

# Drugs on the Docket Podcast

## Season 1 Trailer – Coming Soon: Drugs on the Docket

### TRANSCRIPT:

**Kelly Gillespie:** Just the word opioids has taken on this sort of almost mystical quality, right? Absent context for like bad—opioids equals bad. And the truth is, of course, far more complicated.

**Hannah Miller:** Drug use has been public enemy number one since the Nixon Administration, and congressional action meant to curtail the production, distribution and consumption of illicit substances subjected millions to criminalization, incarceration and lifelong criminal records.

**Weldon Angelos:** I thought the 55 years was just a threat to scare me. But soon I realized that was a reality. And the federal system is pretty unjust.

**Hannah Miller:** Join me Hannah Miller, in a new podcast series as we explore some of the court cases and events that have underpinned our nation's drug laws, policies and enforcement practices.

**Gabriel “Jack” Chin:** I think that making drugs illegal is the phenomenon in the background that allows the police to go fishing for targets through things like stop and frisk.

**Mark Osler:** What really changed me more than anything else was the speeches that defense attorneys made. That I could drive by where that person was selling crack and there'd be somebody else doing the same thing. And I did that. They were right.

**Doug Passon:** Every single case is different. So to use this blunt tool of the guidelines, to me, has always been a problem.

**Maureen O'Connor:** It doesn't do anybody any good to continue to have a felony conviction looming over their head. How does that help society? It doesn't.

**Hannah Miller:** From the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center at The Ohio State University, this is Drugs on the Docket. Each episode will tell the story of how U.S. court decisions impact drug law and policy and continue to shape the War on Drugs. Visit [go.osu.edu/drugsonthedocket](http://go.osu.edu/drugsonthedocket) to follow the series.