

Biographies:

Amy Bach, Executive Director and President, founded Measures for Justice in April 2011 as a follow-up to her acclaimed book, *Ordinary Injustice: How America Holds Court*, which won the 2010 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award. In June 2011, Echoing Green, a premier seed investor for social entrepreneurs, selected Amy as a Fellow out of 3,000 candidates worldwide to support the launch of Measures for Justice. For her work on *Ordinary Injustice*, Ms. Bach received a Soros Media Fellowship, a special J. Anthony Lukas citation, and a Radcliffe Fellowship.

Amy was a Knight Foundation Journalism Fellow at Yale Law School and a graduate of Stanford Law School. In 2012, she taught Criminal Law during the spring semester at the University of Buffalo Law School as a Visiting Professor.

Samantha J. Silver, Director of Operations, joined Measures for Justice in 2011 and works closely with Amy to help turn her vision and the MFJ mission into a reality. Samantha provides ongoing organizational and project strategic counsel, project management, and day-to-day operational support.

Prior to joining MFJ, Samantha worked for over ten years with leading public relations agencies, including the global PR firm, Edelman. Her work there included a posting to Shanghai as the Asia Pacific Marketing Manager where she created and implemented business strategies and marketing campaigns to reposition Edelman across eight Asia-Pacific markets.

Samantha received an executive MBA from Washington University's Olin School of Business in Shanghai, China, and a BA in Honors Sociology from McGill University in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Dr. Gipsy Escobar, Director of Research and Analytics, has extensive multidisciplinary criminal justice research experience designing and managing complex research projects, mentoring staff, and communicating research results to varied audiences; she is proficient in multiple statistical platforms and advanced computer mapping software. As MFJ's Director of Research & Analytics, she is responsible for overseeing and managing ongoing research studies employing diverse quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Previously, Gipsy was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and a faculty member of the Graduate School at Loyola University of Chicago. She received her Ph.D. from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and The Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Her research interests include crime and justice measurement, program evaluation, and the spatial study of crime correlates at the community level.

Andrew Branch, Director of Technology and Product, architects MFJ's product line and heads its implementation. Andrew brings over 25 years of software development experience with 15 years managing and mentoring small software development teams, most recently at LincWare

and Qarbon. He has designed and delivered numerous business and consumer oriented products over that time.

Andrew has a BS in Computer Science from Siena College and an MS in Computer Science from RIT.

Christian Gossett, elected District Attorney for Winnebago County, Wisconsin, since 2007, has spent his tenure working to find ways to evaluate criminal justice processes and outcomes and to improve system effectiveness. Gossett has also focused on building community partnerships and creating and implementing programs that serve both the rehabilitative needs of low-level offenders and the quality of life and safety of the community. Throughout his work, Gossett has advocated for the importance of academic research, science, and evidence-based decision making to criminal justice reform. He has a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, a B.A. from St. Olaf College with majors in Metaphysics, Philosophical Theology, and Psychology, and prior Certification as a Law Enforcement Officer.

Melba V. Pearson is the Immediate Past President of the National Black Prosecutors Association and the Deputy Director of ACLU of Florida. Before joining the ACLU, Ms. Pearson was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County for 16 years. After prosecuting a variety of crimes, she was selected to join the Domestic Crimes Unit, focusing on serious domestic violence crimes, as well as homicides for close to four years. Ms. Pearson was also integral to the re-launch of the Community Prosecution Unit, whose goal is partnering with the community to find creative solutions to prevent crime and provide outreach. She ended her prosecutorial career as the Assistant Chief in the Career Criminal/Robbery Unit, supervising junior attorneys while prosecuting homicides. Ms. Pearson is the Co-Chair of the Prosecution Function Committee of the American Bar Association, as well as the Membership Chair of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association in South Florida.

