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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COURTS
OFFICE OF DEFENDER SERVICES TRAINING BRANCH
WINNING STRATEGIES SEMINAR**

**Mills House Hotel
Charleston, South Carolina
February 5-7, 2009**

Final Agenda

Thursday, February 5, 2009

- 7:45-8:15 AM **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
Queen Street Gallery
- 8:15-8:30 AM **Welcoming Remarks**
Signers' Ballroom
Parks Small, Federal Public Defender, District of South Carolina
Douglas C. Greene, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services
Training Branch, Washington, D.C.
- 8:30-9:00 AM **Keynote Address**
Signers' Ballroom
Julie Stewart, President
Families Against Mandatory Minimums, Washington, D.C.
- 9:00-10:30 AM **Computer Crimes**
Signers' Ballroom
Pat Black, Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Texas
Ken Hawk, AFD, Eastern District of Texas
This presentation will focus broadly on federal computer and internet crimes, including child pornography, hacking, identity theft, cyberstalking, unauthorized password use, and fraud. The session will provide tips on how to investigate an alleged computer crime, and will include a discussion of the pertinent statutory, constitutional, search and seizure, pretrial detention, and sentencing issues.
- 10:30-10:45 AM **Break**

1. **The Nuts and Bolts of Federal Firearms Law**
Lynch Room
Leigh Skipper, Chief Federal Defender, Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
This presentation will cover the most common legal issues arising during both the guilt-innocence phase and the sentencing phase of federal firearms cases, with particular emphasis on prosecutions under 18 U.S.C. §922(g) (1) (the felon in possession statute) and the corresponding sentencing guideline, USSG §2K2.1. Common trial defenses and sentencing enhancements (including the statutory enhancement for armed career criminals) will be reviewed.

2. **The Lazy Susan: Federal Rules of Evidence 404 and 405**
Cotton Exchange Room
Omodare Jupiter, AFPD, Southern District of Mississippi
This session reviews the basics of Rule 404(b), but wait: what could be more fun than turning the tables on the prosecutor? While we are naturally more comfortable playing defense in trial, this presentation also explores the benefits of going on offense by using rules 404 and 405 to introduce character evidence of an alleged victim or a government witness.

3. **Computer Forensics**
Heyward Room
Rick Lavaty, Computer Services Administrator, District of Arizona
Eddy Archibeque, Computer Services Administrator, District of New Mexico
All is not as it seems when it comes to computers. Is the picture on the screen really there? And how and when did it get there? Does it belong to your client? These questions may be key to your defense. This session addresses those and similar issues that arise in cases involving computers.

4. **Aggravated Identity Theft**
Rutledge Room
Martin Richey, Third Level Supervisory AFPD, District of Massachusetts
Francisco Morales, AFPD, Western District of Texas
Identity theft is the crime du jour. This session will provide an overview of federal identity theft and identity fraud cases, including review of the relevant statutes and sentencing guidelines, and potential pretrial, trial, and sentencing issues.

5. **Attacking Wiretaps**
Rice Planters Room
Liliana Coronado, AFPD, Central District of California
Callie Glanton Steele, AFPD, Central District of California
A step-by-step discussion of how to attack wiretap evidence.

6. **Sentencing Guidelines 101**
Indigo Room
*Stephen Marley, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services,
Training Branch, Washington, D.C.*
*Alan Dorhoffer, United States Sentencing Commission,
Washington, D.C.*
This session will cover the basics of applying the federal sentencing guidelines. It will be of particular use to those practitioners who are new to federal criminal practice.

7. **Gangs**
Middleton Room
*Martin Sabelli, Esq., Law Offices of Martin Sabelli, San
Francisco, CA*
*Kate Corrigan, Esq., Corrigan Law Corporation, APLC, Newport
Beach, CA*
In today's times, indictments alleging conspiracy and RICO (and conspiracy to commit RICO) have become the darlings of the United States Attorney's Office. Massive "takedowns" of local street gangs (and some not so local) are occurring across the country and will likely visit most panel lawyers. This panel will focus on issues that arise in these cases and suggest approaches to defending the alleged gang member client in conspiracy and RICO cases. A gang is a gang; but is a gang a RICO enterprise? Maybe not.

