

# Massachusetts

## Press Release

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### Massachusetts Attorney General asks Supreme Judicial Court to hear drug lab case



Carol Rose (<https://aclum.org/about/staff-advocates/carol-rose/>), executive director of the ACLU of Massachusetts, today released the following statement in response to the Massachusetts Attorney General's recommendation that the Sonja Farak (<https://aclum.org/uncategorized/one-chemist-two-prosecutors-eleven-district-attorneys-thousands-wrongful-convictions/>) case be brought to the full Supreme Judicial Court:

"The ACLU of Massachusetts applauds the decision by Attorney General Maura Healey to ask the full Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) to hear the case (<https://aclum.org/cases-briefs/cpcs-v-attorney-general/>) brought by CPCS, the ACLU of Massachusetts, and Fick & Marx, which seeks a remedy for misconduct committed by former Amherst Drug Lab chemist Sonja Farak and by prosecutors, including two former Assistant Attorneys General who were found by a judge to have committed 'a fraud upon the court

([https://cdn.knightlab.com/libs/timeline3/latest/embed/index.html?](https://cdn.knightlab.com/libs/timeline3/latest/embed/index.html?source=1be8ugTZsBbTWZrvfQ011dHCnJ2XXpQpwHdMyYGN23eE&font=Default&lang=en&timenav_position=top&hash_bookmark=judge-finds-fraud-upon-the-court-by-former-prosecutors-in-farak-investigation)

[source=1be8ugTZsBbTWZrvfQ011dHCnJ2XXpQpwHdMyYGN23eE&font=Default&lang=en&timenav\\_position=top&hash\\_bookmark=judge-finds-fraud-upon-the-court-by-former-prosecutors-in-farak-investigation](https://cdn.knightlab.com/libs/timeline3/latest/embed/index.html?source=1be8ugTZsBbTWZrvfQ011dHCnJ2XXpQpwHdMyYGN23eE&font=Default&lang=en&timenav_position=top&hash_bookmark=judge-finds-fraud-upon-the-court-by-former-prosecutors-in-farak-investigation))' by deliberately concealing the scope of Farak's actions. Sweeping misconduct by state officials requires a systemic solution. The SJC now has the opportunity to not only vacate over 8,000 tainted convictions, but to establish a new precedent to address prosecutorial misconduct and the human suffering it causes. The people of Massachusetts deserve a justice system that holds itself accountable to the same standards that it applies to the public."

Click here (<https://www.aclum.org/dookhan-farak-timeline>) for a full timeline of the drug lab scandals.

Learn more about the case, *Committee for Public Counsel Services v. Attorney General* (<https://aclum.org/cases-briefs/cpcs-v-attorney-general>).

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