

Graham Boyd

Graham Boyd is an attorney, consultant and scholar, specializing in political efforts to reform drug laws and reduce mass incarceration. He has recently served as a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Washington, DC think tank Third Way and at Stanford Law School.

Graham advises a group of philanthropists who fund the majority of the marijuana reform efforts currently sweeping across the United States. He supervises public opinion research and formulates political strategies. He has played a guiding role in opinion research, legal drafting and campaign design for marijuana reform measures throughout the United States and abroad, including the recent legalization of marijuana in Washington State, Colorado and in the nation of Uruguay. He currently plays a senior role in 2014 campaigns to regulate and tax marijuana in Oregon and to allow medical marijuana in Florida. He also guides national efforts to convince President Obama to grant clemency to drug war prisoners, an effort to implement police strategies to replace arrest with social assistance for drug offenders, and a strategy to gain FDA approval for prescribing currently illegal drugs for psychiatric disorders.

Previously, Boyd was the founding director of the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project. He litigated before the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts across the nation, resulting in reforms in sentencing, racial profiling, medical marijuana, police practices and alternatives to incarceration. One of his cases is the subject of the feature film *American Violet*, released in 2009 by Samuel Goldwyn Pictures.

Boyd has authored numerous articles and speeches on drug policy issues and has regularly appeared as a drug policy and civil liberties commentator for national news outlets, including CNN, Today Show, Good Morning America, National Public Radio, New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Time Magazine, Newsweek, and Rolling Stone Magazine.

Boyd graduated summa cum laude from Yale University in 1987 and received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1992.