Adam J. Foss, a former assistant district attorney in the Juvenile Unit of the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office in Boston, is a fierce advocate for criminal justice reform and the importance of the role of the prosecutor in ending mass incarceration. Foss’ belief that the profession of prosecution is ripe for reinvention through better incentives and more measurable metrics for success beyond “cases won,” led him to co-found Prosecutor Impact, a nonprofit that develops training and curriculum for prosecutors to reframe their role in the criminal justice system.

Foss is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including recognition as a 2017 Nelson Mandela Changemaker of the Year. Fast Company named him one of the Most Creative People in Business of 2017, and The Root placed him among its 100 most influential black Americans of 2016. A graduate of Suffolk University Law School, he is the recipient of an Open Society Foundation’s Leadership in Government Fellowship and was named a Director’s Fellow with the MIT Media Lab. In 2013, the Massachusetts Bar Association recognized him with its Access to Justice Prosecutor Award.
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