

## **Lori Albin**

**Lori Albin** is Director of National Juvenile Justice Network's (NJJN) Fiscal Policy Center, has been working in the juvenile and criminal justice fields for more than fifteen years. Ms. Albin has a strong background in both fiscal analysis and juvenile justice advocacy and policy. Ms. Albin began her career as a financial analyst for Dun & Bradstreet, attained a CPA and was Chief Financial Officer of several highly successful private entities prior to attaining her law degree.

Ms. Albin put her legal skills to work as an Assistant Public Defender for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. After working as an appellate attorney for the OPD, Ms. Albin joined the Legislative Division, eventually becoming its Director. Ms. Albin was the primary advocate for indigent youth and adult offenders before the General Assembly of Maryland. Some of the successful campaigns she spearheaded include nonwaiver of the juvenile right to counsel, protections and mandatory protocols for children who are incompetent to stand trial, increased funding for early intervention, mandated implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in public schools, decreased criminality of truancy, and establishment of a juvenile justice monitor for conditions of confinement.

Ms. Albin also spearheaded the defeat of hundreds of bills that would have increased the criminalization of juveniles. The cornerstone of Ms. Albin's successful advocacy was her intimate knowledge of the budget process and an understanding of the fiscal impact of legislation. Ms. Albin received a bachelor degree in economics from Kenyon College and graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

## **Daniel N. Abrahamson**

**Daniel Abrahamson** is Director of Legal Affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance – the nation's leading organization devoted to drug policy and drug law reform. Mr. Abrahamson is an active litigator in the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts across the country and is co-author of several state and local legislative initiatives, including California's Proposition 36, the most sweeping criminal justice reform since the repeal of Prohibition. He is a 2001 recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson Developing Leadership in Reducing Substance Abuse award in recognition of his efforts to expand access to drug treatment while reducing the rate and length of incarceration for drug law offenders.

Mr. Abrahamson has taught courses on criminal justice at Yale and Fisk University, and has served as an adjunct professor of law at Hastings College of the Law and the University of California-Berkeley. He received his B.A. from Yale University, his M.A. from Oxford University, and his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

## **Anthony Benedetti**

**Anthony J. Benedetti** is Chief Counsel for the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), the Massachusetts agency responsible for providing legal services to the indigent. From 1998 to 2010, he was the agency General Counsel, representing CPCS before the executive, legislative and judicial branches on budget and legislative issues. Prior to that he spent five years as a public defender trial lawyer in the CPCS Brockton office where he represented hundreds of clients in the District and Superior Courts.

He has been a board member of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Massachusetts Criminal Systems History Board and is an active member of the Boston Bar Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense lawyers.

Finally, Anthony has been an adjunct professor in the Suffolk University Criminal Justice Master's program since 2002, teaching courses in Legal Issues, Criminal Justice Policy and Seminar on the Death Penalty.

### **James D. Bethke**

**James Bethke** serves as the director of the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense charged with implementing a statewide system of standards, financing and other resources for criminal defendants unable to hire attorneys. For the past two years, he served as the presiding officer of the Timothy Cole Advisory Panel on Wrongful Convictions. He is a member of the Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit. He is a past-chair of the Juvenile Law Exam Commission for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He currently serves on the Indigent Defense Advisory Group (IDAG) for the ABA Standing Committee for Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and is a Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow. He is a U.S. Army veteran from the 101st Airborne Division, is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler and the Texas Tech University law school.

### **Amy M. Borrer**

**Amy Borrer** is the Legislative and Media Liaison for the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. Since 2004, she has served as the office's spokesperson and as its lobbyist at the Ohio General Assembly. Prior to joining OPD, Amy worked at the Ohio Senate, the Ohio House of Representatives, and the Ohio State Bar Association. Recently, Amy has been actively involved in efforts to reform Ohio's criminal sentencing and juvenile delinquency laws.

As a founding member of the Ohio Juvenile Justice Initiative and its successor, the Ohio Juvenile Justice Alliance, Amy worked with dozens of stakeholders in the juvenile justice system to develop and draft legislation that became House Bill 235 in Ohio's 128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

This year, thanks to a coalition effort supported by the MacArthur Foundation and the Gund Foundation, several of the reforms from HB 235 were included in House Bill 86, a sweeping, progressive criminal and juvenile justice reform bill that was passed by the Legislature in June.

Since 2007, much of Amy's work has focused on the Adam Walsh Act; in March 2009, she was one of seven invited witnesses to testify before Congress at the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime hearing on barriers to states' implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. Amy has also presented at numerous local, state, and national conferences about the AWA, juvenile justice, and other lobbying and litigation efforts.

### **Maureen A. Cain**

**Maureen Cain** is a criminal defense attorney in private practice and legislative liaison for the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, where she tracks state legislation regarding criminal justice. She

### **Michael DiLauro**

**Michael A. DiLauro** is the Director of Training & Legislative Liaison for the Rhode Island Department of the Public Defender (OPD). Prior to creating this position, he was a member of the OPD's Trial Division where he tried approximately sixty capital (potential life sentence) cases to verdict. As Director of Training & Legislative Liaison, he is responsible for creating programs that meet the professional needs of the department's forty plus attorney's and advancing the OPD's legislative package through the RI General Assembly while responding to other legislation touching upon the practice of criminal law and procedure, respectively.

He maintains a select caseload for systemic litigation purposes. Mr. DiLauro is a member of the RI Bar Association (RIBA) and its Criminal Law Bench Bar Committee; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and its State Legislative Committee; the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) and its Defender Trainer's Section; and is a charter member of the Rhode Island Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (RIACDL) where he has held numerous appointed and elected positions including President (2008-2010).

He has presented at numerous CLE and other training and his articles have appeared in the *RIBA Journal* and the print and electronic publications of RIACDL; most recently he authored or co-authored chapters on pre-trial motion practice in criminal cases in state court; search and seizure; and compelled blood draws made pursuant to a search warrant for *Humphrey, et al, A Practice Guide to Trying DUI Cases in*

### **Christie Donner**

**Christie Donner** is Executive Director and founder of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (CCJRC). She has over fifteen years of experience working in criminal justice reform advocacy, community organizing, policy research, and lobbying. Christie co-authored *Parenting from Prison: A Resource Guide for Incarcerated Parents in Colorado*. She is also the co-author of CCJRC's newest publication *Getting On After Getting Out: A Re-Entry Guide for Colorado*. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

CCJRC is a network of over 100 organizations and 7,000 individual members statewide working to reduce mass incarceration in Colorado. CCJRC focuses on state-level policy reform with an emphasis on drug policy and parole reform. CCJRC uses public education, research, policy analysis, community organizing, litigation and lobbying as strategies for social change.

