

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 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. Kelly Dagger became the EDNC CJA Panel Representative in 2024.

Jenny Leisten is an Assistant Federal Public Defender specializing in appellate law. Before joining the FPD in 2014, Jenny was a career law clerk at several courts, including the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Court of Appeals. She graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 2000.

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Upon receiving his JD from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 2005, Andy clerked for Judge Linda McGee on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from 2005-2008. Andy then served as an Assistant Appellate Defender at the NC Office of the Appellate Defender from 2008 to 2021. From 2016 to 2021, he also served as the office's Director of Training, Outreach, and Special Litigation. In 2021, Andy joined the appellate section of the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Edward Gray is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Prior to joining the Federal Public Defender's Office, Ed spent a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina prosecuting complex international narcotics investigations, organized crime syndicates, cartels and violent crimes. He also represented the government in Adam Walsh cases, involving the civil commitment of sexually dangerous persons. In addition to prosecuting cases, he was a civil attorney defending FTCA, Bivens and catastrophic torts cases for the United States. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Ed was in private practice in Raleigh, NC. Additionally, Ed is a retired

United States Air Force officer having served as a Judge Advocate on active duty, the USAF Reserve, and North Carolina Air National Guard. He has deployed to numerous areas of operation in the capacity of Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Command Staff Judge Advocate, and Trial Counsel. While on active duty, Ed successfully prosecuted the first courts-martial in the Central Command Area of Operations. He is a graduate of Howard University, Vanderbilt Law School and The George Washington University. He also served on the Faculty of the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's School teaching trial advocacy. Among his numerous awards, Ed has been awarded the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Prosecution of the Year Award, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Mobility Command Judge Advocate of the Year Award, the Twenty-First Air Force Judge Advocate of the Year Award and was the former Editor in Chief of the Air Force Law Review.

Raymond C. Tarlton, a former Assistant Federal Public Defender EDNC, is an attorney in private practice with Tarlton Law PLLC, based out of the Research Triangle area of North Carolina, and he focuses his practice on federal criminal defense, white-collar and government investigations, capital murder defense, appeals, and federal civil rights litigation under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983. Raymond has represented clients in all three federal districts in North Carolina, and, at times, in federal courts, or in connection with federal grand juries, in places such as New York, Maryland, DC, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. Raymond is admitted to practice in federal court in EDNC, MDNC, WDNC, US District Court District of Columbia (DDC), Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit Court of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court. Raymond was a long-standing member of the CJA Panel EDNC and now that he lives in Orange County, NC, he is a member of the CJA Panel in MDNC as well as the Fourth Circuit's CJA Panel. Raymond is also on the NC capital murder roster of privately assigned defense counsel. He has been practicing law since 2008 and in federal court since 2010. Raymond graduated from Wake Forest University (BA Philosophy) in 2004 and from Campbell University School of Law in 2008.

Laura Koenig is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Richmond, Virginia office of the Eastern District of Virginia. She strives to provide zealous, client-centered representation to her clients in a wide variety of district court and appellate cases. Before Laura became an Assistant Federal Public Defender, she clerked for federal district court judges in Indianapolis, Indiana and Atlanta, Georgia and was lucky enough to have spent several years practicing in the fearless Colorado State Public Defender system.

Paresh Patel is currently the Appellate Chief at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland. He has been at the Federal Public Defender since 2003. Before then, he worked as a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C. and the Office of the Appellate Defender in New York, New York. In 1999-2000, he clerked for the Honorable Ancer L. Haggerty of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon in Portland. Paresh earned his J.D. from American University in 1996, and he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California in 1993.

Alicia Penn joined the National Litigation Support Team in 2023. Her role includes working on NLSblog.org, creating both nationally applicable and district-specific presentations, and collaborating with legal teams to implement practical strategies for handling electronic discovery. Before joining the NLST she was a career public defender. She started with the Charleston, South Carolina Office in 2009 and was a trial attorney for cases spanning magistrate charges to murder. In 2014 she became an Assistant Federal Public Defender, where she quickly learned training was the key to electronic discovery management. Her J.D. is from Wake Forest Law and her undergraduate degrees are from Cornell University.

Sebastian Kielmanovich received a J.D. from the University of Buenos Aires School of Law in 1999, and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 2004.

Before coming to Duke, he was a practicing attorney in Argentina, specializing in corporate law, intellectual property and contracts, and an Assistant Professor of Business Associations in the University of Buenos Aires. In addition, Kielmanovich worked with the Buenos Aires City Attorney and clerked for a District Judge.

In the United States, he participated in the Summer Honors Program at the Securities & Exchange Commission in Miami, Florida. He also worked as Staff Attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina, and as Corporate Counsel for MicroStrategy, Inc. in McLean, Virginia.

Kielmanovich served as an Assistant District Attorney in Wake, New Hanover, and Pender counties in North Carolina, where he was assigned to prosecute drug traffickers, habitual felons, and violent offenders. Additionally, Kielmanovich was an Assistant Attorney General with the North Carolina Department of Justice where he served as a statewide special prosecutor and provided legal representation to the Department of Public Safety. Thereafter, Kielmanovich was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina where he specialized in immigration crime.

Kielmanovich is the founder and managing attorney of Triangle Immigration & Criminal Defense, where he represents clients in immigration and criminal matters. He is also a Captain with the United States Army Reserve JAG Corps where he defends soldiers accused of military violations.

Kielmanovich is a member of the Bar in North Carolina (2004), New York (2005), and the District of Columbia (2008). His native language is Spanish, and he is fluent in English.

Taylor Pope, Physical Therapist with his doctorate from UNC-CH, and **Caroline Pope**, Registered Dietitian with her Masters from Meredith College, opened Chain Effect in 2015. They were passionate about serving the community with a collaborative team of fitness, pain and nutrition experts all under one roof. They use cutting-edge health and wellness strategies combined with evidence-based research to meet people where they are on their journey and transform lives. With one-on-one physical therapy, nutrition counseling, personal training and active recovery services, they believe "Every Link Strengthens the Chain" for overall health. Caroline and Taylor host "The Chain Effect Podcast" and enjoy lots of quality time and travel with their wild boys when not seeing clients or managing the business.

Emily Munn is the CJA Case Budgeting Attorney at 4th Circuit. Emily is a highly experienced and well-regarded criminal defense attorney. Emily currently practices with the Smith Law Firm in Hampton and Norfolk, VA. Emily is also the Chief Legal Officer with UTIDox, a start-up medical company. Prior to that, Emily was a substitute judge for the City of Norfolk, an adjunct professor at Norfolk State University and Tidewater Community College, a staff attorney for the Norfolk Sheriff's Office, and an assistant public defender for the City of Norfolk.

Emily has won numerous awards and recognitions, which include being named "Influential Women of Law 2020" by Virginia Lawyers Weekly; "Top 40 Under 40" by Inside Business; "Legal Elite — Criminal Lawyers 2016 and 2019"; and being appointed to the Board of Visitors for Wake Forest University School of Law.

Emily received her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law, earning membership in the Order of the Coif. She also received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Wake Forest University.