

Dean Guaneli

Dean is a former Chief Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alaska. By the time he retired from the Alaska Attorney General's Office, he had worked under six governors and ten attorneys general. In his 30-year career, Dean prosecuted criminal cases, litigated civil cases, and had a hand in drafting nearly all Alaska prosecution policies and criminal justice legislation, including Alaska's medical marijuana law in 1999, and the re-criminalization of non-medical marijuana in 2006. But with a second career as an artist, his business card now reads: "Ceramicist, sculptor, and attorney-at-law." He resides in Juneau.

Ben Cort

Ben's passion for recovery, prevention, and harm reduction comes from his own struggle with substance abuse. Sober since June 15, 1996, Ben has been a part of the recovery community in almost every way imaginable: as a recipient, a provider, and a spokesperson. He has a deep understanding of the issues, and a personal motivation to see the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse minimized.

Lance Buchholtz
Sheriff Lance Buchholtz (Ret.) served the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office from 1995 to 2005. After retirement in 2005, Lance had a broad range of experience in the county's 911 center, investigations, patrol, and jail. Unfortunately, he was frustrated by the ineffectiveness of the drug units. He was also saddened by the impact of the drugs they made felony drug arrests. Lance joined [Law Enforcement](#)

_____ in 2013 when he decided to be one of the voices speaking up. A fifth-generation farmer, Lance lives with his wife of over 35 years in Wisconsin. He is keeping busy in retirement; in addition to his farming and work with LEAP, he is also a beekeeper and an ordained minister.

Taylor Bickford

Taylor Bickford is the Director of Alaska Operations for Strategies 360, one of the country's leading strategic