2015 Community-Oriented Defender Network Annual Conference

Program of Events

July 15-16

University of the District of Columbia
David A. Clarke School of Law
Washington, DC
Badges
Badges must be worn to gain entrance to all sessions.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE)
Most states require that attorneys attend CLE-accredited training each year to maintain bar membership. NLADA has applied for accreditation in most states with mandatory CLE. Please complete the CLE form included in your conference materials and return it to the registration desk. Individual state forms are available at the conference registration desk.

If you are an attorney from California, Delaware, Illinois, or Oklahoma, please remember to stop by the registration desk to sign the mandatory sign in sheets.

Continuing Education Units (CEU)
The Maryland Office for the Public Defender of Maryland and the Association of the Office of the Public Defender of Maryland is a co-sponsor of this event to provide an opportunity for licensed clinical social workers to obtain Continuing Education Units (CEU’s). If seeking CEU’s, please attach a check or cash for $25.00 along with the completed credit hour packet with faculty signatures for each session attended. For additional information or questions, please visit the Registration Desk.

Evaluations
Please fill out the evaluation form included in your conference materials and return it to the registration desk at the conclusion of the conference. Information you share will be used for the express purpose of guaranteeing you the finest faculty and future training events.

Food and Beverages
With the exception of bottled water, food and beverages are NOT allowed in the Moot Court Room 518. Please consume all food in the foyer or in Room 515. Please remember to dispose of your food and beverages before entering the Moot Court Room.

Non-Smoking Policy
Smoking is prohibited inside the David A. Clarke School of Law.

Internet Access
Wireless Profile: USDCGUEST or UDCSECURE
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Social Media
Stay connected during the conference! Follow @NLADA on Twitter
Day 1 | Wednesday, July 15

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Classroom 515 Foyer, 5th Floor
Registration & Continental Breakfast

The registration desk is located outside of Room 518. Please visit us with questions at any point during the conference.

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9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Welcome & Opening Remarks

Jo-Ann Wallace, President & CEO, National Legal Aid & Defender Association
Andrew Guthrie Ferguson, Associate Professor of Law, University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law
Lori James-Townes, Director of Social Work, Leadership & Program Development, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, and Chair, National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS)

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Mandatory Reporting for Social Workers in Defender Offices

Lori James-Townes, Director of Social Work, Leadership & Program Development, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, and Chair, National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS)
Elizabeth Keeney, Managing Director of Social Work, The Bronx Defenders
Meghan Garvey, Managing Director, Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights
Leah Garabedian, Defender Counsel, National Legal Aid & Defender Association

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have enacted some permutation of mandatory reporting statutes, which require the reporting of child physical or sexual abuse to authorities. For social workers, a failure to meet mandatory reporting requirements may expose them to ethics complaints and loss of licensing. Does the Constitutional right to counsel extend the attorney-client privilege to all members of the defense team, including social workers, thereby trumpling “mandated reporter” statutes? Without a bright-line decision on this matter in most jurisdictions, what is the exposure for the client, the attorney, and the social worker? What remedial policies and procedures are available to maximize the protection of all parties, especially the client?

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Impact of Trauma on Women in Criminal Justice System

Michelle Bonner, Chief Counsel, Defender Legal Services, National Legal Aid & Defender Association
Megan Leschak, 2013 Open Society Institute-Baltimore Community Fellow, OSI
Jessica Emerson, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Women's Law Center of Maryland

The presenters will define trauma, signs/symptoms of trauma exhibited by female clients, and how to interact with female clients experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The session will also discuss how a client's history of trauma, including the abuse she may have experienced at the hands of the actors in the criminal justice system, can expand legal defense strategy and be used as mitigating material.

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  Lunch on your own
  See area dining guide in your conference materials

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Racial Equity Initiative: Implicit Bias
  Camille Holmes, Director of Leadership and Race Equity, National Legal Aid & Defender Association

Recent events from Ferguson to Staten Island to Baltimore demonstrate the importance of advocates' understanding and addressing conscious and unconscious racial bias -- in individual cases, policy advocacy and our own institutions. In this workshop, Camille Holmes will introduce the concepts of structural racism, implicit bias and racial equity; provide an overview of the neuroscience underlying the impacts of unconscious associations in daily actions; and discuss strategies to interrupt bias and build equity within our organizations and through our representation and advocacy.

