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Joanne Naughton was a member of the New York Police Department for over 20 years. She started as a beat officer and retired as a lieutenant in 1987. She worked in the narcotics bureau making undercover street-level buys for three years. Later, as an attorney, she witnessed the drug war from the defendant's side, representing indigent defendants for the Legal Aid Society in Manhattan.

Joanne has spent a lifetime as a public servant in criminal justice. While an NYPD officer, she was also involved in developing the first sex crimes unit in the country, a model that was widely replicated. In 1997 she ran for District Attorney of Westchester County, New York. From 1998 to 2011 she taught criminal justice as an Assistant Professor at Mercy College.

She received her B.A. and J.D. from Fordham University.

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