

## 2020 WI State Public Defender Virtual Conference Speaker Biographies

**Jennifer Dean Andrews** is the Chief Staff Attorney with the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Prior to her appointment as the Chief Staff Attorney in 2011, she served for more than twenty years as a senior staff attorney with the District 2 Court of Appeals. She was a law clerk for the Honorable Robert D. Sundby, District IV Court of Appeals, and prior to that an associate attorney and law clerk at DeWitt, Sundby, Huggett, Schumacher & Morgan, S.C. of Madison. She received her J.D., from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

**Tom Aquino** has been a staff attorney in the Madison Appellate office of the State Public Defender since 2016. Beforehand Tom was in private practice, first in Boston then in Madison, handling trial and appellate matters in both criminal and civil cases.

**Christopher August** is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee Appellate Office, where he has worked since 2016. Before arriving at the SPD, Christopher was based in Madison and worked as both a solo practitioner and as a member of a small office providing affordable legal services. Christopher is a proud graduate of UW Law School and the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He lives in Glendale with his wife (also a lawyer), a tiny human, and a growing army of small furry creatures.

**Karen M. Bauer** is a Civil Unit Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee where her practice centers on student loan law, bankruptcy, and consumer protection litigation. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she was a Managing Editor of the Wisconsin Law Review. Ms. Bauer is past chair of the Public Interest Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin and former member of the Board of Governors, and Board of the Young Lawyers Division. She is also a WisLAP monitor and peer assistant. Ms. Bauer is a Fellow of both the Wisconsin Law Foundation and the American Bar Foundation, and has the distinction of being the oldest person to ever win the State Bar's



Outstanding Young Lawyer award. She authored two articles in the Wisconsin Lawyer on educational debt and has taught CLE courses at the SPD Conference, YLD Leadership Conference, SBW Annual Meeting and Solo and Small Firm Conference on student loan issues. Ms. Bauer is a member of the ABA, National Association of Consumer Advocates and the State Bar of Wisconsin. On July 23, 2020, she had \$161,000 in student loans forgiven through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

## Schuyler Boggio

**Joseph Cavise** joined the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender after graduating from the DePaul University College of Law. He initially worked in the Civil Division/Child Protection Division before transitioning to the Forensic Science Division in early 2015. He has developed expertise in the litigation of DNA and pattern-matching evidence and is currently expanding into the realm of digital forensics, including cell-site simulators and facial recognition software. He spends most of his time assisting the PD's many trial lawyers with pre-trial litigation of forensic discovery and admissibility and conducts examinations of forensic experts at hearings and trials. Outside of litigation, he especially enjoys presenting on forensic evidence to defense lawyers around the country and is grateful for the continuing opportunities to do so.



## Jeff Chapdelaine

**Stefanie Crespo** is the owner of Defensa Law, LLC representing immigrants in family-based and removal defense cases. Attorney Stefanie has defended clients in detained and non-detained immigration court, before USCIS, ICE, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Southern District of Florida. Much of Attorney Stefanie's practice is centered around clients with criminal records. Attorney Stefanie is a proud Alumna of Florida International University College of Law and former Adjunct Professor for FIU College of Law's NeighborhoodHELP Clinic.



**Marilena David-Martin** is Deputy Director at the State Appellate Defender Office in Michigan. She represents indigent individuals appealing felony convictions. Marilena manages the Criminal Defense Resource Center and provides training, resources, and support to the criminal defense bar. She launched and manages Project Reentry, a program focused on supporting people on their journey home from prison. Marilena serves as Chair for the State Bar of Michigan's (SBM) Prisons and Corrections Section and is on the Board of Directors for the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM), Wayne County Criminal Advocacy Program, and the Michigan Bench Bar Conference Foundation. Marilena is the recipient of the 2014 SBM Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, the 2014 CDAM Justice for All Award, and the 2018, Detroit Metropolitan Bar



Association Community Impact Award. In 2019, she was appointed by Governor Whitmer to serve on the Michigan Community Corrections Board.

