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Faculty Bios:

Alisa Blair

Alisa Blair is a Los Angeles County public defender and native Angelino. Alisa attended UC Berkeley where she majored in Sociology with an emphasis in Race and Ethnic relations and a minor in African American Studies. She went on to attend USC for law school. In Alisa's 3rd year she was voted "Most Likely to Save the World" by her peers and awarded the Miller-Johnson Equal Justice Award by the University. Always passionate about the rights of children, Alisa was also a substitute teacher for the City of Inglewood during her last two years of law school. Alisa Blair has been an attorney with the public defender's office for over 15 years. She is currently the president of the Black Public Defenders' Association, Chairperson of the Law Clerk Recruitment Committee, proud Lawyer of the Resistance, and Deputy in Charge at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse. Alisa was the 2018 recipient of the Judi Shecter Juvenile Lawyer of the Year award. Alisa's most important role is mother to her two children, Kelis and Zion. A close second passion is her commitment to ending mass incarceration and dismantling a broken criminal justice system. Alisa is often heard saying that being a public defender is "love work." Alisa has been lead trial counsel on over 50 jury trials for charges ranging from resisting arrest to first degree murder. Alisa currently handles juvenile "transfer cases" where the District Attorney is seeking to transfer minors to adult court. In 2018, Alisa was successful in keeping both of her clients under juvenile court jurisdiction after contested hearings. Both minors were charged with violent murders.

Isaac Bryan

Isaac Bryan is a Master of Public Policy candidate at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. His policy interests center around mass incarceration, police protocol conceptualization, juvenile justice, and economic equity. During his time at UCLA, Isaac has served as the Political Science Coordinator for the Center for Community Learning where he teaches undergraduate courses in civic engagement and professional development. In addition, he has been an active student leader serving on the Academic Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity as well as an advisor to the Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy. Prior to enrolling at UCLA, Isaac worked as a research fellow for the Rombach Institute on Crime, Delinquency and Corrections. As a Rombach Fellow, he worked in tangent with a team of federal monitors to enforce a US Department of Justice Consent Decree with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, Isaac has worked as an analyst for BOTEK analysis, a criminal justice and drug policy research firm, where he was utilized on projects involving probation reform and juvenile justice. In 2016, Isaac coauthored several policy briefs that later inspired SB439-Minimum Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction. His passion for equitable justice and civic engagement is best traced to his upbringing in Southern California. Having had dozens of foster siblings, and being one of nine adopted children himself, Isaac has always been keenly aware of the adverse impacts that can be associated with the creation of social policy. As a 2017-18 Bohnett Fellow, he will be work in the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Reentry. He is looking forward to using best practices, evidence-based reforms, and his rich life experience to inform positive reentry policy on behalf of the city of Los Angeles.

Albert Camacho

Albert Camacho Jr. has been an attorney with the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender for over 24 years and has litigated misdemeanor and felony cases in both juvenile and adult courts. Since 2010, he has primarily been assigned to the Appellate Branch and has argued before both the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County and the California Court of Appeal. He has presented to both the Public Defender's and the Alternate

Public Defender's Offices of Los Angeles County on numerous issues including Felony Sentencing, Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, and Motion Practice. He has also presented to: the California Parole Advocacy Project, the Riverside County Public Defenders Office, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, the Criminal Justice Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California, the Criminal Law Section of the California Lawyers Association, the Los Angeles Criminal Justice American Inns of Court, and the California Public Defenders Association. He has also been a speaker at the State Bar of California Annual Meeting and is the current Chair of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Law Section of the California Lawyers Association. Mr. Camacho is a graduate of the Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California. He is also a graduate of California State University, Northridge, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics.

