

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 is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Madison Trial Office, where he has been practicing for the past 5 years. Schuyler started with the Public Defender's Office in Madison, working on cases regarding Chapter 980 commitment of Sexually Violent Persons (SVP). During this time Schuyler represented clients in both original commitment and discharge trials. Currently, Schuyler is representing clients in general felony and misdemeanor cases. He has represented clients in charges ranging from OWI to homicide. When he is not practicing law, Schuyler loves playing ultimate frisbee, and traveling to State Parks, with his wife Laura, and their two dogs.

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, JD, LICSW is an Attorney, Forensic Social Worker, and Forensic Drama Therapist based in Boston Massachusetts. He represents clients in both Criminal and Civil cases. He consults nationally on plaintiff's civil cases and on cases where people are accused of committing crime, working with lawyers on both trial strategy, juror focus, and trauma informed client focused case preparation. His consulting company trains both lawyers and mental health professionals on areas where legal systems and mental health systems intersect, and assists organizations with organization development. He serves on the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Criminal Curriculum Advisory Committee and as faculty locally for MCLE and Committee for Public Counsel Services training programs, and nationally for the National Criminal Defense College, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Trial Lawyers College, and at other programs.



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.



Faheemah Davillier is the Deputy Chief of Investigations at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) and has been working at the office since September 2002. Faheemah graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Society in 2002 and shortly after began her career at PDS. As Deputy Chief, Faheemah has held the position as the lead training coordinator for the Investigations Division, lead investigator for the Special Litigation Division while simultaneously conducting investigations for both juvenile and adult indigent defendants with charges ranging from drug and/or gun possession to 1st degree sexual assault, homicide and many of DC's high-profile felony cases. As Deputy Faheemah also assist in the development and training of fellow staff investigators, staff attorneys, intern investigators, Criminal Justice Act (CJA) investigators and National Defense Investigator Association (NDIA.)



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



Healthcare (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.

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 is an AccessData Certified Examiner, Cellebrite Certified Operator,



Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst, Cellebrite Certified Mobile Examiner, Cellebrite Certified Advanced Smartphone Analysis Examiner, Cellebrite Certified Advanced Smartphone Extraction Examiner, Cellebrite Certified Evidence Repair Technician - Forensics, systems analyst, programmer and trainer with more than 25 years of experience involving digital forensics, cell site analysis, social site investigations, eDiscovery and litigation support. He has been involved in numerous state and federal cases and has been qualified as an expert over 45 times. He is currently an Independent Digital Forensics Investigator/Consultant, and also an Investigator (Specializing in Digital Forensics) for the Western District of New York Federal Public Defender's Office. He was previously the Computer Systems Administrator for the NYW Federal Public Defender's Office, as well as the Acting Chief,

National IT LAN Application and Policy Support Team for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts - Office of Defender Services.

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.



Jennifer Hendricks started with the SPD in 1999 as a Client Services Specialist in the Madison Trial Office. She became the Client Services Coordinator in 2010. Jennifer completed her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology, with a Certificate in Criminal Justice, at UW-Madison in 2004. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work from UW-Madison in 2005.

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.



Eric Heywood is an attorney in Oshkosh and a training coordinator for the SPD. He is a double Badger from the UW and was recognized as an Up and Coming Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal. He often represents clients from nearby Winnebago Mental Health Institute and Wisconsin Resource Center, which furthered his interest in mental health, psychology, and cognition. He and his wife (also a public defender) enjoy musicals, Jeopardy, and biking with their daughters.



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.

Murali Jasti graduated from Trinity University in 2001 with an undergraduate degree in political science and business administration. In 2004, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School and began working for the Wisconsin State Public Defender until he began his partnership with Attorney Payal Khandhar in 2016. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, President of the Dane County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and a member of the James Doyle American Inns of Court.



Jake Johnson Jake Johnson is the senior producer/engineer and owner of Paradyme Productions, an award-winning recording studio and production facility in Madison, Wisconsin. Jake has been nominated for multiple Emmy awards for his audio work and has won multiple accolades including producer of the year, studio engineer of the year, and studio of the year. He is an voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (The Grammy's) and has engineering and production credits on over 520 nationally released albums and over 3500 songs for hundreds of different clients, as well as dozens of audiobooks, podcasts, and commercials. In addition to music and professional audio work,



Jake is an expert analyst and does forensic audio and video work with Paradyme Audio & Video Forensics for legal cases, and has worked on dozens of criminal and civil cases. Jake has been a panelist at various music & technology conferences across the country, has worked with musical artists and companies big and small from across the globe (including Disney, Apple, Aldi, The Jimi Hendrix Foundation, Fender Guitars, Sony, Yamaha, McDonald's and many more), and has taught and mentored many students through academic recording programs. He is the author of multiple books about recording, technology, engineering, and production.

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.



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.

