

Rachel Bingham is the Executive Officer for Family & Juvenile Services and oversees technical assistance and training to judges, court personnel, attorneys, social workers and community partners regarding family law and juvenile justice initiatives. She also administers statewide programs such as the Court Designated Worker Program, DNA Legal Training and Citizen Foster Care Review Boards. Ms. Bingham's primary role is to continually enhance and develop court-community partnerships to improve the lives of children and families.



Honorable Theresa Dellick, Judge  
Mahoning County Juvenile Court  
300 East Scott Street, Youngstown, OH 44505

Created a high school for students who were expelled or dropped out using restorative justice and trauma-informed principles. Created a cognitive behavior therapy treatment center for students to prevent institutionalization and keep students close to home/family. Created an early warning system for schools that tracks attendance, behavior, and grades to prevent/monitor truant behavior. Appointed to several Ohio Supreme Court commissions/task forces. Received multiple national/state awards for innovative programming using evidence-based practices. Created a trauma-informed community that continues to build and add more partners regularly.



Judith L. Harris, President  
Matthew Harris Ornstein Memorial Foundation  
2212 Wyoming Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

Judith L. Harris recently retired after 45 years of practicing law in DC, both in the private sector and in the Federal government, to work full-time as President of the Foundation that she, her husband, and her surviving son established 5 1/2 years ago following the death, at age 34, of her older son Matthew, a graduate of Princeton, who died as the result of an undiagnosed and untreated serious mental illness.



## Civil, Probate, and Family Justice Work Group

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Joseph Homlar, Director - Child Welfare Division  
Office of Children, Youth & Families - Colorado Department of Human Services  
1575 Sherman Street Denver, CO 80203

Joe Homlar has served as the Child Welfare Division Director for the Colorado Department of Human Services since November 2019. Before this, he served at Denver Human Services managing Child Welfare and Adult Protection, Child Support Services, services for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and interoperability projects. Other areas of professional involvement include clinical and school social work.



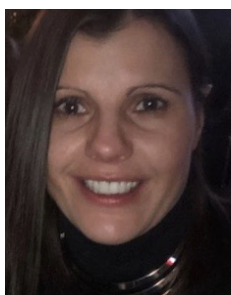
Honorable Milton Mack, State Court Administrator Emeritus  
Michigan State Court Administrative Office  
Michigan Hall of Justice, PO Box 30048, Lansing, MI 48909

Milton Mack is Michigan State Court Administrator Emeritus having served as State Court Administrator from 2015-2020. Appointed as a probate judge in 1990 he served as Chief Judge from 1998-2015 and received the Treat Award from the National College of Probate Judges in 2010. He also served as President of the Michigan Probate Judges Association and Chair of the Judicial Conference.



Honorable Kathleen Quigley, Judge  
Pima County Superior Court, Juvenile  
2225 East Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713

In 2009, Kathleen was appointed as a Pima County Juvenile Court Commissioner. Governor Brewer appointed her to serve as a judge on the Pima County Superior Court Bench in 2012. She served as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court from 2014-2020 and now serves as the Associate Presiding Juvenile Court Judge. She has volunteered to serve on many community, professional and court related committees since 1987.



Neira Siaperas, Juvenile Court Administrator  
Utah State Courts  
Matheson Courthouse, 450 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-0241

Appointed as the Utah Juvenile Court Administrator in 2018. She has served in various roles in Utah Courts since 2002, including a Trial Court Executive, an Assistant Juvenile Court Administrator, a Probation Supervisor, and a Probation Officer.



Honorable Sheldon Spotted Elk, IPA Director  
Casey Family Programs  
1755 Blake Street, Suite 275, Denver, CO 80202

Sheldon Spotted Elk works for Casey Family Programs as an IPA Director, placed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Tribal Justice Support working with tribal courts. He was appointed to the Ute Indian Tribe Court of Appeals in 2019. He formerly represented children in dependency and delinquency proceedings. He is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and has two sons.

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Dr. Linda Teplin, Director, Health Disparities and Public Policy  
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine  
710 North Lake Shore Drive, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60611

Professor Teplin conducts large-scale studies of the interface between the mental health and criminal justice systems. In addition to publishing papers in widely-disseminated professional journals, her work has been cited in reports of the Surgeon General, used in amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, presented in congressional hearings, and widely disseminated by federal agencies and advocacy groups. Her honors include the Young Scientist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (1990), the MERIT Award from the National Institute of Mental Health (1995) and the American Psychological Association's award for "Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy" (1992).



Dr. Sarah Y. Vinson, Child & Adolescent, Adult and Forensic Psychiatrist  
Lorio Forensics, Morehouse School of Medicine  
675 Seminole Avenue NE, Unit T-03, Atlanta, GA 30307

Sarah Y. Vinson, MD is a triple board-certified Child & Adolescent, Adult and Forensic Psychiatrist. She is a Psychiatric Advisor for the Judges Psychiatry Leadership Initiative and faculty at Morehouse School of Medicine and Emory School of Medicine. She is the founder and principal consultant of Lorio Forensics and has been admitted as an expert in family, civil, criminal, state, and federal courts. She is based in Atlanta, GA.

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Patricia Tobias, Principle Court Management Consultant  
National Center for State Courts  
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Patti Tobias has been a NCSC Principal Court Management Consultant since 2014, after serving 20+ years as the Idaho State Court Administrator and 13 years with the Missouri Courts at both the trial and state court level. She is a past president of the Conference of State Court Administrators and served as Vice-Chair, NCSC Board of Directors. She was honored with the Warren E. Burger Award for Excellence in Court Administration in 2012.