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.  Break

3:45 - 5:15 p.m.  Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Roundtable - Innovations in the Field

This roundtable will showcase new and exciting developments from practitioners in the field. COD Network members will have an opportunity to present on a range of innovative practices and initiatives.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  Reception
  Tesoro Restaurant and Bar | 4400 Connecticut Ave. NW

Meet and mingle with your colleagues while enjoying a poetry reading by Poet Ambassadors from the Free Minds Book Club.
Day 2 | Thursday, July 16

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Classroom 518 Foyer, 5th Floor

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Juvenile/Young Adult - Developmentally Appropriate Advocacy
Tim Curry, Managing Attorney, National Juvenile Defense Center
Terri Collins, Regional Social Manager, Office of the Public Defender in Maryland
Moderator: Jaime Rodriguez, Director, Community Defender Division, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

Presenters will discuss how teenagers and young adults develop their cognitive skills, moral framework, social relations, and identity, and how various factors, including brain development, disabilities and the external environment in which they live, affect their behavior and decision making. An understanding of adolescent development and the impact of external factors will help criminal defense professionals identify those factors that led to a particular young person's involvement in the court system and the interventions which are likely to be most effective for that young person.

10:45 - Noon Classroom 518, 5th Floor
Research in Progress on Holistic Defense
James Anderson, Senior Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation
Cynthia G. Lee, Senior Court Research Associate, National Center for State Courts
Moderator: Marea Beeman, Director, Justice Standards, Evaluation and Research Initiative (JSERI), Defender Legal Services, National Legal Aid & Defender Association

Holistic defense carries potential for improving case outcomes, but its impacts have not been rigorously measured. Credibly assessing the impact of holistic defense is challenging: conventional methods may inadequately separate lawyering from other factors. The Rand Corporation is studying impact of the Bronx Defenders, whose setting offers a unique opportunity to measure effects of this approach. The National Center for State Courts study's primary goals are to understand how holistic defense is practiced by indigent defense providers across the nation and to assess the effectiveness of holistic representation.

Noon - 12:30 p.m. Classroom 515, 5th Floor
Lunch

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Classroom 515, 5th Floor
Medicaid Administrative Claiming (reimbursements) for Defender Offices
Daniel Mistak, General Counsel, Community Oriented Correctional Health Services
Beth O'Neill, President, Ramsell Public Health & Safety/General Counsel, Ramsell Corporation

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) expanded health care coverage to millions of individuals who have never before had health insurance. Many of the individuals whose behavioral health conditions lead them to the criminal justice system will benefit from expanded Medicaid eligibility. The presentation will discuss the connection between public
health and public safety and how public defenders can use federal reimbursement to connect their clients with health insurance and Medicaid services.

1:15 - 2:30 p.m.  
Classroom 515, 5th Floor

NY Legal Aid CAP (Cops Accountability Project)

Justine M. Luongo, Attorney-in-Charge, Criminal Practice Division, New York Legal Aid Society

Cynthia Conti-Cook, Staff Attorney, Special Litigation, New York Legal Aid Society

Every day in the media we see the light shining on the dysfunction of current policing strategies. Over-policing of communities of color as well as physical and emotional violence at the hands of the police have been problems for decades. Identifying patterns of individual or systemic police misconduct by collecting data on the recurring complaints, lawsuits, and press coverage of the police is critical not only to attorneys representing people on individual matters but also for seeking policy change. New York Legal Aid Society has implemented the Cops Accountability Project (CAP), a database of around 3000 entries regarding police officers in NYC, from sources such as news articles, lawsuits, Brady letters, and civilian complaints.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.  BREAK

2:45 - 4:15 p.m.  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Classroom 508

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An Interactive session that is a continuation of the NY Legal Aid Society CAP (Cops Accountability Project) Presentation. This is an opportunity for more details and information that you can apply to your community.

Research Workshop: How Do We Know if Holistic Programs Work?  
Classroom 509

Margaret Gressens, Research Director, North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services

Meg Ledyard, Policy Analyst, Travis County Criminal Courts

Using real defender program data, indigent defense researchers Margaret Gressens and Meg Ledyard will demonstrate how to measure the effectiveness of holistic practice programs. First they will show what you can do when your program lends itself to a natural experiment, because some of your cases are handled in a traditional fashion and some are handled with a holistic approach. Such a setting affords easy comparison between the two approaches. And then, if every case in your program is handled with a holistic model, they will demonstrate the next best approach to measuring impact.

