

LINDSEY W. SPAIN

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Durham County District Attorney's Office, *Assistant District Attorney and Juvenile Team Lead*,
Durham, NC

January 2019-present

Oversee the juvenile team and juvenile court in Durham County as well as prosecute youthful offenders charged with serious crimes in Superior Court including violent assaults, sexual assaults, and homicides. Prosecuted all cases involving child victims including felony child abuse and statutory rape/sex offense cases as well as adult sexual assault cases and homicides before promotion to Juvenile Team Lead. Communicate with investigators and officers of various law enforcement agencies throughout the investigation to offer pre-charge advice and suggest investigative follow-up. Cultivate relationships with law enforcement agencies to build cohesiveness in the judicial process. Participate in gang reduction meetings and juvenile justice community meetings. Attended community multi-disciplinary team meetings focused on child abuse and the sexual assault kit initiative. Assist with court coverage in various courtrooms including domestic violence, probation violations, district misdemeanors, and traffic. Help train new prosecutors.

North Carolina Central University School of Law, *Academic Success Specialist*, Durham, NC

July 2016-January 2019

Provided academic support to students through classes, workshops, and individual appointments to discuss a variety of topics including legal essay writing strategies, issue-spotting concerns, strengthening legal analysis, developing study schedules, among others. Taught Critical Thinking I & II to 1L's and Comparative Legal Analysis (formerly N.C. Distinctions) to 3L's. Helped create programs and initiatives designed to ensure the academic success of all students with a special focus towards academically at-risk students.

Thomas, Ferguson & Mullins, LLP, (presently Thomas, Ferguson & Beskind, LLP), *Attorney*,
Durham, NC

August 2012-June 2016

Represented clients in a variety of courts including traffic, district criminal, domestic violence, superior criminal, juvenile, and federal court. Prepared and litigated complex criminal and some civil cases for trial by conducting research, preparing legal memoranda, and drafting motions. Selected to be among the private attorneys on the Juvenile Appointment List and for two contracts to represent indigent clients on misdemeanors and low-level felonies in Durham County.

UNC School of Law Juvenile Justice Clinic, *Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law*, Chapel Hill, NC

August 2013-December 2013

Supervised clinical students representing clients in Durham County juvenile court. Met weekly with students to review progress, make case plans, and discuss learning goals. Assessed students' performance using constructive feedback and helped students to put expressed interests representation into practice. Co-taught the weekly classroom course requirement of Criminal Lawyering Process.

Orange County Public Defender's Office, *Legal Intern*, Hillsborough, NC

January 2012-May 2012

Worked with supervising attorney under student practice rule to perform duties of assistant public defender including trying cases, interviewing clients, negotiating plea deals, and conducting bond hearings.

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North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Inc., *Summer Intern*, Raleigh, NC

July 2011-August 2011

Drafted pleadings, discovery requests, affidavits, and motions, including a successful motion for appropriate relief. Worked closely with attorneys on both the civil team and the post-conviction team. Conducted client interviews and visited prisons. Performed research to help attorneys prepare for upcoming cases. Reviewed files and identified potential legal issues.

Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office, *Summer Intern*, Charlotte, NC

May 2011-July 2011

Tried cases, interviewed clients, and handled plea deals and bond hearings under student practice rule. Negotiated with district attorneys on issuing continuances and plea bargains. Assisted attorney with preparation for court including updating files and performing legal research. Assembled and briefed commonly used cases for supervising attorney's quick reference.

UNC School of Law, Professor Tamar Birckhead, *Research Assistant*, Chapel Hill, NC

September 2010-May 2011

Assisted with legal research involving juvenile justice policy and reform as well as criminal law and procedure, including an article on the criminalization of juvenile prostitutes titled, *The "Youngest Profession": Consent, Autonomy, and Prostituted Children*.

Johnston County District Attorney's Office, *Summer Intern*, Smithfield, NC

Summer 2010

Assisted in district and superior courts daily. Called the court calendar and issued continuances to attorneys and defendants. Discussed adjudication options with defendants. Interviewed victims, witnesses, and officers.

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

Juris Doctor with Honors, May 2012

GPA: 3.578, Top One-Third of Class

- Davis Society (recognizes 8 graduating students with academic & personal excellence based on leadership, integrity, character, & dedication)
- Winston Crisp Award for Student Leadership
- Holderness Moot Court – Craven Bench Co-Chair
- Order of Barristers
- 2010 Gressman-Pollitt Award for Outstanding Oral Advocacy: Best Overall
- 3L Student of the Year *Pro Bono* Award
- *Pro Bono* Work (Completed over 200 hours)
 - Spring Break Wills Project with Boone Legal Aid of NC Office
 - Butner FCI Reentry Legal Assistance Project
 - Winter Break Project at Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office
- Graduate School Honor Court Judge (1L and 2L)
- Juvenile Justice Clinic (3L)
- Carolina Law Ambassadors, President (3L) and Vice-President (2L)
- Domestic Violence Action Project, 50B Coordinator (2L)
- Oral Argument Group Leader for 1L's (2L and 3L)

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in English, May 2009

GPA: 3.75

Phi Beta Kappa

Golden Key International Honour Society Member and Scholarship Recipient

Eaton-Freeman Piano Scholarship

USTA League Captain and Player

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Durham County Bar Association/16th JDB Board of Directors, President, 2020-present

Durham County Bar Association/16th JDB Board of Directors, Vice-President, 2019-2020

Durham County Bar Association/16th JDB Board of Directors, Director, 2014-2019

- Founding Organizer of the Raising the Bar 5k, a DCBA-sponsored charity run benefitting local non-profit organizations

Durham County Bar Association, Member, 2012-present

Sixteenth Judicial District Bar, Member, 2012-present

Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Board Member, 2021-present

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, 2021-present

Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church, Member, Durham, NC, 2017-present

Pianist, Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church, Durham, NC, 2017-2021

Durham County Teen Court Attorney Volunteer, 2016-2019

UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program Featured Alumna, February 2016

North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Member, 2015-2016

North Carolina Bar Association, Member, 2012-2016

Young Lawyers' Division of NCBA, Member, 2012-2016

- YLD Citizen Lawyer Committee, 2013-2014 (authored published article on award recipient)

UNC School of Law 1L Kilpatrick Stockton Mock Trial Competition, Judge, 2015-2016

NCBA Middle School Mock Trial Competition, Presiding Judge, 2013

Craven Moot Court Competition at UNC School of Law, Judge, 2012-2014

Attorney at Law Magazine Young Attorney Spotlight, 2015

Private Piano Teacher, 2012-2016

PUBLICATIONS

Lindsey Spain, *Keeping It Real: The Increasing Importance of Relating Law School Skills to the "Real Life" Practice of Law*, *The Learning Curve*, Winter/Spring 2019, pg. 19-20

LICENSURE

North Carolina State Court

Federal District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit