GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

I encourage you to join the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association and become one of the 16,000 criminal justice practitioners who collaborate on criminal justice issues. Our inclusive Section membership brings together state and federal prosecutors, private defense counsel and public defenders, state and federal appellate and trial judges, law professors, correctional and law enforcement personnel, law students, and other criminal law professionals to address the most pressing criminal justice issues.

Recently, we have addressed issues such as immigration; juvenile justice; forensics, alternative sentencing, corporate criminal liability, marijuana, border searches, mental health, restorative justice, non-unanimous juries, and plea bargaining.

We create Task Forces to study and address timely criminal justice issues and participate in criminal justice initiatives, such as the National Inventory of Collateral Consequences, Criminal Discovery Standards, Diversion Standards and Women in Criminal Justice Professions.

Section members also receive critical educational support to promote and advance their understanding of the law through CLE programming, networking and publishing opportunities.

We review and make policy recommendations concerning legislative, administrative, and judicial proposals relating to criminal law. We author amicus curiae briefs, filed with the United States Supreme Court and other courts, on behalf of the ABA.

We serve a vital role in the advancement of the fair and equitable application of criminal justice reform. Join us and enjoy all benefits the ABA Criminal Justice Section offers.

Sincerely,

Kim T. Parker
Chair, ABA Criminal Justice Section
MEMBERSHIP

ENGAGE | DEVELOP | LEAD

**ENGAGE** through speaking and publishing opportunities, and complimentary subscription to Criminal Justice Magazine and the Criminal Justice Section Newsletter.

**DEVELOP** with global networking and career development through substantive committee, task force and CLE participation.

**LEAD** by creating state and federal policy and standards for criminal justice. Members receive our Summaries of Supreme Court criminal law cases, which provide timely summaries of criminal law decisions as well as links to the opinions as they are rendered.

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**YOUNG LAWYERS**
The Young Lawyers Committee provides practical career information, publishing and speaking opportunities, networking, public service opportunities, and activities to improve the criminal justice system.

**LAW STUDENTS**
The ABA Criminal Justice Section provides free membership in the Section to law students, which includes the opportunity to join some of the Section’s substantive Committees.

**DIVERSITY**
The ABA Criminal Justice Section strives to increase the diversity of its membership and leadership in all areas including appointments, mentorship, programming, and a two-year fellowship program. ABA CJS has a strategic Diversity Plan that serves as a guide for diversity efforts.

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PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The ABA Criminal Justice Section regularly publishes top-quality, well-researched books and periodicals on emerging trends and developments in criminal law. Section members receive special discounts on our practice-related publications.

PERIODICALS
The quarterly Criminal Justice Magazine provides Section members with practice-oriented articles providing a wide variety of perspectives on cutting-edge legal issues and recent developments.

The Criminal Justice Section Newsletter, published three times a year, features Section news and project updates, “news from the field,” practice tips and ethics articles.

FLAGSHIP BOOKS

The State of Criminal Justice
This annual publication examines and reports on the major issues, trends and significant changes in the criminal justice system. As one of the cornerstones of the Criminal Justice Section’s work, this publication serves as an invaluable resource for policy-makers, academics, and students of the criminal justice system alike.

Trial Tactics (Third Edition)
Trial Tactics, now in its third edition, is truly a road map for the discovery of the many pitfalls and obstacles that must be avoided to succeed at trial.

Information on additional CJS books can be found at: www.ambar.org/cjsbooks.

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS
The Section distributes a quarterly newsletter for ABA CJS members, featuring the latest section news and updates. The CJS podcast, The JustPod is available on iTunes and Spotify with discussions of salient criminal justice issues and events.

SOCIAL MEDIA
In addition to our newsletters and publications, various social media platforms distribute section related news. If you are on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube or Instagram please follow, friend or subscribe to us and please use the hashtag #ABACJS when attending section events.

MEDIA REFERRALS
The ABA Criminal Justice Section often receives media inquiries related to criminal law. Section members are often forwarded these opportunities to speak in their own capacity as subject matter experts.
STANDARDS

For fifty years, the ABA Criminal Justice Standards have guided policymakers and practitioners working in the criminal justice arena. The Standards Committee determines the priorities for updating or revising existing volumes and for developing or expanding volumes to address modern trends in criminal justice. Multi-disciplinary task forces develop specific recommendations and promote thorough review by both ABA and non-ABA entities. Following approval of draft standards by the Standards Committee, the standards are forwarded to the Criminal Justice Section Council and, ultimately, to the ABA House of Delegates for adoption as official ABA policy. These standards provide clear guidance to practitioners throughout the criminal case process and are viewed as authoritative by the United States Supreme Court. In 2017, the Standards Project expanded to begin the process of developing international criminal justice standards for use by the International Criminal Court, ad hoc war crimes tribunals, and domestic jurisdictions faced with international criminal offenses. Individual Criminal Justice Standards can be viewed and downloaded online at www.ambar.org/cjstandards.