**Wendy Dean, MD** is the President/CEO, and co-founder of The Moral Injury of



Healthcare ([fixmoralinjury.org](http://fixmoralinjury.org)), a nonprofit organization addressing the crisis of workforce distress. A psychiatrist by training, Dr. Dean left clinical medicine to focus on finding innovative ways to make medicine better for both patients and physicians--technologically, ethically, and systemically. She has worked in research funding oversight for the Department of Defense, and as an

executive for a large non-profit supporting military medical research. She has long been an advocate of remote, flexible work environments.

**Drew DeVinney** is a partner at Martin Law Office, S.C., a plaintiff's personal



injury firm in the Milwaukee area. Martin Law Office represents plaintiffs in a variety of matters, such as accidents, nursing home abuse, and medical malpractice. As part of his civil practice, Drew represents victims in civil rights actions against police officers.

**Beth Dodsworth**, LCSW, is the director of the Bureau of Community Forensic Services for the Division of Care and Treatment Services at the Department of Health Services. She is responsible for administering the conditional release, supervised release, outpatient competency evaluation, outpatient competency restoration and court liaison services programs. Additionally, she coordinates civil and forensic services across DHS facilities, community programs, and county behavioral health systems. She has over 27 years of experience working with Wisconsin's criminal justice system.

**Faheemah Downs**

**Kate Drury** is the Regional Attorney Manager for the Stevens Point region, and, has been with the agency for about six years. Kate recently served on a statewide committee addressing best practices for the implementation of Zoom in Wisconsin courts. Her favorite COVID coping strategy is chocolate.

**Jorge Fragoso** has been an Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee Appellate Office for four years. Before joining the Milwaukee Appellate Office, he spent four years working in the Waukesha Trial Office. He has argued cases in front of jurors, in the Supreme Court, and before dozens of judges throughout the state. He lives in Milwaukee with his wife, Adele, his toddler, Luisa, and his little dog, Simon.



**Eileen Fredericks** is a staff attorney for the Wisconsin State Public Defender (WSPD). She works in the Madison trial office in the juvenile unit. In addition, she is the Juvenile Practice Group Coordinator for the WSPD. In this position, she helps with trainings related to juvenile law and is available as a resource to all WSPD attorneys taking juvenile cases around the state. Eileen has previously worked in the WSPD's Milwaukee Juvenile/Mental Health and Kenosha offices. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame, earning a B.A. in Government and International Studies with a concentration in Public Policy. She went to the University of Wisconsin Law School hoping to become a lawyer for children and teens. While attending law school, Eileen also earned her Master's Degree in Social Work in order to better understand the needs and struggles of many of the people she represents, and to learn how to better assist people in coping with life's troubles. She is thrilled to be doing the work she always wanted to do with so many great people at the WSPD.



**Trisha Fritz** is a staff attorney in the Green Bay office currently and previously in the Racine office. Attorney Fritz is a 2009 graduate of UW-Madison, an alumni of AmeriCorps NCCC and AmeriCorps State/National, and a 2014 graduate of Marquette Law School. She has filed three interlocutory appeals in the last three years. Atty. Marion and Atty. Fritz tag teamed an interlocutory appeal that was successful in overturning a ruling of partial summary judgment on an abandonment ground. She loves the stressful short time period of filing interlocutory appeals and the rush of sticking it to a Judge mid-case.

**Jerry Grant**

**Richard E. Gutierrez** graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law. After completing a



two-year clerkship with the Staff Attorneys Office of the United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals he joined the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender where he has worked ever since. As a member of that office's Forensic Science Division, Richard has developed expertise in the litigation of DNA and pattern-matching evidence. Hectic court schedule allowing, he currently lectures to criminal defense attorneys across the country on effective challenges to forensic evidence, and publishes on matters concerning the

intersection of law and science. In addition to his legal work, Richard also volunteers his time helping to develop standards for the field of firearms and toolmark examination as a member of the American Standards Board Firearms and Toolmarks Consensus Body.

