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John Baldwin was named director of the Illinois Department of Corrections August 14, 2011, by Governor Bruce Rauner. He is responsible for overseeing the management and operations of more than 35 Illinois state prisons, work camps, boot camps and transition centers, as well as the supervision of parolees.

John brings more than 35 years of overall experience to the position. As director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, he oversees a staff of nearly 11,600 employees, an offender population of 44,400 and a parole population of 28,000.

In addition to his leadership as director, he is moving the agency forward in areas of mental health, core correctional practices, technological upgrades in staff training, programming reemphasis in evidence-based practices that include education, vocational, Industries, life skills and data systems that provide decision-making information to staff.

Prior to joining the Illinois Department of Corrections, John served as Iowa's corrections director as well as deputy director of administration. He holds a master's degree in political science from Iowa State University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Iowa.

CARROLL BOGERT

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As President, Carroll Bogert is responsible for leading the work of The Marshall Project, a nonprofit newsroom that covers criminal justice in the United States. Marshall Project staff reporters have written more than 1,000 stories since the organization's launch three years ago, covering subjects from policing and gun violence to prison conditions, the death penalty, juvenile justice, health and mental health, and immigration. The Marshall Project's major investigations are co-published with mainstream media such as the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, Vice, and more than 100 others. The Marshall Project is the youngest news organization ever to win the Pulitzer Prize.

Carroll previously spent 18 years as deputy director of Human Rights Watch, an international human rights organization working in more than 90 countries. She oversaw media operations in dozens of media markets, including websites in seven languages and social media followings in the millions. Carroll founded a multimedia unit that produced more than 100 features a year and won Peabody awards for its multimedia work in Russia and Papua New Guinea. During Carroll's tenure on the executive management team, Human Rights Watch grew to be eight times its size when she joined the organization.

Carroll began her career as a foreign correspondent for Newsweek magazine for 12 years, first in Beijing, then in Southeast Asia, and finally in Moscow at the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union. She is a native of Chicago and speaks Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and French. She has two daughters and lives in Harlem.

JOHN BOUMAN

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John Bouman has been president of the Shriver Center since 2007, having been the leader of its advocacy programs since 1996.

John was a leader in the design and implementation of positive aspects of Illinois' new welfare law in 1997, and he spearheaded the statewide efforts in Illinois to create both the Family Care program, which provides health care insurance for up to 400,000 working poor parents of minor children, and All Kids, the first state plan to extend health coverage to every child. He currently is working on state-based implementation of federal health care reform and leads the Responsible Budget Coalition, an effort bringing together more than 200 diverse organizations to advocate for state revenue and budget reform in Illinois.

Before joining the Shriver Center in 1996, John worked for two decades at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, where he supervised public benefits advocacy. Among his honors, he has received the Kutak-Dodds Prize from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award from the American Bar Association's Litigation Section and the Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service Award from the United States District Court and Federal Bar Association.

A 1975 graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law, John currently serves on the boards of Illinois Partners for Human Service and the Center for Law and Social Policy, and he is a member of the National Advisory Committee to the United States Census Bureau on Race, Ethnic and Other Populations.

AMY P. CAMPANELLI

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Amy Campanelli was sworn in as the tenth Public Defender of Cook County on April 1, 2015. Her appointment was the culmination of 27 years of representing the indigent accused. She served as an Assistant Public Defender in the Juvenile Division and later in the Felony Trial Division from 1987-1998. After five years in private practice she returned to the office of the Public Defender in 2003 as an Attorney Supervisor in the Felony Trial Division.

Amy became the Chief Public Defender of the Bridgeview Courthouse in 2008 and the Capital Case Coordinator for the Office in 2010, while coordinating all death penalty litigation resources in the Office. In that capacity she organized jury focus groups and spearheaded a two-day capital litigation conference with experts from around the globe. After the death penalty was abolished in Illinois, she served as Deputy Chief of the Homicide Task Force and Deputy Chief of the Felony Trial Division and then Deputy Public Defender in charge of all five Suburban districts in Cook County, a position she held until her appointment as the Public Defender.

