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**Presenter Bios**

**Judith Greene** is a criminal justice policy analyst and a founding partner in Justice Strategies. Over the past decade she has received a Soros Senior Justice Fellowship from the Open Society Institute, served as a research associate for the RAND Corporation, as a senior research fellow at the University of Minnesota Law School, and as director of the State-Centered Program for the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. From 1985 to 1993 she was Director of Court Programs at the Vera Institute of Justice. Ms. Greene's articles on criminal sentencing issues, police practices, and correctional policy have appeared in numerous publications, including *The American Prospect*, *Corrections Today*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*, *The Federal Sentencing Reporter*, *The Index on Censorship*, *Judicature*, *The Justice Systems Journal*, *Overcrowded Times*, *Prison Legal News*, *The Rutgers Law Journal*, and *The Wake Forest Law Review*.

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**Judith Sachwald** retired in November 2007 after serving nearly 31 years as an employee of the State of Maryland, the final 7-1/2 years as the Director of Parole and Probation. During her tenure as Director of Parole and Probation, she led and managed a community corrections agency with over 1,300 employees who provided supervision to approximately 70,000 individuals under probation, parole, mandatory supervision or home detention. She guided the development and implementation of a research-based approach to supervision (Proactive Community Supervision) which holds offenders accountable for their actions while assisting them in becoming law-abiding, responsible and productive. Under this new approach to supervision, offenders were 38 percent less likely to be arrested or violate the rules of supervision. Ms. Sachwald now serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the Crime and Justice Institute and also works as an independent consultant assisting various jurisdictions with leadership, organizational development and Evidence Based Practice implementation challenges. She is currently engaged in projects with the Kansas Department of Corrections, the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department and the Orange County Probation Department. The beginning of April 2009, Ms. Sachwald was designated as the Technical Assistance Coordinator for the South Carolina Sentencing Reform Commission.