Devon W. Carbado

Devon Carbado is Associate Vice Chancellor of BruinX for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. He teaches *Constitutional Criminal Procedure*, *Constitutional Law*, *Critical Race Theory*, and *Criminal Adjudication*. He has won numerous teaching awards, including being elected Professor of the Year by the UCLA School of Law classes of 2000 and 2006 and received the Law School's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003 and the University's Distinguished Teaching Award, the Eby Award for the Art of Teaching in 2007. In 2005 Professor Carbado was named an inaugural recipient of the Fletcher Foundation Fellowship. Modeled on the Guggenheim fellowships, it is awarded to scholars whose work furthers the goals of *Brown v. Board of Education*. Professor Carbado writes in the areas of employment discrimination, criminal procedure, constitutional law, and identity. He is the author of *Acting White? Rethinking Race in "Post-Racial" America* (Oxford University Press) (with Mitu Gulati) and the editor of several volumes, including *Race Law Stories* (Foundation Press) (with Rachel Moran), *The Long Walk to Freedom: Runaway Slave Narratives* (Beacon Press) (with Donald Weise), and *Time on Two Crosses: The Collective Writings of Bayard Rustin* (Cleis Press) (with Donald Weise). A board member of the African American Policy Forum, Professor Carbado was the Shikes Fellow in Civil Liberties and Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in 2012. Professor Carbado graduated from Harvard Law School in 1994. At Harvard, he was editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Black Letter Law Journal*, a member of the Board of Student Advisors, and winner of the Northeast Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. Carbado joined the UCLA School of Law faculty in 1997. He served as Vice Dean for Faculty and Research at the School of Law from 2006-07, and again in 2009-10. Professor Carbado is currently working on a series of articles on race, law, and police violence.

Prof. Barbara Creel

Barbara Creel, a member of the Pueblo of Jemez, joined the UNM law faculty in 2007, bringing an expertise in Indian Country criminal defense. For seven years, she was an assistant federal public defender in the District of Oregon, where she developed a federal habeas corpus and post-conviction expertise. She assisted in the defense of Native American clients on cases from reservations prosecuted under the Major Crimes Act. Creel also worked at the trial level and argued before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the UNM law faculty, she worked as tribal liaison for the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, fostering government-to-government relations between the federally recognized Indian tribes and the federal government. She worked with tribal leaders, commanding officers and senior civilian managers, as well as the individual tribal members and corps staff, to translate complex Indian law issues among all parties and build relationships. Creel's interest in Indian law began when she worked for the Native American Rights Fund during her undergraduate years at the University of Colorado. Following graduation from the UNM School of Law in 1990, she worked for the National Advisory Council for Indian Education in Washington, D.C. In 1993, she joined the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services in Portland. Creel returned to the UNM School of Law in 1995, first as a clinical fellow with the Southwest Indian Law Clinic and later as

an associate professor and adjunct in the UNM Clinical Law Program. She taught for four years, during which she also spent time as an appellate public defender with the New Mexico Public Defender's Office. In 1999, she became an assistant federal public defender in Oregon. She was a contributing author in the 2005 revision of the Felix S. Cohen Handbook of Federal Indian Law. In addition to clinical and Indian law, Creel's academic interests include the intersections of Indian, civil, criminal and constitutional law.

