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From 1979 to 1989, Eric E. Sterling served as Assistant Counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. He helped write federal laws concerning firearms, pornography, money laundering, organized crime, and most notably, drugs. He played a central role in Congress's enactment of the infamous mandatory minimum drug sentences in 1986.

Sterling was a principal aide in developing the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 and the Anti-Drug Abuse Acts of 1986 and 1988. He was honored by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for his contribution to their law enforcement missions.

In 1989, Sterling founded the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation to speak out against the negative consequences of some of the laws he helped write. Sterling now advises local and state governments on drug policy. From 2013 to 2017, he served on the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission. He is in his third term as Chair of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council. He has testified before the legislatures of five states and the District of Columbia. He has been an advisor on drug policy to former Mayors of Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland, and has been invited to testify before Canada's Senate and Canada's House of Commons.

Sterling has taught at American University and George Washington University and regularly lectures at universities and civic organizations in the U.S. and Canada. His analyses have been published in law journals, as book chapters, and in numerous print and digital media outlets. Sterling has appeared in a half dozen motion picture and television documentary films.

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