11:45-1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00- 2:00 PM

Booker, Gall and Kimbrough: A View from the District Court Bench
Signers' Ballroom

Moderator: Parks Small, Federal Public Defender, District of South Carolina,

Judges: Honorable Cameron McGowan Currie, U.S. District Judge, District of South Carolina
Honorable Alexander Williams, U.S. District Judge, District of Maryland
Honorable Ruben Castillo, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Illinois

In 2005, *Booker* redefined the sentencing landscape – or did it? This panel discussion features district judges from around the country who will discuss their perspectives on sentencing post-*Booker, Gall* and *Kimbrough* so that counsel may learn ways to improve sentencing advocacy.

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Conceptualizing Mitigation

Signers' Ballroom

Robert Dunham, AFD, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Stuart Lev, AFD, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

This session will provide an integrated framework for understanding what mitigating evidence is, and how to investigate and present it. It will start with a summary of recent Supreme Court case law reaffirming the core principle that defendants have a constitutionally protected right to present mitigating evidence, and that state statutes, instructions, and evidentiary rules must provide juries a meaningful opportunity to give effect to what makes the evidence mitigating. The session will teach new lawyers how to "think large" about mitigating circumstances: describing the multiple dimensions and interrelatedness of what may sometimes appear to be different kinds of mitigating evidence; explaining how to investigate and develop testimony from family and lay witnesses, institutional records, case-related institutional witnesses, and defense social history and mental health experts to most persuasively present interrelated mitigation themes. It will use age, poverty, and antisocial personality disorder as stepping-off points to illustrate the personal, social, psychological, and neuropsychological dimensions of mitigating evidence and explore the differences between the type of superficial investigation and presentation of these factors that are frequently seen at trial and the type of thorough investigation and presentation the Constitution requires and our clients deserve.

3:00-3:15 PM

Break

3:15- 4:15 PM

BREAK OUTS (Repeat of Morning Sessions 1-7; Session 6 is Part II of a two-part presentation on applying the Federal Sentencing Guidelines)

1. **Firearms - Lynch Room**
2. **The Lazy Susan: Federal Rules of Evidence 404 and 405 - Cotton Exchange Room**
3. **Computer Forensics - Heyward Room**
4. **Identity Theft - Rutledge Room**
5. **Attacking Wiretaps - Rice Planters Room**
6. **Sentencing Guidelines 202 - Indigo Room**

*Stephen Marley, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services,
Training Branch, Washington, D.C.*

*Alan Dorhoffer, Deputy Director, Office of Education and
Sentencing, United States Sentencing Commission,
Washington, D.C.*

This session will cover more complicated sentencing guideline application issues, focusing particularly on how prior offenses (especially crimes of violence and controlled substance offenses) may trigger the Career Offender, Armed Career Criminal, and other recidivist enhancements.

7. **Gangs -Middleton Room**

4:25- 5:40 PM

**Supreme Court Update
Signers' Ballroom**

Paul Rashkind, AFD, Southern District of Florida

This session provides an update on recent Supreme Court decisions affecting federal criminal practice, and reviews issues currently under consideration.

6:00- 7:30 PM

Reception

Hosted by the Law Offices of David and Frank McCann
66 Hasell Street, Charleston, South Carolina

Friday, February 6, 2009

8:00-8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast**
Queen Street Gallery

8:30 - 9:45 AM **Resources for CJA Panel Attorneys: A Panel Discussion**
Signers' Ballroom

*Sean Broderick, National Litigation Support Administrator,
Office of Defender Services Training Branch, Oakland, CA*
Randall Schnack, CJA Supervising Attorney, Central District of California
*Jeffrey Lindy, Esq., CJA Panel Representative, Eastern District of
Pennsylvania*

The CJA Guidelines specify how panel attorneys obtain funding for expert services and other resources to defend their clients in appointed criminal cases. This panel includes a seasoned CJA practitioner, a Supervising CJA Attorney, and the National Litigation Support Administrator who will discuss how to obtain funding when you need technical and other litigation support and the best ways to make use of the funds. In addition, they will address the potential role of investigators and mitigation specialists. There will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding these issues.