Madeleine M. Kinney joined Children's Rights in 2019. Previously, Ms. Kinney was a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where she represented clients in complex commercial disputes and maintained an active and diverse pro bono practice. Her pro bono experiences include representing clients in immigration matters and before various city and state agencies, including the NYC D.O.E. and the NY D.O.L. Ms. Kinney also externed in the Legal Aid Society's New York Immigrant Family Unity Project and served as a member of Legal Services NYC's Pro Bono Associate Advisory Board. Ms. Kinney earned her B.A. degree in 2010 from Colgate University and her J.D. from George Washington University Law School in



2014. During law school, Ms. Kinney served as a legal intern at the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children.

Cecelia Klingele is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she teaches courses in criminal law, Constitutional criminal procedure, policing, and sentencing and corrections. She is also a faculty associate of the Frank J. Remington Center, the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and the Institute for Research on Poverty. Professor Klingele's academic research focuses on criminal justice administration, with an emphasis on community and institutional corrections. She has served as Associate Reporter for the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code: Sentencing revision (2012-2018), External Co-Director of the University of Minnesota Robina Institute's Sentencing Law & Policy Program (2013-2018), and co-chair of the Academic Committee of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section (2009-2013). After receiving her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2005, Professor Klingele served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb of the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, Judge Susan H. Black of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court. She returned to the University of Wisconsin in 2009 as a visiting assistant professor, and has been a permanent faculty member since 2011. Professor Klingele and her husband live in Madison. They have four grown children, and six more at home who ensure life is never boring.



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 Counsel. 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.



Joselyn López was appointed as Interstate Compact Administrator for the State of Wisconsin in June 2017. Joselyn is the Chair of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) National Training, Education and Public Relations Committee. She has been a member of the ICAOS Information Technology Committee since 2017 and the ICAOS Rules Committee since 2018. Joselyn has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Marquette University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Joselyn's career of over 22 years in community corrections, spans from case manager for juveniles, counseling services for adults, and regional director of outpatient and residential services in the private sector, to managing community corrections services for the state of Wisconsin. Joselyn joined the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in 2010 as a Program and Policy Analyst where she developed evidence-based programming for offenders and trained staff on evidence based practices. In her current position as Corrections Services Supervisor, Joselyn continues her commitment to Evidence Based Practices through statewide oversight of community corrections programming, staff education, employment programming, and reentry initiatives. She is a trainer for Trauma Informed Care in the Criminal Justice System and Risk Reduction Strategies in community supervision. She also serves as the Chair for the Division of Community Corrections Evidence Based Decision Makers Committee.

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 has devoted his entire legal career to helping people accused of crimes. He focuses his practice on defending people facing charges of homicide, attempted homicide, and sex-based crimes involving adults or children. He also handles cases involving allegations of domestic abuse. Attorney Martinez is an experienced and accomplished trial lawyer, having tried cases throughout Wisconsin on charges at all levels of severity. Together with Cole Ruby, he's a two-time recipient of the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Hanson Award, each for winning a not-guilty verdict in a jury trial involving a charge of first-degree intentional homicide, the most serious crime under Wisconsin law. He also has a lengthy record of negotiating dismissals of cases, especially in sex-



based crimes, thereby saving his clients the anxiety, risk, and expense associated with trial. Attorney Martinez has also been a presenter at the State Public Defender's annual conference and at the annual WACDL seminar. Attorney Martinez is a native of Arizona, but moved to Wisconsin to attend law school at the UW in 2004. He was a senior managing editor of the *Wisconsin Law Review*. He is a founding partner of Martinez & Ruby, LLP, which he started with Attorney Cole Ruby in 2008. Attorney Martinez is a native Spanish speaker, and has represented Spanish-speaking clients throughout his career.

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.

Kimberley Motley is the first and only Westerner to practice law in Afghanistan's courts. She spends nine months of the year living in Afghanistan, defending foreigners to the country, embassies and ambassadors, and women and children in human rights cases. Having independently won freedom for countless victims—such as a six-year-old child bride, and a British ex-soldier accused of bribery—Motley is a registered attorney for more than 20 embassies. Her book, *Lawless*, tells her story of relentless drive and remarkable vision to bring 'justness' to the voiceless in one of the most dangerous countries in the world. Inspiring and



fascinating, *Lawless* explores Motley's radical approach to holding a complex legal system accountable to all citizens, overturning sentences for people subjected to appalling miscarriages of justice in the process. The feature documentary about her work, *Motley's Law*, won the Grand Jury Prize at DOC NYC, New York's Documentary Festival. Her expert legal work and legal research and precedent has earned international attention with segments on CNN, the BBC, NBC, and *Dan Rather Reports*, as well as articles in *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *The*

Guardian, *The Washington Post*, and *The Huffington Post*, among many others. Motley has also published several articles on juvenile justice and contemporary legal issues in Afghanistan. In her lectures around the world (including at TEDGlobal), Motley shares her breadth of international law and her experiences handling criminal, commercial, civil, and human rights issues. She is the daughter of a North Korean refugee mother and an ex-military African American father, and initially served as an attorney with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office, where she litigated hundreds of criminal, civil and juvenile 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.

