

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**The Evolution of the Criminal Justice System  
What is the role of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Modern Prosecutor?**

**Rochester, NY** – Is the criminal justice system broken? How have public policy failures resulted in issues that the criminal justice system is being forced to address? Do alternative justice programs really work? How can prosecutors ensure conviction integrity?

To address these important questions, District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined 150 prosecutors from across the country last week at the Best Practices for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Modern Prosecutor Conference September 27-28<sup>th</sup>, in Salt Lake City, Utah. During this first of its kind conference, prosecutors and experts from both metropolitan and rural counties came together to discuss the role of the modern prosecutor.

“Attending this conference has allowed me to gather the best ideas and the best practices in prosecution from around the nation and develop crime-fighting strategies that best reflect our community and values,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Prosecutors with very different jurisdictions and constituent needs are leading the charge to develop the best strategies and the best solutions to address the need to reduce violent crime and also keep people out of the criminal justice system.

“Our office cares about delivering justice and doing the right thing. There is no single solution to address the problems of the criminal justice system, which is why we must all work together. Fixing the issues in our community is not a partisan exercise, a good idea can come from anyone.” District Attorney Doorley stated that she gathered as much information as possible over the course of the two day conference because the people of Monroe County deserve an office that is always seeking to improve.

The conference was hosted by Sim Gill, the Salt Lake City District Attorney and by the Prosecutors' Center for Excellence. Guest speakers included District Attorney Jackie Lacey from Los Angeles County, CA; District Attorney Beth McCann from Denver, CO; County Attorney William Montgomery from Maricopa County, AZ; Commonwealth Attorney Theo Stamos from Arlington County, VA; District Attorney Cyrus Vance from New York County, NY; District Attorney Scott McNamara from Oneida County, NY; Prosecuting Attorney from Jackson County Jean Peters Baker, MO; District Attorney Darcel Clark from Bronx County, NY, among others.

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