



**Progressive Prosecutors and their  
Commitment to Criminal Justice Reform**

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## Program

-  Introductions
-  Mission of Fair and Just Prosecution and Trends
-  Real World Implementation at DANY and BXDA
-  Counseling Students Interested in Criminal Justice Reform

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## Fair and Just Prosecution



21 Principles for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Prosecutor

- Reduce Incarceration
- Increase Fairness

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## Current Reforms at DANY and BXDA



- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Diversion
- Bail Reform
- Conviction Integrity
- Community Outreach
- Victims Services

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## Counseling Students

Prosecutor's Role in Criminal Justice System

Office Culture

Office Diversity

Community Demographics and Engagement

Resources

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## Top Ten Factors to Consider When Looking at a Prosecutor's Office

Who is the DA?

Mission of the office?

Office demographics and commitment to diversity?

Types of crimes prosecuted (e.g., violent crimes, white collar crimes, quality of life crimes, special victims crimes)?

Does the office support criminal justice reform? Recent initiatives/reforms, i.e. bail reform, drug (marijuana) policies, how deal with "crimes of poverty," pre-arraignment diversion programs, commitment and resources devoted to Alternatives to Incarceration?

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Training opportunities / opportunities to transfer and advance within the Office?

How much discretion are ADAs given?

Relationship to the community?

Relationship to law enforcement partners?

What is the office policy on bar failure, family friendliness/child care policies?

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