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CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2023: WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT'S CHANGED AND WHAT'S AHEAD (CLE)

TUESDAY, AUG. 15 | 2:45 PM-3:45 PM

Session Description: From increased fentanyl overdoses to the raging car and catalytic converter theft crisis, lawmakers are rethinking criminal justice reform. Join us to explore what happened in 2023 sessions to expand public safety strategies, invest in new resources and use data to drive policy decisions, and hear about legislation introduced in Congress.

Agenda:

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| 2:45 – 2:50 p.m. | Susan Parnas Frederick, NCSL |
| 2:50 – 2:55 p.m. | Amanda Essex, NCSL |
| 2:55 – 3:05 p.m. | Susan Parnas Frederick, NCSL |
| 3:05 – 3:20 p.m. | Senator Westerfield, Kentucky |
| 3:20 – 3:35 p.m. | Representative Roger Goodman, Washington |
| 3:35 – 3:45 p.m. | Questions and Answers |

Biographies

Susan Parnas Frederick*
Senior Federal Affairs Counsel
National Conference of State Legislatures

Susan Parnas Frederick staffs NCSL's Law and Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, Executive Task Force on Cybersecurity and Privacy Work Group and the Task Force on Immigration. She also works on federal elections and redistricting policy issues affecting states. Previously, Parnas Frederick was a senior legislative counsel at the National League of Cities. She earned a B.A. from the University of Virginia and a law degree from American University.

Amanda Essex*
Program Principal, Criminal Justice
National Conference of State Legislatures

As a program principal in NCSL's Criminal and Civil Justice Program, Amanda Essex focuses on corrections and sentencing, community supervision, corrections budgets, criminal justice data and immigration. Essex also staffs the Task Force on Immigration and the States and has nearly ten years of experience with NCSL. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Colorado State University, holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and is a member of the Colorado Bar.

Senator Whitney Westerfield*
Kentucky General Assembly

Senator Whitney Westerfield represents the 3rd District including Christian, Logan, and Todd counties. Westerfield is the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and also serves as a member of the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee; the Agriculture Committee; the Natural Resources and Energy Committee; the Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity; and serves as co-chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council.

Westerfield is a lifelong resident of Hopkinsville, in Christian County, Ky., and presently is an attorney with the Fletcher Law Firm in Hopkinsville after serving over five years as an assistant commonwealth's attorney. Now in private practice, he serves clients all over western Kentucky.

Westerfield received his bachelor's in communication, with university and departmental honors, at the University of Kentucky in 2003. Westerfield received his juris doctor in the spring of 2006 from Southern Illinois University School of Law, and has been an active member of the Kentucky Bar since October 2006 and the Tennessee Bar since 2012.

Representative Roger Goodman*
Washington Legislature

Representative Roger Goodman is chair of the House Public Safety Committee, with oversight of the criminal justice system. He is also a senior member of the House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee and serves on the House Children, Youth and Families Committee. His legislative work has focused on reducing drunken driving and the harm from domestic violence and expanding early childhood education programs. An attorney and criminal justice expert, Goodman served on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. as legislative director, counsel and chief of staff for two senior Democratic Members of Congress in the 1980s and 1990s. In the late

1990s, Goodman also directed the Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Goodman is admitted to practice law in Washington State and Rhode Island, the First and Ninth Federal Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. He received an A.B. (artium baccalaureus) degree as a Senior Fellow from Dartmouth College; a Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, where he concentrated on social policy issues, including criminal justice, public health, education reform and economic security.

*Denotes the speaker is an attorney.