### **Kim Dvorchak**

**Kim Dvorchak** is Executive Director of the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to excellence in juvenile defense and justice for all children and youth in Colorado. In her career as a juvenile defender, Ms. Dvorchak represented indigent juveniles in the trial and appellate courts, including a constitutional challenge to the direct file statute in the Colorado Supreme Court in *Flakes v. People*. Ms. Dvorchak presents CLE workshops nationally and statewide on legal issues and litigation for youth charged in adult courts. In 2009 Kim Dvorchak was awarded the Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Leadership Award for Excellence in Juvenile Defense by the National Juvenile Defender Center. Previously Ms. Dvorchak worked for The Legal Aid Society in New York City and the Public Defender's Office in Colorado Springs.

### **Scott Ehlers**

**Scott Ehlers** is a Senior Policy Advisor to Senator Rodney Ellis (Texas). Scott joined Ellis' staff in August 2008, and prior to joining the Senator's staff, he was the State Legislative Affairs Director for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) from 2004 to 2008. At NACDL, he assisted the organization's state affiliates and allies by keeping them updated on criminal justice issues and legislation from around the country, providing them with strategic advice and resources, and organizing an annual training conference. At NACDL, he worked extensively on such issues as problem-solving courts, eyewitness identification reform, and recording custodial interrogations.

Scott has also served as the lead author for numerous research reports for the Justice Policy Institute on such issues as treatment alternatives to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders and the impact of "three-strikes" sentencing schemes. Scott earned his Master's degree in Justice, Law, and Society from

American University and his Bachelor's degree in Government and Economics from the University of Texas.

### **Jamie Fellner**

**Jamie Fellner**, Esq., is Senior Advisor of the U.S. Program of Human Rights Watch. She is engaged in research, documentation and advocacy on US criminal justice issues using a human rights framework. She has written numerous reports on conditions of confinement in US prisons -- including the treatment of inmates with mental illness, rape in prison, and super-maximum security confinement--and on racial disparities in the US criminal justice system. Her most recent report is “The Price of Freedom: Bail and Pretrial Detention of Low Income Nonfelony Defendants in New York City.”

Ms. Fellner was a commissioner on the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. She has authored and co-authored numerous published reports and articles addressing human rights problems in the United States. Her work has been covered extensively by U.S. and international media and she has appeared on many television and radio shows, including The Today Show, ABC World News, CBS Evening News, CNN Crossfire, The O'Reilly Factor, Hardball, All Things Considered, Hannity and Colmes, MSNBC, BBC News and Democracy Now. Her op-eds have been published in the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Miami Herald, the Houston Chronicle, Newsday, Harper's Magazine, the Huffington Post and the New York Daily News.

### **Drew Findling**

**Drew Findling** is a private attorney at The Findling Law Firm in Atlanta, GA. Drew spent the first three years of his career as a lawyer as a Fulton County, Georgia, public defender assigned to the courtroom of the late Judge William Daniels, known throughout Georgia for having authored three fundamental treatises on Georgia criminal practice. Just a few years after graduating from law school, in 1987, Drew “hung out a shingle” and went into private practice. Since then, Drew has represented clients in state and federal courts in many states, including Georgia, Texas, Florida, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York, as well as handled international matters. Further, Drew served as chair of the NACDL Forensic Evidence Committee for nearly a decade, allowing Drew to meet and work with the nation's leading forensic experts, investigators, and support personnel, providing a resource to find the right person to assist in the smallest to the largest case.

Drew has enjoyed great success as a trial lawyer representing clients with charges ranging from minor offenses to multi-million dollar federal conspiracy cases. Over the years, his reputation for zealous and skilled representation has resulted in his being retained to represent several high-profile clients, including Grammy-nominee Faith Evans, Former Fulton County, Georgia, Sheriff Jackie Barrett, Former President of Morris Brown College Dolores Cross, NBA Superstar Shaquille O'Neal and former NBA great Dennis Rodman.

In his nearly 25 years of practice, Drew has published numerous articles and given speeches in 30 states on such topics as defending battered woman syndrome cases, jury selection in high profile cases, forensic preparation for a criminal trial, giving effective opening and closing statements, and cross-examination, including several on the cross-examination of the homicide detective. He has lectured at Emory Law School, Georgia State University College of Law, the National Criminal Defense College, the Georgia Institute of Trial Advocacy, and the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Criminal Defense College. Respected for his legal analysis and trial abilities, Drew is also regularly invited by Shepard Smith and Bill O'Reilly of Fox News to serve as legal analyst on their programs. He has also earned a local reputation for his abilities and is often invited to appear on Atlanta-based CNN Headline News.

Drew's professional memberships include the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Board of Criminal Lawyers, the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Bar Association, and the Atlanta Bar Association. Drew also serves on the Board of Advisors for the prestigious National Clearing House on Science and Technology of Law. He has been named as one of Georgia's Legal Elite in Georgia Trend Magazine and as a Georgia "Super Lawyer" by Atlanta Magazine.

### **Representative Roger Goodman**

**Roger Goodman** is a member of the Washington House of Representatives, representing Washington's 46<sup>th</sup> district. He focuses on justice system issues as Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and also on the Public Safety Committee. He also serves on the Law and Criminal Justice Standing Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Public Safety and Justice Task Force of the Council of State Governments. Goodman is an attorney and criminal justice expert and works outside the legislature consulting with bar associations and other professional groups across the United States to foster discussion of drug control policies and to bring about legal reforms.

Until 2000, Goodman directed Washington's Sentencing Guidelines Commission and he previously served on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. as legislative director, counsel and chief of staff for two senior Democratic Members of the U.S. Congress. Goodman is admitted to practice law in Washington State and Rhode Island, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Federal Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. He received an A.B. as a Senior Fellow from Dartmouth College; a J.D. from George Washington University; and an M.P.A. from Harvard University, where he concentrated on social policy issues, including criminal justice, public health, education reform and economic security.

Goodman is 50 years old and lives with his wife and two children in Kirkland, Washington. He has traveled widely throughout the world, visiting more than 100 countries on six continents.

Goodman has recently declared his candidacy for the United States Congress in 2012.

