

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.

David Wicclair

Dave Wicclair graduated from UNC Law in 2010. Following law school, he worked for six years as a public defender at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. By the time he left the office in 2016 as an attorney in the Major Trials Unit, he had litigated hundreds of preliminary hearings, suppression hearings, and bench and jury trials. While with the Defender Association, he also served as an adjunct professor of trial advocacy with Temple University Beasley School of Law. From 2016 through 2017, Dave served as a Research and Writing Attorney at the Federal Public Defender for the District of Delaware where he represented capital and non-capital defendants in federal post-conviction proceedings.

Dave then returned to North Carolina in order to be closer to family and began a position as a Staff Attorney at North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services in Raleigh, where he represented incarcerated North Carolinians in State parole hearings and post-conviction proceedings. In late 2018, Dave accepted a position at the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina where he has served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the past five years.

Meghan Martie

Meghan Martie serves as the Director of the Restorative Justice Project at the Pro Bono Resource Center. The Project helps clients overcome the collateral consequences of criminal convictions, focusing on driver's license restoration and expunctions. As director, Meghan develops new programs for the Project, oversees pro bono volunteer work, and communicates with clients. She also works closely with Rachel Royal, the project manager, on technological innovations for the Project's work.

Prior to joining the Resource Center, Meghan spent two years volunteering part-time as an attorney with the Wake County Office of the Public Defender, representing clients in District Court. She also clerked for Justice Robin Hudson on the Supreme Court of North Carolina for four years. Meghan grew up in Raleigh, spent her undergraduate and law school years in D.C., attending Georgetown University and the Georgetown University Law Center, and then found her way back to Raleigh after law school graduation.

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.

Jeremy A. Thompson

Jeremy A. Thompson is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Appellate Division of the Federal Public Defender's Office in Columbia, South Carolina. His work at the Federal Public Defender's Office primarily involves appeals from federal criminal trials, pleas, post-sentencing motions, and supervised release revocations. He graduated from Emory University, where he received his undergraduate degree, in 2003, and the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he received his J.D. in 2007. He was previously in private practice from 2007-2020, maintaining his own practice for ten years before he joined the Federal Public Defender's Office in February 2020. While in private practice, he handled state and federal criminal trials and pleas, direct appeal, Post-Conviction Relief cases, appeals from Post-Conviction Relief grants and denials, and federal habeas corpus motions and appeals.

Kimberly Albro

Kimberly Albro is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Appellate Division in the District of South Carolina. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School in 2002. She then clerked for The Honorable Melvin Brunetti of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Reno, Nevada. After her clerkship, she worked in private practice, focusing on civil litigation in the areas of business and contract disputes and employment law. After moving home to South Carolina in 2009, she started working for the Federal Public Defender's Office in 2011. In her years with the FPD Office, Kimberly has practiced federal criminal law in both the district and appellate courts, but has mostly focused her practice on federal criminal appeals.

Ann L. Hester

Assistant Federal Public Defender, Appellate Division

Federal Public Defender for the Western District of N.C.

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.



Jessica Collins

Senior Attorney

Office of Education and Sentencing Practice



Jessica joined the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2023. Before coming to the Commission, Jessica was an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland, where she served as the Deputy Chief of the Southern Division. Jessica was also a Trial Attorney with the Fraud Section, Criminal Division, of the U.S. Department of Justice and worked as an attorney in private practice.

Jessica received her undergraduate degree from Tulane University. She graduated magna cum laude from New York University School of Law and was an editor of the New York University Law Review.

Following law school, Jessica served as a law clerk to the Honorable Henry F. Floyd of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, as well as to the Honorable J. Frederick Motz and Honorable Catherine B. Blake of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