**Peter R. Heyne** (Green Bay SPD trial office, J.D. *cum laude* Marquette 2010) has been



an attorney with the State Public Defender's Office since October 2015, after five years in solo practice, with a significant focus on trial and appellate criminal cases. Prior SPD conference presentation topics include challenging the Domestic Abuse Repeater enhancer; and stacking and bifurcating penalty enhancers, especially for domestic abuse and drug offenses. His prior pedagogical experience includes teaching undergraduate rhetoric/composition courses in the University of Wisconsin system; and undergraduate philosophy/ethics courses and M.B.A. business law courses at

Lakeland College (and before that, high school and junior high Latin, grammar, history, literature, *etc.*). He earned his Master's in English and his Bachelor's degrees in Classics (Greek/Latin) and Drama from the University of Dallas. Between those undergrad and graduate studies, he lived in Umbria, Italy, for a year, where among many adventures, he worked with a local blacksmith to forge longswords such as the blade wielded by the fearless Joan of Arc. He lives in a rustic part of the Green Bay area, where uses his machete all the time in his backyard to clear brush and chop firewood.

**Leslie Jackson** has been at the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender for 17 years.



She was a trial attorney for 13 years. She transitioned into management in 2016. She first managed the Salem trial region. She then moved to the Camden trial region where she has been since 2018. Leslie has presented trainings on topics ranging from case preparation to cross examination to dealing with difficult clients. She is presently the managing attorney for the Camden trial region. When she is not working Leslie studies piano, practices Tang Soo Do, and feeds her cats catnip laced treats.

**Lori James-Townes** is *President & CEO of Expand-Now, LLC*. She also serves as an *Assistant Training Director for National Association of Public Defense*. Lori's passion is adding value to others through speaking, training, development activities, coaching and consulting. Lori has over 25 years of teaching, clinical social work, leadership, and management experience in juvenile justice, mental health, and public defender settings. Her most recent public defender position, was *Director Social Work, Leadership and Program Development*, with Maryland Office of Public Defender. With over more than 800 employees, she served as one of the first Directors of Leadership in a public defender setting. While in this position, she demonstrated her ability to help others grow in the areas of teamwork, leadership, and management. She also led the agency's social work staff, consultants, and interns. She is an adjunct clinical instructor at Towson University, Department of Family Studies and Community Development. Lori is a certified John Maxwell Trainer, Coach and Speaker. She has developed programs that are now national models for other agencies. In 2015, *The Daily Record Newspaper* named her as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women. As a speaker, she is requested both nationally and internationally. She resides in Maryland with her daughter, Maya.



**Margaret Johnson** is dedicated to justice for all. Margaret is the Racial Disparity Practice Coordinator for the Wisconsin Public Defender's Office. Margaret assesses the presence of racial disparity in criminal justice systems and puts together plans for addressing the disparity. Margaret has presented on issues surrounding Racial Disparity, including the Race Discussion Circles, Responding to Racism, Implicit Bias, and Racial Anxiety. Margaret has been a frequent presenter including at the YWCA Madison's Circle of Women Luncheon, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Conference, and for the New York County Defender Services Training. She regularly presents at the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Annual Conference and Trial Skills Academy. Margaret has been published in the Wisconsin Bar Association's Juvenile Law Handbook. She has been honored as a Top Up-And-Coming WI Attorney in Super Lawyers and Milwaukee Magazine and as a member of the Rubin Society of the Wisconsin State Public Defender for her work with children. She is the proud recipient of the 2016 Chiarkas Award from the Wisconsin State Public Defender in recognition of her innovative leadership efforts. At Marquette University, Margaret completed her Jurist Doctor and Master of Arts in Public Service with an Administration of Justice Specialization. Margaret completed the YWCA Racial Justice Initiative Certificate Program. She practices in the Milwaukee Trial Office. Margaret is also a Mock Trial and Master Rated Figure Skating Coach.