4:15 - 5:30 p.m.  
Classroom 518, 5th Floor

Roundtable: The Future of the Community-Oriented Defender Network

This roundtable discussion will focus on how to sustain momentum generated by the annual COD Network Conferences. Specifically, what can members do between conferences to help each other? What resources and projects can be developed to help advance the cause? What should we do to grow the COD Network and benefit the field?
Join NLADA and Strengthen Your Work

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) is the oldest and largest national nonprofit membership organization devoting all of its resources to advancing equal justice. NLADA champions effective legal assistance for people who cannot afford counsel and provides a collective voice for both civil legal aid and public defense systems.

- Contribute to NLADA’s century-long tradition of leadership.
- Add your voice to advocacy on legislation and regulation.
- Enjoy discounts on exceptional training programs and conferences.
- Gain access to high-quality resources.
- Build your network of fellow advocates.
- Qualify for the NLADA Insurance Program.

Membership is open to organizations, civil legal aid and public defense attorneys, community leaders, and advocates. For additional information, contact membership@nlada.org.
James Anderson is a senior behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation with experience conducting empirical research on a wide variety of policy issues. He has served as Principal Investigator on more than a dozen projects, ranging from the policy implications of autonomous vehicle technology to understanding the effects of indigent defense systems. He has been funded by the National Institute of Justice, the National Institutes of Health, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the State of Pennsylvania, the Institute for Civil Justice, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Department of Defense, and the National Science Foundation. His work has appeared in the Yale Law Journal, the Stanford Law Review, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Journal of Law and Economics, the Oxford University Press, and in numerous RAND publications. In addition to leading research, he currently serves as a member of RAND's Institutional Review Board to review research for human subjects protection issues. He also is the director of quality assurance for the Institute for Civil Justice. Before joining RAND, Anderson clerked for the Honorable Morton Greenberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and defended prisoners on death row for 10 years as a public defender. He received a J.D. from Yale Law School and a B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics from Yale University.

Marea Beeman, Director of the Justice Standards, Evaluation and Research Initiative (JSERI), joined NLADA in October 2014 after working for more than two decades to improve the administration of and access to justice through research, writing and technical assistance projects. Prior to joining NLADA, she served as Senior Project Manager with the Justice Management Institute. Before that she was a Senior Research Associate with the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (HKS), where she oversaw two, three-year Executive Sessions, the Executive Session for State Court Leaders in the 21st Century and the Executive Session on Human Rights Commissions and Criminal Justice. Prior to joining HKS, she was Vice President at The Spangenberg Group, which conducted research, provided technical assistance and performed evaluations designed to improve indigent defense and civil legal aid programs. Marea received her bachelor's degree from The Colorado College and her J.D., magna cum laude, from the New England School of Law.

Michelle Bonner is Chief Counsel, Defender Legal Services at NLADA. Michelle is responsible for the management of DLS projects, initiatives, and staff. Prior to joining NLADA in September 2014, Michelle was Director of Legal Services at Our Place DC, which served formerly incarcerated women in Washington, DC. She was formerly in private practice as an appellate defense attorney, a trial attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and a Prettyman /Stiller Fellow at the Criminal Justice Clinic at the Georgetown University Law Center. Michelle has audited and inspected prisons, jails, and halfway houses as a DOJ-certified Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) auditor and as a board member of DC's Corrections Information Council. During her career she has also written and trained other judicial actors on criminal justice issues and has engaged in policy advocacy work in Washington, DC. Michelle received her B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University, her M.Sc. in Criminal Justice Policy from the London School of Economics, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School.

Terri L. Collins, LCSW-C, is a licensed certified social worker-clinical. She is the Regional Social Work Manager for the Office of the Public Defender in Maryland. Previously, Terri was the Clinical Director for Wraparound Maryland-Baltimore City Region, a nonprofit agency that was the first Care Management Entity in Baltimore City. Ms. Collins has been a Maryland State Employee for over fifteen years and has worked in a variety of social work settings that include child welfare, outpatient mental health, residential psychiatric care, and forensic social work. Ms. Collins has worked in an Adjunct Faculty capacity with the School of Social Work for Salisbury University, and has been Adjunct Faculty with the School of Social Work at Morgan State University. In addition, she is a clinical therapist in private practice at New Perspectives, a counseling and consultation group. She is intensively
trained in Dialectical Behavior Therapy from Behavioral Tech. Ms. Collins holds a MSW from the University of Maryland, and a B.S. in Psychology from Towson University.

