

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Sim Gill

Sim Gill was elected as Salt Lake County District Attorney in November 2010. As a veteran prosecutor, Sim has been a champion on issues of therapeutic justice, criminal prosecution and alternatives to prosecution. He has long been an advocate of taking a systems approach to the issues of criminal and social justice, focusing on collaborative and community oriented approaches to problem solving.

Sim has collaborated on the creation and implementation of various therapeutic justice programs including Mental Health Court, Salt Lake City Domestic Violence Court, Misdemeanor Drug Court and the Salt Lake Area Family Justice Center and the newly implemented Early Case Resolution program. These alternatives seek to transition those offenders out of the criminal justice system who can most benefit from other programs—giving them a much greater chance to not re-offend.

Most recently, Sim has worked cooperatively with numerous community partners to launch the innovative Early Case Resolution program. ECR helps to relieve pressure in the already full court calendars and saves County resources by resolving a case early – within thirty days of filing, and often at the first court appearance. Prompt and efficient resolution of cases allows prosecutors, law enforcement and the judiciary to better focus their efforts and resources on those cases that require more attention.

Sim graduated from the University of Utah with a B.A. degree in History and Philosophy. He received his J. D. degree and certificate of specialization in Environmental and Natural Resources Law from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.