

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.

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.

Jared P. Martin

Jared Martin is an Appellate Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Western District of North Carolina. Before joining the office in 2015, he served as a Research and Writing Attorney for the Federal Public Defender's Office in the Southern District of Illinois for seven years.

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.

Kristen Anderson

Kristen is a Mitigation Specialist in the office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina. She came to the FPD from her private mitigation practice where she worked on state and federal pre-trial capital and post-conviction cases across North Carolina and in South Carolina, California, New York, and DC. Before going into private practice in early 2020, she worked at the Bronx Defenders in NYC as the Senior Criminal Defense Social Worker in the homicide unit. Prior to that position, Kristen worked as a defense social worker and mitigation specialist in both the criminal defense practice and the immigration defense practice. She pioneered the use of mitigation in immigration court as part of the first-ever universal representation project for detained immigrants in deportation proceedings. She is fluent in Spanish. Kristen came to public defense after working on education, juvenile justice, and conditions of confinement lawsuits at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama. She graduated with her MSW from the University of Michigan in 2012 and is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW). A Tar Heel at heart, Kristen attended UNC Chapel Hill for her undergraduate degree. Kristen is a zealous advocate for those impacted by the criminal legal system whose stories all too often go untold.

Macon Hollister

Macon Hollister is a Mitigation Specialist in the office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Prior to the FPD Macon worked to create and implement the first ever pre-arrest deflection and post-charge diversion program in Orange County, NC, for individuals who have substance use and behavioral health disorders and often intersect with the legal system. In addition to her work in Orange County, Macon was a Mitigation Specialist on the Capital Defender Roster where she worked on pre-trial capital and felony murder cases across the state. Prior to moving to North Carolina, Macon was a Mitigation Specialist at the Legal Aid Society in New York City in their Law Reform and Special Litigation Unit. Macon assisted in the creation of a bail reform project that utilized the use of mitigation services at the pre-trial level to help get individuals released from jail and fight their case from the community. Macon also worked with community and elected stakeholders to advocate for local and state level criminal justice reform. Prior to that, she worked as a Mitigation Specialist in Legal Aid Society's Manhattan trial office. She graduated with a MSW and a Law Minor from Columbia University and attended James Madison University for her undergraduate degree.

Andrew DeSimone

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.

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.

Allison L. Bruning

Allison is a data analyst with the National Sentencing Resource Counsel Project. Before joining SRC, Allison was a Lecturer at Texas State University. Prior to that she received an M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.S. from Mississippi State University.

Tina M. Woehr

Tina is based in Tucson, Arizona, and has been with the Federal Defender program since 2014. Before joining Sentencing Resource Counsel in 2021, Tina was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Arizona and the Southern District of Texas. Prior to that, Tina was an associate in the New York office of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.