Over the years, Amy has been a frequent lecturer and trainer on mental health issues, trial advocacy, trial preparation, and therapeutic courts. She is committed to reducing incarceration of her clients by supporting smart, fair, and non-discriminatory criminal justice reform at every stage of the process, and through a holistic client-centered approach. Working with other stakeholders, she launched the first Restorative Justice Community Court in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago. She also obtained an historic order from the Chief Judge of

Cook County, authorizing assistant public defenders to enter police stations to represent anyone who requests counsel.

Ms. Campanelli received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana and her Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

M. MICHELLE DAY

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Michelle Day is a minister, attorney and certified mediator, with more than 25 years of experience in conflict transformation. She is dedicated to the healing of community.

Michelle founded Nehemiah Trinity Rising, a 501c3 corporation, which serves to educate and train individuals and groups regarding restorative justice and provides implementation strategies for restorative justice practices in all community settings. Through Nehemiah, Michelle participated in drafting the restorative justice implementation plan for Chicago Public Schools, and led the implementation of restorative justice in several schools, including York Alternative High School, (serving youth in Cook County Jail). She has facilitated the implementation of restorative justice education and training for returning citizens, who in turn provide re-entry assistance to others. Through the Illinois Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Collaborative, she is assisting in developing trauma informed communities and congregations.

Michelle is employed as Program Administrator for the Resource Section of the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department of the Circuit Court of Cook County. In this capacity she assists Judge Sophia Hall in developing restorative justice collaborations between court, community, public and private agencies to meet the needs of court involved children and families. She serves as the Resource Section member of the city wide Community Restorative Justice HUBS leadership circle, which provides guidance and evaluation to restorative justice hubs, and she assisted in the formation of the Community Restorative Justice Court.

Michelle is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary (M.Div.), DePaul College of Law and Indiana University.

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Victor Dickson is the President and CEO of Safer Foundation, which is a national leader in the fields of community corrections, prisoner reentry and workforce development. Through a comprehensive suite of programs and services, Safer Foundation assists individuals pre-and post-release from jail or prison with a full spectrum of services designed to overcome the barriers to reentry. The core of Safer's mission is job preparation and placement, which enables Safer Foundation clients to experience a substantially lower rate of recidivism. Safer Foundation provides "a road back" for individuals to reenter as productive, contributing members of society.

Mr. Dickson brings a unique blend of leadership experience to the Safer Foundation. His experience includes more than 20 years in the corporate sector with AT&T and Sprint, where he served as National Vice President Sales Support & Infrastructure Services.

In 2014, Victor was appointed by the governor to the Illinois Human Services Commission. He also represents Safer Foundation on the Illinois Commission to Eliminate Poverty and the Illinois workforce Investment Board.

Mr. Dickson is a graduate of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

KIMBERLY M. FOXX

Cook County State's Attorney

Kimberly Foxx is the first African American woman to lead the Cook County State's Attorney's Office – the second largest prosecutor's office in the country. Kim was elected to the top prosecutor post, after claiming victory in a historic election, during a critical time for the criminal justice system in Chicago. Kim's message of reform, restoring trust, and working with the community to increase public safety, resonated with the diverse citizens across the county who want to see a more balanced criminal justice system.

Kim took office on Dec. 1, 2016 with a vision for transforming the Cook County State's Attorney's Office into a fairer, more forward-thinking agency focused on rebuilding the public trust, promoting transparency, and being proactive in making all communities safe. She is committed to making the office more responsive to the people of Cook County.

Kim's passion for public service is deeply personal. She spent her early childhood growing up in the Cabrini Green public housing complex, raised by her teenage mother and grandmother. Her life experiences gave her insight on the impact of crime, violence and poverty on our communities. That consciousness inspired Kim to pursue a career in public service as she sought to improve life in communities like the one in which she was raised.

Prior to being elected State's Attorney, Kim served as Chief of Staff for the Cook County Board President. As the President's senior advisor and lead strategist, she oversaw a \$4 billion annual budget and worked on issues ranging from county finances to public safety and juvenile detention. Kim was the lead architect of the county's criminal justice reform agenda to address racial disparities in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Her efforts contributed to a significant drop in the Cook County jail population while promoting public safety.