9:50-10:50 AM **BREAK-OUTS**

1. **Child Porn: Computer Based Sex Crimes - Defending**
Enticement and Child Pornography Cases
Lynch Room

Peter Fleury, AFD, Northern District of Texas

This session will focus on some of the issues that often arise in connection with the defense of internet based sex crimes. Among other topics, this session will cover the most commonly charged offenses, detention issues, pretrial motions, trial defenses, and sentencing issues.

2. **Mental Health**
Cotton Exchange Room

*Rikki Lynn Halavonich, M.D., Lowcountry Forensic Psychiatry
Charleston, SC*

Does your client have mental health issues that impact his/her ability to assist the defense? Does the mental health issue provide a defense or significant mitigation evidence? Learn about the signs that could indicate the need for further evaluation and what to do with the information once you have it.

3. **Conspiracy, CCE, RICO and Co-Defendant Issues**
Rice Planters Room
*Richard G. Novak, Esq., Law Offices of Richard G. Novak,
Pasadena, CA*
For a number of political and budgetary reasons, federal law enforcements agencies and prosecutors are increasingly devoting their attention and resources to the development of mega-cases filed against members of street gangs under federal racketeering statutes. This session will address a number of strategic challenges and opportunities that recur in these cases. Discovery, severance (“grouping”), cooperating informants, co-conspirator statements, 404(b) issues, and jury instruction issues will all be addressed.

4. **Cross-Examination**
Heyward Room
*Cynthia Roseberry, Assistant Clinical Professor, DePaul
University, College of Law, Chicago, IL*
This presentation will provide a discussion of cross-examination techniques, and the need to fully investigate the background of the witness – including the details of his/her deal with the government.

5. **Plea Negotiations and Proffers**
Indigo Room
*Callie Glanton-Steele, AFPD, Central District of California
Michael Meetze, AFPD, District of South Carolina*
A discussion of how to negotiate a plea, with a particular focus on providing charge alternatives that limit a client’s exposure, and avoiding pitfalls as you guide your client through proffers to the government.

6. **Evidence Meets Hollywood: Training the Litigator’s Ear to Make, Meet, and Win Trial Objections**
Middleton Room
Francisco Morales, AFPD, Western District of Texas
Making, meeting, and winning trial objections starts with listening to everything that occurs in the courtroom setting. This session uses a multimedia approach (television, movies, music, etc.) to train the litigator's ear in spotting, meeting, and winning evidentiary objections.

7. **Discovery Software**

Rutledge Room

*Sean Broderick, National Litigation Support Administrator,
Office of Defender Services Training Branch, Oakland, CA*

This session will provide strategies to handle two file formats that the government is using for electronic discovery: Tiff files that are provided with the run-time IPRO viewer, and PDF files which may or may not have searchable text. During this presentation, we will provide an overview of how CJA Panel attorneys can use discovery provided in IPRO by the government to search for information, tag documents and add annotations - all using the free version of the program. In addition we will discuss Adobe Acrobat Professional (not the free Adobe Reader), and how you can use it for reviewing, editing, and annotating discovery that has come in PDF or Tiff format. Though not a database, it provides excellent tools for attorneys wanting to manage their electronic discovery.

10:50-11:00 AM **Break**

11:00-12:30 PM **Sentencing Update Panel Discussion**

Signers' Ballroom

*Amy Baron-Evans, National Sentencing Resource Counsel, Boston, MA
Paul Hofer, Esq., Washington, D.C.*

The panelists will discuss the impact of the Supreme Court's decisions in *Rita*, *Gall* and *Kimbrough*; the changes to the Sentencing Guidelines effective November 1, 2008; and the potential areas for Guideline amendments in 2009.

