

BEFORE AND AFTER: DATA ON THE IMPACT OF BAIL REFORM

Karol V. Mason

President, [John Jay College of Criminal Justice](#)



Over the course of her long career, John Jay College President Karol V. Mason has been a legal pioneer and an exceptional voice for equality, fairness, and criminal justice reform. She was a leader in the Obama Administration on juvenile justice issues, bail reform and re-entry for individuals leaving prison, and in her distinguished career at Alston & Bird LLP, she was the first African American woman elected as chair of the management committee at any major national firm.

As United States Assistant Attorney General and head of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Mason oversaw an annual budget of \$4 billion to support an array of state and local criminal justice agencies, juvenile justice programs, and services for crime victims, and oversaw the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, among a wide range of other efforts. She led the Department of Justice's work to address the issue of community trust in the

justice system through a variety of programs including the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, a partnership with John Jay College and other academic institutions across the country designed to address lack of trust in the criminal justice system.

Previously, Mason served as Deputy Associate Attorney General from 2009 to 2012. She led the Office of Justice Programs from June 2013 to January 2017 after being nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Mason spent almost three decades at Alston & Bird, LLP, where she chaired the Public Finance Group. She was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina from 2001 to 2009 and Vice Chair of that Board from 2007 to 2009. Mason received an A.B. in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina, and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

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Rossana Rosado

Commissioner, [New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services](#)



Rossana Rosado is the 13th individual – the first Latina, second person of color and only the third woman – to lead the Division of Criminal Justice Service since its creation in 1972. Prior to joining the agency in November 2021, she served as New York’s Secretary of State for nearly six years.

Commissioner Rosado’s state service follows a 30-year career as a media executive and award-winning producer, which included serving as the first female Editor and Publisher of El Diario La Prensa, the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the country.

Her transition to DCJS culminates her personal and professional passions and presents an opportunity to deepen the impact that the agency has on the criminal justice system to ensure that it works fairly, equitably, and efficiently for all New Yorkers.

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Joseph J. Popcun

Executive Deputy Commissioner, [New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services](#)



Joseph J. (Joe) Popcun serves as Executive Deputy Commissioner, which is the number two position at the agency. Prior to joining the DCJS, he served as Director of Policy and Practice at the [Rockefeller Institute of Government](#) and Executive Director of the [Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium](#).

At the same time, in partnership with the Department of State, Joe was the Executive Director of the New York State Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration. During 2020 and 2021, he advised the New York Governor's COVID-19 response and recovery operations.

Joe also has served as Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning at DCJS, as well as Assistant Secretary and Policy Advisor for Public Safety in the New York State Governor's Office. He joined state service in 2013 as an Excelsior Fellow in the Governor's Office. He lives in Albany with his wife and their two children.

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Leigh Bates

*Deputy Commissioner, Division of Criminal Justice Services' Office of
Justice Research and Performance*



Leigh Bates has 15 years of experience in criminal justice research and policy analysis in New York State. As Deputy Commissioner in the Division of Criminal Justice Services' Office of Justice Research and Performance, Leigh oversees staff who prepare criminal justice statistics, research and analysis to support policy and inform decision-making, including assessing criminal justice programming to improve alignment with the evidence base, providing research and analytic support for gun violence reduction initiatives, and overseeing the development of the Criminal Justice Knowledge Bank and Research Consortium, which promote the use of evidence based practices and support local practitioner and researcher partnerships.

Leigh currently oversees research and analysis related to youth justice, firearm violence, bail reform, and other criminal justice initiatives. Leigh holds a Master of Public

Administration from the University of Arizona and a PhD in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany, SUNY.

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Krystal Rodriguez

Policy Director, [Data Collaborative for Justice](#)



Krystal is Policy Director of the Data Collaborative for Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Focusing on the criminal legal system and the overuse of jails, she develops policy recommendations to support evidence-based criminal justice reforms and provides legal analysis and interpretation to inform DCJ's research. She received her Juris Doctorate from the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law. She previously served as the Director of Law and Justice Policy, Jail Reform at the Center for Court Innovation, where she focused on the

harms caused by the jails in New York City.

Her work included planning and piloting initiatives to reduce jail populations and divert individuals away from pretrial detention, including supporting the expansion of NYC's supervised release program. She also offered training and technical assistance to municipalities throughout the country seeking to institute reforms. Krystal draws on her years as a public defender with Brooklyn Defender Services, where she represented clients charged with misdemeanor and felony matters, from arraignment to disposition. During law school, she represented non-citizen clients in deportation proceedings, and advised on law enforcement interactions as a part of Main Street Legal Services and CLEAR Project. She also served on the Law Review Editorial Board.

Krystal offers expertise on bail reform efforts, the criminal legal system, and court practices and policies.

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Michael Rempel

Director, [Data Collaborative for Justice](#)



Michael Rempel is Director of the Data Collaborative for Justice at John Jay College. He previously served as Director of Jail Reform at the Center for Court Innovation and, before that, spent many years as the Center's Research Director. His interests and recent publications concern efforts to safely reduce New York City's jail population; bail and discovery reform; racial disparities in prosecution; felony case delay; and jail trends since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He previously served as staff to the Lippman Commission and coauthor of its 2017 report calling for the closure of the infamous Rikers Island jails; and in 2021 coauthored a second report with the Commission offering a data-driven roadmap for minimizing the city's future reliance on jail. In the past, he frequently studied adult drug courts, court responses to intimate partner violence, and formal risk assessments. He has long been interested in bridging the gap between the worlds of research and policy and, in his earlier research work, participated in evidence-based training and technical assistance initiatives in New York, nationally, and internationally (the latter in partnership with the Organization of American States).