

G. Alan DuBois

Alan 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.

Kelly Margolis Dagger

Kelly Dagger is a partner 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 numerous federal criminal cases involving a variety of charges, including drug trafficking, death by distribution, 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.

Larry Dash

Larry Dash has been the Fourth Circuit Case Budgeting Attorney since 2014. He provides training, guidance, and recommendations to federal district court judges and CJA court-appointed attorneys on all aspects of case budgeting for complex cases. He works closely with the Circuit Chief Judge to obtain the required funding and payment approvals for the CJA attorneys. He currently serves as the case budgeting representative to the national eVoucher Working Group and he has been instrumental in the development of the recently deployed Federal Defender-hosted Electronic Budgeting Application. Before joining the Fourth Circuit, Larry was hired in 2001 to be one of the original Assistant Federal Public Defenders in the Norfolk/Newport News, VA office for the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA). In that role, he litigated a variety of matters from misdemeanor violations to piracy and capital murder offenses. He was also responsible for training more than 150 attorneys seeking to become members of the local CJA panel as well as the recruitment and training of countless interns for the office. Prior to his position with the Federal Public Defenders Office, Larry had a solo law practice and was a CJA panel attorney in the Newport News, VA Division of the EDVA. Larry retired from active duty with the U.S. Air Force in 1997 after serving for more than 22 years in various capacities including as a security policeman, as a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and as an attorney with the Judge Advocate Corps. Larry is a graduate of Columbia College and earned his J.D. from Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center.

Ann L. Hester

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Education: B.A. 1989, North Carolina State University; J.D. 1992, University of North Carolina. Ann Hester has been working for the Federal Public Defender in the Western District of North Carolina since 2006, handling direct appeals and post-conviction litigation. She is especially passionate about defending her clients' Fourth Amendment rights and would rather not talk about the modified categorical approach. Before working as a defense attorney, she was a civil litigator handling employment and commercial cases.

Megan C. Hoffman

Megan C. Hoffman joined the Appellate Unit of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of North Carolina in 2019. Previously, Megan was the Chief of the Non-Capital Habeas Unit for the Las Vegas office of the Federal Public Defender. Throughout her legal career, Megan has represented indigent defendants in their appellate and post-conviction proceedings in Nevada, the Fourth and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Before becoming a lawyer, Megan studied Spanish at the University of South Carolina. While there, she interned with Student Action with Farmworkers in Asheville, N.C. In her junior year, she was selected as a national Harry S. Truman Scholar to pursue a career in public service. Following graduation, she served as an AmeriCorps volunteer in Ohio. Megan earned her J.D. from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney School of Law.

Katie Hurrelbrink

Katie Hurrelbrink is an Appellate Attorney at Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, she clerked on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for Judge William Fletcher, then on the Northern District of Illinois for Judge Gary Feinerman. This is her third year at Federal Defenders.

Josh Howard

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Education: Duke University, A.B. *cum laude*, December 1995; University of North Carolina, J.D., *with honors*, 1999.

Josh Howard defends people and businesses facing federal criminal charges and investigations. He has more than twenty years of experience as a defense attorney, corporate ethics officer, in-house counsel, and senior federal prosecutor. Josh has spent most of his career in and around the federal courts of North Carolina and in the United States Department of Justice. He has been named to Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite" each year since 2011. He has been recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" and named to Best Lawyers in America for white collar criminal defense each year since 2015. Super Lawyers has repeatedly recognized him as one of the "Top 100 Lawyers in North Carolina."

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Jean-Paul E. Jacquet-Freese

Jean-Paul received his JD from Yale Law School in 2018. Before becoming an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of North Carolina, Jean-Paul clerked for Judge Barrington D. Parker on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Justice Anita Earls on the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Spencer McInville

Spencer McInville is the Technical Lead of Digital Forensics at Envista and specializes in geolocation analysis. He holds certifications in telecommunications and mobile device forensics, such as Cellebrite Certified Operator, Cellebrite Physical Analyst, Certified Wireless Analyst, and Certified Telecommunications Network Specialist. Spencer has qualified and testified as an expert witness more than 30 times, in both State and Federal courts. Spencer's testimony experience includes mobile device forensics, historical cell-site location analysis, Global Positioning System (GPS), and Google geofence cases. Before his career at Envista, Spencer worked as a Violent Crime Investigator in South Carolina. During Spencer's tenure, he also helped establish his agency's cell-site location and mobile device forensics positions. Spencer has continued to gain experience and has extensive training in geolocation and mobile device forensics. Spencer also provides continuing legal education to attorneys and bar associations around the nation.

Snayha M. Nath

Snayha received her JD in 2015 from Stanford Law School, where she participated in Criminal Defense Clinic, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford Law Review, and Mock Trial. After law school, Snayha worked as a White Collar Defense & Investigations associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington DC for over five years. In 2018, Snayha served as her firm's loaned associate to the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, where she carried a full housing eviction defense caseload in DC Superior Court's Landlord and Tenant Branch. Snayha is a Raleigh-area native and moved home to join the Federal Public Defender in 2021. In her spare time, Snayha enjoys playing soccer, hiking, cheering for Duke basketball, and spoiling her cat, Poppy.

Isabel A. Sanchez-Cummings

Isabel is an investigator/mitigation specialist with the Capital Habeas Unit of the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland. Ms. Sanchez-Cummings career includes being a social worker, a therapist, and a counselor. She received her B.A. at Ursuline College in History and Education, her M.P.A. at Cleveland State University, and her M.S.A.A. at Case Western Reserve University.

Joseph B. Gilbert Joe Gilbert is Of Counsel with the Tarlton Law Firm. He served as Assistant Federal Public Defender (AFPD) for the Eastern District of North Carolina (EDNC) from 2002 through June 2016. As an AFPD, he represented those unable to retain counsel and accused of serious federal crimes in the 44 counties of Eastern North Carolina. He has tried cases before juries in the Federal District Court in Raleigh, Fayetteville, Greenville, Wilmington, New Bern and Elizabeth City. He has also filed appeals and argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia, and represented many clients facing civil commitment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4246. Mr. Gilbert is a 1984 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, having been one of nine U.S. Marines chosen in 1981 to attend law school while on active duty in the military's "funded law education program." He has also practiced in North Carolina trial and appellate courts, while he was in private practice for nine years in Onslow County, North Carolina. He has been a prosecutor, defense lawyer (trial and appeal), and was managing partner in McNeil & Gilbert Law Firm, Jacksonville, NC from 1993-2002.