

**UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION**  
**Office of Education and Sentencing Practice**

**COMMISSIONERS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

**JUDGE PATTI B. SARIS**

**Judge Patti B. Saris**, District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. President Obama nominated Judge Saris to be a member and chair of the Commission on April 28, 2010. The Senate confirmed her nomination on December 22, 2010.

Judge Saris has served as a United States district judge for the District of Massachusetts since 1994, having been nominated to the federal bench by President Clinton on October 27, 1993. Prior to her appointment to the district court, Judge Saris served as an associate justice for the Massachusetts Superior Court from 1989 to 1993. From 1986 to 1989, Judge Saris served as a federal magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. She was an attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice from 1982 to 1986, and held the position of Chief of the Civil Division, Office of the United States Attorney for Massachusetts, from 1984 to 1986. From 1979 until 1981, Judge Saris served as staff counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Judge Saris received her B.A., magna cum laude, in 1973 from Radcliffe College and her J.D., cum laude, in 1976 from Harvard Law School. She served as a law clerk to the late Justice Robert Braucher of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1976 to 1977. Judge Saris is a recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Harvard University Medal of Honor (2009), a Judicial Conference of the United States Resolution of Appreciation (2005), and the Boston Bar Association's Citation of Judicial Excellence (2003).

**JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON**

**Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson**, District Judge for the District of Columbia. Judge Jackson was nominated by President Obama to the federal bench and was confirmed by the Senate on March 23, 2013.

Judge Jackson served from 2007-2010 as a litigator at Morrison & Foerster LLP, with a practice that focused on appellate litigation in both state and federal courts, as well as litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States. From 2005 until 2007, prior to joining Morrison & Foerster LLP, Judge Jackson worked as an assistant federal public defender in the Appeals Division of the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the District of Columbia. Judge Jackson previously served as an assistant special counsel at the United States Sentencing Commission and as an associate with two law firms, one specializing in white-collar criminal defense, the other focusing on the negotiated settlement of mass-tort claims. She also served as a law clerk to three federal judges, including Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Jackson received an A.B., magna cum laude, in Government from

Harvard-Radcliffe College, and a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where she served as a supervising editor of the Harvard Law Review.

### **DABNEY FRIEDRICH**

**Dabney Friedrich** served as associate counsel at the White House from 2003 until her appointment to the Sentencing Commission in December 2006. Prior to serving in that capacity, she was counsel to Chairman Orrin G. Hatch of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee from 2002-2003. From 1995 until 2002, she was an assistant U.S. attorney, first for the Southern District of California (1995-1997) and then for the Eastern District of Virginia (1998-2002). Prior to that (1994-1995), she was an associate in private practice at Latham & Watkins in San Diego. From 1992-1994, she was law clerk to now Senior District Judge Thomas F. Hogan (U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia). Ms. Friedrich received her B.A. from Trinity University, her Diploma in Legal Studies from Oxford University, and her J.D. from Yale Law School.

### **RACHEL BARKOW**

**Rachel Barkow** is the Segal Family Professor of Regulatory Law and Policy at the New York University School of Law, where she focuses her teaching and research on criminal and administrative law. She also serves as the Faculty Director of the Center on the Administration of Criminal Law at the law school. Ms. Barkow has been a member of the faculty at the New York University School of Law since 2002 and was the Beneficial Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in the fall of 2008. She worked at the law firm of Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel, PLLC, in Washington, D.C., from 1998 to 2002. Ms. Barkow began her legal career by clerking for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia from 1997 to 1998, and before that for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1996 to 1997. She received her J.D. magna cum laude in 1996 from Harvard Law School and her B.A. with distinction in 1993 from Northwestern University.

### **JONATHAN J. WROBLEWSKI**

**Jonathan J. Wroblewski** is the designated ex-officio member of the United States Sentencing Commission representing the Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice. Mr. Wroblewski serves as Director of the Office of Policy and Legislation in the Criminal Division of the Department. Previously, Mr. Wroblewski served as a trial attorney with the Civil Rights Division, and subsequently served in the United States Sentencing Commission as Deputy General Counsel and Director of Legislative and Public Affairs. He has taught at both The George Washington University National Law Center and George Mason University School of Law, and has studied at the University of Cambridge's Institute of Criminology as a recipient of the Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy. Mr. Wroblewski received his B.A., magna cum laude from Duke University, and his J.D. from Stanford Law School.

## TRAINERS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

### **L. RUSSELL BURRESS**

**L. Russell "Rusty" Burress**, Principal Training Advisor in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, has been on the staff of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington, D.C., since its inception in 1985. He is the Commission's principal trainer of judges, probation officers, and attorneys on the federal sentencing guidelines. From 1976 to 1992, Mr. Burress was a U.S. Probation Officer, serving the first nine years in the District of South Carolina and the last seven years on detail to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. He accepted a permanent position at the Commission in May 1992. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Mr. Burress holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Arts degree in Probation and Parole Studies from Fordham University.

