



THE ERA OF MASS INCARCERATION



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The Era of Mass Incarceration: A Former U.S. Attorney's Perspective

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney **Mark Osler** will be speaking about his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's office and how his experience there led him to believe that current sentencing policies of the federal government unfairly target people of color and low-income communities.

As lead counsel he won the case of *Spears v. United States* (2009) in the U.S. Supreme Court, where the Court held that sentencing judges can categorically reject the 100:1 ratio between crack and powder cocaine in the federal sentencing guidelines. Professor Osler has also testified as a sentencing expert in Congress in 2009 and before the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2004.