### **John Gross**

**John Gross** serves as NACDL's Indigent Defense Counsel. As the staff attorney leading NACDL's ongoing indigent defense reform efforts, Mr. Gross helps the association devise legislative and litigation strategies, working closely with NACDL's leadership, committees, affiliates and pro bono outside counsel, as well as liaising with other legal and professional organizations.

A 1999 graduate of Hofstra University College of Law, Mr. Gross comes to NACDL from Syracuse University School of Law, where he is Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Acting Director of the school's criminal defense clinic, where he supervises law students representing defendants in Syracuse City Court and town and village courts in Onondaga County. Prior to his teaching and clinical career, he was a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society in New York City in the criminal division, where he represented indigent defendants at all stages of prosecution, from arraignment through disposition. Mr. Gross received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University in 1995.

### **Andy Hoover**

**Andy Hoover** is Legislative Director of ACLU of Pennsylvania, responsible for lobbying efforts at the state level in Harrisburg and at the federal level in Washington, D.C. From 2004 to 2008, he was a community organizer for ACLU-PA and is an experienced advocate, cutting his teeth in the anti-death penalty movement during the Ridge

Schweiker administration. Andy also serves on the boards of directors of Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and The Interfaith Alliance of Pennsylvania. In 2008, Andy graduated from Penn State with a master's degree in Community Psychology and Social Change. He is also a 1995 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications. Andy has lived most of his life in Dauphin County. (Harrisburg)

### **Steven K. Jacobson**

**Steven K. Jacobson** is a founding partner of Forensic Defense Strategies, LLP, a consulting firm that assists criminal defense attorneys with forensic evidence in their cases. In addition, he presently serves as the Forensic Specialist for the Colorado State Public Defender. For more than ten years, he has consulted locally and nationally on DNA and other forensic cases. He has worked for the Federal Public Defender, CJA panel and Alternate Defense Counsel Services. Mr. Jacobson was one of the first lawyers to gain access to the original validation work done on the short tandem repeat (STR) DNA testing system now used by most labs. He has received training from both the manufacturer and defense experts relating to use of the propriety DNA software used by almost all labs. He was motion hearing and appellate counsel in *People v. Michael Shreck* (Nationally Noted Trial and Colorado Supreme Court Decision on the Admissibility of STR DNA Evidence). He was also counsel in *People v. John Mark Karr* (Investigation Relating to the Death of JonBenet Ramsey).

Mr. Jacobson has been a criminal trial lawyer for over thirty years. He headed the Boulder Office of the Colorado State Public Defender for twenty-three years. He presently serves as Chairperson of the Colorado Supreme Court Attorney Regulation Committee and has served on the Colorado Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee for twenty years. He is a graduate of the National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He received his B.S. from Northwestern University and J.D. from the University of Denver.

### **Rick Jones**

**Rick Jones** is a founding member and Executive Director of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (NDS). He is a distinguished trial lawyer with more than 20 years' experience in complex multi-forum litigation. In addition, Mr. Jones is a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School and on the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College (NCDC) in Macon, Georgia. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee, sits on the boards of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA) and the Sirius Foundation, and serves on the Editorial Board of the Amsterdam News.

Mr. Jones is a two term past member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), and will serve as Parliamentarian, a non-voting member of the Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 Presidential term. At NACDL, he served as co-chair of both the Indigent Defense Committee and the Special Task Force on Problem-Solving Courts. In September 2009 the Task Force released its critically acclaimed report: *America's Problem-Solving Courts: The Criminal Costs of Treatment and the Case for Reform*. Mr. Jones currently serves on several NACDL committees, including the newly created Task Force on the Reintegration of Convicted Persons, of which he is co-chair.

### **Elizabeth Kelley**

**Elizabeth Kelley** is a leader in representing people with intellectual disabilities (such as mental retardation and autism spectrum disorders) and mental illness (such as bipolar disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder.)

Elizabeth is proud to be a criminal defense lawyer, and her email address - [zealousadvocacy@aol.com](mailto:zealousadvocacy@aol.com) - describes her passion. Because of this, she is frequently asked to provide legal commentary on radio stations throughout the country as well as on national television for CNN, HLN, Fox, MSNBC, and TruTV. Additionally, she hosts her own weekly radio show, "Celebrity Court," which counts down the top five celebrity legal stories of the week. Elizabeth interviews guests from throughout the country including Gloria Allred, civil rights attorney; Jane Valez-Mitchell, host of HLN's "Issues;" Jim Moret, correspondent for "Inside Edition;" Judge Alex, host of the syndicated television show "Judge Alex;" and New York Times best-selling author Brad Meltzer.

Elizabeth is in her second term as a board member for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She has served on numerous committees, is a Life Member, and chairs both the Mental Health Committee and the Corrections Committee. She traveled as part of an NACDL - United Nations delegation to Liberia to train Liberian attorneys about courtroom strategies and techniques. Additionally, Elizabeth is a Life Member of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and is a member of numerous bar associations. She has been recognized as one of Ohio's *Super Lawyers*, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

### **Jody Kent**

**Jody Kent** is Director & National Coordinator of the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth. She works with advocates around the country to end the practice of sentencing youth to life without the possibility of parole, using a multi-pronged strategy that includes public education, legislative advocacy, and litigation.

Prior to joining the Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth in February 2009, Jody served as the Public Policy Coordinator for the ACLU National Prison Project (NPP) for two and a half years, where she spearheaded a campaign to amend the Prison Litigation Reform Act. Before joining the ACLU's National Prison Project, she worked for three years at the ACLU of Southern California (ACLU-SC) in Los Angeles as the Jails Project Coordinator. In her role at the ACLU-SC, Jody was responsible for monitoring the L.A. county jails to ensure that certain legal requirements were met and basic services were provided to people incarcerated there. In June 2006, Jody was appointed to a panel of experts that reported to a federal district judge to negotiate and develop plans to reduce overcrowding at the nation's largest jail.

Currently, Jody serves on the board of the Justice Policy Institute, a national research and advocacy organization, and Our Place DC, which provides services to women returning from prison in Washington, DC. Jody holds a BA from Boston College and a Master in Public Management from the University of Maryland's Public Policy School.

### **Piper Kerman**

**Piper Kerman** brings 16 years of experience in interactive communications, branding and marketing to Spitfire Strategies following years as an agency creative director and as an independent consultant. At Spitfire, she has worked on a range of issues from justice reform, public health accreditation and international population to media policy. Clients include the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, the Open Society Institute, Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media, the National Environmental Education Foundation, College Summit, the League of Women Voters and the National Housing Trust.

