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Webinar | Bail Reform & Public Safety: What We Know & How to Move Forward

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Krystal is Policy Director for 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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René is a Senior Research Associate at the Data Collaborative for Justice where he is working on research projects pertaining to New York's bail reform, case processing, delays in New York courts, and recent changes in NYC's jail population. Before joining DCJ, René was a Senior Research Associate at the New York City Criminal Justice Agency (CJA) where he conducted research on several topics, including the effectiveness of court-date reminders, juvenile justice issues, and the consequences of pretrial detention. Prior to that, he held the position of Research Associate at The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC), a non-profit that provides therapeutic and educational

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Deanna Logan serves as the Director of MOCJ. She previously served as the General Counsel and Deputy Director of Crime Strategies for the office. She joined MOCJ in 2019 as the Deputy Director of Crime Strategies, and coordinated the efforts of courts, DOC, CHS, DSS, DOF and NYPD to meet the requirements of the City's Criminal Justice Reform Act. Prior to joining MOCJ she worked with DA Darcel Clark to design, establish and supervise the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau. Prior to her work in the Bronx, Deanna served as the Assistant Commissioner at the New York City Department of Correction (DOC), where she worked to reform and strengthen internal discipline. The first eight years of Deanna's career was spent in public service as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the New York

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Alana brings an extensive advocacy background to her work, having held senior positions at the New York City Council and with advocacy organizations like A More Just

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