**Cynthia Conti-Cook** is a staff attorney at the New York City's Legal Aid Society, Special Litigation Unit, where she oversees the Cop Accountability Database. Prior to joining Legal Aid, Cynthia was a civil rights litigator for seven years at a small Brooklyn law firm, Stoll, Glickman & Bellina, LLP, where she brought over 100 civil rights lawsuits against police and correction officers in New York City and State. She graduated from CUNY School of Law and Bard College.

**Tim Curry** is Managing Attorney at the National Juvenile Defense Center (NJDC). Tim joined NJDC in 2012, where he supervises the legal staff and oversees the breadth of the organization’s technical assistance, training work, and policy development. Before joining NJDC, Tim was the Supervising Attorney at D.C. Law Students in Court and an E. Barrett Prettyman Post-Graduate Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center. In both of those positions, he defended juveniles and adults accused of crimes in Washington, D.C., while also supervising the practice of third-year clinical students and teaching law school seminars on juvenile defense and trial skills. Before earning his law degree, Tim worked with various humanitarian relief and refugee organizations in Africa and had a career in journalism. Tim holds an LL.M. in Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center, a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, and a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism from Syracuse University.

**Jessica Emerson** is a staff attorney and Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Women's Law Center of Maryland. In September of 2013 she began the innovative Trafficking Victims Post-Conviction Advocacy Project, which focuses on the implementation of a 2011 Maryland law allowing survivors of sex trafficking to vacate their prostitution convictions. Since the project's inception, she has trained nationally on vacatur and the collateral consequences of criminal convictions for survivors of sex trafficking. Prior to attending law school, Jessica was a social worker at the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center in New York City. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island, and her Master of Science in Social Work degree from Columbia University, with a focus on health, mental health, and disabilities. Jessica is a 2013 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law.

**Leah Garabedian** started at NLADA as Defender Counsel in April 2014. She has greatly reinvigorated the work of Defender Legal Services through monthly publication of the Defender Update, regular postings on social media, and training webinars. She brings a diverse range of experience to NLADA, having worked as an assistant public defender in the Trial Division at the Missouri State Public Defender and in private practice. She also conducted policy advocacy on criminal justice issues at the Pew Charitable Trusts, where she served as Policy Advisor & Legislative Advocate. Leah has a B.A. in Philosophy from Colgate University and received her J.D. from Washington & Lee University School of Law.

**Meghan Garvey** is Managing Director of the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights. She brings the experience and perspective of a mental health advocate, investigator, and attorney to her work as managing director of the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights (LCCR), where she has been supervising staff and developing strategic initiatives since 2012. Before joining LCCR, Meg worked as a supervising attorney with the Orleans Public Defenders, where she began in 2006, as part of that office’s landmark post-Katrina justice system reforms and community advocacy. Meg has worked as a capital appeals investigator for the Habeas Corpus Resource Center and as a residential case manager for adults in group homes and SROs in San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood. Meg began her advocacy career in 1996 while working as a residential aide in a group home for adults with severe and persistent mental illness, and she has been working to address the causal and correlative roots of families’ interactions with the justice system ever since.
Margaret A. Gressens has served as Research Director for the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services since the office was established in 2001. She is the leader of the NCSEP Pilot Site Project and has over 25 years of experience in social research and program evaluation. She is the author of numerous studies evaluating indigent defense system quality and cost-effectiveness, including the NCSEP Performance Measures Guide, a blueprint for developing indicators that measure indigent defense system performance. Ms. Gressens serves on the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) Research and Data Analysis Committee and on the Measures for Justice Index Data Council. Ms. Gressens received her BA from Brown University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Alaska. From 1996 to 2000, Ms. Gressens served as a Health Planner for the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), where she directed a project that measured the health and quality of life of Alaskans. Prior to MOA DHHS, she was the Assistant Director of the Real Security Education Project for the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC, where she co-designed a research and education project on the impact of U.S. foreign policy on the U.S. and the international economy.

