Wichita State University
School of Community Affairs

Criminal Justice Reform Symposium

July 19, 2016
6:30-8:30pm
Rhatigan Student Center-
RSC Beggs Ballroom
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260

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## Justice Reform
IDEAS TO MAKE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MORE JUST

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<th>Ensure That Our Criminal Laws Are Just</th>
<th>Require criminal intent and knowledge standards; end civil forfeiture.</th>
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<td>Ensure Due Process in Grand Jury and Charging Decisions</td>
<td>Better protect the rights of the accused in the grand jury process and rein in prosecutorial overreach.</td>
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<td>A More Just Court System</td>
<td>Protect 6th Amendment rights, ensuring the right to competent and fair representation for all, especially the least advantaged.</td>
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<td>Evidence-Based Sentencing</td>
<td>End sentencing disparities—punishment must fit the crime based on the facts of the case.</td>
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<td>Reentry and Collateral Consequences</td>
<td>Remove government-imposed obstacles to opportunities for ex-offenders.</td>
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Tentative Agenda

6:00-6:30pm    Registration

6:30-7:00pm    Social with light refreshments

7:00-7:05pm    Opening Remarks, Jennifer Baysinger, Moderator

7:05-7:50pm

  * Sedgwick County District Attorney, Marc Bennett
  
  * Working Men of Christ Ministries Board Member, Shannon West
  
  * Executive Director of American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas, Micah W. Kubic, Ph.D.
  
  * Representative Steven Becker, Kansas House District 104
  
  * Director of Firm Foundations Ministries, Matt Thomas
  
  * Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Koch Industries, Inc., Mark Holden

7:50-8:25pm    Panel Discussion- Next Steps and Call to Action Questions and Answers

8:25-8:30pm    Closing Remarks– Jennifer Baysinger
Moderator Jennifer Baysinger

Jennifer Baysinger leads Coalition for a Better Kansas, a free market, limited government organization. The group has a strong focus on criminal justice reform. Jennifer has worked on justice reform for many years and is passionate about seeing policy change that improves the lives of Kansas families. Jennifer and her husband, Blake, are longtime Wichita business owners. The Baysingers have three boys, which translates to, "They can't have anything nice."

Sedgwick County District Attorney, Marc Bennett

Before his election to the position of District Attorney, Marc Bennett was a Deputy District Attorney and served in the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office for 15 years supervising the Trial Division II, encompassing the prosecution of sex crimes, human trafficking, domestic violence and elder abuse. Mr. Bennett completed his undergraduate degree in History from Kansas State University and his Juris Doctor degree from Washburn University. He is the Sex Crimes Section Chief for the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association (KCDAA) as well as a member of the Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (WASAC), the Sedgwick County Child Advocacy Center, the Kansas Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Advisory Board (HTAB), and a faculty member of Finding Words Kansas. He is an appointee to the Kansas Prosecutor’s Grievance and Ethics Committee.

Mr. Bennett has made presentations to the Kansas Legislature, the National Advocacy Center in South Carolina, the FBI Annual C.O.D.I.S. symposium in Washington, D. C., the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, the Mid-States Homicide Investigator’s Association regarding Sexual Homicide, Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, Texas, the Attorney General’s Crimes Against Children Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and The Crimes Against Children Conference – “Protect Our Children”, Wichita, Kansas.
**Board Member of Working Men of Christ Ministries, Shannon West**

Shannon West was born with unique skills to motivate, inspire and lead people. He is a board member of Working Men of Christ, a Wichita organization that mentors incarcerated men and women. They also help secure housing after the inmates are released. Shannon spent almost 5 years in Kansas correctional facilities and has been out of prison for over nine years. He uses his experience to do what he was born to do - motivate, inspire and lead.

**Executive Director of American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas, Micah W. Kubic, Ph.D.**

Dr. Micah W. Kubic joined the ACLU of Kansas as its executive director in January 2015 with more than fifteen years of experience in civil liberties, civil rights, and racial justice work. Prior to coming to the ACLU, Micah was the Director of Planning, Development, and Evaluation at the Full Employment Council, a non-profit organization that provides employment and training services to more than 50,000 Kansas City area residents each year. In that role, Micah led the planning, research, evaluation, government compliance, program design, resource development, and community engagement activities of a $17 million agency.

Micah previously served as a Senior Program Officer at Greater Kansas City Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), where he worked directly with six urban core neighborhoods to improve their quality of life. Micah has worked as legislative director for a Kansas City councilman, an analyst of education policy at the American Federation of Teachers, an analyst of housing policies at the nationally-respected Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and as a public affairs and public policy consultant.

Micah is active in many community organizations, including service on many boards of directors. He is currently the chairman of the worldwide board of directors of People to People International, a group founded by President Dwight Eisenhower to advance the cause of international peace and understanding.

Micah holds bachelors’ degrees from the George Washington University, as well as a master’s degree and a doctorate in Black Politics from Howard University.
Representative Steven Becker, Kansas House District 104

Representative Steven Becker (R-KS 104th District), was elected in 2013 and is currently serving his second term in the Kansas House of Representatives. Rep. Becker serves as member on the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee, Federal and State Affairs Committee, and the Judiciary Committee. Prior to being a Kansas House Representative, Rep. Becker served as a District Court Judge. He received his J.D. at Washburn University.

Director of Firm Foundations Ministries, Matt Thomas

Matt Thomas is the director of Firm Foundations Ministries. After spending 2 1/2 years in the Arizona prison system and 6 years in and out of jail, he came to understand the destructive cycle of being stuck in the judicial system. Firm Foundations provides a complete program including housing, mentoring and accountability, while teaching men how to work and be responsible.

Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Koch Industries, Inc., Mark Holden

Mark Holden is senior vice president and general counsel of Koch Industries, where he serves as corporate secretary. He is also president and COO of the legal division of Koch Companies Public Sector, which provides legal and government and public affairs services to Koch Industries and its affiliates. Before joining Koch in 1995 as an employment law specialist, Holden was an associate with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, DC. A former jail guard, he champions legislation to reduce the prison population and give ex-felons second chances. Holden is a board member of Freedom Partners and serves on the executive committee of Americans for Prosperity.
This event is free and open to the public!!
Registration is not required, but preferred!!
A special Thank You to “Coalition for a Better Kansas” for providing the refreshments!!

Please direct all questions or concerns related to the symposium to:
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