Eric Davis

Eric J. Davis has been a practicing attorney since 1994 and accepted employment at the Harris County Public Defender's Office in September of 2011. There Mr. Davis serves as the Chief of the Felony Trial Division. Mr. Davis graduated from Howard University with honors in 1991 and from Tulane University Law School with honors in 1994. He is also a graduate of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyer's College where he honed his trial skills by learning from some of the best trial lawyers in the country. Following graduation, Mr. Davis was asked to join the staff of the college. He currently serves on the staff of the Trial Lawyers College and helps train lawyers from across the country. Mr. Davis started his legal career as a prosecutor in Florida. While serving as a prosecutor, Mr. Davis was selected (based on trial skill) to serve in a sex crimes unit where lawyers focused on prosecuting all types of sexual assault cases. This experience and training helped Mr. Davis develop experience handling these types of cases. As a criminal defense attorney, he has successfully represented people accused of sex crimes, some in high-profile cases, and has obtained numerous dismissals and "not guilty" verdicts. He has successfully defended numerous criminal cases in Federal and State Court. He has obtained "not guilty" verdicts and dismissals in all types of cases and in numerous different counties. Mr. Davis has tried over 100 cases to verdict. He has tried all types of federal and state court cases ranging from Capital Murder, to multiple defendant drug conspiracies, to misdemeanors. Moreover, Mr. Davis has defended federal criminal cases in every federal district in the State of Texas and in federal district courts in Florida, Louisiana, and Illinois. In 2003, Mr. Davis received a commendation from the Texas State Legislature for his service as Special Counsel to the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct. For the Commission, Mr. Davis was lead counsel in a case that removed a judge from office who was mistreating citizens by wrongfully jailing them and addressing them in an abusive manner in court. Handling the case from beginning to end, Mr. Davis was able to obtain an order that the Judge be removed from office and that he never be allowed to hold judicial office again. The case was widely featured in several television news programs and newspaper articles. In 2006, Mr. Davis received the "Unsung Hero Award" from the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association, and in that year he received the "Man of the Year Award" from the Houston Business and Professional Women's Association; primarily because Mr. Davis made national news and was featured in several stories printed in the Houston Chronicle for his work that exonerated a man who had been wrongfully imprisoned for over 18 years for an alleged sexual assault of a child. Although the government reported that there were no samples to test for DNA in the case, Mr. Davis pressed forward and found the DNA that freed his client. After the client was pardoned, Mr. Davis secured financial compensation for him in excess of \$450,000.00. The case was covered by many local and national news outlets.

Hon. Marguerite D. Downing

Judge Marguerite D. Downing has been presiding over a juvenile dependency calendar since her appointment in August of 2007. A 1989 graduate of the University of West Los Angeles School of Law, Judge Downing worked as a Deputy Public Defender for over 18 years with the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender prior to her appointment to the bench. As a Deputy Public Defender, she represented clients with mental and physical disabilities at risk children criminal court juvenile delinquency system. Since January of 2009, Judge Downing has chaired the Incarcerated Parents Working Group for Los Angeles County at Children which was established to address barriers affecting incarcerated parents seeking to reunify with their children in foster care. She also serves on a number of Los Angeles Superior Court committees.

She is currently serving her second year as Chair of the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk and is also their liaison to the Commission on Disability Rights. She is also an advisor to the Criminal Law Section Executive Committee, having previously chaired the committee. She serves as the Hospitality Chair for both the California Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) and Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (BWL), positions she has held for decades. Previously, Judge Downing served on the boards of the California Bar Foundation, formerly the State Bar of California Foundation, Mental Health of America, Big Sisters of Los Angeles and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles. She serves on a number of committees of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), as well as those of the National Bar Association. Long active in professional bar associations as an attorney, Judge Downing is a past president of BWL (1994-1995), CABL (1998-1999) and California Women Lawyers (2004-2005). Judge Downing is also a former Commissioner of the American Bar Association Commission on Disability Rights (2004-2006). At the time of her judicial appointment, Judge Downing was serving as vice president of the State Bar Board of Governors. Both CABL and the John M. Langston Bar Association have both recognized her service to the Bar. Women in the NAACP (WIN), Women on Target and the community organization Talk about Parenting have all honored her for her community service work. A respected presenter, Judge Downing has spoken and taught on the subjects of juvenile justice, dependency law, incarcerated parents services and courtroom civility throughout the United States and in such far flung places as Morocco, Beijing, China, Dubai, Guam and Saipan. In her "spare time" Judge Downing crafts, reads mysteries and travels her way through her well-worn copy of a "1000 Places to See Before You Die."

