



Alexander Busansky is the incoming president of NCCD, joining the organization in the Oakland, California, office on May 1, 2010.

Alex is a former prosecutor who began his career at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in 1987. During more than a decade of work at the district attorney's office, he handled homicides, serious domestic violence and other family violence, and sex abuse cases. In 1998, Alex left New York City to work for the U.S. Department of Justice, becoming a trial attorney in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. For nearly five years, he investigated and prosecuted cases across the country involving excessive use of force by federal, state, and local law enforcement and corrections officers and racial and religious hate crimes. In 2002, he was detailed to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming counsel to U.S. Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin. In that role, he worked on a broad range of juvenile justice, criminal justice, and homeland security issues including developing strategies to address the USA PATRIOT Act, drafting legislation concerning the use of excessive force by U.S. Custom agents, and developing the Anti-Gang Act.

In 2004, Alex joined the Vera Institute of Justice as the Executive Director of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons. He was the founding Director of Vera's Washington, D.C., office, where he led Vera's work on numerous national and local projects and worked to develop new initiatives for Vera. Alex also served as an adjunct Professor at American University School of Law, co-teaching the Prosecution Seminar.

Busansky earned his Juris Doctor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He received a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.