A veteran prosecutor, Kim served as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for 12 years, rising through the ranks to supervise dozens of Assistant State's Attorneys in felony juvenile courtrooms.

Kim is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where she earned a B.A. in Political Science and a J.D. from the SIU School of Law. She is a member of Leadership Greater Chicago and the Chicago Council of Lawyers.

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Mark Heyrman's principal responsibilities at the Law School involve teaching effective advocacy to students of the Law School's Mandel Clinic through supervising these students in litigation and legislative advocacy on behalf of persons with mental illness. He also teaches Law and the Mental Health System and, with the other clinical teachers, Pre-Trial Advocacy and an Intensive Trial Practice Workshop.

Mark is a member of the mental health committees of the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He was member of the board of Mental Health America from 2004 to 2010 and chair of its Public Policy Committee from 2007 to 2010. He is past president of Mental Health America of Illinois, a current member of its board and chair of its Public Policy Committee. Mark is also a member and immediate past chairperson of the Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council and founder and facilitator of the Mental Health Summit. In 1988, he served as executive director of the Governor's Commission to Revise the Mental Health Code of Illinois.

Mark is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Chicago Law School.

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Mark Ishaug has spent more than 30 years advocating for the rights of stigmatized and vulnerable people. He spent decades as a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS as CEO of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. For the past six years, he has been at the helm of Thresholds, an innovative community-based service provider that serves more than 17,000 people with serious mental illnesses each year in nine Illinois counties. During his tenure at Thresholds, he has overseen explosive growth, but also a culture shift that embraces change, innovation, transparency, and yes – love. Thresholds has been recognized for four consecutive years as Chicago Tribune's Top Workplaces and Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For! Mark holds an MA in Political Science from Northwestern University and a BA from the University of Notre Dame

JOHN MAKI

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John Maki was pointed executive director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in January 2015. Prior to his appointment, he was executive director of the John Howard Association of Illinois, the state's oldest prison reform organization and the only independent group that monitors the state's juvenile and adult prison systems.

John is a criminal justice system reformer whose significant legislative advocacy efforts include 2012 by-partisan legislation enabling low-level offenders to earn time off their sentences and work that led to the creation of the Joint Committee on Criminal Justice Reform. As head of the John Howard Association, his commentary on the criminal justice system has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, National Public Radio, and many other Illinois state and local media outlets. As an attorney, John has represented people seeking clemency before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. Mr. Maki was named a 2014 Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers-Illinois Chapter.

John is a graduate of Whittier College and Loyola University of Chicago College of Law. He also received a Masters degree in English and Philosophy from the University of Chicago.

ERWIN MAYER

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Under Erwin Meyer's leadership St. Leonard's Ministry works to empower formerly incarcerated men and women to overcome traumas endured both inside and out of prison, to combat the significant social stigma associated with time spent in prison, and to address barriers to health, housing, and employment. With the support of holistic services including emergency and long-term housing, mental and physical health care, substance use treatment, education, employment and life skills training, and transitional jobs, St. Leonard's participants achieve successful reentry and experience a substantially lower rate of recidivism.

Erwin brings extensive expertise to St. Leonard's Ministries in law, finance and management, which he gained through nearly two decades of practicing law at major law firms in Chicago. While working in the law/finance field, he helped individuals create philanthropic foundations to use their wealth to stimulate positive impact on Chicago's communities and vulnerable populations. Strongly motivated by his faith and basic human kindness, Erwin believes that everyone deserves a second chance - even if it takes multiple chances to achieve success. When not at St. Leonard's, Erwin is actively engaged in his church community and a number of civic and charitable organizations.

JOHN MCLEES

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John McLees retired as a partner in Baker & McKenzie in 2016. For the last 25 years of his practice John's work focused on advising U.S. and multinational companies on taxation in Latin America. John has organized these programs on criminal justice reform with the generous collaboration of the participating individuals and organizations, with special thanks to Rev. Al Sharp, Executive Director of Clergy for a New Drug Policy, Paula Wolff, Director of the Illinois Justice Project, and Rev. Wes Smedley, Rector of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church.

