

JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

9:30 am – noon

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

True Reformer Building

1200 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

I Refreshments and Networking, 9:30 am – 10:00

II Introductions: 10:00

Moderator – Nkechi Taifa, Esq., Convener, Justice Roundtable Coalition

III **Feature Presentation – Probation and Parole**

LaTonya Tate, MSJC, is a retired probation and parole officer, and founder and Executive Director of the Alabama Justice Initiative, an organization whose mission is to help people who face post-incarceration issues after being released from jails, prisons and the courts to transition back into society. She knows first hand the difficulties of reentry, as her recently released son from 20 years of imprisonment suffered post-incarceration issues after release on parole. LaTonya is a 2018 Soros Justice Fellow with a project focusing on the broken and arbitrary probation and parole systems. In this presentation she will highlight supervision sentences that stretch on for years and actually harm public safety by straining probation and parole resources and create trip wires that land people back in prison. View [article](#) about LaTonya Tate.

IV **Feature Presentation – Civil Commitment**

Bernida Thompson, Ed.D In 1977 Dr. Thompson became the founding teacher and principal of the Roots Activity Learning Center and in 1999 the Roots Public Charter School where she demands excellence in cultural relevance and academics. She will share her personal story as the mother of a son who is the victim of indefinite detention - sex offender civil commitment. Bernida Thompson and other advocates have banded together to highlight the abuses such laws bring, and have initiated a [website](#) and group, A Just Future. For excellent background on the issues, see [article](#), Sex Crimes and Criminal Justice. **Garnett Baughman**, mother of former Justice Roundtable participant Galen Baughman, will update us on her son's status, after three years of imprisonment. View July 26, 2018 LGBTQ coalition [Letter](#) to VA Attorney General Mark Herring.

- V **Justice Roundtable Working Groups.** *The day to day work of the Roundtable is carried out through issue-specific working groups which meet regularly, plan strategy, and implement initiatives. Visit www.JusticeRoundtable.org for news, resources and action highlighting working group issues.*

11:15 am - Working Group Updates/Discussion

- Sentencing Reform
- Law Enforcement Reform
- Reentry
- Drug Policy Reform
- Prison Reform
- Interfaith Criminal Justice
- Commutations and Pardons
- Pretrial and Courts
- State Issues
- Youth Justice
- Directly Impacted People
- Crimmigration
- Human Rights
- Racial Justice

VI **Announcements and Close**

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