In addition to helping our clients with communications planning and implementation and guiding creative services projects for interactive and print communications, Piper is a frequent trainer, leading sessions for

Spitfire's nonprofit and foundation clients on topics from online communications and Web site development to communications planning, as well as effective use of narrative. She was part of the team that researched and developed Spitfire's Discovering the Activation Point™.

Piper has a long track record of conceiving and implementing integrated communications strategies that include award-winning Web sites and interactive marketing, television advertising, print and promotions. Her past clients include Sprint, Cendant Corporation, The New Republic, ESPN, and Condé Nast, and she led creative teams at interactive agencies and Web services firms such as i33 Communications, Commerce One, and Xceed. Prior to her marketing strategy work, Piper was a film and video producer, with producing and writing credits on *Jets Insider*, *Speedvision*, *WalkFit* with Kathy Smith and commercial clients including Sony, Murad, Select Comfort, Guthy-Renker, 24 Hour Fitness and Harper Collins. She is the author of the memoir *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*. A native of Boston and an ardent Red Sox fan, Piper now lives in New York City.

## **Jack King**

**Jack King** is Director of Public Affairs and Communication at NACDL. He brings NACDL activities and positions to the attention of news media and the public, through news releases, opinion essays and the like. Maintains ongoing relationships with key legal affairs, justice, congressional and Supreme Court reporters, provides background information and/or media referrals to NACDL's leadership and prepares spokespersons for media interviews.

## **Robert Hilary King**

**Robert Hillary King**, aka Robert King Wilkerson, is part of a trio of American political prisoners collectively known as The Angola Three.

King's membership in the only prison-recognized chapter of the Black Panther Party, and his work organizing against prison injustices, resulted in his being targeted for retaliation by prison officials. Despite overwhelming evidence exonerating him, prison-snitch testimony alone convicted him and he received a life sentence for the death of a fellow inmate. King's tenacity in proving his innocence came to fruition when a Federal Appeals Court finally adjured him "probably innocent." In February 2001, after thirty-one years of imprisonment and twenty-nine continuous years of solitary confinement, King walked out of the gates of Angola a free man.

From the moment of his release, he has worked tirelessly to spread word about the innocence and the continued plight of his two remaining comrades, both held in solitary confinement for thirty-six years. King has spoken at universities, conferences and other venues. He has made appearances on radio and television, traveled to seven foreign countries, and addressed members of the European Parliament. He has worked to win the release of his comrades, the release of all political prisoners, and an end to the new slavery that is the Prison Industrial Complex.

Upon his release King was quoted as saying, "I may be free from Angola, but Angola will never be free of me!"

## **Mike Krause**

**Mike Krause** is Director of Operations at the Independence Institute. He also runs the Justice Policy Initiative, the Independence Institute's criminal and civil justice policy center. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1987-1991, which included search and rescue operations in the North Atlantic Ocean and joint agency drug and immigration patrols in the Caribbean Sea.

His work for the Independence Institute appears regularly in numerous Colorado newspapers. He is also a regular contributor to the *Huffington Post Denver* and the Colorado political blog aggregator PeoplesPressCollective.org, through the Independence Institute's main blog, The Cauldron.

### **Bridget Klauber**

**Bridget Klauber** is a solo practitioner in Boulder, Colorado. She was a Colorado Public Defender for seventeen years, and spent the majority of her time in the Golden regional office, where she was eventually appointed to be the office head. During her tenure as office head, she worked on a number of criminal justice projects, including a major overhaul of bonding practices in Jefferson County and the creation of prison diversion drug court.

Before attending law school, Ms. Klauber received an MA in English and taught at the University of Colorado for several years. She lives in Boulder with her husband and two daughters.

### **Miriam Krinsky**

**Miriam Aroni Krinsky** is a Lecturer at the UCLA School of Public Policy and also an Adjunct Professor at Loyola and UC Irvine Law Schools. She is a member of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Foster Care, the Advisory Council to the ABA Youth at Risk Commission, the California Judicial Council (the leadership body for the state's judicial branch), and numerous other federal, state and local policy groups. Ms. Krinsky served for five years as the Executive Director and Special Director of Policy and Reform Initiatives for the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, a 185 person nonprofit organization that represents over 20,000 abused and neglected youth in Los Angeles, and thereafter worked with California government leaders to help launch the state's Child Welfare Council. Ms. Krinsky has been involved in numerous bar and community endeavors, including serving as President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (the first lawyer from the public sector to hold that office) and also on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission (as Commission President for three years).

After law school, Ms. Krinsky practiced at the law firm of Hufstедler, Miller, Carlson & Beardsley and then served for 15 years as a federal prosecutor in the United States' Attorneys Office for the Central District of California (acting as Chief of that office's Appellate and General Crimes Sections) and on an organized crime drug task force in Maryland. While with the Department of Justice, Ms. Krinsky chaired the Solicitor General's Advisory Group on Appellate Issues, served on the AG's Advisory Committee on Sentencing and received Attorney General Janet Reno's highest national award for appellate work. Ms. Krinsky has lectured nationwide and testified extensively before legislative, governmental and judicial bodies on issues relating to children at risk, the criminal justice system, and sentencing and appellate policies. She has authored over 50 articles on foster care, juvenile justice, sentencing, and criminal law issues.

### **Jim E. Lavine**

**Jim E. Lavine** currently serves as the President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). A 1974 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago Kent College of Law in Chicago, Illinois, he is admitted to practice in Texas and Illinois, as well as the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Seventh, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits, and all of the United States District Courts in Texas, the Northern District of Illinois, and the Western District of Oklahoma. He graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Mr. Lavine represents clients at trial and on appeal in state and federal courts, as well as before professional licensing boards. He also represents individual and corporate clients in regulatory compliance matters and as witnesses, suspects, or targets in grand jury investigations. Mr. Lavine has

been board certified in criminal law since 1985 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and since 1986 by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Mr. Lavine is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a former director of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and a former President of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association.

Mr. Lavine was recognized every year from 2003 to 2010 by Law & Politics as a Super Lawyer (an outstanding lawyer who has attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement), published in Super Lawyers Magazine. In 2007, NACDL presented the Robert C. Heeney Award to Mr. Lavine. This is NACDL's most prestigious award, given annually to the one criminal defense attorney who personally and professionally best exemplifies the goals and values of the Association and the legal profession.

