

# Vera Institute of Justice

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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## Policy Issue Resources

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The Fight of Our Lives

On April 20, 2017 justice reform leaders and supporters joined the Vera Institute of Justice for Veras 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, *Reimagine Justice*.

Honorees discussed approaches to criminal justice reform and the future of the movement in a very different federal climate. Samuel David Flores Murillo, a client of Veras recently expanded New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP), gave a moving speech about the need for increased support for immigrant families and communities.

Held at Cipriani 25 Broadway, the event honored:

**Steven Cohen**

*Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and General Counsel at MacAndrews & Forbes Inc.*

**Dannel Malloy**

*Governor of Connecticut*

**Vanita Gupta**

*Former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Head of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, and incoming President and Chief Executive Officer of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights*

**Pat Nolan**

*Director of the Center for Criminal Justice Reform at the American Conservative Union Foundation*

*Moderated by:*

**Tanya Acker**

*Hot Bench, CBS Television Distribution*

President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice

Pat Nolan, Vanita Gupta, Governor Dannel Molloy

Client, Brooklyn Defender Services, New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP)

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and General Counsel at MacAndrews & Forbes Inc.

Universal Representation for Detained Immigrants Facing Deportation in Upstate New York

In recent years, threats of arrest and detention of immigrants have soared, families have been systematically separated, and noncitizens are more vulnerable than ever to deportation. Yet immigrants facing deportation do not have the right to a public defender if they cannot afford a lawyer. The New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP) is ...

Eradicating a Stain on Our City

A stain on human dignity and decency.- Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker, NYC Council A mass incarceration model that stains everything and everyone it touches. - Honorable Jonathan Lippman, Former New York State Chief Judge and Of Counsel, Latham &amp; Watkins LLP At a time when the streets of New York City are as safe as theyve ever been ...

Lifting a nearly 30-year ban on Pell Grants for people who are incarcerated, Congress passed the FAFSA Simplification Act, which restores their Pell Grant eligibility starting in 2023, allowing them to affordably pursue postsecondary education in prison. The Second Chance Pell (SCP) Experiment has highlighted the success of prison education program ...

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