Changing School to Prison to Cradle to College
ABA Section on Litigation

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Most Comprehensive Study of School Discipline and Justice Involvement--July 2011

- 1 Million Students
- Multi-year longitudinal study
- Individual School Records
- 80 Variables Analyzed
Important Findings

- 97% of S/E were not violation of state laws.
- AA were S/E at 31% higher rate than others for identical conduct.
- Discretionary S/E were 3 times more likely to be in juvenile justice system.
- Individual Schools working with same resources and student bodies have tremendous power to impact S/E rates.
What Can You Do

- Legislative
  - Assist with legislation regarding discipline code, truancy and tickets.

- Training
  - Teachers, Students & SRO’s
  - Positive Behavioral Supports

- Representation
  - Education Plans, Hearings and Appeals
  - Testify at school boards & legislature
  - Advocacy regarding school climate