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Daniel S. Nagin is the Teresa and H. John Heinz III University Professor of Public Policy and Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University. Since January 2006 he has served as the School's Associate Dean of Faculty. He received his Ph.D. in 1976 from what is now the Heinz School at Carnegie Mellon. Dr. Nagin has participated in two MacArthur Foundation Networks—the Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice and the Network on Economic Inequality and Social Interactions. Additionally, he is on the editorial board of six journals and has served on numerous national committees and advisory boards.

Dr. Nagin's research focuses on the evolution of criminal and antisocial behaviors over the life course, the deterrent effect of criminal and non-criminal penalties on illegal behaviors, and the development of statistical methods for analyzing longitudinal data. He is an elected Fellow of the American Society of Criminology and of the American Society for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Nagin's work has appeared in the *American Economic Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, and *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Denise E. O'Donnell has served as the State of New York's Deputy Secretary for Public Safety since her promotion in January 2009 by Governor Paterson. Deputy Secretary O'Donnell is responsible for policies and operations of the state's homeland security, emergency preparedness and criminal justice agencies. Her portfolio includes the Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of Homeland Security, the Division of State Police, the Department of Correctional Services, the Division of Parole, the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, the State Emergency Management Office, the Crime Victims Board, the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, and the State Commission of Correction.

Deputy Secretary O'Donnell earned a master's degree in social work from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a law degree from SUNY Buffalo School of Law. She spent a decade working as a social worker in New York City, focusing on child abuse and neglect, substance abuse and community mental health issues and is the first woman to hold the position of top federal prosecutor in upstate New York when she was appointed United States Attorney by President Bill Clinton in 1997.

Todd R. Clear is Distinguished Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. In 1978, he received a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from The University at Albany. Dr. Clear has also held professorships at Ball State University, Rutgers University, and Florida State University (where he was also Associate Dean of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice). He has authored 11 books and over 100 articles and book chapters. His most recent book is *Imprisoning Communities*, by Oxford University press (May 2007). Other books focus on the topic of community justice, including *What is Community Justice?* (Sage, 2002), *The Community Justice Ideal*, (Westview, 2000), and *Community Justice* (Wadsworth 2003). Dr. Clear has also written on

correctional classification, prediction methods in correctional programming, community-based correctional methods, intermediate sanctions, and sentencing policy.

Dr. Clear is currently the president of the American Society of Criminology, and has served as the president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice. His work has been recognized through several awards, including those of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the Rockefeller School of Public Policy, the American Probation and Parole Association, the American Correctional Association, and the International Community Corrections Association. Published studies list Dr. Clear as among the most frequently cited criminologists in America. He is the founding editor of the journal *Criminology & Public Policy*, published by the American Society of Criminology.

Coach Green, Jr. is an employee of a prestigious law firm in Midtown Manhattan. In 2006, Coach was in prison, facing parole back to Brooklyn after his third period of incarceration. He knew he had to make a change, but did not know exactly how he would do it. As Coach Green's release date approached, he saw a flier advertising The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing & Able (RWA) program. Soon after, he learned that The Doe Fund was starting RWA-Day for parolees who had a place to live but needed the paid work, vocational training, and substance abuse prevention of RWA. This prompted him to apply to the program. Participating in the RWA program provided him the opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to becoming a law-abiding, contributing member of society.

After seven months in the accelerated RWA-Day program, Coach was hired by a catering company that provided services to his employer. After working with the catering company for seven months, he was hired by the law firm. Within seven months of being with his current employer, he was promoted. Today, Coach often visits The Doe Fund's Porter Avenue facility to share his story of successful reentry to new participants.