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Adam Foss is a former Assistant District Attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) in Boston, MA, and a fierce advocate for criminal justice reform and the importance of the role of the prosecutor in ending mass incarceration. Foss believes that the profession of prosecution is ripe for reinvention requiring better incentives and more measurable metrics for success beyond, simply, "cases won," leading him to co-found Prosecutor Impact, a non-profit that develops training and curriculum for prosecutors to reframe their role in the criminal justice system.

Most recently, The Mandela Foundation recognized Foss as the 2017 Nelson Mandela Changemaker of the Year. *Fast Company* named him one of the Most Creative People in Business of 2017. *The Root* named Foss one of the 100 most influential black Americans of 2016. He was named Graduate of the Last Decade by his alma mater, Suffolk University Law School, and is a visiting senior fellow at Harvard Law School. He also is a fellow at the Open Society Foundation Leadership in Government initiative as well as a Director's Fellow in the world renown MIT Media Lab. In February of 2016, Foss delivered a TED talk that has already eclipsed 1.6 million views. In 2015, he was voted one of the country's 40 most up-and-coming lawyers by *The National Law Journal* and in 2013, the Massachusetts Bar Association voted him Prosecutor of the Year. In both his professional and personal capacities, Foss volunteers much of his time to the community in which he works.



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