### **Marsha Levick**

**Marsha Levick** is Deputy Director and Chief Counsel of the Juvenile Law Center, which she co-founded in 1975. Juvenile Law Center is the oldest public interest law firm for children in the United States. For more than 30 years, Levick has been an advocate for children's and women's rights and is a nationally recognized leader in juvenile law. Levick has authored or co-authored numerous appellate and amicus briefs before the US Supreme Court as well as many other federal and state courts, including *Roper V Simmons*, striking the juvenile death penalty, and *Graham v Florida*, striking juvenile life without parole sentences for non-homicide crimes. Levick has also authored or co-authored several scholarly articles on children's rights issues. Levick has also helmed Juvenile's Law Center's work addressing the Luzerne County Pa juvenile court judges' scandal, believed to be the largest judicial corruption scandal in American legal history.

Levick serves on the boards of the National Juvenile Defender Center; Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana; Southern Poverty Law Center; and the advisory board of Rutgers-Camden Law School's Juvenile Justice Clinic. Levick has received numerous awards for her work, including the 2006 Temple Women's Law Caucus Professional Achievement Award; the 2008 Pennsylvania Bar Association Child Advocate of the Year Award; the 2009 Foundation for the Improvement of Justice Award; the 2009 Philadelphia Bar Association's Andrew Hamilton Award; the Philadelphia Inquirer Citizen of the Year, 2009 (co-recipient), the 2010 American Association for Justice Leonard Weinglass Award and the 2010 American Bar Association Livingston Hall Award. Levick is an adjunct faculty member at both the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Temple Beasley School of law.

### **Marc Levin**

**Marc A. Levin** is a director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Levin is an Austin attorney and an accomplished author on legal and public policy issues.

Levin has served as a law clerk to Judge Will Garwood on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Staff Attorney at the Texas Supreme Court. In 1999, he graduated with honors from the University of Texas with a B.A. in Plan II Honors and Government. In 2002, Levin received his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law.

Levin's articles on law and public policy have been featured in publications such as the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Texas Review of Law & Politics, National Law Journal, New York Daily News, Jerusalem Post, Toronto Star, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Philadelphia Inquirer, San Francisco Chronicle, Washington Times, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Charlotte Observer, Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, Austin American-Statesman, San Antonio Express-News and Reason Magazine.

Marc was a Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow in 1996. As part of that program, he interned at Reason Magazine and had two articles published, one on juvenile justice and one on airport privatization.

### **Representative Claire Levy**

**Claire Levy** is a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, and she has represented District 13 since 2007. She has been a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary throughout her term in office, and was the chair of the Judiciary Committee during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions. Representative Levy is also a member of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and serves on the Comprehensive Sentence Reform Task Force of the CCJJ. As a legislator, in addition to working on recidivism reduction and sentence reform measures, Representative Levy has sponsored several bills that address the transfer of juveniles into the adult criminal system, including reform of direct file authority, transfers from juvenile detention to jail, and access to education while in jail. She plans to focus on reentry, employment of felons, and the collateral consequences of convictions in coming legislative sessions.

Before being elected to office, Representative Levy was an attorney in private practice with a focus on land use and local government. She began her legal career as an appellate attorney in the Colorado State Public Defender system.

### **Scott Llewellyn**

**Scott F. Llewellyn** is a partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP. His practice involves complex litigation before state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the country. Mr. Llewellyn has also worked on a variety of right to counsel issues, in both the criminal and civil contexts. Mr. Llewellyn is the Co-chair of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Sixth Amendment Task Force and lead counsel in a pending suit challenging the constitutionality of a Colorado statute requiring misdemeanor defendants to meet with prosecutors to discuss possible pleas before applying for counsel.

Mr. Llewellyn serves on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Lawyers Committee and the board of Drop In the Bucket, a charity that builds wells in Africa. Mr. Llewellyn attended Yale University (B.A., 1990) and the University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1997). After law school, Mr. Llewellyn clerked for the Hon. Clarence A. Brimmer, U.S. District Court, District of Wyoming, and the Hon. Diarmuid O'Scannlain, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. Mr. Llewellyn has also taught at the Georgetown University Law School.

### **Mary Schmid Mergler**

**Mary Schmid Mergler** is Senior Counsel for the Criminal Justice Program of The Constitution Project (TCP). She coordinates TCP's Clearinghouse for New Voices on Criminal Justice Reform, promoting the voices of "unlikely allies" in criminal justice reform campaigns on the federal and state levels. She also oversees TCP's state-level criminal justice reform efforts, which are focused primarily on the death penalty, indigent defense and sentencing issues.

Prior to joining TCP in February 2010, she was an associate in the litigation department of the Washington, DC office of Baker Botts L.L.P. There, she represented corporate and individual clients in civil and criminal litigation matters and government investigations. Previously, she was National Affairs Assistant at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, working on a wide range of criminal justice issues. She received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she served as a member of the *Virginia Law Review* editorial board, co-chaired the Virginia Innocence Project Student Group, and represented indigent clients through the Criminal Defense Clinic. She received her undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University.

## **Jeralyn Merritt**

**Jeralyn Merritt** is a private attorney practicing criminal defense law in Colorado. She has provided highly skilled and effective legal representation to persons accused of serious federal and state drug, white collar and financial crimes, including related forfeiture proceedings. As a frequent lecturer to lawyers at continuing legal education seminars, and a national cable news legal analyst, she is constantly on the cutting edge of innovative trial strategies and defenses. She provides representation at all stages of criminal actions, including pre-indictment, grand jury, trial, appeal, and post-conviction proceedings.

## **Richard Miles**

On October 12, 2009, **Richard Miles** was freed from prison after serving 14 years of a 40 year wrongful conviction sentence. Mr. Miles was born April 26, 1975 and grew up in Dallas, TX. On May 15, 1994 he was picked up by the Dallas Police Department and charged with murder and attempted murder for a crime he did not commit. He was planning to attend Texas State Technical College to study Plastic Engineering at 19 years old, but he never enrolled—he was convicted of the crime.

In prison, Mr. Miles wrote numerous letters to several groups and organizations professing his innocence, and eventually an organization from Princeton, New Jersey picked up his case and found previously undisclosed documentation of a phone tip describing the actual shooter. After being granted a retrial, one witness gave an affidavit stating that the prosecutor of the initial case told him to testify that the shooter was Mr. Miles, even though the witness said he could not discern the shooter from the line-up. In addition, the gunshot residue (GSR) test that was performed on Mr. Miles' hands was admitted into evidence as being positive, but the expert witness claimed the test was never positive. Miles' team has presented other evidence, along with recommendations from the District Attorney and the trial judge that he be pronounced innocent. Miles and his lawyers are currently awaiting the final determination of his innocence. He currently works at the Hilton Hotel and volunteers for the Dallas School District. Mr. Miles story is profiled in the book, "Tested: How Twelve Wrongly Imprisoned Men Held On To Hope."