12:30-2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:00-3:00 PM **BREAK-OUTS** (Repeat of Morning Sessions)

1. **Defending Enticement and Child Pornography Cases** - **Lynch Room**
2. **Mental Health** - **Cotton Exchange Room**
3. **Conspiracy, CCE, RICO and Co-Defendant Issues** - **Rice Planters Room**
4. **Cross-Examination** - **Heyward Room**
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7. **Discovery Software** - **Rutledge Room**

3:05 - 4:05 PM

Attacking the Government's "Junk Science"

Signers' Ballroom

Robert Epstein, AFD, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

A discussion of how to challenge the reliability of the government's "junk science" experts with a particular focus on firearms and tool mark examiners, fingerprint experts and forensic document examiners.

4:05 - 4:20 PM

Break

4:20 - 5:35 PM

Discovery Issues with a Twist: Rule 16 and More

Signers' Ballroom

Michael Kennedy, First Assistant, AFD, District of Nevada

David Anthony, AFD, Capital Habeas Unit, District of Nevada

A look at discovery issues from the combined perspectives of a trial attorney and a post-conviction attorney. This session addresses the requirements of Rule 16, but goes beyond it by looking at discoverable evidence from the perspective of a lawyer seeking post conviction relief. Learn about other avenues to discoverable evidence that might be helpful if considered while mounting a defense to criminal charges.

Saturday, February 7, 2009

7:30-8:00 AM

**Continental Breakfast
Queen Street Gallery**

8:00- 9:30 AM

**Introduction to Mortgage Fraud Terms, Players, Defense Strategies,
Pretrial Motions and Defenses
Signers' Ballroom**

Kevin Tate, AFD, Western District of North Carolina

Angela Parrott, AFD, Western District of North Carolina

This session will provide an overview of the unique terms and forms associated with the mortgage application process and the role of the different players in the typically charged mortgage fraud scheme.

9:35-10:35 AM

BREAK-OUTS

1. **Defending Unlawful Re-Entry Cases**

Cotton Exchange Room

Dennis Candeleria, AFD, District of New Mexico

This session discusses how to get and understand critical documents in the A-file; 4th Amendment issues and current circuit split in 1326 cases; how to raise collateral attacks to deportation or removal; how to parole in a material witness matter; derivative citizenship and other alienship defenses.

2. **Anders Briefs & Other Issues for Appeal**

Rice Planters Room

Alan DuBois, AFD, Western District of North Carolina

Brett G. Sweitzer, AFD, Appeals Unit, Federal Community

Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Don't know where and how to get started with an appeal? This presentation provides creative approaches to getting started and putting together an effective written product.

3. **Using PowerPoint to Create Effective and Dynamic Closing Arguments**

Lynch Room

Thomas C. Plunkett, Esq., St. Paul, Minnesota

Technology can be a powerful tool in the courtroom. Learn how to use Powerpoint to make your closing arguments come alive for the jury.

4. **Crawford: A Sixth Amendment Revolution in the Use of Hearsay at Trial**
Heyward Room
Donna Coltharp, AFPD, Western District of Texas
This session reviews the right to confront witnesses after Crawford and its progeny, and provides tips on using Crawford at trial and on appeal.

5. **Retroactivity of the Amended Crack Cocaine Guideline**
Rutledge Room
Martin Richey, AFDP, District Of Massachusetts
Molly Roth, AFPD, Western District of Texas
This session will focus on the effective representation of clients who may benefit from the retroactive application of the new (lower) crack cocaine sentencing guideline.

6. **Defending Against Armed Career Criminal Designation**
Middleton Room
Brenda Weksler, AFPD, District of Nevada
Learn how to attack, defend and deflect the ACCA designation.

