A passionate advocate for criminal justice reform, Adam Foss is the recipient of the 2020 Posey Leadership Award.

Adam Foss is founder and executive director of Prosecutor Impact, a non-profit organization dedicated to reframing the role of the prosecutor—the most powerful agent within the criminal justice system. Through systemic change, Foss is working to implement fair and balanced sentences for young people with the goal of ending mass incarceration in the United States.

A former Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office (SCDAO) in Boston, Massachusetts, Foss recognized inherent injustices that affect the nation’s youth. He founded the SCDAO Reading Program to bridge the achievement gap of elementary school students, and helped shape the first juvenile diversion program in Suffolk County to keep young people out of the cradle-to-prison pipeline.

Today, through his work with Prosecutor Impact, Foss provides education, training, and improved access to technology for prosecutors to help them balance public safety, victim well-being, and the betterment of those charged with crimes.

Foss has been honored for his groundbreaking work. In 2013, he was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Massachusetts Bar Association. In 2016, *The Root* added him to the list of 100 Most Influential Black Americans. The NAACP awarded Foss the 2017 Roy Wilkins Next Generation Leader Award; that same year, he was named a Nelson Mandela Changemaker of the Year and, one of the 100 Most Creative People in Business by *Fast Company*.

A 2008 graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Foss holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Developmental Biology and Embryology from University of Massachusetts Amherst.
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