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Jerry Epstein is a former U.S. Marine Corps officer. In this capacity, he served as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

After retiring from the military, Jerry worked for I.B.M. and later earned a M.A. in Sociology. During this period, his beliefs about drug policies began to change. He studied the research on heroin addiction in the military during the Vietnam War and President Nixon's National

Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse report which explained that our drug policies are based on "incorrect assumptions."

For the past 17 years, Epstein has studied the problem of drug abuse and addiction with numerous experts from the U.S. and around the world, collaborating closely with Distinguished Professor G. Alan Robison and with the James Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

Jerry Epstein is co-founder of the Drug Policy Forum of Texas.

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