POLICY

The ABA Criminal Justice Section formulates ABA policies and resolutions related to emerging issues in criminal justice. Our policies shape the national discourse on criminal justice reform, both through legislative advocacy and the filing of amicus briefs before the United States Supreme Court. Our members are often called upon to testify before Congress on behalf of the American Bar Association. We encourage section members to engage and make a difference in their respective areas of expertise through policy development. Criminal Justice Policies and lobbying efforts may be found at: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/policy.html.

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SECTION PROGRAMMING/CLE

The ABA Criminal Justice Section regularly brings together the perspectives of prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges and scholars to meet the evolving needs of its members and to the legal profession overall. The Section offers more than 30 in-person programs, five webinars, and five teleconferences, which highlights current and hot topics in the criminal justice landscape.

OUR ANNUAL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

CJS FALL INSTITUTE
Academics, prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges gather each year to discuss current issues in criminal justice, including federal sentencing law, various topics in white collar crime and policy.

NATIONAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME INSTITUTE
Our National White Collar Crime Institute is the largest gathering of white collar crime practitioners in the country. Legal experts, which often include representatives from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice, provide updates on hot issues in white collar crime.

FORENSICS CONFERENCE
Top practitioners meet to discuss forensic science developments, including lab ethics, wrongful conviction cases, DNA profiling, and bite-marks and tool-marks analysis.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

LONDON WHITE COLLAR CRIME INSTITUTE
Each October in London, we bring topflight legal practitioners from across the globe to tackle topics such as, international money laundering and sanctions, cross-border evidentiary concerns, and international internal investigations, fraud and bribery cases.

GLOBAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME INSTITUTE
This bi-annual program intends to bring the energy and excitement of white collar crime across the globe. The next institute will be held in 2021.

ABA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION SPRING CLE
The ABA Criminal Justice Section Spring CLE is dedicated to exploring a new and exciting topic each year. Past programs addressed neuroscience and criminal justice; federal drug guideline revisions; clemency petitions; child pornography; economic crimes sentencing strategies; cell phone tracking and other privacy issues; juvenile justice; e-discovery, government investigations and criminal law, and sentencing.
AWARDS

The ABA Criminal Justice Section administers five awards: The Raeder-Taslitz Award; Charles R. English Award; Norm Maleng Minister of Justice Award; Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award; and the Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney Award. Each award honors distinguished recipients in a specific field of criminal justice practice. For more information please visit: www.ambar.org/cjsawards.

COMMITTEES

Becoming a member of a committee is the best opportunity for direct involvement in Section activities, such as organizing many of the Section’s CLE offerings, developing publications, and preparing policy resolutions and supporting background reports that become the basis for the ABA policies to initiate changes in criminal justice law and policy. Join online at www.americanbar.org/crimjust.

Academics Committee
Alternative Dispute Resolution & Restorative Justice Committee
Alternatives to Incarceration & Diversion Committee
Amicus Review Committee
Appellate & Habeas Practice Committee
Awards Committee
Book Board Committee
CLE Board Committee
Corrections Committee
Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial Board
Criminal Justice Standards
Criminal Procedure & Evidence Committee
Cyber Crime Committee
  - Investigative Techniques Subcommittee
  - Privacy Subcommittee
Defense Function Committee
Diversity & Inclusion Committee
DOJ Dialogue Committee
Ethics, Gideon & Professionalism Committee
Forensic & Investigative Practices
Global Anti-Corruption Committee
Homeland Security, Terrorism & Treatment of Enemy Combatants Committee
Immigration Committee
International Committee
International White Collar Crime Committee
Judicial Function Committee
Juvenile Justice Committee
Law Enforcement Committee
Law Student Activities Committee
Legislative & Policy Committee
LGBT Committee
Long Range Planning Committee
Membership Committee
Mental Health Committee
Military Justice Committee
Parole & Probation Committee
Pretrial Justice Committee
Prosecution Function Committee
Racial Justice & Diversity Committee
Re-Entry & Collateral Consequences Committee
Science Technology & Forensics Committee
Sentencing Committee
Solo & Small Firm Committee
Tribal Lands Committee
Victims Committee
White Collar Crime Committee
Women in Criminal Justice Committee
Women in White Collar Subcommittee
Young Lawyers Committee