**Jennifer Hendricks**

**Eric Heywood**

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**Jake Johnson**

**Michael Kawi** joined the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Texas in 2018 as a member of their trial division. Prior to joining the Federal Defender Program he worked as an assistant public defender in Miami-Dade County from 2012-2017. During his time as a trial attorney he has conducted dozens of jury trials. Prior to becoming a public defender, he participated in Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy clinic, and graduated from the law center in 2012. Mr. Kawi graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 2009 having studied philosophy, poetry, and American songwriting, separately, and sometimes all at once.

**Cecelia Klingele**

**Mary Kramer** is the author of *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity: A Guide to Representing Foreign-Born Defendants*, now in its eighth edition. She is the 2015 recipient of the Edith Lowenstein Award, the AILA National award for excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law. Mary was president of the AILA S. Florida chapter in 2001, a time when there were only 400 members. Thereafter, she focused on writing her book, which is updated approximately every two years. Mary was chair of the national ICE liaison committee in 2012 and is now on the Department of State liaison committee—a gig she loves because it involves consular processing issues and she meets some of the best immigration lawyers doing many different kinds of work from offices around the world. Although her focus is criminal immigration work, she also has a fascinating niche in complex political asylum and CAT, and loves to research and present the complexity of corrupt foreign state actors. Ms. Kramer speaks Spanish, lives in Miami, Florida, and represents clients all over the world.



**Bridget Krause** graduated from Marquette Law School in May 2000 and began working at the Milwaukee Public Defender's Office, Trial Division, after graduation. Bridget briefly left the Public Defender's Office for two years to work in private criminal defense. After two years, she rejoined the Milwaukee Public Defender's Office as a Local Attorney Manager. In 2018 she was promoted to Deputy Regional Attorney Manager in the Milwaukee Trial Office. As a Deputy Regional Manager, Bridget worked with younger attorneys to increase the litigation in the Milwaukee Trial Office and brainstorm motion and trial issues. She also set up training in the Milwaukee Trials Office for new attorneys and experienced attorneys. Bridget was recently promoted to Deputy Trial Division Director. Bridget has been an Adjunct Professor at Marquette University Law School since 2009. She has taught Trial Advocacy 1 and the Public Defender Workshop. Bridget is faculty on the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Trial Skills Academy, New Jersey Public Defender's Program, and the National Criminal Defense College. She also presents on topics dealing with criminal defense work at the WI Public Defender Conference, Florida Public Defender Conference, Oregon Public Defender Conference and numerous NACDL programs.



**Jon Krop**, the founder of Mindfulness for Lawyers, graduated from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, and Brown University, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. After law school, he clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and worked as a litigator at public-interest law firms in Los Angeles and New York City. Jon has taught mindfulness at Harvard, Yale, the Pentagon, and more than 50 top law firms, including Davis Polk, Cleary Gottlieb, Latham & Watkins, Skadden, and Sullivan & Cromwell. Jon has practiced mindfulness since 2006 and has studied with teachers from around the world, including psychologists, neuroscientists, and traditional Buddhist masters. In 2014, Jon completed a seven-month silent meditation retreat.



**Kaitlin Lamb** is an appellate attorney at the State Public Defender's Milwaukee Office. She obtained her law degree from the University of Wisconsin. Prior to law school, she graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences. She primarily handles criminal and mental commitment appeals, and has argued multiple cases in the Wisconsin Supreme Court.



**Edgar Lin** is Of Counsel to Ahmad & Associates LLC here he practices criminal law and civil rights cases. He currently serves as a member of the Governor and Lt. Governor's Public Safety & Criminal Justice Reform Advisory Council. He also serves on the board of Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Black Leaders Organizing for Communities, and the Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin. Prior to his current position, he was an attorney at Buting, Williams & Stilling and the Wisconsin Public Defenders Milwaukee Trial Division. Pre-pandemic, he enjoyed rock climbing, traveling, discovering new shows, and spending time with his family. Now, he enjoys spending time with his family and discovering new shows.



