

# DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND POLICY CENTER

## *BALLOT INSIGHTS*

### The Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment, and Rehabilitation Amendment: A Step in the Right Direction?

#### **PANELISTS' BIOS**

##### **DANIEL DEW**

Legal Fellow, Buckeye Institute

Daniel J. Dew is the legal fellow at The Buckeye Institute's Legal Center. In this capacity, Dew focuses on legal policies that promote freedom and the public good. An expert on criminal justice reform, Dew has worked on policies that increase Ohioans' safety, makes the criminal justice system fairer, and saves taxpayer dollars. Dew was a leading voice in reforming Ohio's civil asset forfeiture policies and worked closely with Ohio's Criminal Justice Recodification Committee on developing proposals to reform the state's criminal code. Dew currently serves on the Ohio Justice Reinvestment Initiative Ad Hoc Committee, which brings together legislators, judges, prosecutors, prison officials, defense lawyers, and criminal justice experts to find ways Ohio can safely reduce its prison population. Dew also chairs the Ohio State Bar Association's Criminal Justice Committee.

##### **STEVEN JOHNSONGROVE**

Attorney/Deputy Director for Policy, Ohio Justice and Policy Center

Stephen JohnsonGrove currently leads a new policy initiative for OJPC to significantly reduce the size and racial disparity of the state prison population. He was part of the team that wrote Issue 1 and is on the board for the Issue 1 campaign. In 2015, he was instrumental in writing and pushing through a Fair Hiring statute and administrative policy for all state and local government jobs in Ohio, allowing workers with criminal records a fair shot at civil service. In 2011 (HB 86), 2012 (SB 337), and 2014 (SB 143), he helped write and successfully push through three other pieces of state legislation that expanded the freedom of people with criminal records to fully participate in their communities. In 2009, Stephen conceived of and launched our Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions (CIVICC) Database. Stephen started at OJPC in 2005, running our Second Chance Community Legal Clinics and expanding them to three monthly sites. In his first several years at OJPC, Stephen was lead counsel or co-counsel on several constitutional cases successfully challenging sex-offender residency restrictions. Stephen received his J.D., cum laude, from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2001, and his B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, with honors, from The Pennsylvania State University in 1997.

##### **LOUIS TOBIN**

Executive Director, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Associations

Louis Tobin is the Executive Director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Prior to his current position he was Deputy Director of the Ohio Judicial Conference and where he worked for 7 years in various legislative and judicial services positions. Prior to his time at the Conference Mr. Tobin worked as a Legislative Aide for State Representative Linda Bolon in the Ohio House of Representatives. Mr. Tobin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, cum laude, from The Ohio State University and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh – School of Law.