## **Kyra Millich**

**Kyra Millich** is Interim Director of the Project to End Juvenile Life Without Parole (JLWOP), a division of the Center for Law & Global Justice at the University of San Francisco School of Law. The Center's research, which established that the US is the only country in the world to allow JLWOP, was referenced as support for the US Supreme Court's conclusion that JLWOP is unconstitutional for non-homicide crimes in the *Graham v. Florida* case. In addition to maintaining a brief bank in conjunction with the National Juvenile Defender Center, Ms. Millich conducts outreach, training and provides information regarding international human rights arguments to advocates in the United States who are attempting to abolish JLWOP sentences at the judicial and legislative levels. She has written articles on international law and juvenile justice for publications, including the juvenile justice edition of 'The Champion'. She is a member of NJDC, PJDC and the NACDL Juvenile Justice Committee.

Prior to joining the Project to End JLWOP in late 2010, Ms. Millich worked as a consumer protection litigator for a San Francisco law firm that challenged unfair business and debt collection practices in the automobile and banking industries. During that time, she successfully obtained political asylum for a refugee via her pro bono work with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. She served as a federal law clerk for the Honorable James Ware in the Northern District of California after graduating from Santa Clara University School of Law with Certificates in International Law and Public Interest Law.

## **Christine Mumma**

**Christine Mumma** is executive director of the N.C. Center on Actual Innocence (ncai.org), which coordinates the work of North Carolina law school Innocence Projects®. The Center has represented several North Carolina citizens who have been exonerated after serving years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Most recently, Ms. Mumma served as co-counsel representing Gregory Taylor in his historic exoneration by the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. She has also served as executive director of Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake's North Carolina Actual Innocence Commission, which studied causation issues associated with wrongful convictions and recommended policy reforms designed to increase the reliability of convictions.

Criminal justice reform initiatives championed by Ms. Mumma have included eyewitness identification, recording of interrogations, expanded preservation of biological evidence, increased access to DNA testing, increased compensation and support for exonerees, the establishment of the country's first Innocence Inquiry Commission, and North Carolina's 2011 Forensic Sciences Act.

Ms. Mumma is an adjunct professor at UNC's School of Law, where she's taught "Wrongful Convictions" and "Legal Research and Writing." She received the 2010 North Carolina Advocates for Justice Kellie Crabtree Award, the 2009 Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for Advocacy, Business Leader Magazine's 2008 Pro Bono Impact Award, the Raleigh News & Observer's "2007 Tar Heel of the Year" award, and the North Carolina Bar Association's Pro Bono Attorney of the Year in 2006. She serves on the boards of Fair Trial Initiative, NC Prisoner Legal Services, North Carolina Institute for Constitutional Law, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, North Carolina General Assembly's Preservation of Evidence Committee.

## **Tim Murray**

**Tim Murray** is the executive director of the Pretrial Justice Institute. He has worked as a criminal justice practitioner at the local, state and federal levels. His extensive pretrial services experience includes management and executive positions with the pretrial services systems in Washington, D.C., and Miami-Dade County, Fla. While in Miami, he was the principal architect and administrator of the nation's first drug court. He went on to serve with the U.S. Department of Justice as first director of the Drug Court Program Office.

Following that appointment, he held the positions of director of policy and planning and director of program development at the Bureau of Justice Assistance. He completed his federal service as part of the start-up team for the Transportation Security Administration, now part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

He was selected as PJI's Executive Director in 2006. He has provided technical assistance to numerous programs and organizations, nationally and internationally. He is a lifetime member of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies and is the proud recipient of the Association's most prestigious honor, the Ennis J. Olgiati Award.

## **Ashley Nellis**

**Dr. Ashley Nellis** has an academic and professional background in analyzing criminal justice policies and practice, and has extensive experience in analyzing disparities among youth of color in the juvenile justice system. She leads The Sentencing Project's research and legislative activities in juvenile justice reform and serves as the co-chair of the National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition, a collective of more than 50 national organizations working to ensure healthy families, build strong

communities, and protect public safety. She regularly delivers testimony; authors articles and other publications, and conducts research. Dr. Nellis is actively engaged in federal and state efforts to eliminate life without parole sentences for juveniles. In the past 12 months, she has collected survey data from over 1,500 individuals serving JLWOP sentences. The results of this study will be published in late 2011.

### **Marco Nuñez**

**Marco Nuñez** received his Bachelor degree at CU Boulder in International Affairs. Prior to his current post as Director of Organizing at Padres y Jovenes Unidos. He gained his organizing experience working for two labor unions over eight years - first with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) International Union and then with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 105 where he worked with meatpacking and janitors and service workers, respectively.

As Director of Organizing, he provides strategy and leadership to help the organization grow, directly supervising organizing efforts across a number of campaigns. Padres & Jovenes Unidos has, for close to twenty years, organized youth and parent leaders to advance educational and immigrant student rights. Marco brings not only his diverse experience in community organizing, but also passion and commitment to the work of Padres & Jovenes Unidos, and the overall struggle to achieve justice for all. This past year, Marco helped lead a campaign to address state-wide reform to limit the involvement of law enforcement for minor schoolyard behavior, which culminated in the passage of SB 133. This bill established the creation of a legislative task force that will study the interplay of school discipline and law enforcement and offer recommendations for the 2012 legislative session.

### **Maureen Pacheco**

**Maureen Pacheco** is Clinical Director of the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School. After graduating from Georgetown Law School in 1986, Maureen lasted only a year and a half at a large law firm before she gave in to the fact that criminal defense was the only thing she was meant to do, and joined the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office. During her twenty two year tenure there, she tried misdemeanor and felony jury trials, worked in the Mental Health Court and in the Appellate Department, and served as the Juvenile Justice Legislative and Policy Advisory to the Public Defender. She left to train a whole new generation of enthusiastic law students to carry on the mission of vigorous defense of youth charged with crimes.

As a zealous juvenile-justice advocate, Professor Pacheco chairs the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' juvenile justice committee, is a board member of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, and co-chairs the PJDC amicus committee. She is the juvenile legislative consultant for the California Public Defenders Association, testifies before legislative committees as a juvenile law expert, and is a frequent lecturer at juvenile conferences.

