

Dr. Katayoun Tabrizi: Dr. Tabrizi is a Duke-trained psychiatrist with over 25 years of experience in direct patient care, administration, supervision and teaching of medical students and psychiatric residents, and forensic psychiatry. She worked as a treating psychiatrist at a state psychiatric hospital before serving as the Medical Director of Central Prison for four years. For the last 15 years, her work has been primarily focused on criminal forensic psychiatry. She has extensive experience in evaluation of capacity to proceed and mental state at the time of offense, violence risk assessment and mitigation in State and Federal courts. She has been board certified in Psychiatry, Addiction Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry.

Eric Brignac: Eric received his JD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2002. Immediately after law school he worked as an associate at Covington & Burling in Washington D.C., focusing on transportation law and employee benefits law. Mr. Brignac also clerked for Judge James L. Dennis on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Judge Allyson K. Duncan on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Mr. Brignac is currently employed as the Chief Appellate Attorney with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, where he has worked since 2006. He also teaches a seminar on Sex Offenders and the Law and on Advanced Appellate Advocacy as an adjunct law professor at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Kelly Margolis Dagger: Kelly is an attorney at Ellis & Winters LLP in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she represents clients in a range of civil and criminal matters. Ms. Dagger serves on the Criminal Justice Act panels for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She also serves on the Criminal Justice Act Committee for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and the Local Criminal Rules Committee. Ms. Dagger represents clients at all stages of the criminal process in federal court. Ms. Dagger has tried federal criminal cases involving a variety of charges, including drug trafficking, firearm offenses, robbery, and bribery. Ms. Dagger received her B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her J.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

G. Alan DuBois: Mr. DuBois is the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina. He graduated from Duke University in 1984 and the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987. In 1989, after two years as a staff law clerk at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, he joined the Federal Public Defender's Office. In 2005, Mr. DuBois spent nine months working in Washington, DC; he spent six months with the United States Sentencing Guideline Commission and three months with the Office of Defender Services. On January 12, 2010, Mr. DuBois appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court to argue on behalf of the respondents in *U.S. v. Comstock*. Mr. DuBois was confirmed and sworn in as Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina on April 9, 2018.

Christian E. Dysart: Mr. Dysart is the founder and managing attorney at Dysart Willis Houchin & Hubbard, PLLC, a full-service federal and state criminal defense firm in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Duke University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, where he was also elected to The Order of the Coif. After graduation, Christian was a judicial clerk at the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Prior to entering private practice, Christian was the inaugural Fellow at the Duke Law Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility, where his work focused on wrongful convictions and the Innocence Project. Mr. Dysart is the Panel Representative for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Kyana Givens: Kyana is a Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of North Carolina. She was a Visiting Attorney Advisor, Defender Services Office, Training Division, from August 2018-December 2019. Prior to that, she served as a Trial Attorney at The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington since 2009 and a public defender with the King County Public Defender (TDA) in 2005. Ms. Givens has been committed to mentoring and teaching other defenders throughout her practice. As the Albert M. Sacks Fellow at Harvard Law School, Ms. Givens worked closely with Clinical Professors teaching and training in trial advocacy. While at Harvard, she represented adult and juvenile clients being served by CJI and provided litigation support to Prof. Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. on criminal and Civil Rights matters. Ms. Givens' dedication to teaching and mentoring extends beyond the legal community. She has also taught Constitutional Law to undergraduate students at Seattle University. A graduate of Northeastern University School of Law (Boston, MA), Ms. Givens earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA). Ms. Givens is a faculty member at The National Criminal Defense College (NCDC) in Macon, Georgia, she is also on the Faculty for the Trial Skills Academy for Federal Defenders and she regularly speaks at CLEs about trials skills, emerging digital technology in criminal cases and unconscious bias.

Jennifer C. Leisten: Jenny has worked as an appellate attorney at the FPD since September 2014. She regularly gives the Fourth Circuit update at FPD seminars with a focus on crimes of violence. Before joining the FPD, Jenny was a career law clerk for numerous judges, including Judge James A. Wynn, Jr. at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Magistrate Judge William A. Webb at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina; Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson at the Supreme Court of North Carolina; and Chief Judge John C. Martin, Judge Robert C. Hunter, Judge Clarence E. Horton, Jr., and Judge J. Douglas McCullough at the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Diana Pereira: Diana joined the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of North Carolina, in 2005: first as a Research and Writing Attorney, and in 2013 became an Assistant Federal Public Defender. Diana's practice consists of representing felony clients as well as those subject to indefinite civil commitment. She received her J.D. in 2004 from Northeastern University School of Law. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Pomona College. Following law school, she was a law clerk for Judge William A. Webb, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

James “Jay” Todd: Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of North Carolina since 2004. Primarily represents undocumented clients facing charges for illegal re-entry, document fraud, or alien-in-possession of a firearm, and most recently, lawful permanent residents facing voting charges. 1986 graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. 2002 graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts. Law clerk for United States Magistrate Judge William A. Webb, EDNC, 2002-2004. Between college and law school, served as an infantry officer with the Illinois National Guard in Chicago, Illinois, from 1986-1992. During that same time, ran a food wholesaling business in Chicago with a college friend. From 1992 to 1999, served abroad with Habitat for Humanity International as a community organizer throughout Mexico and Portugal. Happily married, and the fortunate father and step-father of seven children. Mid-life crisis car is a 12-passenger Chevy Van.