7. **The Impact of the Victim Witness Protection Act on the Federal Sentencing Process**
Indigo Room
Paul Kish, Esq., Kish and Lietz, P.C., Atlanta, GA
There have been a variety of amendments to the federal Victim Witness Protection Act, the most recent occurring in 2005. These amendments have greatly increased victim's rights in the federal sentencing process. For too long, defense attorneys only thought about how to work with victims in death penalty cases or prosecutions involving violent acts. However, the recent VWPA amendments mean that more and more victims will show up in court to talk during the sentencing of our clients in cases where no violence is involved. More and more prosecutions for economic crimes are defended by appointed counsel, with the defendant having long lost his or her assets prior to indictment. Appointed counsel need to: 1) be aware of these changes to the VWPA which give greater voice to victims in such cases, 2) must recognize how a "live" victim in court at the sentencing hearing can completely change the dynamic of the sentencing process, and 3) should be prepared to work on some of the strategies learned in the death penalty context for trying to communicate with and at least neutralize the impact of victims at the sentencing hearing.

10:35-10:45 AM

Break

10:45- 11:45 AM

Developing Theories and Themes and How to Use Them Effectively in Opening Statements and Closing Arguments

Signers' Ballroom

*Douglas C. Greene, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services
Training Branch, Washington, D.C.*

Having a theme and/or theory of defense organizes your presentation and helps you tell a compelling story that benefits your client. This session will address how you develop theories and themes and weave them into your defense.

11:45-1:15 PM

Panel Discussion: Ethical Issues Confronting Criminal Defense Attorneys

Signers' Ballroom

Moderator: Dan Stiller, FD, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

Panelists: David McCann, Esq., CJA Panel Representative, District of South Carolina

Raquel Wilson, AFD, Western District of North Carolina

Paul Kish, Esq., Kish and Lietz, P.C., Atlanta, GA

A discussion of some of the recurring ethical issues faced by criminal defense attorneys, and tips on how to handle these issues while continuing to provide a zealous defense.

1:15-1:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Signers' Ballroom

*Douglas C. Greene, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services
Training Branch, Washington, D.C.*

David Anthony

David Anthony is an Assistant Federal Public Defender. He joined the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada in 2002 in the Capital Habeas Unit. David has represented capital clients in federal and state court during all stages of the trial and appellate proceedings. He has also given training seminars on motions practice, discovery litigation, and electronic document storage.

Eddy Archibeque

Eddy Archibeque is the Computer Systems Administrator for the Federal Public Defender's Office of the District of New Mexico. Eddy is stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico and has held the position of CSA since it was created in the NmFPD office back in July of 1993. Eddy has a B.S. in Accounting and began his career with computers in the mid 80's developing and installing automated accounting and financial systems. Prior to the NM Federal Defender's Office, he worked as a systems analyst at White Sands Missile Range, and as a regional technology administrator for CIGNA Insurance Corp. Eddy's primary areas of expertise are data networks and network infrastructures.

Amy Baron-Evans

Amy Baron-Evans is Sentencing Resource Counsel to the Federal Public and Community Defenders. She represents Defenders' interests before the United States Sentencing Commission, analyzes proposed legislation as it impacts federal sentencing, and provides training in sentencing advocacy. She formerly was a partner in the Boston law firm of Dwyer & Collora, LLP, where she represented individuals and corporations in criminal investigations, trials, sentencings, and appeals for thirteen years. Amy is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and former law clerk to the Honorable Hugh H. Bownes of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Patrick Black

Patrick Black received his J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1979. He is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Texas, Supreme Court of Colorado, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court. He is Board Certified as a specialist in criminal law. He has substantial criminal trial experience in both state and federal courts. Patrick has obtained not guilty verdicts in cases ranging from state capital murder to federal prosecution of law enforcement officers for alleged abuse of prisoners. He is currently serving as the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Texas.

Sean Broderick

Sean Broderick is the National Litigation Support Administrator for the Office of Defender Services. He provides guidance and recommendations to federal courts, federal defender organization staff and court appointed attorneys on complex cases, including evidence organization, document management and trial presentation. Prior to this position, Sean worked as an investigator, mitigation specialist and paralegal on numerous complex cases for more than 15 years. In these different capacities, he dealt with a wide range of criminal and civil cases, including multi-defendant, white collar fraud, federal trial, capital trial and habeas corpus death penalty cases.