### **Senator Ellen Roberts**

**Ellen Roberts** serves as State Senator representing Colorado's 6th Senate District, which includes Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan and San Miguel Counties.

Ellen serves on the board of directors of 1st National Bank of Durango; she is the past chairwoman of the Mercy Regional Medical Center board and is a member of a number of other local community groups. Ellen's tremendous service to the community has come in the midst of her running a successful law practice and raising two children with her husband, Rick. She listens, leads with reason and fairness and takes on the vital issues to our communities.

In November 2006, Ellen was elected as a state representative for House District 59, covering much of

Southwest Colorado. In 2008, Ellen ran for re-election, unopposed. She served two years on the State House Committee of Health and Human Services. Ellen was the ranking minority member of the Judiciary Committee for her first three years, and in 2010, Ellen returned to Health and Human Services Committee as the ranking Republican member. She's been a member of the Legislative Legal Services Committee since entering office and was appointed to the House Finance Committee in 2009. Also in Jan. 2009, Ellen was appointed by House Republican leader Rep. Mike May to serve on the special task force on Economic Recovery.

Ellen served on the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and recently was a board member for the state organization Colorado Hospice and Palliative Care. She's currently on the board of the Colorado Historical Society. She is the legislator co-chair of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council, a legislatively created youth advisory group to the Colorado State Legislature, which was established by a bill she carried in 2008.

In 2009, she received the Legislator of the Year 2008 award from Mental Health America of Colorado, and the Colorado Youth Corps Association's 2008 Champion of Youth award. In the summer of 2009, Ellen was one of four U.S. state legislators invited to participate as faculty for the Middle East Partnership Initiative workshop in Algiers, Algeria. Most recently, Ellen was honored to be appointed in July, 2009, as Vice Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Effectiveness Committee for 2009-2010.

### **Marlene Sallo**

**Marlene Sallo** received a bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College and graduated from Florida State University School of Law in 1995. She is a Juvenile Justice Policy Fellow with the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), in Washington, D.C where she works to promote fair and unbiased juvenile justice systems that treat youth equally regardless of their race or ethnicity. Prior to relocating to D.C., she practiced law in Florida where she served as a litigator and child advocate in the child welfare, juvenile justice and special education arena.

Most recently, she worked as an attorney/trainer for the Children's Law Center at the University of South Carolina, School of Law where she trained attorneys on civil rights issues pertaining to youth involved with the foster care or juvenile justice system. She has lectured in the areas of juvenile justice, child welfare and special education issues.

She is an active member of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Litigation Committee, as well as, also the website editor for the ABA Children's Rights Litigation Committee. She serves on the ABA's Commission for Youth at Risk and has also served on the Florida Bar's Standing Committee for the Legal Needs of Children.

### **Stephen Saloom**

**Stephen Saloom** is Policy Director of the Innocence Project. Prior to joining the Innocence Project, Stephen directed state policy efforts for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has also served as executive director of the Massachusetts-based Criminal Justice Policy Coalition, intake attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, lobbyist on behalf of numerous non-profit organizations at the Connecticut legislature, and as an adjunct professor in the graduate program in criminal justice at Suffolk University, where he taught the courses Criminal Justice Policy and Legal Issues in the Criminal Justice System.

Stephen holds a B.A. in Communications from the University of Connecticut, and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

## **Jessica A. Sandoval**

**Jessica A. Sandoval**, MPA is the Director of National Field Operations at the Campaign for Youth Justice, a national organization that is dedicated to ending the practice of prosecuting children under 18 in the adult criminal justice system. As a founding staff member of the organization, she was responsible for creating the communications infrastructure and established several initiatives to involve those who oppose prosecuting youth as adults, including affected families and incarcerated youth. She is responsible for the organization's overall state campaign strategy and provides technical assistance to states engaged in reform efforts. Ms. Sandoval uses her advocacy expertise to build and promote campaign successes and to increase field capacity and networks.

Prior to joining the Campaign for Youth Justice, Ms. Sandoval served as the Program Associate at the National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, where she was responsible for providing program and research support in areas related to the needs of out-of-school youth, youth in the juvenile justice and/or foster care systems, and other, older young adults who are not connected to school, work, or caring adults. In the past, she has served as the Juvenile Justice Federal Policy Coordinator at the Center for Youth as Resources – a national youth development program – and she was formerly the Policy and Resource Development Specialist for the national youth advocacy group, Coalition for Juvenile Justice. She is also a member of the board with the Lagniappe Education Foundation.

Ms. Sandoval's career began in her home state, Colorado, where she previously worked as the Program Director for the Gang Rescue and Support Project – an organization targeting gang-involved youth in Denver. In addition, Ms. Sandoval spent ten years as a volunteer advocate member of the Colorado Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council. She was originally appointed to the position by former Colorado Governor Roy R. Romer, and then re-appointed by former Colorado Governor Bill Owens.

Ms. Sandoval graduated with a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services, from Metropolitan State College of Denver.

## **Barry Scheck**

**Barry C. Scheck** is a Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City. In his thirty-two years on the Cardozo faculty, he served as the Director of Clinical Education, Co-Director of the Trial Advocacy Programs, and the Jacob Burns Center for the Study of Law and Ethics. He worked for three-years as a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society in New York City before joining the faculty at Cardozo.

Barry C. Scheck and his colleague Peter Neufeld, Co-Founded and Co-Direct the Innocence Project, an independent nonprofit organization closely affiliated with Cardozo Law School, which uses DNA evidence to exonerate the wrongly convicted. The Project also assists police, prosecutors, and defense attorneys in trying to bring about reform in many areas of the criminal justice system, including eyewitness identification procedures, interrogation methods, crime laboratory administration, and forensic science research. In its nineteen years of existence, 272 individuals have been exonerated in the United States through post-conviction DNA testing.

Barry C. Scheck is also a partner in the law firm Neufeld, Scheck & Brustin, LLP (formerly Cochran Neufeld & Scheck, LLP), specializing in civil rights and constitutional litigation. The firm is frequently retained by victims of police brutality, pursuing civil rights claims in the courts and institutional reform.

Barry C. Scheck has done extensive trial and appellate litigation in significant civil rights and criminal defense cases. He has published extensively in these areas, including a book with Jim Dwyer and Peter Neufeld entitled, *Actual Innocence: When Justice Goes Wrong And How To Make It Right*. He has served in prominent positions in many bar associations, including the presidency of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2004-2005). Since 1994 he has been a Commissioner on New York State's Forensic Science Review Board, a body that regulates all crime and forensic DNA laboratories in the state. From 1998 - 2000, he served on the National Institute of Justice's Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. In 2005 he was a member of the American Judicature Society's National Commission on Forensic Science and Public Policy.

