

Timothy R. Schnacke

Timothy R. Schnacke is a criminal justice system analyst with nearly thirty years of legal experience. He is currently the Executive Director of the Center for Legal and Evidence-Based Practices, a Colorado nonprofit corporation that provides research and consulting for jurisdictions exploring and/or implementing changes to the administration of bail. Most recently, he worked as a consultant to the Bail Subcommittee of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, where he helped to draft comprehensive revisions to the Colorado bail statute to better reflect pretrial best-practices. In addition, he has served as a part-time consultant on local justice system assessments as well as a pretrial faculty member for the National Institute of Corrections within the United States Department of Justice, and as a consultant for the Pretrial Justice Institute in Washington, D.C. In 2014, the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies gave Tim the John C. Hendricks Pioneer Award for his work in pretrial justice, and he was also selected as 2014-15 Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's Pretrial Justice Committee.

Prior to 2012, Tim was employed for seven years as a Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst for Jefferson County, Colorado, working as staff to that County's policy-level Criminal Justice Strategic Planning Committee. During his time there, he researched, wrote about, and helped to implement numerous improvement projects in all areas of the criminal justice system, including policing, local corrections, and the courts. In the last half of his work with Jefferson County, Tim also performed local justice system assessments for the National Institute of Corrections' Jails Division.

Beginning in 2007, Tim's principal focus was the Jefferson County Bail Project, an ambitious effort to improve the local administration of bail that was highlighted at the 2011 National Symposium on Pretrial Justice. He has co-authored several publications on bail and pretrial release/detention, including *The History of Bail and Pretrial Release* (PJI 2010) and *Glossary of Terms and Phrases Relating to Bail and the Pretrial Release or Detention Decision* (PJI 2011). In 2011, he presented two papers to the Attorney General's National Symposium on Pretrial Justice, and he was asked by the U.S. Department of Justice to draft the Symposium's Summary Report. In 2014, he published two papers documenting his County's experiences with pretrial change through the Jefferson County Bail Project, and most recently he wrote

Fundamentals of Bail and Money as a Criminal Justice Stakeholder, two National Institute of Corrections publications covering foundational aspects of legal and evidence-based pretrial practices.

Tim's legal career includes private practice in Washington, D.C., and public work with the City of Aspen, Colorado, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit as both a Law Clerk and as Staff Counsel, and the Colorado Court of Appeals, where he was a Staff Attorney specializing in state criminal appeals. He has lectured at the University of Colorado at Denver and the Metropolitan State University, and has taught at the Washburn University Law School.

Tim received his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of General Studies degrees from the University of Kansas, his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law, his Masters of Laws degree from the George Washington University's National Law Center, and his Master of Criminal Justice degree from the University of Colorado.