Dennis Candelaria

Dennis Candelaria received both his undergraduate degree and his law degree from the University of New Mexico. He has served as a trial attorney with the New Mexico Public Defender Department in Albuquerque, and as senior trial attorney for the New Mexico Public Defender in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He has been an assistant federal public defender for the District of New Mexico in the Las Cruces office since 1999.

Honorable Ruben Castillo

Judge Ruben Castillo of Chicago, Illinois, has served as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois since 1994. From 1991-1994, he was a partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis. He was the regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund from 1988-1991. Judge Castillo served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1984-1988 and was previously with the firm of Jenner & Block. He is an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at Northwestern University School of Law, where he has taught since 1988. Judge Castillo received a B.A. degree from Loyola University of Chicago and a J.D. degree from Northwestern University School of Law, where he served on the editorial board of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. Judge Castillo has been involved with the criminal justice system since 1978 when he was appointed as a deputy clerk for the local criminal courts, a position he maintained throughout college and law school.

Donna Colthrap

Assistant Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Appellate Division. Adjunct Professor, Legal Research and Writing, St. Mary's University School of Law. J.D., summa cum laude, St. Mary's University School of Law. Former briefing attorney to U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado, Western District of Texas. Former briefing attorney to Chief Justice Phil Hardberger, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

Liliana Coronado

Liliana Coronado is a Deputy Federal Public Defender with the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California, in Los Angeles. She joined the Federal Public Defender's Office in 2003. Ms. Coronado graduated from Stanford Law School in 2002, and served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson on the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2002-2003. Ms. Coronado received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mills College in 1995. Between college and law school, Ms. Coronado worked for the California Appellate Project, the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, and Arriba Juntos, a non-profit organization in San Francisco's Mission District. Ms. Coronado was raised in Watsonville, California and is the daughter of Mexican immigrant farm workers.

Katherine Corrigan

Kate Corrigan is a former Orange County District Attorney and a founding partner of the criminal defense firm of Molfetta & Corrigan. Currently a sole practitioner in Newport Beach, CA, Kate's practice is 100 percent criminal defense. She is a CJA Panel attorney in the Central District of California and a member of the Orange County Superior Court Third Strike Panel and Felony Panel. Kate is also a member of NACDL, the ABA-Criminal Law Section, the Orange County Bar Association (Judiciary Committee and Ethics and Professionalism Committee), and FBA - Orange County Chapter. She graduated from Pepperdine University Law School and the University of California, Irvine. Kate has lectured on white collar crime and is a guest lecturer at Chapman University School of Law (Computer Crimes).

Honorable Cameron Currie

Judge Cameron McGowan Currie was appointed United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina by President Clinton in March 1994. Prior to that, she served as Chief Deputy Attorney General and Director of the State Grand Jury Division of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, as a United States Magistrate Judge, and as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and the District of South Carolina. She also engaged in private practice in the District of Columbia and in Columbia, South Carolina.

Judge Currie was born and raised in Florence, South Carolina, and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She received her law degree, with honors, from George Washington University School of Law.

Alan Dorhoffer

Mr. Dorhoffer is a Senior Staff Attorney in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice. He has been on the staff of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington, D. C. since 1995. He analyzes appellate court decisions interpreting the federal sentencing guidelines and conducts training programs for judges, probation officers, and attorneys. Mr. Dorhoffer has also served on numerous policy development teams including those studying immigration issues, federal drug sentencing policies, homicide, white collar crimes and he is currently the Chair of the Sexual Offenses Team. Mr. Dorhoffer is an Adjunct Professor at the George Mason School of Law, where he teaches Legal Research and Writing. He previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund A. Sargus in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Dorhoffer is a graduate of SUNY Binghamton and the George Washington University School of Law.

Alan DuBois

Alan DuBois is the Senior Appellate Attorney for the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. He graduated from Duke University in 1984 and the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987. In 1989, after two years as a staff law clerk at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, he joined the Federal Public Defender's Office. In 2005, he was the visiting federal defender at the United States Sentencing Commission and also served as a visiting attorney with the Legal Policy Branch of the Office of Defender Services in Washington, D.C.

