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### **JONATHON ARELLANO-JACKSON**

Jonathon Arellano-Jackson received his J.D. at Gonzaga University School of Law *Summa Cum Laude*. Before coming to law school, Jonathon taught second grade for DC Public Schools. In 2013, he received a Bergstrom Child Welfare Fellowship to work for East Bay Children's Law Offices in Oakland, CA. The inspiration for writing this article stemmed from his experience working with Megan Manlove and Krista Elliott at Counsel for Defense in Spokane County, Washington.

### **STARCIA AGUE**

Starcia Ague is currently a Youth and Family Advocate Program Administrator with the Department of Social and Health Services at Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration. This is a continuation of Ague's interest in ensuring that Washington's juvenile justice system actively engages incarcerated youth with empowering programs and measures. Her goal of empowering youth is one of the reasons Ague obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from Washington State University in 2010. As a participant in the Washington State Bar Association's Annual Access to Justice Conference, Ague developed and implemented training focused on the importance of advocacy and protecting children's rights in times of economic hardship. She provided lead testimony for the Second Substitute Senate Bill 6561 that became law in April 2010. The new law affords juvenile offenders the opportunity to overcome their past given consecutive years of exemplary behavior. She also spoke at the Washington State Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit on the role of juvenile defenders in reform through advocacy efforts aimed at legislative, administrative, and court rule procedures. She was the 2009 recipient of Washington State's third annual Spirit of Youth Award. Ague was nominated to the Governor

by the Washington State Juvenile Advisory Committee, “in recognition of the importance of the rehabilitative focus of juvenile justice and the power of personal achievement.” Starcia serves on the Governor’s Washington State Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice. She is the first juvenile ever in the state of Washington to receive a pardon from the Governor. Starcia was the 2012 Champion for Change Award recipient from the MacArthur Foundation and most recently she was published in the Harvard Educational Review Journal. In 2013, she won the Courage Award for Public Service. Most recently she has been appointed to the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice representing Alaska, Oregon, Hawai‘i, and Washington. She has also been selected as a 2014 SOROS Justice Fellow by the Open Society Foundation. A documentary entitled “Starcia” recently won a NW Regional Emmy.

#### **DANIEL BRYNER**

Daniel M. Bryner is a freelance graphic and web designer residing in Olympia, Washington. Daniel has been involved in several state and national juvenile justice reform initiatives by way of illustrations, infographics, and public speaking. Daniel has partnered with the Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy at the University of Washington to create the survey design for the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative – Risk Assessment Tool Validation and a survey design for the commercially exploited youth task force. His personal experience with the collateral consequences of system involvement led him to provide lead testimony in front of the Washington State legislature on the Youth Opportunities Act (HB1651) that Governor Jay Inslee signed into law on April 2, 2014. Daniel has spoken on numerous panels regarding juvenile justice and was a panelist for the Washington State Supreme Court Symposium in May 2014 titled “Looking to the future: Adolescent Brain Development and the Juvenile Justice System,” which was sponsored by the

Washington State Minority & Justice Commission, the Center for Children & Youth Justice, and the MacArthur Foundation.

Daniel's illustrations have been published on several covers of the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. He also has appeared in a television interview for TVW's "The Impact," and has news articles highlighting the difficulties of confinement. Alongside volunteering with national campaigns, organizations, and projects, he volunteers with the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice Youth Committee. Daniel is on the Freedom Inside Project advisory board and the graphic designer for a 2014 SOROS Justice Fellowship. Daniel was recently named one of the fourteen founding members of the national Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Justice Strategy Group Youth Advisory Council where he sits on the law enforcement and re-entry sub committees, and consults, designs, and develops leadership skills. Daniel continuously works with organizations and businesses worldwide to ensure justice is being visually depicted in a captivating and alarming way, bringing attention to the causes that need advertisement the most. In all, Daniel uses his artwork and his experiences to advocate for disenfranchised and at risk youth. No matter the canvas or the subject, his purpose is always to serve God through serving people in the fight for equality and social justice.