### **Kimberley Motley**

**Aaron Nelson** graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School in 1996. He is the owner of Nelson Defense Group, LLC, in Hudson, Wisconsin, where he devotes 100% of his practice to defending people accused of crimes or charged with drunk driving. He has been an instructor at the WI SPD Trial Skills since 2012 and an instructor at the National Criminal Defense College (“NCDC”) in Macon, Georgia, since 2014. Aaron still dreams of becoming a public defender and appreciates all the incredibly hard and wonderful work all of Wisconsin's State Public Defenders do on a daily basis – day in and day out. Thank you for the opportunity to learn with you.



**Jeremy Newman** is an Attorney in the Appellate Division of the Office of the State Public Defender. Jeremy graduated *cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2012. From 2012 through 2016, he was a Clinical Instructor in the Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Project (LAIP) in the Frank J. Remington Center at UW Law School. In 2016 he joined the Appellate Division. Jeremy has won two sentence credit appeals in the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, both of which were sadly but swiftly overturned by the Wisconsin Supreme Court (*State v. Friedlander*, 2019 WI 22, and *State v. Harrison*, 2020 WI 35). Jeremy also represented D.J.W. in *Langlade County v.*



*D.J.W.*, 2020 WI 41, where the court reversed the court of appeals and overturned D.J.W.'s involuntary civil commitment based on a lack of evidence of dangerousness at recommitment. Jeremy currently works from the basement of his home in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, where soundproof headphones are necessary to deafen the noise his three kids (5, 2, and 2) make upstairs.

## **Jessa Nicholson Goetz**

**Colleen Marion** is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Appellate Division. She represents clients in criminal, juvenile, termination of parental rights, Chapter 51, and Chapter 54/55 cases. She also serves as the Local Attorney Manager for the Madison Appellate office.



## **Andrew Martinez**

**Pamela Moorshead** has been a staff member of the Milwaukee Appellate office of the State Public Defender for the past seven years. Prior to that she graduated from Marquette Law School and worked in private practice for more than 20 years, most of that time exclusively representing the criminally accused at trial and on appeal in state and federal cases.

**Erin Nagy** joined the Madison Trial Office of the State Public Defender in May of 2018. Before that, she was a public defender in New York City who specialized in representing people on Rikers Island charged with violating conditions of their parole release. Erin is a double Badger (college, law school) and Madison native. She has a past life in data analysis, which she likes to use to help her clients whenever possible. She's an avid reader and snuggler of her dog, Stevie Licks.

## **Contesta Odum**

**Adam Oldenburg**, B.A., is the statewide court liaison, through Wisconsin Community Services (WCS), supporting the Bureau of Community Forensic Services for the Division of Care and Treatment Services at the Department of Health Services. Adam has been with WCS since 2004 and he is responsible for managing and overseeing the Court Liaison and Tracking Services Program. Prior to WCS he worked with individuals in residential treatment and community-based settings, as well as supervising individuals through the Department of Community Corrections.



**Melinda Pendergraph** has been the Training Director for the Missouri State Public



Defender's Office since 2011. Melinda is a career public defender, representing clients in circuit courts and all appellate courts in Missouri. Most of her practice focused on death penalty postconviction and appellate cases. Melinda has served as faculty for state and national training programs, including NLADA's Appellate Defender Training, the Federal Court's Persuasive Writing Workshops, NLADA Life in the Balance, NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Airlie Death Penalty Conference, the Missouri Bar, Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL), and various

State Public Defender organizations. She has taught a death penalty seminar at University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law. In 2006, Melinda received NLADA's "Kutak-Dodd's Prize" awarded annually to one public defender nationally for their dedication to equal justice. MACDL awarded Melinda their "Lew Kollias Award" for her appellate advocacy. In 1993, MSPD designated Melinda as their Defender of Distinction.

