



**America is home to 5% of the world's population...and 25% of its prisoners.**

The numbers speak for themselves. Today, 2.3 million American adults (1 in 100) are in prison or jail across the country, by far the highest rate of any nation. Consequently, prisons and jails in the United States have become overcrowded and offer fewer programs aimed at rehabilitation. And when men and women are released from prison, they often face dramatically fewer job prospects, which feeds high recidivism rates.

**The U.S. Justice Action Network seeks a more effective and cost-efficient justice system.**

The U.S. Justice Action Network (USJAN), a 501 (c)(4) organization, is unprecedented in its mission, scope, and strategy. USJAN is a focused effort that will develop and implement specific campaign strategies in targeted states and Congress to raise awareness about the problems in our criminal justice system and advocate for the strongest possible reforms.

### **USJAN Policy Goals**

USJAN will support federal and state legislation that positively impacts the following policy goals:

- To enact data-driven sentencing reforms that address incarceration and associated taxpayer costs;
- To reform criminal codes to end the systemic problems of overcriminalization;
- To increase public safety through effective rehabilitation programs;
- To reduce recidivism by breaking down barriers faced by those returning home after detention or incarceration;
- To ensure prompt and fair outcomes for both the accused and the victim.

### **Goals Meeting Strategies**

USJAN will employ federal and state-specific lobbying, public advocacy, education, and communications efforts to pass sweeping criminal justice reforms in our states and nation. USJAN will organize progressive and conservative partners, invite law enforcement collaboration, and support stakeholders who champion our policy goals. Our partners include the following diverse groups:

- American Civil Liberties Union
- Americans for Tax Reform
- Center for American Progress
- FreedomWorks
- Faith and Freedom Coalition
- The Leadership Conference Education Fund
- Right on Crime

**Russell M. Coleman**

Russell practices in the area of government relations, internal/compliance investigations, and white collar criminal defense, having over a decade of experience working in both federal law enforcement and on Capitol Hill. Most recently, Russell was Senior Advisor and Legal Counsel to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Prior to his five years on Senator McConnell's team, Russell served as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and was the Briefing Coordinator to two Attorneys General at the U.S. Department of Justice.

As Senior Advisor and Legal Counsel for the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Russell provided counsel to Senator McConnell and his staff on a broad range of ethics and compliance matters, including the development of internal office ethics policies, conducting staff compliance training, annual preparation of the Leader's Senate Financial Disclosure Report. He advocated for Kentucky constituents and businesses with myriad federal executive branch agencies on behalf of Senator McConnell. Russell also served as policy advisor for judiciary, law enforcement, transportation, telecommunications, and financial services portfolios, and conducted vetting of candidates for Kentucky's Article III federal judicial vacancies.

While an FBI Special Agent, Russell investigated a diverse portfolio of national security, white collar, and violent crime matters. He served as FBI Indianapolis Division's Back-Up Chief Division Counsel, was a certified FBI Crisis (Hostage) Negotiator, and served as an on-record Media Spokesperson for the FBI's Indianapolis Division. He was elected as the only Special Agent representative to the FBI Director's Employees with Disabilities Advisory Committee. Russell was temporarily assigned to the National Joint Terrorism Task Force and volunteered for a 2007 assignment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Anbar Province, Republic of Iraq.

**Highlights & Recognitions**

- 2014 Congressional Staff Member of the Year, KY Narcotic Officers' Association (KNOA)
- 2014 Legislative Staff Award, National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)
- Combat Theater Award, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2010
  - For Operation Iraqi Freedom temporary duty assignment