# Prisonology™

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### **Personal Information**

Date of Birth: 6/22/61

Place of Birth: Pennsylvania

Education: BS-Sociology/Anthropology, MS-Criminal Justice

#### **Personal Statement**

Jack Donson has worked directly with the incarcerated for three decades at the county, state and federal levels. He has a passion for federal prison reform and has been involved in national reform efforts since my retirement from the DOJ-Federal Bureau of Prisons. During his career, he received several National awards and worked directly with diverse populations (Pre-trial, Minimum, Low, Medium, Administrative, & Witness Security) in the trenches of the prison system. Donson's understanding of BOP policy, nuances and culture is extraordinary. In 2011, he founded a prison consulting business in New York City believing that he could deliver superior services than those offered. He has served pro bono on several non-profit organizations helping marginalized populations. Donson is a member of the Corrections Committees of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and the American Bar Association (ABA). Donson believes that many proactive prison reforms can be accomplished under the existing policy and statutory framework. Further, he believes few understand the existing policies, particularly defendants who are affected by them most. His leadership ability in combination with his practical experience provides him with unique insight which is valuable for clients, legislators and reform organizations.

## **Employment History**

September 2014-Current- <u>Prisonology</u> (VP- Operations & CLE Development) <u>www.Prisonology.site</u>

April 2013-current: **Executive Director of Out4Good, LTD**, 44 Wall Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10005 (212) 461 -2335 <a href="https://www.out4good.org">www.out4good.org</a>

June 2011-April 2016: <u>President of My Federal Prison Consultant, LLC</u>, 44 Wall Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10005 (212) 461-2252 <u>www.mfpcllc.com</u>

July 2011-current: **<u>Director of Program and Case Management Services</u>**, Fed CURE, Plantation, Florida (Prison & legislation reform advocacy-nonprofit) <u>www.fedcure.org</u>

January 2013-current, <u>Lecturer-Marywood University</u>, Scranton, PA- Criminal Justice Professor-Currently teaching courses entitled "Community Corrections and Shadow and Service". <a href="http://www.marywood.edu/socsci/criminaljustice/faculty/facdisplay.html?">http://www.marywood.edu/socsci/criminaljustice/faculty/facdisplay.html?</a>
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April 2015-current: Board of Directors-<u>Choosing Integrity.</u> Greentown, PA <u>www.choosingintegrity.org</u>

## 1988-2011: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Correctional Treatment Specialist- Retired

- Case Management related positions responsible for the counseling, classification and preparation of inmates for re-entry. I coordinated several institution programs and trained staff in Correctional Programs related areas.
- Special expertise with high profile <u>Organized crime figures</u>, the <u>Witness Protection</u> (WITSEC) program & White Collar Crime offenders
- Alternate Case Management Coordinator 1991 to 2011
- Assignments in the Regional Office, Philadelphia, PA. (CIM Coordinator/Correctional programs), New York City Community Corrections Office (processing designations and halfway house referrals) & several National (DC) policy writing work groups
- <u>Annual Training Instructor</u> in the areas of security designation and classification, Central Inmate Monitoring (CIM,), FOIA/Privacy Act & Victim Witness program.
- Member of Hostage Negotiations Team in the capacity of <u>Lead Negotiator</u>.
- Received **National** Awards for <u>Excellence in Administration & Detention Procedures</u> & <u>National Correctional Treatment Specialist of the Year</u>.
- Taught Institution familiarization orientation to new staff & was assigned as a Mentor and trainer for college interns and newly appointed case managers and counselors
- Held assignments as <u>Camp Administrator</u>, <u>Case Management Coordinator</u>, <u>Unit Manager</u> and held the position of <u>Assistant Case Management Coordinator</u>.
- Liaison for US Parole Commission, US Marshals, FBI and ICE
- Worked in minimum, low, medium, administrative (including high security) & Witness Security (WITSEC) units-

## 1988-1989: Federal Bureau of Prisons Correctional Officer, FBOP

 Responsible for working various corrections posts throughout the prison including inmate housing units, compound and perimeter patrol. (Medium facility-FCI)

## 1986-1988: Probation and Parole Officer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

• Supervised a caseload of 100 offenders. Appeared in court on a weekly basis, prepared Pre-sentence reports (PSR), submitted parole recommendations to the court and provided community supervision of offenders and managed the work release program.

# 1986-1995: **Army National Guard**, SGT, Easton, PA

- Military Police (MP-95 Bravo), Ft. McClellan, AL
- Stinger Missile Gunner (16 Sierra), Ft. Gordon, Ga.

#### **Education**

Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania

• Master of Science in Criminal Justice 1997 (Concentration in Public Administration)

East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

• Bachelor's Degree in Sociology/Anthropology 1985

#### **Awards**

- 1998 National Community Corrections Award
- 1990 National Correctional Treatment Specialist of the Year
- 1991 National Excellence In Annual Training Award
- Received dozens of other monetary personal achievement awards

#### **Other Activities/memberships**

- Testified on Capitol Hill to the Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections
- Appointment to the NACDL Corrections Committee 2011
- Appointment to the ABA Corrections Committee 2012
- Authored articles published in the "News & Views" (AO) and "The Debt Beat"
- Member of the Prison Reform, Sentencing Reform & Re-entry Work Groups (PRWG)
- Associate member of the ABA & NACDL
- Member of the PA Prison Society
- Board member-Choosing Integrity (501 C3)
- Overall offender advocacy & general Federal prison & legislative reform efforts
- Guest presenter for the Course entitled "Engaging Incarcerated Parents", PA Child Welfare Training Program, University of Pittsburgh
- Hiking, Fishing, Leisure Travel