Drew Findling

Drew spent the first three years of his career as a lawyer as a Fulton County, Georgia, assistant public defender assigned to the courtroom of the late Judge William Daniel, 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 started The Findling Law Firm. Since then, Drew has represented clients in state and federal courts in many states, including Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. He has also handled international matters in the Middle East and Europe. 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 numerous high-profile clients, including Grammy-nominee Faith Evans, Former Douglas County District Attorney David McDade, Former Fulton County, Georgia, Sheriff Jackie Barrett, current Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill, Former President of Morris Brown College Dolores Cross, NBA Superstar Shaquille O'Neal, former NBA great Dennis Rodman and NBA first-round draft choices Al-Farouq Aminu and Roshown McLeod and retired baseball slugger Oscar Gamble, and rap superstars Gucci Mane Waka Flocka Flame and Migos' Offset. In his over 30 years of practice, Drew has published numerous articles and given speeches in over 35 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, 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 of Fox News and Brook Baldwin of CNN to serve as legal analyst on their programs. In Atlanta he is also the exclusive legal analyst of Atlanta's All News 106.7. Drew's professional memberships include the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers where he was recently elected Secretary and the American Board of Criminal Lawyers where he is on the Board of Governors. 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, Georgia "Super Lawyer"

by Atlanta Magazine, and the Atlanta Journal Constitution's Top Lawyers in Georgia. He recently received the NAACP's Civil and Human Rights Award.

Rick Jones

Rick Jones is the Executive Director and a founding member of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (NDS). He is a distinguished trial lawyer with more than 25 years' experience in complex multi-forum litigation. He is a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School and on the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, GA. Rick is the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). At NACDL he has served as co-chair of both the Special Task Force on Problem-Solving Courts and the Task Force on Restoration of Rights and Status After Conviction. Both of these efforts resulted in the publication of ground breaking reports and continuing reforms. Internationally, Rick was invited to participate as an expert in a Rule of Law Symposium sponsored by the United Nations in Monrovia, Liberia. He was similarly invited by the International Legal Foundation (ILF) to travel to Kathmandu, Nepal in an effort to help sustain, strengthen and institutionalize the public defense function in their newly created constitutional government. Most recently, Rick was invited to the Second International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems in Buenos Aires, Argentina as a speaker to address issues pertaining to government contracted public defense models of service and the disparate impact of fees, fines and bail on the poor, the marginalized and people of color. Rick is a commissioner on the New York State Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration. He is an inaugural member of the steering committee of the National Association for Public Defense, sits on the boards of the New York State Defenders Association and the Sirius Foundation and serves on the Editorial Board of the Amsterdam News. He was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of the National Task Force on Fines, Fees, and Bail Practices.

Ifetayo Ojelade

Dr. Ifetayo Ojelade is a Licensed Psychologist and the author of *Sacred Healing Journey: Soul Food for Survivors of Abuse*. A trauma recovery workbook based on the title was adopted by the *Clemency Project 2014*, an Obama Administration initiative granting clemency to individuals who are incarcerated for non-violent drug offenses. As an expert on trauma recovery, Dr. Ojelade has an interest in assisting people to heal, in order to take their careers and personal lives to the next level. She also works with healthcare, legal, and safety professionals to manage secondary trauma (e.g. compassion fatigue) in the workplace. She has a particular interest in Women leaders in these high stress roles. She works as a keynote speaker and workshop facilitator globally. Dr. Ojelade is the founder and Executive Director of *A Healing Paradigm, LLC*; a holistic wellness center providing counseling, psychological testing, wellness, and educational programming for the entire family. She is the past president of The Metro Atlanta Association of Black Psychologists and is listed in *Who's Who in Black Atlanta*. In addition, she serves as the resident psychologist for the Derrick Boazman Show in the Atlanta, Georgia market and is affectionately known as Dr. Ife (E-fay).

Tyra Patterson

Tyra joined the Ohio Justice & Policy Center team as a paralegal in Jan. 2018. After several months of successful outreach on OJPC's behalf, Tyra's role adapted to better describe her gifts and passion: She became OJPC's first Community Outreach Strategy Specialist. Before joining OJPC, Tyra spent 23 years incarcerated for murder and robbery, crimes she did not commit. Tyra used her time in prison constructively to educate herself. A sixth grade dropout, Tyra eventually earn her GED, obtained a steam engineer's license, became a certified tutor and completed a paralegal training program. On Christmas Day, 2017, Tyra was released from prison. She joined the OJPC staff full-time only weeks later. In her role, Tyra advocates on behalf of OJPC and does outreach work to educate children about the importance of staying in

school and avoiding drug use. Tyra also hopes to create a program to provide support to people returning to the community after incarceration.

