

Raquel Wilson

Raquel Wilson joined the Commission as Deputy General Counsel in 2009. She has served on policy teams addressing hate crimes, offender characteristics, the impact of *United States v. Booker* on federal sentencing, and crimes of violence. Before coming to the Commission, Ms. Wilson was an assistant federal public defender in the Asheville Division of the Western District of North Carolina (2006-2009) and the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas (1999-2006), where she handled both trials and appeals. Before that, Ms. Wilson was a law clerk to the Honorable Robert L. Hinkle, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. Ms. Wilson is a member of the bars of California, Florida, and North Carolina. She graduated from Rice University in 1992 with a B.A. in political science, and received her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1996.

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