**Larry Pozner** For more than 25 years Larry Pozner has been recognized as North



America's authority on advanced cross-examination techniques. His book *Cross Examination: Science and Techniques* (Lexis, Pozner and Dodd) is now in its 3rd edition and is America's all-time bestselling book on cross. Pozner on Cross lectures are unique. His Chapter Method of cross-examination has become the standard methodology adopted by public defender systems, the largest commercial law firms, and individual trial lawyers in all fields of litigation including commercial cases, personal injury, criminal defense, and family law.

*Pozner on Cross* builds on the newest studies of neuroscience and Nobel Prize winning consumer behavior research that we can employ in cross-examination. These techniques allow us to efficiently build powerful cross-examinations and win cases we had thought beyond reach. Larry began his career in the Colorado Public Defender system. He founded a premier criminal defense firm, and then a firm handling both plaintiff and defense sides of complex civil matters as well as criminal defense of all manner of offenses. For many years Larry represented the Denver Broncos franchise in trials including the lawsuit challenging Pat Bowlen's purchase of the team. Larry won, which is why he could remain in Colorado. Larry is a Past-president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company litigation, and in Criminal Defense, both White Collar and Non-White Collar crimes. *Pozner on Cross* has taken Larry to 48 states<sup>3</sup> throughout Canada, and strangely, Brazil. As a teacher at the University of Denver College of Law he was voted Best Professor. But that may have been due to his "nobody flunks" policy. For way too much information see his article *Case One, Day One*, *Colorado Lawyer* May, 2018, or *Lessons Learned – Criminal Defense Edition*, *Colorado Lawyer*, March 2019.

**Lisa Reible**

**Christina Wilson Remlin**

**Paul Rifelj** is an Attorney Manager for the Public Defender's Juvenile/Mental Health Office in Milwaukee County. Paul has dedicated his 18-year legal career to indigent-defense, having served in both Racine and Milwaukee. He has extensive litigation experience in the areas of Juvenile Justice and Waiver litigation. Paul has previously lectured on suppressing juvenile confessions at the annual Illinois Public Defender Conference. He has been a guest speaker at New York University's symposium on algorithms, where he presented on the danger of implicit-bias within evidence-based decision-making models, and he is a member of the Cook County Trial Advocacy Faculty. In 2015, Paul became one of the first active Public Defenders in many years to be appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court bench, a trend which we are happy to see continuing with numerous Public Defender appointments in the past several years. After losing his bid for retention in 2016, he rejoined the Public Defender's Office as an attorney manager. Paul lives in Wauwatosa, WI with his wife, Kelly, his 11-year-old daughter, Charlotte, and his son, Cole, who just turned 9.



**Kathleen Rozmarynowski**

**Andrea K. Rufo** is the Director of the Crime Victims' Rights Project at Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. The CVRP provides free legal representation to alleged crime victims to protect their rights within active criminal cases, with an emphasis on protection of their privacy. The CVRP was a 2018 Wisconsin Legal Innovator of the Year. Attorney Rufo has presented on issues of victims' rights both nationally at the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Conference and the National Crime Victim Rights Institute, and done several trainings in Wisconsin on victim rights for advocates, victim witness professionals, and with district attorney offices. Prior to working at Legal Action, she was an Assistant State Public Defender in the Kenosha office for nine years, for which she still misses her group of co-workers every day (you guys know who you are). She received her law degree from Emory University of Law and has a Master's in Women's Studies from Ohio State University. She reads obsessively, has very strong opinions about mushrooms, and anxiously awaits the day an explosion turns her into Captain Marvel.



**Jason Sanders** is an Assistant State Public Defender in Janesville, WI, who is often assigned to Reckless Homicide by Delivery cases in Rock, Walworth, and Green counties. Before joining the SPD in January 2017, he had his own office in Elkhorn, and before that he was an Assistant District Attorney in Dane County (but try not to hold that against

him). He earned his J.D. at the University of Wisconsin and his B.A. from St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI.

