



Indigent Defense in North Carolina

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TRUTH OR MYTH: Once a convicted person has completed his or her court imposed sentence his debt to society has been paid in full. Myth. Although the criminal sentence has been satisfied, the person still faces a range of civil disabilities as a result of the conviction.

The Collateral Consequences Assessment Tool, or C-CAT, fills an existing gap in resources for those who regularly work with people involved with the criminal justice system, both before and after disposition. North Carolina statutes and regulations require or authorize a wide array of collateral consequences and civil disabilities when a person is convicted of a crime. C-CAT centralizes the collateral consequences imposed under North Carolina law for a criminal conviction and helps attorneys, other professionals, and affected individuals advise people more accurately and completely about the impact of a conviction.

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Bipartisan Support for Criminal Justice Reform & Quality Indigent Defense

An unlikely alliance forms between Koch brothers and liberal groups



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Politics occasionally makes strange bedfellows. Koch Industries, the conglomerate headed by the conservative Koch Brothers, is partnering with the Center for American Progress (CAP), a liberal think tank based in Washington, D.C., to form a new coalition dedicated to criminal justice reform.

The new group, announced Thursday, will be called the Coalition for Public Safety. Aside from Koch Industries and CAP, a number of ideologically disparate groups will also take part in the effort, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Faith and Freedom Coalition, Americans for Tax Reform, and the tea party group FreedomWorks.



AP Photo

Eric Holder has praise for the Koch brothers

By KENDALL BREITMAN | 11/17/14 4:36 PM EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder is giving the Koch brothers a round of applause.

In an [interview](#) out on Monday with The Marshall Project, a nonprofit news organization that focuses on criminal justice issues, Holder commented on Charles and David Koch's recent donation to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) to help bolster indigent defense.



The summer job deficit impacts minority kids

By Peter Scher, Head of Corporate Responsibility, JPMorgan Chase & Co.

"That's a good thing to hear —people from very different places along the ideological spectrum understanding that we have to make our criminal justice system more fair," Holder said in the after acknowledging he was not aware of the Koch's donation prior to the interview.

(Also on POLITICO: Democrats debate big-money strategy)

"There's a justice gap. And to hear that the Koch brothers would be contributing money in that way is something that I think should be applauded," Holder continued.



Conclusion

- ▶ Providing representation in an efficient and cost-effective manner, without sacrificing the quality of representation, requires:
 - ▶ Adequate resources, managed by
 - ▶ An independent agency, dedicated to
 - ▶ The role of the defense in a complex system, with ability to
 - ▶ Implement the delivery system that best fits the needs of each district, and with the ability to
 - ▶ Recruit, train, and support defenders, and to
 - ▶ Collect and analyze the data needed to manage the system