

## Administrative, Personnel, & Technology Consultation

*Jonathan Friley*

Although each Public Defender Corporation (PDC) is an individual, not-for-profit corporation governed by its own board of directors, and are not subordinate divisions of Public Defender Services, our agency establishes strategic objectives for the delivery of legal services to indigents in eligible proceedings.

In addition to monitoring compliance with grant conditions, I am responsible for the overall health of the PDC system. I can assist the PDCs with policy/procedure development and review, board engagement, employee and management training/coaching, leadership development, best practices creation, and other administrative and personnel related issues.

## Appellate Division

*Crystal Walden, Matthew Brummond,  
Jason Parmer,  
and Scott Johnson*

The Appellate Advocacy Division is dedicated to vigorous representation of every client during both the trial and appellate phase. The division's ultimate goal is to help ensure that every indigent citizen charged with a crime enjoys all the constitutional rights and protections guaranteed under the constitutions of both the United States and West Virginia. We will assist with motion preparation, research, or brainstorming issues.

The Appellate Advocacy Division welcomes any practicing criminal defense lawyer within the state to call with legal questions they may have, regarding a court-appointed case.

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## Public Defender Services

### PDC Resources



## Purpose

Public Defender Services (PDS) developed the Public Defender Corporation Resource Center (PDCRC) to serve public defender corporations across the state by utilizing specialists to assist attorneys in criminal defense advocacy. In addition to the resources and services available from the Appellate Advocacy Division, the following resources are available to attorneys and staff members of the Public Defender Corporations (PDCs):

- **Mitigation and Alternative Sentencing Resources**
- **Juvenile Resources**
- **Administrative, Personnel, & Technology Consultation**
- **Westlaw Account\***
- **National Association of Public Defense Membership\***

\* See your office manager or Chief if you do not have access to these services.

## Mitigation Services

*Stephanne Thornton*

As the PDCRC's criminal justice specialist, I am a licensed and clinically trained social worker and addictions counselor who understands the factors that underlie criminal behavior. My goal is to help defense counsel better understand these underlying factors, then determine the best course to understand, address, and treat these factors through mitigation against harsh punishments or imprisonment of adult offenders. I serve all public defender corporations to aid in mitigation and in the preparation for sentencing.

Specifically, I work with public defenders to help identify client issues, determine treatment options, create mitigation themes, recommend alternatives to incarceration, seek experts for assessment and testimony, interpret client treatment records, analyze relevant scientific research, and serve as a liaison to community programs serving the criminal offender population.

In addition to mitigation and sentencing advocacy, I explore grant and private funding opportunities for public defender offices to fulfill their mission of zealous advocacy, particularly through sentencing advocacy.

## Juvenile Resource Services

*Lori Waller*

Juvenile Resource Specialist services include assistance with legal research, legal motions and appeals, and specific research and resources related to the criminal defense of the juvenile.

I am an attorney with an all but dissertation degree in clinical and forensic psychology. I am ready to assist with any question regarding juvenile justice, especially with respect to developmental issues. I also am available to assist with abuse and neglect cases including research and motions, as well as handling telephone and/or email inquiries. I do not directly handle abuse and neglect appeals, but I will provide case-specific guidance and assist with research and brainstorming.

I am here to serve you, so feel free to contact me about the unique and important practice areas of juvenile justice and abuse and neglect.