**Megan Sanders-Drazen** has been an attorney in the State Public Defender's Madison Appellate Office for the past five years. Before joining SPD, she clerked for Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Megan graduated, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School in 2013.



**Travis Stearns** is an attorney with the Washington Appellate Project. He has worked in public defense for most of his career, previously with the Washington Defender Association, the Whatcom County Public Defender, and New York City's Legal Aid Society. Travis is an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law, the director of NLADA's Appellate Defender Training program, a member of the Washington State Supreme Court's Minority and Justice Commission, the former chair of the National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators, and the chair of the Washington State Bar Association's Council on Public Defense. He is a nationally recognized trainer, specializing in advocacy skills training, juvenile justice, collateral consequences, and leadership development.



**Gynger Steele**, M.A., Ed.S., New to the Department of Health Services and Wisconsin as of October 2019, Gynger joined the Division of Care and Treatment Services' Administrator's Office to provide oversight to five of the seven state facilities. This includes Central Wisconsin Center, Mendota Mental Health Institute, Northern Wisconsin Center, Southern Wisconsin Center, and Winnebago Mental Health Institute, as well as the division's Office of Electronic Health Records Systems Management. A native of Iowa, Gynger joined Wisconsin state work with more than 20 years of experience working with and for state agencies focused on social and health services, corrections, public safety, policy and rules, and licensing in Minnesota and Washington state.

**Elisabeth Stockbridge**

**Sara Strehlow**

## Dr. Shaku Teas



**Devonte Windham** is an alumnus of the University of Missouri School of Law and the University of Kentucky where he majored in Marketing. Since 2017, he has practiced as an assistant state public defender in the Madison Trial office. During this time, Attorney Windham has had numerous argued sentencings and Jury trials. Cases including armed robberies, child sex assaults, and attempted homicides. In addition to his professional career, Attorney Windham is on the international training and development team of Theta Chi Fraternity. In this capacity, he has given numerous presentations on leadership, compliance, and soft skills.



**Elizabeth Daniel Vasquez** is Special Forensic Science Counsel at Brooklyn Defender Services in Brooklyn. As Special Forensic Science Counsel, Elizabeth is responsible for developing BDS's litigation and advocacy strategy surrounding issues of data, science, and technology. She consults on cases involving complex forensic science and surveillance issues, trains the office in litigating and confronting forensic evidence and emerging surveillance techniques, spearheads affirmative impact litigation emanating from forensic and surveillance abuses, and coordinates policy and law reform efforts surrounding emerging forensic science and surveillance concerns. Elizabeth has served as a faculty member for the National Forensic Science College and a trainer and panelist at numerous local and national convenings on forensic science and surveillance issues. Before joining BDS, Elizabeth worked as a staff attorney in the trial division of the Public Defender Service ("PDS") for the District of Columbia. At PDS, Elizabeth represented adults and juveniles in D.C. Superior and Family Court who were charged with serious felonies. She also served as a member of PDS's Forensic Practice Group. Before PDS, Elizabeth was an associate at Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP, litigating wrongful conviction and civil rights cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. At NSB, Elizabeth's work focused predominantly on complex § 1983 claims that involved faulty forensic evidence. Elizabeth is a cum laude graduate of New York University School of Law, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Review of Law and Social Change and participated in Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice and Defender Clinic. She received her B.A. with Honors from the University of Chicago.



**Katie York** is the Appellate Division Director for the Wisconsin State Public Defender (SPD). Katie started with the SPD as an Assistant State Public Defender in the Green Bay trial office. In 2010, she transferred to the SPD's Madison Appellate office where she was later promoted to Local Attorney Manager. In 2018, she became the SPD's Deputy Trial Division Director and in 2019 she returned to the Appellate Division as the SPD's Appellate Division Director.