## Education and Partnerships Work Group

### Co-chairs



Honorable Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana



Marcia M. Meis  
Director  
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

### Members



Honorable James Bianco, Judge  
Los Angeles County Superior Court  
5925 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90028

James Bianco became a California Superior Court Judge in 2008, and has exclusively handled mental health-related cases since 2013. He previously served as a Superior Court Commissioner, and spent 17 years in practice, primarily as a criminal defense attorney and prosecutor. He chairs the Mental Health Committee of the California Judges Association, and serves on numerous Advisory Committees of the Judicial Council of California. He received the Hon. Robert Takasugi Judicial Excellence Award in 2019.



Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, President NASJE / Deputy Director of Employee Education and Development Unit  
State of Connecticut Judicial Branch  
225 Spring Street, 2nd Floor, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Janice Calvi-Ruimerman began her career with Judicial in 1999 after briefly practicing law in Connecticut. Subsequent to her clerking for the superior court, Janice led the state's e-filing project, the Branch's Continuing Education department charged with Judges' Education, and now oversees the Branch's Strategic Plan initiative as well as the Employee Education and Development Unit. Janice is the president of The National Association of State Judicial Educators (NASJE).



Dr. Michael K. Champion, Medical Director  
Hawaii Department of Health - Adult Mental Health Division  
350 Ward Avenue, Suite 106-378, Honolulu, HI 96814

Michael K. Champion is the Medical Director and former Forensic Chief of the Hawaii Department of Health's Adult Mental Health Division. He is Co-Chair of the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative and is the current Vice President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. He has over 25 years of experience working at the mental health-criminal justice interface and served in senior administrative roles in academic, private, and public mental health settings.



Paul DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services  
Supreme Court of Virginia  
100 N 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Paul DeLosh joined Virginia's Administrative Office of the Courts in 1991 and was appointed Director of the Department of Judicial Services in 2004. The Department serves the courts of Virginia through its Court, Dispute Resolution, Specialty Dockets, Records Management, and Foreign Language Services divisions. Paul served in a leadership role with the National Association for Court Management (NACM) since 2004 last serving as President from 2018-19.

## Education and Partnerships Work Group



Russell Deyo, Retired, General Counsel  
Johnson & Johnson  
410 George Street, GS325, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Russ Deyo served in 2016 as the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. He previously was General Counsel and VP of Administration of Johnson & Johnson following his tenure as an Asst. US Attorney in NJ. Since retiring, he served on the board of NCSC and is serving on the board of the mental health nonprofit One Mind and as a Visiting Associate at the Eagleton Institute.



Sonja Gaines, MBA, Deputy Executive Commissioner  
Health and Human Service Commission/ IDD and Behavioral Health Services  
4900 N Lamar Boulevard, Austin, TX 78751

Sonja Gaines has more than 25 years' experience leading community mental health services in Texas. Sonja came to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in 2014 as the first Associate Commissioner for Mental Health Coordination working across 23 state agencies. In 2016, Sonja also assumed leadership for the policy and delivery of community IDD and BH services within Texas HHSC as the Deputy Executive Commissioner for IDD and Behavioral Health Services.



Honorable Christopher Goff, Associate Justice  
Indiana Supreme Court  
200 West Washington Street, Room 324, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Christopher Goff was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in June 2017. Prior to appointment, he served as Wabash County Superior Court Judge, establishing three certified problem-solving courts. He led a successful statewide expansion of family recovery courts. He received the Century Award from Bowen Center, the state's largest community mental health provider, for establishing a culture of mental health. He currently serves as chair of state JRAC and teaches problem-solving courts at Indiana University.



Honorable Steve Leifman, Judge  
11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida  
1351 NW 12th Street, Room 617, Miami, FL 33125

Judge Leifman is the Associate Administrative Judge of the Miami-Dade County Court - Criminal Division. From 2007 - 2010, Judge Leifman served as Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health for the Supreme Court of Florida. He chairs the Steering Committee on Problem Solving Courts for the Supreme Court of Florida and the Mental Health Committee for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. In 2015, Judge Leifman received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.



Dr. Kenneth Minkoff, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, ZiaPartners, Inc.  
Part-Time Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School  
15270 North Oracle Road, Suite 124-308, Catalina, AZ 85739

International leader on the development of recovery oriented integrated systems of care for individuals with complex needs, including those with co-occurring mental health and SUD, along with other health, justice, and human service challenges. Board member of American Association of Community Psychiatry and College for BH Leadership. Member of SAMHSA's Interdepartmental SMI Coordinating Committee: 2017-2020. Co-Chair Committee on Psychiatry and the Community, Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry. Recent publications: People with Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System: Answering a Cry for Help (2016), and Getting to an Ideal BH Crisis System (in press 2020).

## Education and Partnerships Work Group

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Gary Raney, President  
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Sheriff Gary Raney (ret) served almost 32 years with the Ada County Sheriff's Office in Boise, Idaho and was the elected sheriff for the last 10. Since retiring in 2015, he stays busy with his second career by consulting on law enforcement policy and practices.



Honorable Kathryn Zenoff, Appellate Court Justice  
Illinois Appellate Court Second District  
6801 Spring Creek Road, Rockford, IL 61114

Kathryn E. Zenoff assumed her position on the Illinois Appellate Court in May, 2007 after having served as a trial judge and Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit. Since 2010, she has chaired the Illinois Supreme Court Special Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning. She also co-chairs the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Committee of the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

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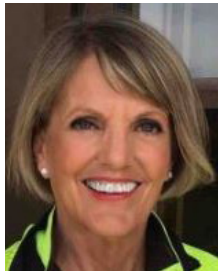
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