**Beyond the Bench**

**Law, Justice, and Communities Summit**

Viewpoints: Life-Altering Moments

Testimonial Notes

**Chief Judge Washington makes introductory remarks, including background on the NCSC listening tours. (5 minutes)**

**Chief Judge Washington asks panelists to introduce themselves. (5 minutes)**

* Richard Miles, Miles of Freedom
* Arielle Clarkson, Paul Quinn College
* Sgt. Willie Ford, Dallas Police Department
* Emily Thompson, Widow of Brent Thompson
* Senior Pastor Richie Butler, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

**Question I for each panelist**

* Mr. Miles, you were incarcerated for 15 years for a crime you did not commit.  Will you tell us how this happened and how it affected you?

**(5-10 minutes)**

* Ms. Clarkson, how have your life experiences shaped your perspective on law enforcement? **(5-10 minutes)**
* Sgt. Ford, why did you become a police officer? **(5-10 minutes)**
* Ms. Thompson, will you tell us about the moments that have changed your life? **(5-10 minutes)**
* Pastor Butler, how have the many tragedies affected your community and congregation? **(5-10 minutes)**

**Question II for each panelist (time permitting)**

* What do you see as the first step to rebuilding trust?