

GEORGE CHANEY: Assistant Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

EDUCATION: J.D., 1991, Tulane University Law School.

PROFESSIONAL: Litigation Associate, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, Minnesota, 1991; Teaching Fellow, Tulane University Law School Juvenile Clinic, 1995-1997; Private Practice, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1995-2003; Member, Orleans Parish Capital Conflict Panel, 1997-2000; Criminal Justice Act Panel, Eastern District of Louisiana, 1997-2003; Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Public Defenders for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 2003-2016; Assistant Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, since 2016.

John S. Dierna has been a U.S. Probation Officer for the Southern District of Ohio for thirty years. He commenced his duties as Chief U.S. Probation Officer of the Southern District of Ohio on December 1, 2009. Prior to this promotion, he served as the Deputy Chief for the Southern District of Ohio for three years. From February of 1990 through August of 2006, John functioned as a supervisor in the Columbus Office. He supervised the pre sentence investigation team for more than thirteen years. He also supervised a blended team of pre sentence investigators and supervision officers for a period of three years.

John began his federal probation career in 1986 as a probation officer generalist, meaning that he was responsible for conducting pretrial investigations; supervising a pretrial release caseload; conducting pre sentence investigations and supervising a post conviction caseload.

John received his M.A. in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago and his B.A. in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame.

John, his wife, Sherri, and their three children, Lillian, Nicholas and Megan make their home in Westerville, Ohio.

Melanie Furry graduated from the University of Missouri with a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) in 1996. She began her career in September 1996 with the U.S. Pretrial Services Office in the Southern District of Ohio. During her employment with the U.S. Pretrial Services Office, Melanie has served as Officer, Program Development Coordinator, Supervisor, Deputy Chief and since 2010, as the Chief Pretrial Services Officer. Melanie has served on multiple national program review teams, as well as working groups with the Probation and Pretrial Services Office (PPSO).

Michael Holley earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law. He has been with the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Tennessee since 2004, serving six years as a research and writing attorney and six years as a trial attorney. Prior to that, he clerked for a federal district judge, represented farmworkers in employment litigation for Southern Migrant Legal Services, and represented immigrants facing deportation for the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center. He was awarded the Outstanding AFPD award in 2016.

Rasheeda Khan is a 2002 graduate of the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. She also has an undergraduate degree in biology from the same university. Before joining the Defender's Office in 2014, she worked at a private law firm representing lawyers (including defense attorneys and prosecutors) and judges charged with ethical misconduct before the Ohio Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

Kevin Schad – AFD Southern District of Ohio

Kevin Schad is head of the appellate division for the Federal Public Defender's office for the Southern District of Ohio. Mr. Schad handles appeals coming out of the Southern District Defender's office, as well as all non-capital habeas cases, petitions for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court, and select other appeals from within the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Schad attended Syracuse University, is a graduate of the Ohio State University, and completed his law degree at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Mr. Schad has been practicing federal criminal defense for over 20 years, and is a member in good standing of the United States Supreme Court, all federal appellate courts, and many United States District Courts. Mr. Schad has been lead counsel in over 450 appellate cases, two Supreme Court cases, and has practiced throughout the country at the district court level. Mr. Schad is currently a member of the Sixth Circuit's Jury Instruction Committee.