Robert Dunham

Robert Dunham is Director of Training for the Capital Habeas Corpus Unit of the Federal Community Defender's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and an adjunct professor of death penalty law at Villanova law school. Before joining the federal defender's office in 1999, he was executive director of Pennsylvania's former death penalty resource center. Rob has represented death row inmates in all of Pennsylvania's state and federal appeal and post-conviction courts, from helping to obtain more than 200 stays of execution to arguing in the United States Supreme Court, and has taught death penalty training programs for defense lawyers across the country. He is a member of the Steering Committee of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Representation Project, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (PACDL). Rob and his wife are avid scuba divers, most recently swimming with the fishes off New Guinea and Komodo.

Robert Epstein

Robert Epstein is an Assistant Federal Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia where he has focused primarily on appellate litigation. He has successfully briefed and argued numerous cases before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Cases of special interest include *United States v. Mortimer*, 161 F.3d 240 (3d Cir. 1998) (firearms convictions reversed for due process violation); *United States v. Mitchell*, 145 F.3d 572 (3d Cir. 1998) (robbery conviction reversed because of erroneous admission of hearsay evidence); *United States v. Askari*, 140 F.3d 536 (3d Cir. 1998) (en banc) (overturning Third Circuit's narrow interpretation of the diminished capacity Sentencing Guideline); *United States v. Arnold*, 106 F.3d 37 (3d Cir. 1997) (attempted murder conviction reversed for Sixth Amendment violation); and *United States v. Jenkins*, 90 F.3d 814 (3d Cir. 1996) (drug and weapons convictions reversed for insufficient evidence).

Prior to joining the Defender Association in 1995, Mr. Epstein served a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Herbert N. Maletz, United States Senior District Court Judge for the District of Maryland, and worked as a litigation associate with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York. Mr. Epstein received his B.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Albany and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Peter Fleury

Peter Fleury is a 1984 graduate of the University of Houston School of Law. After a brief and boring stint in a more lucrative position in an oil and gas firm, he began representing people as an inmate attorney at the Texas Department of Corrections from 1985 to 1987. In 1987 he became an assistant public defender for the Wichita County Public Defender's Office in Wichita Falls, Texas, and eventually become the Public Defender. In 1990 he began his career as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Fort Worth, Texas, where he once had the status of Senior Litigation Specialist, the was Appellate Chief, and is now, again Senior Litigation Specialist. Along with Timothy Crooks of the same office, he co-authored the brief to the United States Supreme Court, and presented the oral argument in *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, and professes not to be bitter about the decision, but feels some vindication by the later decisions in *Apprendi*, *Ring*, and *Blakely*, all of which depended on the belated enlightenment of Justice Thomas, who admitted to having erred in voting with the five member majority in *Almendarez-Torres*.

Callie Glanton Steele

Callie Glanton Steele has devoted her career to the defense of indigent federal criminal clients at the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles since 1992, and from February of 2002 to the present, she has been a Supervising Deputy Federal Public Defender. From November of 2000 to May of 2001, she was Special Counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission, and from May to October of 2001, she was a Visiting Defender at Defender Services Division with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington D.C. Prior to working at the Federal Public Defender's Office, she was a judicial extern for the Honorable Terry J. Hatter, Jr., United States District Judge in the fall of 1990. She graduated from UCLA School of Law in 1991. Ms. Steele and her husband have three boys, ages 4, 7 and 9.

Douglas C. Greene

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Judge Williams was part of a joint inspection team sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of State to assess issues of justice in Liberia following that country's civil war. During that assignment in Liberia, he was invited and did lecture at the Grimes School of Law located on the campus of the University of Liberia. Judge Williams was also among the initial founders of the African Judicial Network (AJN), a judicial website which has enabled several African nations to share information and thoughts on judicial independence and other rule of law issues. As one of the initial conveners and member of AJN, Judge Williams attended conferences in Accra, Ghana; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania; and Bamako, Mali.

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