

# LEX QUOD ORDO

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WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION OF LEX QUOD ORDO (LAW AND ORDER), THE ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' (APA) QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTION. AS WE ENTER THE SPRING OF 2011, APA CELEBRATES THE MANY SUCCESSES FOR COMMUNITY PROSECUTION IN THE PAST YEAR, WHILE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD.

AS I REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR, "WE" AS COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2010. IN JANUARY, APA ESTABLISHED THE COMMUNITY PROSECUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CPAC), WHICH CONTINUES TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO OUR NATION'S PROSECUTORS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY PROSECUTION. MEANWHILE, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION SITES GREW ACROSS THE NATION, AND WE WITNESSED NEWLY-ELECTED PROSECUTORS IN SUCH CITIES AS MANHATTAN, NY AND PHILADELPHIA, PA EFFECTUATING THE PROMISES MADE DURING THEIR CAMPAIGNS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTION INITIATIVES.

IN SEPTEMBER OF 2010 APA, THE U.S. DOJ'S BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE AND THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION HOSTED THE 6TH NATIONAL COMMUNITY PROSECUTION CONFERENCE: THE 21ST CENTURY PROSECUTOR, WHICH WAS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS THANKS TO THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF OUR STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL JURISDICTIONS.

FURTHERMORE, APA AND ITS NATIONAL PARTNERS HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PERFORMANCE MEASURES, WHICH WILL PROVIDE JURISDICTIONS WITH A MECHANISM TO GAUGE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORTS.



THESE AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITY PROSECUTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE LAST YEAR HAVE STRENGTHENED THE PROSECUTOR'S LINK TO THE COMMUNITY WHILE PROMOTING PARTNERSHIP BUILDING, ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES AND ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY.

HOWEVER, AS WE TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE MUST CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE CHALLENGES AND ENDEAVORS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 2011. APA HAS BEEN DEVELOPING A SERIES OF DISTANCE LEARNING SESSIONS, EXAMINING AND DOCUMENTING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE DELIVERY OF HIGH PERFORMANCE PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES, AND IDENTIFYING THOSE INNOVATIVE PROSECUTORIAL PRACTICES HAVING THE POTENTIAL TO BRING ABOUT A "SMART ON CRIME" APPROACH. TO ASSIST US WITH THESE EFFORTS, APA HAS APPOINTED ROBERT HOOD DIRECTOR OF ITS COMMUNITY PROSECUTION AND VIOLENT CRIME DIVISION. MR. HOOD'S LEADERSHIP AND EXPERTISE WILL BE INVALUABLE TO OUR NETWORK OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS.

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THIS SPRING, APA'S DISTANCE LEARNING WEBINARS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH BEGINNING IN APRIL. APA'S "FINAL FRIDAYS" WEBINAR SERIES WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF NATIONAL EXPERTS AND LEADERS COVERING A MULTITUDE OF TOPICS RELATED TO THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTION. FOR WEBINAR DATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE "UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS" SECTION ON PAGE 6.

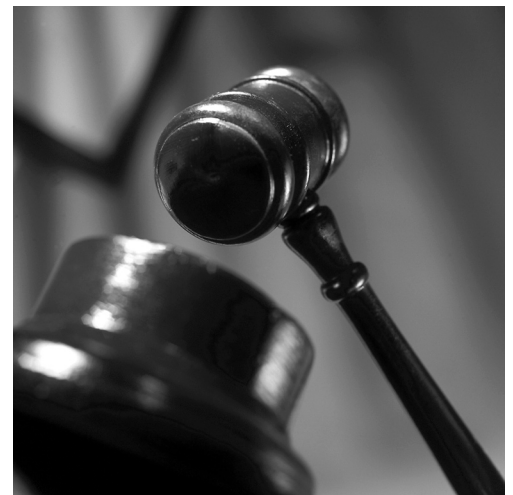
FINALLY, ONE OF APA'S MAJOR EFFORTS THIS YEAR IS TO DOCUMENT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE INNOVATIVE PRACTICES OCCURRING IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. DURING OUR COUNTRY'S DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES AND BUDGETARY CHALLENGES THERE EXISTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INNOVATION. WHEN RESOURCES BECOME STRAINED, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY MANAGE OPERATIONS. IT IS DURING THIS CRISIS THAT OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT. WITH LIMITED FUNDS TO PROMOTE PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMS OR TO ADDRESS SUCH ISSUES AS PRISON OVER-CROWDING, OUR NATION'S PROSECUTORS ARE FORCED TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS. LOW-COST, NO-COST CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES THAT REDUCE THE NATION'S CRIME RATE AND PRISON POPULATION ARE JUST THE INNOVATIVE PRACTICES NEEDED TO FOSTER THE "THINKING" AND PRACTICES OF TOMORROW.

