About us

With offices in four major cities and projects in more than 40 states, the Vera Institute of Justice does two things: we drive concrete change and produce new insights to radically transform the justice system. We work primarily at the state and local levels — where 90 percent of the justice system operates. We work closely with community and government leaders. We are committed to stamping out racial injustice and ensuring respect for the intrinsic worth of every human being. For more information, visit www.vera.org.
Our Work

- 70 percent reduction in New Orleans’ jail population over the past dozen years.
- 125,000 immigrants facing deportation received legal assistance and support.
- More than 10,000 incarcerated people have enrolled in college courses through a Vera partnership; more than 1,000 have received a degree or credential.
- 34 percent reduction in Philadelphia’s jail population in less than three years.
- 16 jurisdictions that have partnered with Vera to cut the use of solitary confinement.
- 14 cities, states, and counties working with Vera to end girls’ incarceration.

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President, Vera Institute of Justice

Remarks  SHYQUINN DIX
Student, University of Maine at Presque Isle; former mentee, T.R.U.E Community at the Cheshire Correctional Institution, Connecticut

   Introduced by CARON BUTLER
   NBA Champion; ESPN College Basketball Analyst; author, Tuff Juice: My Journey from the Streets to the NBA

Dinner

Performance  SAMORA ABAYOMI PINDERHUGHES

Remarks  LESTER HOLT
Anchor, NBC Nightly News & Dateline NBC

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   Corporation Counsel, City of New York

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