Emily Harris is a Program Associate in the Courts Program, Council of State Governments, where she works on peer-to-peer learning sites and mental health courts. Prior to joining the Justice Center, Emily worked at the Brennan Center for Justice, where she worked closely with the Community-Oriented Defender Network, a network of public defender offices. She also co-developed and co-presented an Arraignment Court Tour, during which participants were given a ground-level perspective on issues such as defender caseloads, pre-trial detention, and prosecutorial discretion in the Manhattan criminal justice system. Emily received her B.A. in Religious and Political Philosophy from the Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University.

Camille Holmes is the Director of Leadership and Race Equity at the NLADA. Ms. Holmes is a skilled facilitator and has developed and delivered training in the areas of leadership development, community problem solving, diversity and inclusion, cultural responsiveness, and racial equity. Through her work she orchestrates effective collaboration among practitioners, scholars, community leaders, and others across disciplines and networks. In 2009, Ms. Holmes received a Race Consciousness in the Law Award from the Equal Justice Society for her work promoting racial equity in the legal services community. Before her position as Director of Leadership and Race Equity at NLADA, Camille served as NLADA's Director of Training and Community Education. Before that, she worked as a senior staff attorney at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and as co-director of the Project for the Future of Equal Justice, a joint project of NLADA and CLASP. During her tenure at CLASP, she was instrumental in the founding of the Mississippi Center for Justice, a nonprofit public interest law firm explicitly committed to advancing racial and economic justice.

Lori James-Townes is the Director of Social Work, Leadership & Program Development for the Maryland Office of Public Defenders, where she supervises, oversees, and plans all social work services. In addition, she supervises the social work and the intern programs throughout Maryland and provides training to attorneys' social workers and support staff as well. The social workers and interns provide litigation support and forensic services to every division throughout the agency. Lori has developed a model defense-based social work program, which has become a national model for other public defender agencies. Lori has 20 years of leadership and management experience in the juvenile and criminal justice systems and 18 years of program consultation and training experience. She is the current Chair of the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialist (NASAMS) Executive Committee. She is a past member of NLADA's Board of Directors. The Daily Record recently named her as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and the Alumni on the Move Award was bestowed upon her by Morgan State University School of Social Work. In 2012, she was honored by Morgan State University when she received The Presidential Award in recognition of her outstanding achievements and accomplishments. She received her bachelor's (Morgan State University) and master's degrees (University of
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Elizabeth Keeney is Managing Director of Social Work at The Bronx Defenders. She started as a Family Defense Project social work intern in the Fall of 2006 and returned as a Social Worker in 2009 after finishing both an M.S.W. with a concentration in International Social Welfare and Policy and an M.P.A. in Social Policy at Columbia University. During her graduate studies, Elizabeth spent nine months interning with the Open Society Institute's International Harm Reduction Development Program, where she researched, wrote, and edited work on global drug policy, human rights, and public health. Elizabeth completed a summer policy and research internship with the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative, where she co-authored a report on the human right to education and student safety in New York City public schools. Before graduate school, Elizabeth worked for three-and-a-half years as a school-based Case Manager with students living in public housing in Texas. She also worked part-time as a Teaching Artist with the Theatre Action Project of Austin, Texas. Elizabeth received a B.A. in Social Welfare from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Meg Ledyard joined the Travis County (Texas) Criminal Courts in January of 2013 as a policy analyst to participate in the JSERI project. Meg has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Minnesota, and is passionate about using data to inform public policy. Prior to joining Travis County, Meg worked as a Lecturer in Economics at The University of Texas at Austin. Her research has focused on using data and theory together to better understand public schools. Meg has an undergraduate degree from Harvard.

Cynthia G. Lee is a Senior Court Research Associate at the National Center for State Courts specializing in program evaluation and workload assessment. Ms. Lee currently serves as director of research for a multi-method evaluation of the Nebraska Parenting Act and as project staff for a multi-site evaluation of holistic defense practices. She recently served as project director for the West Virginia Magistrate Court Workload Assessment. Her other completed projects include an evaluation of the Red Hook Community Justice Center in New York City; evaluations of civil procedure reforms in New Hampshire and Utah; a statewide evaluation of Virginia's adult felony drug courts; weighted caseload studies for judges, prosecutors, and public defenders in a number of states; and an analysis of the legal issues surrounding administrative responses to probation violations. Ms. Lee holds a J.D. from the William & Mary Law School, where she was a member of the William & Mary Law Review and the Order of the Coif, and an M.P.P. from the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy at the College of William & Mary.