Nicole Porter

Nicole D. Porter manages The Sentencing Project's state and local advocacy efforts on sentencing reform, voting rights, and eliminating racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Her advocacy has supported criminal justice reforms in several states including Kentucky, Missouri, and California. Porter was named a "New Civil Rights Leader" by *Essence Magazine* in November 2014 for her work to eliminate mass incarceration. Since joining The Sentencing Project in 2009, Porter's work has been cited in several major media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and National Public Radio. She has given a number of talks on state sentencing policy, collateral consequences, and racial disparity to various audiences including the League of Women Voters, NAACP, and the United Methodist Women's Assembly. Porter is the former director of the Texas ACLU's Prison & Jail Accountability Project (PJAP). PJAP's mission was to monitor the conditions of confinement in state jails and prisons. Porter advocated in the Texas legislature to promote felony enfranchisement reforms, to eliminate prison rape, and improve prison medical care. Porter received her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin. Her master's thesis addressed exploring self-employment among formerly incarcerated African Americans. She also studied African Politics at the University of Ghana, West Africa.

Gina Pruski

Gina Pruski is the Director of Training and Development for the State Public Defender's Office (SPD) in Wisconsin. After obtaining both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she began her career with the SPD in 1992 serving first as a staff attorney in the Trial Division and then as Legislative Liaison for the agency. Gina was the 2016-17 Chair of the National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators, the trainers' section of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA). She is a member of the National Association of Public Defense (NAPD) and serves on the NAPD's Education Committee. In 2017 and 2018, Gina served as a trainer consultant for NLADA for the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice (S+J) Challenge. Gina has received extensive training in the area of racial justice facilitation, is one of the YWCA of Madison's *Race to Equity* facilitators and presents on the topic of unconscious bias for public defender offices around the country and in Canada. She also conducts training around the country in the areas of cultural humility, poverty and wellness for public defenders. Throughout 2017 and 2018, on behalf of the U.S. State Department, Gina provided mentoring and technical assistance in the area of training and professional development to the Public Defender's Office (PDO) in Armenia. Her work with the Armenian PDO included developing and conducting train-the-trainer programs for criminal justice professionals in Yerevan. Gina also serves on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Youth Company, is co-author of the Wisconsin Juvenile Law Handbook published by the State Bar of Wisconsin and is faculty for the Skills Intensive Training of the Lawyering Skills Course at the UW Law School. Gina is a 2011 recipient of the Women in the Law honor bestowed by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*.

Todd Pugh

Todd S. Pugh received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, in 1993. While at Florida Atlantic, Pugh served as an intern with the Palm Beach County Public Defender's Office. He worked directly under Chief Investigator Gayle Martin, a veteran of both the Palm Beach and Broward County Public Defender's Offices. As an intern, Pugh spent his mornings at both county jails visiting clients in preparation for trials. In the afternoons, he interviewed witnesses on the street and served trial subpoenas. Evenings were spent with the attorneys and other investigators reviewing the day's work and receiving the next day's tasks. In 1994, Pugh entered the DePaul University College of Law. While at DePaul, Pugh earned awards for excellence in Evidence and Criminal Law. He was selected as a member of the DePaul Law

Review, graduated with honors, and received the Order of the Coif for academic excellence. Pugh also worked for the Criminal Appeals Legal Clinic, where he earned a reversal for his first client on a post-conviction petition. See *People v. Sidney Staten*, No. 94 CR 2781 (Cir. Ct. Cook County). Following his first year of law school, one of Pugh's law professors referred him to Professor Lawrence Marshall at Northwestern University Law School for summer work. At the time, Professor Marshall's work focused primarily on death penalty advocacy. Pugh worked with Professor Marshall and others on the successful appeal of Gary Gauger's conviction for the murder of his parents. Gauger's convictions and death sentence were vacated and he was ultimately exonerated and pardoned after an unrelated federal investigation revealed the real offenders. See *People v. Gary Gauger*, 277 Ill. App. 3d 1114, 698 N.E.2d 724 (1996).