### **WENDY S. HEIPT**

Wendy Heipt is an attorney who has been working to advance justice for women and girls for the last twenty years. A native New Yorker, she began her formal legal career in Washington D.C., where she worked for a boutique litigation firm, representing plaintiffs in whistleblower, First Amendment, and discrimination lawsuits in both federal and state courts. In Seattle, she was the litigation attorney at Legal Voice, the only regional non-profit in the Northwest advocating for the legal rights of women. In this position she oversaw a five state region and coordinated litigation efforts and attorneys in impact lawsuits, focusing on reproductive justice, lesbian

rights, and girls' sports equity. She has also worked at the Center for Children & Youth Justice, where she concentrated her research and collaborative work on gender responsive and culturally appropriate programs for Washington state juvenile justice involved girls. Additionally, Wendy is the most recent Director of the Justice for Girls Coalition, a statewide group dedicated to improving the lives of girls throughout the juvenile justice continuum. She is also a co-founder of the CAIR Project, the first independent abortion fund in the Pacific Northwest. Wendy is a board member for a number of organizations and also serves the Seattle community as a dedicated volunteer. She received her B.A. from Hampshire College and her J.D. from Harvard University, and completed judicial clerkships in Honolulu, Hawaii and Pago Pago, American Samoa.

#### **PAUL HOLLAND**

Paul Holland is Associate Professor at Seattle University School of Law, where he teaches the Youth Advocacy Clinic. He has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the school's Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic. He is one of the inaugural members of the King County Public Defense Advisory Board and has previously served as Chair of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

#### **TINA H. HO**

Tina Ho grew up in San Jose, California and is a 2015 J.D. candidate at Seattle University School of Law. She earned a BA in Economics with a minor in Entrepreneurship from the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill. Through the Entrepreneurship program, she developed a particular interest in social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility. She continued to cultivate this interest and founded the Business and Entrepreneurship Law Association at Seattle University with two of her peers. Tina has also worked as a paralegal and law clerk with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, and Stewart and has been heavily involved with the

Korean American Bar Association. She hopes to continue her involvement with the important legal issues that the Asian American community faces at large. She is honored that the Journal has selected her article for publication and grateful for the support of her peers and friends through the writing process.

### **CARLA C. LEE**

Carla C. Lee is Deputy Chief of Staff at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO) reporting to the elected King County Prosecutor, Daniel T. Satterberg. Prior to joining the KCPAO, Carla was the Program Manager at the Center for Children and Youth Justice overseeing a Juvenile Justice Reform effort funded by the MacArthur Foundation. Throughout her tenure as an attorney, Carla has served on the executive board of Washington Women Lawyers, the Loren Miller Bar Association, and the Washington State Bar Association. A native of Washington, Carla is a graduate of the University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law.

### **PAULA LUSTBADER**

Professor Paula Lustbader is best known for the passion and energy she brings to her work as co-founder and director of the Academic Resource Center and its Access Admissions program at Seattle University School of Law. For 28 years, she has provided instruction, support, and mentorship to law students from underrepresented groups and, in the process, has been instrumental in changing the face of the legal profession. She has touched the lives of more than 1,000 law students who, on graduation, have gone on to impact the lives of literally thousands of clients and fellow citizens in Washington and across the country.

The Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support acknowledged her contribution to the academy with an Award in 2015. In 2010, she received the Loren Miller Bar Association President's

Award for her role in increasing the diversity in the legal profession. The Washington State Bar Association recognized Professor Lustbader's outstanding contributions by naming her co-recipient of the organization's Award for Excellence in Diversity (2006).

Professor Lustbader is an internationally recognized leader, scholar, and speaker on law school academic support programs, learning theory, teaching methods, and diversity. She has also presented in England, Switzerland, Spain, and Italy. In addition to using her vision to help found two national organization sections on Law School Academic Support and the Center for Teaching and Learning at Seattle University, she has assumed numerous leadership roles with the legal academy's national organizations.

In recent years, Professor Lustbader has turned her focus to address issues of civility in her role as president of Robert's Fund, where she has undertaken a variety of initiatives. In addition to creating and producing articles for the Washington State Bar News; she is developing curriculum, programs, and seminars; is facilitating conversations on civility with focus groups; as well as making multiple presentations and providing consulting to law firms and other legal professional organizations.

#### **DANA PETERSEN**

Dana grew up in Durango, Colorado, and attended the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) in Greeley, Colorado. While at UNC she studied journalism and psychology. Dana started a career as a television news producer after graduating from college. She moved to Seattle in 2004 to work at the local FOX television station, and she later moved to the local NBC station to produce the station's new morning newscast. As a television news producer, Dana reported on numerous violent, and often deadly, cases of domestic violence. These stories influenced her decision to make a career change and pursue a career in law. As a law student, Dana served as the Editor at Large for the Seattle Journal for Social Justice from 2014–2015.

She is honored to be featured in this publication, and is grateful to the journal staff members, journal editors, professors, and attorneys who helped her hone her article for publication.

**DANIEL T. SATTERBERG**

Daniel T. Satterberg was elected King County Prosecuting Attorney in November 2007 to succeed his longtime friend and mentor, the late Norm Maleng. He was re-elected in 2010 and 2014 without opposition. Dan served as Chief of Staff for Norm Maleng for 17 years, and was responsible for the management and operation of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, including budget, human resources, technology, legislative and policy matters. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office employs more than 235 attorneys, 240 staff, and has an annual budget of nearly \$69 million.

Dan is committed to the reform of the Criminal Justice system. He has launched successful programs to keep youth in school, divert youth from the courtroom, deal with drug-addicted people in a more effective way, and give police additional tools for responding to low level offenders with mental health issues. Dan was born and raised in South King County and attended Highline High School. His father was a lawyer in White Center and his mother was a nursing instructor at Highline Community College. He graduated from the UW undergraduate school (Political Science and Journalism) and the UW Law School.

**BREANNE M. SCHUSTER**

Breanne Schuster, a Wisconsin native, attended the University of Wisconsin Madison, where she graduated with dual degrees in Dance and Spanish. Breanne was also a pre-medicine student, and it was her science classes focused on disparities in health care access and clinical trial atrocities that eventually led her to law school at Seattle University School of Law. While Breanne's focuses have evolved from health care to criminal justice reform, her desire to advocate for underserved and underrepresented



clients remains constant. Since entering Law School, Breanne has interned with the Alliance for a Just Society, the Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons, Disability Rights Washington, the Washington Defender Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union, and has also participated in the Homeless Rights Advocacy Project. As a new graduate, Breanne is not sure what her career path post law school will look like, but she hopes to focus on ending mass incarceration and the criminalization and exploitation of the poor.

When Breanne's not writing 54 page long articles, she can be found dancing, painting, exploring the beautiful state of Washington, and singing far too loudly. She would like to thank all of the incredible people in her life (you are far too many to name) for their patience and support throughout this law school adventure and the publication process. Breanne would also like to thank the wonderful staff and editorial board of the Seattle Journal for Social Justice for their countless hours spent helping to make this article what it is today.

#### **VIOLETTA A. STRINGER**

Violetta A. Stringer is a 2015 graduate of Seattle University School of Law. Throughout her time at SU Law Violetta served on the board of the Future Prosecutors for Social Justice and interned in the Special Assault and District Court units of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Before entering law school Violetta volunteered with Real Escape from the Sex Trade, a Seattle based non-profit organization providing services for victims of domestic sex trafficking. Violetta obtained her undergraduate degree in International Studies from the University of Washington.

#### **TALIB D. WILLIAMS**

Talib Williams is a 10-year United States Air Force veteran with a Bachelor's degree in Social Psychology. Originally from Trenton, New Jersey, he currently lives in Olympia, Washington where he is the Program

Director of Gateways for Incarcerated Youth out of The Evergreen State College. He is a Master's in Public Administration candidate who is focused on mentoring youth of color, preparing them for positive sustainable lives while changing the master narratives that places targets on their back.