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 is the founding partner of Nicholson, Gansner & Otis, S.C., and is widely regarded as one of the most skilled sensitive crimes defense attorneys in the State of Wisconsin. While Nicholson handles all types of state criminal charges, her focus has been on defending individuals accused of what can be the most controversial and serious crimes in our justice system - sexual assault (of both adults and children), homicide, attempted homicide, and child abuse. She has handled a number of high-profile cases and is comfortable navigating the often-complicated relationship between an accused person and the press. Nicholson has handled several cases that have garnered widespread media attention. Nicholson's



work has been discussed in The New York Times, she has been quoted as a legal expert in the Wall Street Journal as well as locally in both Wisconsin television and print media.

Amanda Nolan-Plutchak began her career at Northwestern Mutual in January of 2020 as a Financial Advisor. Helping people plan for their futures and giving them someone to trust and help them navigate their goals was why Amanda came to Northwestern. Prior to her career at Northwestern Amanda received her Masters in Business Administration from Edgewood College, and also has degrees in Art history and the Fine Arts. When Amanda isn't working with clients she spends her time with her family, and friends and of course watching Badgers Football!



Contesta Odum is a Training and Development Specialist with the Bureau of Training and Development. She started employment with the State of Wisconsin in January of 2020. Previously she worked in the private sector fulfilling many roles with varying responsibilities over many years. In all of her roles and responsibilities she recognized and embraced a love of and passion for training. It is that very passion for training that has led to her current role where she trains thousands of state employees on skills that have a positive impact in their working lives. Contesta often has to balance multiple tasks and priorities at once. She is excited to share some skills and strategies to help you with managing time and priorities.



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 states³ 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 was appointed to the position of Office of Program Services Director for the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) in June of 2019. In this role, she provides oversight and guidance for all treatment and education programs in the 36 DAI facilities. Lisa began her career with the DOC in September of 2006 as a Social Worker and Substance Abuse Counselor at Taycheedah Correctional Institution. In 2014, she promoted to Corrections Program Supervisor at TCI where she supervised the Monarch Special Management Unit and Restrictive Housing Unit and the treatment delivered to the women in those units. She additionally had supervisory oversight for the AODA Residential and AODA Dual Diagnosis programs at TCI. In 2016, she played a lead role in implementing gender-responsive programming throughout the Wisconsin Women's Correctional System. In 2017, she moved to the position of Reentry Project Manager in the DOC Reentry Unit. In that role, she led initiatives related to risk and needs assessment and evidence-based practices for all DOC divisions. Lisa earned a bachelor's of Social Work degree from UW-Green Bay in 2006 and received her Substance Use Disorder Counseling certification from Gateway Technical College in 2008. She holds licensure as a Social Worker and a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor.

Christina Wilson Remlin has represented classes of children in foster care in suits challenging violence, inadequate medical care, inappropriate conditions and over-institutionalization since joining Children's Rights in 2011. Her clients include those at risk of discrimination associated with their LGBTQ identity, gender, race, immigration status and class. Previously, Ms. Remlin was a litigation associate at Baker & McKenzie LLP, where she represented clients in complex commercial disputes and regulatory investigations. She developed an active pro bono docket and represented children and adults in political asylum hearings, Violence Against Women Act petitions, and Special Juvenile Immigration Status and green card applications. Before that, Ms. Remlin was a member of Shearman & Sterling's litigation group. Ms. Remlin received her J.D. from Fordham University in 2004 where she participated in The Crowley Program on International Human Rights' Annual Mission to Bolivia and interned for the Center for Legal and Social Studies in Argentina. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Furman University in 1999 (cum laude). She has a variety of publications focusing on issues of corporate responsibility, investment disputes, environmental protection and human rights reparations.



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 is an investigator in the Madison Trial Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender. She has been with the agency for five years, starting in the Madison Appellate Office. Most recently, Katie has helped with the Working as a Team training put on by the agency that teaches investigation techniques to investigators and attorneys and how to effectively work together on difficult cases.

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.



Sara Strehlow is a Training and Development Specialist with the Bureau of Training and Development. She has spent the last decade working for the State of Wisconsin. She started in Environmental Health, where she created food safety training taken by over 2000 students at UW-Madison. She moved into a Training Officer position where she coordinated a training program for all state Environmental Health Officers. Her love and passion for training continued to give her opportunities and today she trains thousands of state employees on how to be more effective. Training thousands of people is no easy task, Sara balances multiple tasks and priorities at once. She is excited to share some skills and strategies with you to help you stay organized, prioritize, and meet your deadlines.



Dr. Shaku Teas, MD is a forensic pathologist in River Forest, Illinois. She consults on cases around the country. She has a biology degree from Jaihind College, Bombay University in India and obtained her medical degree from Seth G.S. Medical School, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Bombay University in India.



Steffon Walby started his career with Northwestern Mutual in 2011. Prior to that he played professional hockey for 11 years and then coached in the professional ranks for a few years after that. He is still involved in the great sport of hockey as he still coaches at the high school level. In his spare time, he likes to spend as much time as possible with his wife and two sons.



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.