

Greening the Desert

STAR communities are underserved by criminal law practitioners.

Our country's small, tribal, and rural ("STAR") communities are criminal law deserts—areas with few, if any, expert criminal attorneys. This critical shortage of criminal lawyers hobbles local prosecutors and jeopardizes the Sixth Amendment right to counsel. To guarantee justice for all Americans, we must innovate strategies to recruit, train, and retain expert STAR criminal law practitioners.



How can we green these legal deserts?



Law Clinics



Regional Offices



Technology



Incentives



Educational Pipelines



Legal Training

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Join the STAR Criminal Justice Coalition to connect with criminal justice stakeholders and engage in STAR justice conversations about research, best practices, and reform.

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About the Deason Center

The Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center takes a Stats and Stories approach to criminal justice reform. The Stats: we collect, analyze, and assess qualitative and quantitative data about our criminal justice system. The Stories: we uncover, recount, and amplify the experiences of people who live and work in that system. Together, these Stats and Stories make a compelling case for compassionate criminal justice reform.

The Deason Center's STAR Criminal Justice Campaign supports criminal justice reform in America's small, tribal, and rural communities. The Center's STAR Justice Network provides STAR practitioners with a virtual practice community and with online STAR criminal justice resources. To connect STAR justice practitioners with policymakers, researchers, and non-profit organizations, the Deason Center convenes webinars, panel discussions, and an annual summit.