John is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. He also received BA and MBA degrees from the University of Chicago and an MSc degree in economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Sharone Mitchell joined the Illinois Justice Project in July of 2016. Previously, he was a trial attorney with the Cook County Public Defender's Office from 2009 to 2016.

Sharone's responsibilities at the Public Defender's Office included handling complex felony litigation at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse located at 26th and California in Chicago. In his career as a trial attorney, he tried over 100 criminal cases, ranging from serious Class X felonies to simple misdemeanors, including bench and jury trials. Before transitioning to the Criminal Division of the Cook County Public Defender's Office, he was assigned to the Civil Division where he handled parent/child unification cases involving the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Cook County Public Guardian's Office.

Currently, Sharone sits on the Associates Board of the Chicago Debate Commission, the organization that facilitates high school policy debate in the Chicagoland area, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Suiters Academy, a group that partners at-risk youth with leaders in the design community.

Sharone has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and he earned a law degree from DePaul University College of Law. A lifelong resident of Chicago, he attended Morgan Park High School and grew up in the West Pullman neighborhood.

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David Olson is Co-Director (with Diane Geraghty, Loyola School of Law) of Loyola's interdisciplinary Center for Criminal Justice Research, Policy and Practice. Previously he served as the Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and as Director of Loyola's interdisciplinary Forensic Science Program.

David currently serves as the Chairperson for the advisory boards of the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice through separate gubernatorial appointments. In 2015, he was appointed as a Commissioner to the Illinois Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform

For nearly 20 years, David worked at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, where he was the director of Illinois' Statewide Drug and Violent Crime Control Strategy Impact Evaluation Program and was responsible for overseeing the evaluation and monitoring of federally funded drug control efforts in the State of Illinois. For six years, he served as a Special Assistant to the Cook County Sheriff through a cooperative agreement between Loyola and the Cook County Sheriff's Office. David has served as staff to the Illinois Governor's Task Force on Crime and Corrections (1992-1993), the Illinois Legislative Committee on Juvenile Justice (1994-1996), the Illinois Truth-in-Sentencing Commission (1996-1998), the Illinois Governor's Community Safety and Prisoner Re-Entry Management Workgroup/Commission (2004-2006), and the Illinois Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee (2007-2010)

David received his B.S. in Criminal Justice from Loyola University Chicago, his M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Political Science/Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was the recipient of the Assistant United States Attorney General's Graduate Research Fellowship. In 2015 he received the John Howard Association Outstanding Research Contributions Award, and in 2011 he received the Hans W. Mattick Award for outstanding accomplishments in the field of criminology and criminal justice research from the Illinois Academy of Criminology.

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Pam Rodriguez is president and CEO of Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC). TASC is a statewide, nonprofit organization in Illinois that serves nearly 20,000 people annually in justice, health, and child welfare systems. Pam also directs TASC's Center for Health and Justice, which offers public policy and consulting services nationally and internationally.

Pam serves on the board of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) and the advisory board of the national Addiction Policy Forum. She was honored by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in 2014 for her leadership in advancing system-wide justice interventions for people with substance use disorders. She was appointed in 2007 and served as a practitioner member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, an independent organization in the U.S. executive branch that coordinates all federal juvenile delinquency prevention and detention programs.

In Illinois, Pam is active on numerous boards and task forces focused on diverting people away from the justice system, improving juvenile justice, and decreasing the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. She was appointed by the Governor in 2015 to serve on the recent Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform. Pam also serves on the oversight board of Redeploy Illinois, which supports community-based alternatives to incarceration for youth; the Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council; and the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice, of which she is the vice chair of the advisory board.

Pam is a graduate of Bemidji State University, and she earned her MA from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

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As Director of Criminal Justice Policy of ACLU of Illinois, Ben is responsible for drafting and analyzing criminal justice legislation and lobbying in the Illinois General Assembly on behalf of the ACLU. Ben joined the ACLU of Illinois in April 2015 after more than seven years in the office of the Illinois House Minority Leader. During that time he held the position of Deputy Legal Counsel and staffed the Judiciary and Criminal Law Committees. Prior to his work in the legislature, Ben practiced law in Chicago.

