

Biographies

Linda M. Baldwin is director of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART). Appointed by President Obama in July 2009, Ms. Baldwin leads the SMART Office in its mission to assist the States, territories, tribes, and the District of Columbia to implement the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. Previously, Ms. Baldwin served as project manager for the New York State Unified Court System's Office of Court Administration, where she implemented and expanded statewide initiatives for New York State's sex offense, mental health, and drug treatment courts. As part of her work on the New York State Sex Offense Court Initiative, Ms. Baldwin organized training programs designed to teach and promote best practices for managing the high-risk population of sex offenders. In addition, she developed and managed New York State's Mental Health Courts Initiative and was involved in training, policy, and program development for drug courts in New York State. Ms. Baldwin received a B.A. from Amherst College, a master's degree in urban planning from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service, and a law degree from Columbia University School of Law.

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