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Jesselyn McCurdy is a Deputy Director at the Washington Legislative Office (WLO) of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), where she represents the ACLU before Congress and the executive branch and is a manager of the growing and dynamic Washington office. She covers various criminal justice issues, including federal sentencing, prison reform, drug policy, and capital punishment. Jesselyn was a member of the ACLU WLO staff before joining the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee's Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee as Counsel. While working for the Judiciary Committee, she was the lead House Counsel for the historic Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, the legislation that lowered the 100 to 1 disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

Prior to joining the ACLU staff, Jesselyn was the Co-Director of the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) Education and Youth Development Division. Also, she authored the chapter entitled *Targets for Arrest* in the book *From Education to Incarceration: Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline*. Jesselyn received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science from Rutgers University and her Juris Doctor from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.