### **KEALIN M. CULBREATH**

**Kealin M. Culbreath, Esq.**, Senior Education and Sentencing Practice Specialist in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, joined the staff of the U.S. Sentencing Commission in June 2002. He analyzes appellate court decisions and conducts training programs for judges, probation officers, and attorneys as well as for law school and undergraduate students. Mr. Culbreath has served on policy teams reviewing various guidelines, including those for immigration, economic crimes, firearms and terrorism. In 2011, Mr. Culbreath was detailed from the Commission to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Virginia where he served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA). Prior to joining the Commission Staff, Mr. Culbreath was a Staff Attorney for the Governor's Office in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1999-2002. Mr. Culbreath attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he graduated in 1996 with majors in Political Science and English. Mr. Culbreath is a 1999 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, Georgia, and is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

### **ALAN DORHOFFER**

**Alan Dorhoffer**, Deputy Director of the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice at the United States Sentencing Commission. He has conducted hundreds of training programs for judges, attorneys, law clerks, and probation officers on federal sentencing issues. Mr Dorhoffer has also conducted broadcasts on the FJTN network. Mr. Dorhoffer has been the Chair of numerous policy teams, including the Sexual Offense, Firearms, and Criminal History Teams. He has also served on numerous policy development teams, including those studying *Booker* issues, crack cocaine issues, white collar crime issues, immigration issues, and federal drug sentencing policies. Furthermore, he analyzes U.S. Supreme Court, appellate court, and district court decisions interpreting the federal sentencing guidelines. Mr. Dorhoffer was an Adjunct Professor at the George Mason School of Law. He previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund A. Sargus in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Dorhoffer is a graduate of Binghamton University and the George Washington University School of Law.

## **BOBBY L. EVANS**

**Bobby L. Evans**, Senior Education and Sentencing Practice Specialist in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, joined the staff of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington, D.C. in April 2002. He develops training curriculum and conducts training programs for judges, probation officers and attorneys on the federal sentencing guidelines. Mr Evans frequently conducts training for newly appointed probation officers at FLETC in Charleston, SC. Prior to joining the Commission staff, he was a Senior U.S. Probation Officer for the Western District of Virginia for twelve years. Mr. Evans is a graduate of Averett University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology.

## **PAMELA G. MONTGOMERY**

**Pamela G. Montgomery**, Director and Chief Counsel of the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, has been on the staff of the United States Sentencing Commission, Washington, D.C. since 1990. In 2000 she was promoted to her current position where she is primarily responsible for planning and implementing the training mission of the agency. The Office of Education and Sentencing Practice provides educational programs and technical assistance to judges, probation officers, and attorneys on federal sentencing issues. Prior to her current position, Ms. Montgomery served as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Sentencing Commission. In that position she was primarily responsible for tracking and analyzing case law interpreting the guidelines and making presentations at federal sentencing guidelines seminars. She also played a major role in several of the Commission's policy development teams. Ms. Montgomery is a member of the Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Supreme Court of Georgia. Prior to joining the Commission staff, Ms. Montgomery served as an attorney in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. During her tenure in the JAG Corps, she held several positions including appellate defense counsel and counsel for the Army Court of Military Review. Ms. Montgomery is a graduate of Carleton College and the University of Georgia School of Law.

## **RACHEL PIERCE**

**Rachel Pierce**, Senior Education and Sentencing Practice Specialist in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, has been on the staff of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington, D. C. since 1998. She develops training curriculum and conducts training programs for judges, probation officers, and attorneys on the federal sentencing guidelines. Ms. Pierce has conducted numerous training seminars and appeared in several Federal Judicial Television Network (FJTN) television broadcasts including: Basic Guideline Application, Grouping Multiple Counts of Conviction, and New Guideline Amendments for 2001. She has also served on several policy development teams, including those studying economic crimes, "Rave" Club drugs, and federal drug sentencing policy. Prior to joining the Commission staff, Ms. Pierce was a probation officer with the Department of Juvenile Justice in Montgomery County, Maryland. Ms. Pierce is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

## **KRISTA RUBIN**

**Krista Rubin**, Senior Education and Sentencing Practice Specialist in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, has been on the staff of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington, D.C. since 1996. She develops training curriculum and conducts training programs for judges, probation officers, and attorneys on the federal sentencing guidelines. Ms. Rubin has conducted numerous training seminars and appeared in several Federal Judicial Television Network (FJTN) television broadcasts including: An Analysis of Sentencing Departures, Grouping Multiple Counts of Conviction, Immigration Offenses, and New Guideline Amendments for 2001, 2003, and 2007. She has also served on several policy development teams, including those studying federal drug sentencing policy, telemarketing fraud offenses, public corruption and the Sexual Predators Act. Ms. Rubin has also served as Chair of the Immigration Policy Team from 2003 to 2008. Prior to joining the Commission staff, Ms. Rubin was a private school educator. Ms. Rubin is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice and the George Washington University with a Masters degree in Education.