In 1971 he received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and in 1974 his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley.

### **Alisa Smith**

**Alisa Smith** is an associate professor of criminology and criminal justice at The University of Tampa as well as a part-time appellate lawyer with the Office of the Polk County Public Defender, J. Marion Moorman. Most recently, Dr. Smith published a report evaluating Florida's County Courts (funded by the NADCL), an academic, digital workbook on the criminal justice system with Jones and Bartlett Publishing, and two law review articles, one critical of Florida's use of six-person juries in serious-felony prosecutions with co-author, Dr. Michael Saks (published by University of Florida Law Review) and the other critical of Florida appellate court decisions on eyewitness identification experts (published by Florida A & M University Law Review). Dr. Smith received her law degree in 1988 and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in criminology and criminal justice in 1998 from The Florida State University.

### **Vincent Southerland**

**Vincent Southerland** is an Assistant Counsel in the Criminal Justice Practice of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Legal Defense Fund. (NAACP-LDF). He represents death-sentenced prisoners in post-conviction proceedings and engages in advocacy around other criminal justice policy issues.

Prior to joining LDF, Mr. Southerland was a staff attorney at The Bronx Defenders, where he represented indigent individuals accused of crimes in Bronx Criminal Court. He previously served as an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow in Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic, where he supervised law students in the Clinic and represented indigent individuals accused of crimes in the District of Columbia Superior Court. Mr. Southerland was a law clerk to both the Honorable Louis H. Pollak of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Honorable Theodore A. McKee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Southerland earned an LL.M. in Trial Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center. In 2002, he received his law degree cum laude from Temple University Law School where he served as Articles Editor of the Temple Law Review. Mr. Southerland graduated summa cum laude from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Sociology in 1999.

### **Patrick Vance**

**Patrick Vance** is a Public Defender and member of the Colorado State Bar.

### **Geneva Vanderhorst**

**Geneva Vanderhorst** is a criminal defense attorney in Washington, D.C., where she handles a variety of cases both privately and through court-appointments. She joined the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) in 1999 and, in 2008, she was nominated and elected to serve on its Board of Directors. Currently, she serves as Co-Chair of the Indigent Defense Committee, Co-Vice-Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, and a member of the Reintegration Task Force of the NACDL. Attorney Vanderhorst has accepted presidential appointments to the NACDL's Long-Range Planning Committee, since 2005, Diversity Task Force, since 2007, Nominating Committee, since 2007, and CLE Advisory Council, since 2009. In 2009, she represented NACDL at the ABA's Criminal Justice Conference on reentry issues and was a conference panel speaker on "Up Against the Wall: The Impact of Race on Criminal Justice Policies, Prison Expansion and the Profession" hosted by NACDL's State Legislative Network. In 2010, she presented the NACDL Misdemeanor Report at the Texas Indigent Defense Reform Workshop Conference and returned in 2011 to the Texas Indigent Defense Reform Summit to work with Texas legislatures, county judges, and court administrators. She has also served as an advocate for issues related criminal justice policy and legislation in the media and community grassroots organizations.

Attorney Vanderhorst, a graduate of Old Dominion University, where she was named among the "Who's Who Among American College Students"; GMUSL, where she was published in, and served as Articles Editor of, the Civil Rights Law Journal; and Howard University School of Divinity, where she was selected as a 2001 National Capital Seminararian on social justice & criminal policy issues. In 2000-2001, she was selected as the Faith Leaders Initiative Fellow, where she published "*Denouncing Racism*", an interfaith theological underpinnings for the National Conference for Community & Justice, as part of President Clinton's Race Initiative. Locally, she serves as Vice President of the D.C. Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where she is involved in organizing CLE and member gatherings, and a board member of the Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association, where she interacts with judges and prosecutors on different task forces. She is also a former president of the Charlotte E. Ray American Inns of Court. Attorney Vanderhorst mentors law students interested in trial work through the annual George Mason University School of Law Upper Classman and First Year Moot Court Competitions, NACDL's Summer Minority Law Fellowships, and her office's fall and spring Criminal Defense internships.

### **Nastassia Walsh**

**Nastassia Walsh** is Research Manager at the Justice Policy Institute, a national organization focused on reducing the use of incarceration and the justice system and promoting healthy, equitable and safe communities. In her 5 years working at JPI, Nastassia has had the opportunity to work on a number of different collaborations and projects, both nationally and in states. She presented on the issue of drug courts at the *2009 International Drug Policy Reform Conference* in Albuquerque and at *New Directions: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drug Policy* in Washington, D.C. Most recently, she authored the JPI report, "Addicted to Courts: How a Growing Dependence on Drug Courts Impacts People and Communities," which was presented at two Capitol Hill briefings in March and received widespread media and advocacy attention.

Nastassia joined JPI after earning her Master's Degree in forensic psychology from Marymount University, where she studied psychological principles in the law and injustices in the criminal justice system. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and justice studies from Arizona State University.

### **Craig Watkins**

**Craig Watkins** was elected District Attorney of Dallas County in November 2006, becoming the first African American District Attorney in Texas. Under Watkins' leadership, the Dallas County D.A.'s office has achieved a 99.4% conviction rate, and has focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our society by

locking up sex offenders and child predators. Watkins' internationally recognized conviction integrity program uses DNA technology to put the guilty in prison where they belong. District Attorney Watkins has created safer communities for Dallas County families and businesses.

He has implemented innovative programs, ranging from utilizing new DNA technology to catching repeat offenders to establishing gang prevention units, in order to help reduce the crime rate in Dallas. During the past four years, Watkins' steadfast commitment to the integrity of criminal justice in Dallas has garnered national and international attention.

His Conviction Integrity Unit has reviewed more than 300 cases and helped free 25 wrongly convicted inmates. Watkins has received numerous awards for his Conviction Integrity Unit and was named "Texas of the Year" by *The Dallas Morning News* in 2008. Educated in Dallas Public Schools, Watkins graduated from Prairie View A & M University and later earned his law degree from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. Watkins and his wife, Tanya, live in Desoto and have three children – Chad, Cale, and Taryn. An active member of their community, the family attends Friendship-West Baptist Church. Craig also serves on the Board of Directors for the Circle 10 Boy Scouts of America.