APA IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMIT TO TAKE PLACE LATER THIS FALL. THIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMIT WILL FOCUS ON THE INNOVATIVE PRACTICES WHICH ARE BRINGING ABOUT SYSTEMATIC REFORM WHILE CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES. SINCE PROBLEM SOLVING IS AT THE CORE OF THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND COMMUNITY PROSECUTION, I INTEND TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR OFFICES TO INCORPORATE YOUR IDEAS INTO OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE VITAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROSECUTORS AND OTHER ALLIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY THOSE PRACTICES WHICH ARE MAKING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT, AND CREATING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER COLLABORATION.

WE WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE PROSECUTORS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. AS ALWAYS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO US AT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.APAINC.ORG](http://WWW.APAINC.ORG), CONNECT WITH US ON OUR FACEBOOK FAN PAGE AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT [STEVEN.JANSEN@APAINC.ORG](mailto:STEVEN.JANSEN@APAINC.ORG) OR (202) 861-2482 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, HAVE QUESTIONS, OR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ISSUES, TRAININGS AND PUBLICATIONS.



-STEVEN JANSEN  
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## MEET THE NEW CP DIRECTOR

ON JANUARY 24, ROBERT HOOD JOINED APA AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY PROSECUTION & VIOLENT CRIME DIVISION. BOB BRINGS OVER TWENTY SEVEN YEARS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROSECUTION EXPERIENCE TO APA'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM. HE HAS SERVED AS A FELONY TRIAL PROSECUTOR WITH THE WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN DETROIT; THE CHIEF CRIMINAL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR IN ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND AS THE CHIEF OF THE PUBLIC & COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION OF THE SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

WHILE WITH WAYNE COUNTY HE SERVED AS A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PROSECUTOR WHERE HE TRIED HUNDREDS OF HOMICIDES, CAREER CRIMINAL, PUBLIC CORRUPTION, AND OTHER HIGH MEDIA PROFILE FELONIES. AT ISLAND COUNTY, HE HAD BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND TRIAL PROSECUTOR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A SMALL RURAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. WHILE IN SEATTLE, HE BUILT A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAM, COFOUNDED AND GAINED USDOJ MENTOR COURT STATUS FOR SEATTLE COMMUNITY COURT, LED SEATTLE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF BJA DRUG MARKET INITIATIVE, AND LED SEAJIS, A CROSS AGENCY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA INTEGRATION EFFORT.

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE HE HAS PROVIDED TRAINING ON COMMUNITY PROSECUTION TOPICS, SERVING AS A CONFERENCE PRESENTER AND PANEL FACILITATOR OVER THIRTY TIMES AT NUMEROUS NATIONAL COMMUNITY PROSECUTION CONFERENCES AND AT THE NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA. HE WAS ALSO PART OF APA'S TEAM THAT PLANNED AND EXECUTED THE 6TH NATIONAL COMMUNITY PROSECUTION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C. LAST YEAR.

BOB EARNED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1976 AND A JD IN 1979 AND MPA IN 1990 FROM WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY IN DETROIT.



# PUTTING YOUR COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAM "ON THE MAP"

EVER WONDERED HOW MANY COMMUNITY PROSECUTION OFFICES ARE OPERATING IN YOUR STATE OR REGION?  
OR HOW TO REACH OUT TO ONE OF THEM TO TALK ABOUT ONE OF THEIR INITIATIVES THAT YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT?  
OR TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR OFFICE'S WEBSITE?  
OR SHOOT THEM A QUICK EMAIL?