William Cervone has been the elected State Attorney for the 8th Judicial Circuit since 2000. Prior to that, he was an Assistant State Attorney for the 8th Circuit for 20 years, working not only on the trial of cases ranging from simple misdemeanors to the most serious capital murders but also in the administration and management of the office. He currently serves as President of the Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association. He is active in many community organizations, especially those that are related to criminal justice and juvenile justice crimes. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Law School, where he has taught Trial Tactics for over 20 years, and has been a frequent instructor at professional seminars for prosecutors over the years. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and a 1973 graduate of the University of Florida Law School.

Troy Rawlings has been the elected District Attorney in Davis County, Utah, since 2007. Prior to this office, Rawlings was the Section Chief of the Special Prosecutions Unit in the Davis County Attorney's Office. As both a prosecutors and defense attorney, he has handled numerous cases and has been involved in many jury and bench trials related to violent crimes against children and women. Rawlings also serves on the Advisory Board of the National Center for Prosecutor Integrity and the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. He has received both state and national professional awards, including the National Children's Alliance (N.A.C.) Bud Cramer

Award for supporting Children's Justice Centers and protecting and advocating for the safety of children. Many of Troy's cases have been featured on local or national television, including CNN, Fox News, and Dateline NBC, and he has been a frequent local and national presenter.

Dean Beer is the Chief Public Defender of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Before joining the Montgomery County Public Defenders Office, Beer was a Special Education Attorney with McAndrews Law Office, in Berwyn PA. Beer also served as an Assistant Public Defender in both the trial and appeals division of the Defender Association of Philadelphia. He has extensive trial experience and has argued before both the Pennsylvania Superior and Supreme Courts. In addition to having extensive trial experience, Beer also co-founded the immigration project in the Philadelphia Defender Association.

Dan Satterberg has served in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO) for more than three decades, and was first elected to lead the office in November 2007, succeeding Norm Maleng. He had served as Chief of Staff to Norm Maleng for 17 years, and was responsible for the management and operation of the PAO.

Together with community partners, Satterberg has created successful programs to keep young people engaged in school, to divert youth from the courtroom, explore the potential of restorative justice to address youth violence.

Satterberg is the co-chair of the Washington State Reentry Council and the host of "Community Justice Radio," on KVRU FM 105.7, and of the cable TV show, "The Prosecutor's Partners," each an outlet to interview people in the community making a difference for justice. Satterberg graduated from the UW undergraduate school (Political Science and Journalism) and the UW Law School. He has two adult children and has been married for more than 30 years.

Thomas Maher is the Executive Director of North Carolina's Office of Indigent Defense. The office oversees the provision of counsel to indigent defendants in criminal cases, and to parents in abuse/neglect/dependency and termination-of-parental rights cases, through public defender office's and private assigned counsel. Maher previously practiced criminal defense in state and federal court, handling both retained and appointed cases, including capital murder and other serious charges, appearing on the North Carolina Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and numerous federal district and appellate courts. Maher clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from 1982-1984 after graduating from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Maher also teaches trial practice at Duke University School of Law.

Judge Steven Leifman is an associate administrative judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. From 2007 – 2010, he served as Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health for the Supreme Court of Florida. In this capacity, Judge Leifman was responsible for chairing the Court's Mental Health Subcommittee. Since October, 2010 Judge Leifman has chaired the Florida Supreme Court's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Court.

In recognition of his tireless efforts, Judge Leifman has received numerous awards including; the 2015 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. One of the nation's highest judicial honors, the Rehnquist Award is presented annually to a state court judge who exemplifies judicial excellence, integrity, fairness, and professional ethics. Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. presented the award to Judge Leifman during a ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 2015.

Judge Leifman has been appointed to serve in a variety of capacities on local, state, and national bodies, including Co- Chair of the Council of State Governments/TAPA Center for Jail Diversion Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative, Co-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Mental Health Task Force, Board of Directors of the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, member of the National Leadership Forum for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Services, member of the American Bar Association Task Force on Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards, and a Voluntary Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami School of Medicine. In addition, Judge Leifman serves as Chair of the South Florida Behavioral Health Network and Finance Chair of the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust. He is also the past Board Chair of Florida Partners in Crisis.