



Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

“Redesigning Drug Policy” (CLE)

Thursday, December 10, 2:45 – 4:45 pm

Marriott Wardman Park

Speaker Biographies

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Representative John Tilley has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 2008. He is chair of the Judiciary Committee; vice-chair of the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee; and serves on the Banking and Insurance and the State Government committees, including interim committees. He chairs the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary. He recently co-chaired the Task Force on the Unified Juvenile Code and the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act. He was a sponsor of the Public Safety and Offender Accountability Act, which put in place comprehensive sentencing and corrections reforms. In December 2011, Representative Tilley participated in Policy Exchange’s international meeting held in London, England, to discuss new and innovative criminal justice initiatives in the United States and the United Kingdom. Representative Tilley is co-chair of NCSL’s Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. He has been a practicing attorney for many years, and currently is with the office of Jason E. Holland in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Prior to becoming a legislator, Representative Tilley served as Christian County’s assistant county attorney as a prosecutor and as the assistant city attorney for Hopkinsville. He also worked as a television reporter and anchor for WYMT in Hazard and WKYT in Lexington. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky and earned his law degree from Northern Kentucky University’s Salmon P. Chase College of Law.



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Representative Eric Hutchings has represented District 38 in the Utah House of Representatives since 2001. He serves on the House Education Committee and Education Interim Committee, the Revenue and Taxation Committee and Interim Committee, the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, the Legislative Policy Summit, Legislative Site Visit, and Prison Development Commission, the Prison Relocation Commission, the Retirement Working Group, the Rural Development Legislative Liaison Committee, and the Utah International Relations and Trade Commission. He has worked on the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. His professional work focuses on renewable energy and financial services. He is a member of this NCSL committee. Representative Hutchings earned a bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University.

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Mary Lou Leary serves as the Deputy Director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), where she oversees ONDCP’s High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program and Drug-Free Communities Grant Program, in addition to overseeing the office’s criminal justice portfolio. Prior to her appointment at ONDCP, Ms. Leary was the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), a position she also held from 2009-2012. She served as Acting Assistant Attorney General of OJP in 2012 and 2013. Ms. Leary has 30 years of criminal justice experience at federal, state and local levels, with extensive background in criminal prosecution, government leadership and victim advocacy. Her career has included extensive trial and grand jury experience as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. She was executive director of the National Center for Victims of Crime. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University, a master’s degree from Ohio State University, and earned her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law.



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Robert Morrison was appointed executive director of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) in December 2009 after serving the Association in a number of roles, including public policy associate, director of public policy, deputy executive director, and interim executive director. In addition, Mr. Morrison was associate director of government relations at Smith, Bucklin and Associates, where he directed government affairs programs for a variety of health care clients, including the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA). He began his career working for U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey for almost four years, spending his last two years as a legislative aide. In 2013, he re-assumed the lead for the Association’s legislative and regulatory affairs program – returning to the type of work that originally brought him to NASADAD. Mr. Morrison’s bachelor’s degree is from Drew University in New Jersey, and he has completed graduate work in American government at the Johns Hopkins University.