



Re- imagine justice

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Our work



Helped launch in New York City the first universal public defender program in the nation for poor immigrants facing deportation, which is now being used as a model for similar programs nationwide.



Helped New Mexico reduce the number of people held in solitary confinement by 36%.



Helped the Housing Authority of New Orleans overhaul their rules so that people with criminal histories are no longer shut out of public housing.



Expanded access to high-quality college education for more than 12,000 incarcerated people in 28 states through the Second Chance Pell Pilot Program.



Delivered new insights on the growth of jail incarceration in each of our nation's 3,000 counties—by building an online, interactive data tool that connects 14 million data points.



Helped New Orleans reduce its jail population from 6,300 on the eve of Hurricane Katrina to 1,600 as of April 2016.

Program

Introduction **TANYA ACKER**, Master of Ceremonies
Hot Bench, CBS Television Distribution

Welcome **NICHOLAS R. TURNER**
President, Vera Institute of Justice

Video **REIMAGINE JUSTICE**

Remarks **SAMUEL DAVID FLORES MURILLO**
Client, Brooklyn Defender Services, New York Immigrant Family
Unity Project (NYIFUP)

INTRODUCTION BY KEVIN KEENAN
Executive Vice President and Special Counsel,
Vera Institute of Justice

Dinner

Presentation **STEVEN M. COHEN**
Executive Vice President,
Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel
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AWARD PRESENTED BY KAREN PATTON SEYMOUR
Development & Communications Committee Chair and Trustee,
Vera Institute of Justice; Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

Conversation **DANNEL P. MALLOY**
Governor of Connecticut

VANITA GUPTA
Former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Head of the Civil Rights
Division, United States Department of Justice; incoming President and Chief
Executive Officer, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

PAT NOLAN
Director, Center for Criminal Justice Reform,
American Conservative Union Foundation

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Partner, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

Dessert Reception

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The Vera Institute of Justice demonstrates to policy-makers and citizens, regardless of their party affiliation or political orientation, that changing our justice system is better for American society, and for our shared future. Vera advances creative solutions by working directly with public leaders to reform our public institutions: our police departments, our courts, the immigration system, and our jails and prisons. We drive practical, concrete, and far-reaching change. Our goal is a justice system that holds substantially fewer people in jail, prioritizes restoration and socialization over retribution, and delivers access, safety, and fairness to the diverse communities that make up America.

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