While working on Gauger's brief, Pugh joined a team of attorneys working on the retrial of Rolando Cruz for the rape and murder of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico in DuPage County. This team of pro bono attorneys included Thomas Breen (now Todd's law partner). Pugh and a select few other law students provided research support for the attorneys in preparing the Cruz case for trial. It was during the Cruz case that Pugh met Breen and came to greatly admire and respect Breen's work ethic, skill, and dedication. Pugh saw Breen literally place his private practice on hold and invest thousands of hours in Cruz's defense. The personal sacrifices that Breen and the other attorneys made to correct a terrible injustice left a lasting mark on Pugh. The day after the Cruz acquittal, Pugh asked Breen if he could stay on to work for him while Pugh finished law school. Breen agreed to take Pugh on as a law clerk. After his second year of law school, Pugh accepted a summer associate position with the law firm of Jenner & Block. During that summer, Pugh worked on a variety of cases, both criminal and civil. Of particular note was Pugh's work on the firm's pro bono representation of Dale Basten. Basten, along with two others, had been convicted of murdering a co-worker at the James River Corporation, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. At the conclusion of his time with Jenner, the firm offered Pugh a permanent position following graduation. While Pugh was honored with Jenner's offer, he realized that his passion was full-time criminal trial and appellate defense work. With this in mind, Pugh continued his work with Breen as a full-time law clerk and, after graduating from law school, Pugh joined the law firm of Martin Breen & Merrick as an associate. As an associate, Pugh quietly assisted Breen with dozens of complicated trials and numerous high-profile acquittals. In a recent interview, Breen described his relationship with Pugh as follows: "From the outset, I never viewed Todd as an associate or a 'second chair.' His abilities to analyze a case, construct a defense, and execute on cross-examination seemed almost innate. It had been many years since I entered the arena with such confidence in a trial partner." While cutting his teeth in the state and federal courtrooms with Breen, Pugh began distinguishing himself as a force in appeals and post-conviction matters. In 2000, Pugh achieved the rarest of appellate victories when he won an outright reversal of Donna Gist's murder conviction. Other appellate and post-conviction successes followed. In 2006, Breen made Pugh his partner in the firm as the pair continued in their successes. In 2007, *Leading Lawyers* named Pugh one of the best criminal defense lawyers in Illinois. In 2008, *Chicago Lawyer* featured Pugh as one of the "Rising Stars of Trial Bar." Most recently, in 2012, *Leading Lawyers* listed Pugh as one of the "Top Ten" criminal defense attorneys in Illinois. Along with Breen, Pugh's catalog of trial experience includes some of Illinois' most memorable and complicated criminal cases. Pugh has received national attention for his trial skills and frequently lectures on trial practice and forensic evidence. In 2013, Pugh joined the faculty at his alma mater, DePaul University College of Law, as an adjunct professor. He currently teaches *Advanced Litigation Skills* with Professor Robert Loeb. Pugh presently serves as First Vice President of the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. He is an avid motorcyclist and an organizer of an annual motorcycle trip by members of the bar and judiciary. He is widely lauded as an expert in cases involving abusive head trauma, bloodstain pattern analysis, cause and manner of death, and ballistics. One veteran attorney dubbed him "the expert witness's worst nightmare."

Cynthia Roseberry

Ms. Roseberry earned her Bachelor of Science from Wilberforce University in Ohio, where she initiated into Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Currently, she served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University. She earned her Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law. As a founding board member of the Georgia Innocence Project, she was the first African-American female President of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Ms. Roseberry was also the Executive Director of the Federal Defenders of the Middle District of Georgia, Inc. For more than 10 years prior to teaching, she practiced federal and state criminal defense in Georgia. She has taught advanced criminal procedure and co-taught in the death penalty clinic at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, where she also founded the misdemeanor clinic. Ms. Roseberry also served on the Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections, a nine-member, bipartisan, Congressional blue-ribbon panel charged with examining the federal corrections system, including overcrowding, prison violence, public safety measures, prison rehabilitation and employment programs, and re-entry programs and policies to reduce recidivism. The task force released its groundbreaking report *Transforming Prisons, Restoring Lives: Final Recommendations of the Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections* in January of 2016. During the Obama administration, Ms. Roseberry served as Project Manager of the historic Clemency Project 2014. Often referred to as the nation's largest law firm of nearly 4,000 lawyers, it provided pro bono support to more than 36,000 applicants for presidential clemency.

