

Appointees to Indigent Defense Advisory Committee

Member Category	Name	Organization	Title
Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness (ED or designee)	Ms. Maraleen Shields, Esq.	Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness	Executive Director
Public Defender Association of PA (ED or designee)	Ms. Sara Jacobson, Esq., Chair	Public Defenders Association of Pennsylvania	Executive Director
PA Commission on Sentencing (ED or designee)	Dr. Matthew Kleiman, PhD	Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing	Executive Director
PA District Attorneys Association (ED or designee)	Mr. Michael A. O'Pake, Esq.	Schuylkill County District Attorney Office	District Attorney
Commonwealth Victim Advocate or designee	Ms. Suzanne V. Estrella, Esq.	Office of Victim Advocate	Victim Advocate
PA Chiefs of Police Association (ED or designee)	Mr. Scott L. Bohn	Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association	Executive Director
Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (ED or designee)	Mr. Robert Tomassini	Juvenile Court Judges' Commission	Executive Director
Appointee by Senate President Pro Tempore	Senator Lisa Baker	PA Senate	Senator
Appointee by Senate Minority Leader	Senator Art Haywood	PA Senate	Senator
Appointee by House Speaker	Ms. Kathryn (Kate) C. Cacciamani, Esq., Vice Chair	Private Attorney	Attorney
Appointee by House Minority Leader	Mr. James Orgass, Esq.	MidPenn Legal Services	Attorney
Representative of public defenders, from list of 3 recommended by Defender Association of Philadelphia	Ms. Katherine (Kate) Parker, Esq.	Defender Association of Philadelphia	Policy Director
Criminal defense attorney with public defender experience, from list of 3 recommended by PA Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	Ms. Petra Gross, Esq.	Martson Law Offices	Attorney
Attorney with experience defending juveniles, from list of 3 recommended by Juvenile Defenders Association of PA	Ms. Cheryl Sobeski-Reedy, Esq.	Luzerne County Public Defender's Office	Assistant Public Defender
Member of law school academic community with background in public defense or legal services, from list recommended by each law school in PA	Professor Gopal Balachandran, Esq.	Penn State Law	Associate Professor of Criminal Law
Attorney with capital case indigent defense trial, appellate, or postconviction experience, associated with the PA Innocence Project at Temple Law School	Mr. Leigh M. Skipper, Esq.	Duane Morris	Attorney
Rep from 2nd Class county government from list recommended by County Commissioners Association of PA	Ms. Sara Innamorato	Allegheny County	County Executive

Member Category	Name	Organization	Title
Rep from 3rd-8th Class county government from list recommended by County Commissioners Association of PA	Mr. Jeff Snyder	Clinton County Commissioners	Commissioner, Vice Chairman
Advocate for current and former prison inmates, from list recommended by PA Prison Society	Mr. Taiili Thompson	Operation Better Block	Director of Violence Prevention Initiative
Judge who routinely presides over criminal or juvenile cases (#1)	Ms. Chesley A. Lightsey, Esq.	Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County	Judge
Judge who routinely presides over criminal or juvenile cases (#2)	Mr. Dwayne D. Woodruff, Esq.	Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County	Judge
Judge who routinely presides over criminal or juvenile cases (#3)	Mr. Tedd C. Nesbit, Esq.	Court of Common Pleas of Mercer County	Judge
County chief public defender, from list recommended by Public Defender Association of PA	Ms. Christine P. Lora, Esq.	Montgomery County Public Defender	Chief Public Defender
Public defender from 2nd Class counties, recommended by Public Defender Association of PA	Mr. Samuel G. Encarnacion, Esq.	Lancaster County Public Defender	First Assistant Defender
Public defender from 3rd-4th Class counties, recommended by Public Defender Association of PA	Mr. Theodore A. Skaarup, Esq.	Northampton County Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender
Public defender from 5th-8th Class counties, recommended by Public Defender Association of PA (#1)	Ms. Julia E. Burke, Esq.	Blair County Public Defender's Office	First Assistant Public Defender
Public defender from 5th-8th Class counties, recommended by Public Defender Association of PA (#2)	Ms. Autumn L. Johnson, Esq.	Mercer County Public Defender	Chief Public Defender