Ben is originally from Peoria, Illinois. He graduated from the University of California-Berkeley with a degree in political science and received his JD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

REV. ALEXANDER E. SHARP

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Al Sharp has been working on criminal justice issues for 15 years. Rev. Sharp currently leads Clergy for a New Drug Policy, an organization that he founded to mobilize clergy nationally on behalf of an agenda that ends the War on Drugs by allocating resources to education, treatment, and public safety.

Previously Rev. Sharp served as the founding executive director of Protestants for the Common Good. He and his colleague Walter Boyd joined the early efforts in Illinois to provide a second chance for those seeking to re-build their lives after prison. They began to challenge the War on Drugs, bringing national models of diversion to public attention in Illinois and playing a key role in the legalization of medical marijuana in Illinois. Al then served from 2012 to 2013 as Acting Director of the Community Renewal Society in order to help incorporate Protestants for the Common Good into the Community Renewal Society.

Al was Commissioner of Public Welfare for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1976 to 1979 and the chief financial officer of the University of Chicago from 1980 to 1994.

Rev. Sharp is a graduate of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs. He was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 2007 after having received his MDiv from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago in 1996. He and his wife Margaret O'Dell live in Chicago and are members of Hyde Park Union Church.

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Jennifer Vollen-Katz is an attorney and the Executive Director of the John Howard Association of Illinois. She oversees the Association's work monitoring the conditions and programming in all Illinois correctional facilities, as well as helping to create and implement operational and policy reform system wide.

Jennifer is the past Chairperson and a current board member of the State Advisory Board to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice; a board member on the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, for which she serves as the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee; a member of the Federal Defender Program, Salvation Army, and Chicago Community Bond Fund Advisory Boards; and a member of the Board of Advisors of the Chicago Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor's Degree from St. Lawrence University, New York, her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C., and her MSc in criminal justice policy from the London School of Economics, London, England. Prior to joining the John Howard Association, she was a lecturer in law and a clinical supervisor at the University of Chicago Law School Mandel Legal Aid Clinic Federal Criminal Justice Project. She was also a staff attorney with the Federal Defender Program where she represented indigent defendants in federal criminal cases in the Northern District of Illinois

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Rob Wildeboer is the Senior Editor of News for WBEZ, heading up the daily news operation.

Much of Rob's work in the last couple of years as a reporter has focused on prisons, expensive institutions that are subject to little public oversight. Rob spent much of 2012 seeking access to the prisons in Illinois, waging a very public battle with Gov. Pat Quinn. The governor had refused to let reporters into the facilities, citing safety and security. However, when WBEZ threatened to sue the governor and the Department of Corrections the state relented and hosted tours that attracted dozens of reporters from across the state. Rob's efforts were featured in several publications, including a cover story on prison reporting and access in the Columbia Journalism Review.

In 2012 Rob also reported on the high cost of phone calls for inmates in the Cook County Jail. The series won many awards, including a Scripps Howard award and a PRNDI for best investigative reporting. It was also honored as an IRE finalist and got an honorable mention in the Casey Medals competition.

Rob's reporting has been recognized with dozens of other awards, including several Edward R. Murrow awards, PRNDIs, Lisagors, and he's received numerous awards from the Associated Press in both Illinois and Indiana.

Those recognized him as best news writer and best reporter. His contributions have also been recognized by the Chicago Bar Association, First Defense Legal Aid, and the prison watchdog John Howard Association. Rob has also been fortunate to win a number of fellowships. He studied at Loyola University law school in Los Angeles as part of its journalism law school program. He's also been a Guggenheim Fellow for criminal justice reporting at John Jay College at the City University of New York. He spent the 2014/15 academic year as the Knight Wallace Law Fellow at the University of Michigan.

Rob has taught journalism in the graduate journalism program at Columbia College Chicago and at North Park University. Rob has an M.A. in Journalism from Columbia College and a B.A. in Philosophy from Calvin College.