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Amy Solomon

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Summary

Amy L. Solomon serves as Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Nominated by President Biden and confirmed by a bipartisan vote of the Senate on April 18, 2023, Amy heads DOJ's largest grantmaking entity, overseeing about \$5 billion annually in grants and other resources to support state, local and tribal criminal and juvenile justice activities and victim service programs, and to generate research and statistics to inform practice and policy. Prior to her confirmation, Amy had served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General since May 2021.

Before she was appointed to lead OJP, Amy served as Vice President of Criminal Justice at Arnold Ventures, where she launched and led a corrections reform portfolio. That work supported new investments to reduce the reach and transform the culture of prisons; spark a fundamental shift in the focus of community supervision from catching failure to promoting success; and expand economic opportunities for people with a criminal record. Amy actively collaborated with other philanthropies, serving on the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Funders Forum and the founding Clean Slate Advisory Board.

From 2010 to 2017, Amy served in the Obama administration as director of policy for OJP and as senior advisor to OJP's Assistant Attorney General. She worked with DOJ leadership and the White House to shape, launch, and implement a broad range of domestic policy initiatives focused on criminal justice reform, urban policy, and building trust between the justice system and communities of color. Amy was also executive director of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council, a cabinet-level body established by President Obama and comprised of more than 20 federal agencies. The Council spearheaded substantial policy reforms, including the federal

Ban the Box rule, fair housing guidance, the Second Chance Pell initiative, and Medicaid guidance for the justice-involved population.

Amy spent 10 years at the Urban Institute, directing projects relating to prisoner reentry and public safety. She has also worked at the National Institute of Justice, managed a community service program for justice-involved individuals, developed reentry strategies for a state Department of Correction, and worked with juveniles in probation, halfway house and school settings. Amy holds a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan.

Experience

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

2 years 6 months

Assistant Attorney General

May 2023 - Present (6 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

May 2021 - May 2023 (2 years 1 month)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Arnold Ventures

Vice President of Criminal Justice

September 2017 - May 2021 (3 years 9 months)

Washington D.C.

U.S. Department of Justice

6 years 10 months

Executive Director, Federal Interagency Reentry Council

May 2016 - January 2017 (9 months)

Director of Policy, Office of Justice Programs

March 2015 - January 2017 (1 year 11 months)

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General

April 2010 - March 2015 (5 years)

The Urban Institute

10 years

Senior Research Associate

2004 - 2010 (6 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Policy Associate

2000 - 2004 (4 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice

3 years

Policy and Program Analyst (Presidential Management Intern)

1997 - 2000 (3 years)

Acting Director of Strategic Planning

1998 - 1999 (1 year)

Alternative Sentencing Project, United Way of Central

Massachusetts and YOU, Inc

Program Coordinator

1992 - 1994 (2 years)

Worcester, Massachusetts

Vermont Department of Corrections

VISTA Volunteer

1991 - 1992 (1 year)

Education

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Master's Degree, Public Policy · (1994 - 1997)

University of Michigan

Bachelor's Degree, English Language and Literature, General · (1987 - 1991)

Charlotte Country Day School

High School · (1987)