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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.

From 1989 to 2020, Sterling was Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation and a leader in the criminal justice reform movement. He is an inaugural commissioner on the Policing Advisory Commission of Montgomery County, MD (2020-2023). From 2013 to 2017, he was an inaugural commissioner on the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission and played a key role in writing the 2016 regulations creating Maryland's medical cannabis industry. He served on the Montgomery County, Maryland Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council for ten years, including three as chair. He has presented expert testimony before the legislatures of five states, the District of Columbia, Canada's Senate, Canada's House of Commons and briefed a committee of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.

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, several currently streaming on Netflix and HBO Max.

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