Megan Leschak is a 2013 Open Society Institute-Baltimore Community Fellow. Her fellowship project supports clients represented by the Maryland Office of the Public Defender who have been victims of Baltimore City street violence and may be suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result. The intention is to highlight for the courts the impact of living in traumatic environments via the intersection of institutional racism and oppression, poverty, environmental toxins, and community violence. Megan has worked in the social service and nonprofit industry for 17 years. Before moving to Baltimore to attend the graduate social work program at the University of Maryland Baltimore, she coordinated a 12-agency collaborative working to address the systemic causes of gang violence in Western North Carolina. Since moving to Maryland, Megan has been involved in LGBTQ, death penalty repeal, and anti-racism social justice movements.

Justine M. Luongo was appointed as Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Practice of the New York Legal Aid Society in October 2014. She began her Legal Aid career in September 2002 as a staff attorney in the New York County trial office of the Criminal Defense Practice and was promoted to Supervising Attorney in the same office in 2007. In May 2011, Tina was appointed as the Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Practice, and in July
2014 Tina assumed the role of Acting Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Practice. Before joining The Legal Aid Society, Tina served in a variety of positions, the most recent being Vice President of Operations for a national gang intervention and prevention nonprofit organization known as the Council for Unity. Tina served as the Chair of the American Bar Association Task Force on Comprehensive Criminal Representation, which analyzed best practices to address the complex, life-altering consequences that clients face when they are charged with or convicted of crimes. She is a member of the ABA Criminal Justice Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Chief Defender Association of New York, and a Steering Committee member and Chair of the Impact Committee of the National Association for Public Defense. She has also served as an Adjunct Professor in New York Law School’s Criminal Defense Clinic.

Daniel Mistak is General Counsel for Community-Oriented Correctional Health Services (COCHS). He joined COCHS in 2013 and brings a wide variety of experience. Before coming to COCHS, Mr. Mistak was a Senior Editor of the California Law Review at UC Berkeley School of Law. His previous experience has focused on legal issues for underprivileged populations including representation of clients in asylum hearings and legal research surrounding the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and campaign finance. He holds master’s degrees in genetics/cell biology and philosophy from Washington State University and bachelor’s degrees in Biology and Chemistry. He is admitted to practice law in California.

Beth O’Neill is the President of Public Health and Safety and General Counsel for Ramsell Corporation. She joined the Ramsell team in 2012, eventually taking leadership of Ramsell Public Health & Safety in 2014, when Ramsell consolidated its Coordination and Continuity of Care Application and Medicaid Services into a single subsidiary. An attorney by training, Ms. O’Neill has devoted her career to providing legal counsel to health care providers regarding regulatory and other business matters, with emphasis on compliance with federal and state laws, regulations, and agency rules regarding payment and reimbursement, fraud and abuse, privacy and security, and licensing and enrollment. Prior to joining Ramsell, Ms. O’Neill was a member of the Healthcare Sector of DLA Piper. Ms. O’Neill earned her Bachelor of Arts from Gonzaga University, where she majored in Political Science. She received her law degree from the Boalt School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley.

Jo-Ann Wallace is the President and CEO of NLADA, responsible for the executive leadership of the organization’s mission to promote equal justice through excellence in civil legal aid and public defense services. She was previously NLADA’s Senior Vice President for Programs, responsible for the oversight of the agendas both the Civil Legal Aid and Indigent Defense Programs. From 1994-2000, Wallace served as Director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), widely regarded as the nation’s model defender agency. Before her appointment to Director, Wallace served the agency in a number of capacities, including Deputy Chief of the Appellate Division, Coordinator of the Juvenile Services Program, and as a Staff Attorney representing both juvenile and adults in trial and appellate litigation. Wallace chaired the National Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Defender Services, a joint project with the United States Department of Justice (USDJ), in 1995-96. She is a founder of the American Council of Chief Defenders (ACCD), a leadership council of the top defender executives from across the United States, and the District of Columbia Appellate Practice Institute. Her extensive experience lecturing includes serving as a member of the visiting faculty for the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School. She has served as a member of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Standards Committee. Wallace received recognition from the White House as a “Champion of Change” for equal justice is 2010. She is a graduate of New York University School of Law.
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