David Singleton

David Singleton received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy, cum laude, from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, David received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After moving to Cincinnati in the summer of 2001, David practiced at Thompson Hine before joining OJPC as its Executive Director in July 2002. David is also a Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

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 for the past 25 years. She has been the Senior Litigator from September of 2015 to the present, handling primarily complex cases. Also, she was a Supervising Deputy Federal Public Defender (2002 to September of 2015) and a Deputy Federal Public Defender in the trial unit (1992 to 2002). In 2000 and 2001, she was on a temporary duty assignment in Washington, D.C., where she was Special Counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission (November of 2000 to May of 2001), and a Visiting Defender at Defender Services Division with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (May to November of 2001), working in the Legal and Policy Division. She graduated from UCLA School of Law in 1991 and served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Terry J. Hatter, Jr., United States District Judge in the fall of 1990. Ms. Steele represents clients in complex trials and habeas corpus proceedings, including capital habeas cases. She has also written and argued multiple appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, she teaches Trial Advocacy at Loyola Law School.

Hon. Allen J. Webster

Hon. Allen J. Webster was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and raised in South Central Los Angeles. He graduated from Pepperdine University in 1963 and Southwestern University School of Law in 1971. He practiced civil, criminal, family law and probate law from 1972 to 1995 as a sole practitioner and partner in a small law firm. In June 1995, he became a commissioner for

the Compton judicial district and in April 2001 was appointed a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis. He presides over a long cause criminal trial court, supervises the civil courts and is the assistant supervising judge for the South Central Judicial District. Judge Webster has been very active in the legal and community activities including President of the National Bar Association, leadership positions in the Judicial Divisions of the American Bar and National Bar Associations and a member of the State of California's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. He works very closely with the youth of the community, encouraging them to achieve their goals and become leaders in a global society.

Nan Whitfield

Nan Whitfield is a Deputy Public Defender at the Los Angeles County Public Defender Office. As a top step Grade IV deputy public defender, her primary case load involves charges for which the prosecution is permitted to seek capital punishment in the event of a conviction. Throughout the course of her career, she has been the lead trial counsel in an excess of 150 jury trials, ranging from petty theft to capital murder. In that same capacity, she has engaged in approximately 30 first degree murder jury trials, 5 of which the potential penalty was death. She received her Juris Doctorate from Northern Illinois University College of Law (1986), and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois (1982).

Lei-Chala I. Wilson

Lei-Chala I. Wilson received her Economics degree from SDSU in 1985 and Juris Doctor from U.C. Davis, King Hall, in 1989. At U.C. Davis, Wilson was the 1989 Western Regional Champion of the National Trial Competition. Wilson was a deputy public defender with the Law Offices of the San Diego Public Defender for over 24 years. Wilson has tried over 120 jury trials to conclusion, including misdemeanors, serious and violent felonies, three strikes cases, sex offenses, and homicides. She has completed several hundred preliminary examinations and argued numerous motions. Wilson is now in private practice with the main focus on criminal defense, and also represents clients in Labor & Employee law (plaintiff's side), Personal Injury cases and is a certified arbitrator with FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority). Wilson is a past president of the EBGBA (now the Foundation), the CABL (California Association Black Lawyers), the NAACP San Diego Branch, and the NCNW (National Council of Negro Women), Inc., San Diego Section. Wilson currently serves on the board of the CABL, CCRC (California Civil Rights Coalition) Steering Committee, SDBPOA as the Legal Advisor, the Education Chair of the CA Lawyers Association (CLA) Criminal Law Section Executive Committee, and the National Bar Association as Chair of the Criminal Law & Juvenile Justice Section.