APA HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK TRYING TO MAKE ALL OF THESE THINGS A WHOLE LOT EASIER FOR YOU. IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE NATION'S COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAMS IS ONE OF OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES. USING THE TECHNOLOGY WONDERS OF GEOMAPPING, WE ARE WORKING ON AN APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE THAT WILL ALLOW YOU, AND OTHERS LIKE YOU, TO PUT YOUR COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE.

USING APA'S PLANNED APPLICATION, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CLICK ON AN INTERACTIVE MAP AND QUICKLY IDENTIFY PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND OBTAIN THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION AND WEBSITE ADDRESS. YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SHARE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE MORE OFFICES THAT PARTICIPATE, THE MORE POWERFUL THE TOOL WILL BE. IT IS ALSO A GREAT WAY TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF YOUR PROGRAM AND DEMONSTRATE JUST HOW WIDESPREAD THE COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PHILOSOPHY IS.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PUTTING YOUR PROGRAM "ON THE MAP", PLEASE EMAIL [ROBERT.HOOD@APAINC.ORG](mailto:ROBERT.HOOD@APAINC.ORG) WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: THE NAME OF YOUR OFFICE; ITS STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE; THE NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PERSON WHO IS YOUR PROGRAM'S POINT OF CONTACT; AND YOUR PROGRAM'S OR OFFICE'S WEBSITE ADDRESS. WE WILL LOAD THIS DATA INTO OUR GEOMAPPING DATABASE AND WHEN OUR GEOMAP GOES LIVE IN PRODUCTION LATER THIS SPRING, YOUR PROGRAM WILL BE "ON THE MAP". FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE "ON THE MAP" PROGRAM, EMAIL [ROBERT.HOOD@APAINC.ORG](mailto:ROBERT.HOOD@APAINC.ORG).



# COMMUNITY CORNER



CJC Coordinator, Tomiquia Moss speaks at the first International Community Court Conference hosted by the Center for Court Innovation

## Two Large Community Court Programs Celebrate March Birthdays

Community prosecutors have often been at the forefront of the development of “community courts”, a problem solving court that harness the power of the justice system to proactively address neighborhood problems through problem solving and creative partnerships. Two large scale community court programs recently celebrated March birthdays.

The San Francisco Community Justice Center (CJC) celebrated its second anniversary on March 10, 2011. The CJC is a geographically based Collaborative Court and Social Services Center serving the Tenderloin, Civic Center, Union Square and SOMA neighborhoods of San Francisco. It has seen over 3,000 cases since it began operations in 2009. You can learn more about the San Francisco effort at <http://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/index.aspx?page=96>.

Seattle Community Court celebrated its sixth anniversary on March 5, 2011. The Seattle Community Court serves all of the City of Seattle and has seen well over 5,000 cases in its six years of operations. It is also a USDOJ Community Court Mentor Site. You can learn more about the Seattle effort at <http://www.seattle.gov/communitycourt/>.

There are approximately forty community courts in operation across the United States. You can learn more about community courts by visiting the Center for Court Innovation’s website at <http://www.courtinnovation.org>.

“COMMUNITY CORNER” HIGHLIGHTS PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO CONNECT PROSECUTORS’ OFFICES WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES AND ENHANCES COMMUNITY RELATIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN FUTURE ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT GENA GONZALES AT [GENA.GONZALES@APAINC.ORG](mailto:GENA.GONZALES@APAINC.ORG).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Introducing: \*NEW\* APA Webinars - Spring 2011

APA announces its "Final Fridays" Webinar series beginning this April. Mark your calendars for the following spring trainings:

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH – 3 PM EST**  
 TOPIC: AA - "Nuts and Bolts: Warrants" (\*title may change)  
 TEACHING: Raj Prasad and Scott Heiser  
 AUDIENCE: Prosecutors, Investigators and Law Enforcement

**THURSDAY, MAY 26TH – 3 PM EST**  
 TOPIC: "21st Century Community Prosecution"  
 TEACHING: Robert Hood  
 AUDIENCE: Prosecutors, Investigators and Law Enforcement

Please check [www.APAInc.org](http://www.APAInc.org) for upcoming information regarding webinar topics, times and registration information.

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