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Paralegal, Ext. 120
Assistant to Office of Counsel.
Employed with Bar: 2016. Education: BA in history, Bridgewater State College; paralegal studies certificate, Boston University. Spouse's name: Lynn

**PHILLIP B. MCWILLIAMS**

Professional Organization Coordinator, Ext. 225
Assists in all phases of membership including dues, inactive status, reinstatement, and registration of professional organization and trade names. Employed with Bar: 2016. Related experience: 14 years with Austin Community College.

**ALICE NEECE MINE**

Executive Director, Ext. 236
Responsible for the administration of the State Bar. Employed with Bar: 1993. Education: BSW, NCSU; JD, UNC School of Law. Related experience: 7 years private practice. Spouse's name: Mark

**JUDY MCDANIEL**

Receptionist, Ext. 221
Welcomes guests to the State Bar and answers incoming phone calls. Performs other support duties as required. Employed with Bar: 2021. Education: BA in business administration, National University.

**DIANE MELCHING**

Senior Administrative Assistant, Ext. 287
Provides administrative support for ACAP, fee arbitration, and investigations. Employed with Bar: 2003. Education: attended Roanoke College. Related experience: 22 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (secretarial, investigative, and human resources). Spouse's name: Barry

**ROBYNN MORAITES**

Director, LAP
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Employed with Bar: 2011. Education: BS, FSU; MRP and JD, UNC. Related experience: background in medical education and program development; admitted to the bar in 2004.

**BETH MCLAMB**

Membership Payment Coordinator, Ext. 237
Processes membership dues. Responds to all membership related issues. Employed with Bar: 2007. Related experience: medical administrative office and company sales specialist. Spouse's name: Jeremy

**DOTTIE K. MIANI**

Assistant Facilities Manager and Deputy Clerk of DHC, Ext. 241
Maintains operation of the building's infrastructure; maintains DHC records. Employed with Bar: 1984. Education: BA, Sacred Heart College. Related experience: worked full time for State Bar accounting department for 4 years.

**MICHELLE MORMANDO**

Paralegal, Ext. 258
Assistant to Office of Counsel.
Employed with Bar: 2021. Education: BA in political science & international studies, UNC-Wilmington; paralegal certificate, Cape Fear Community College. Related Experience: certified paralegal, two years as paralegal in private practice.

**NICHOLE P. MCLAUGHLIN**

Assistant Ethics Counsel, District Bar Liaison, Ext. 238
Answers ethics phone calls. Provides assistance and support to the judicial district bars and their officers. Employed with Bar: 2004. Education: BA, Drew University; JD, Seton Hall University School of Law. Related experience: private practice for five years. Spouse's name: Tony

**DOUGLAS MILLER**

Investigator, Ext. 263
Investigates grievance matters for Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2018. Education: BBA in accounting, Campbell University; NC CPA license. Related experience: 28 years combined federal and state criminal investigative experience. Spouse's name: Debra

**DENISE E. MULLEN**

Managing Director, Legal Specialization, Ext. 255
Coordinates, markets, and maintains programs for certified specialists. Employed with Bar: 2002. Education: BA in psychology, Indiana University; M.Ed., Kent State. Related experience: higher education and nonprofit organization administration. Spouse's name: Mike Tadych

**BARRY MCNEILL**

Deputy Counsel, Ext. 298
Prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary cases. Employed with Bar: 2010. Education: BS, UNC; JD, NCCU School of Law. Related experience: NC Department of Justice, 1979-2010. Spouse's name: Anne

**CLAIRE U. MILLS**

Finance Director and Operations Manager, IOLTA, Ext. 215
Maintains and establishes relationships with attorneys and banks to assist with compliance, maintains financial records. Employed with Bar: 1990. Education: NCSU/animal husbandry.

**PAT MURPHY**

Deputy Counsel, Ext. 206
Prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary cases. Employed with Bar: 2012. Education: BA, Appalachian State University; JD, Campbell University. Related experience: assistant DA 1982-1984; NC Dept. of Revenue 1984-1986; NC Dept. of Justice 1986-2012. Spouse's name: Beth

**ALEX NICELY***Deputy Counsel, Ext. 281*

Prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary cases. Employed with Bar: 2018. Education: BA, University of Nevada, Reno; JD, Boston University. Related experience: assistant district attorney for six years, assistant public defender for one year, private practice for one year.

**ANNE PARKIN***Field Auditor, Ext. 259*

Audits attorney trust accounts to ensure compliance with State Bar rules. Employed with Bar: 2013. Education: certificate in credit union management. Related experience: banking, accounting, management, human resources administration.

**AALIYAH PIERCE***Compliance Coordinator, Ext. 273*

Maintains records for NC Certified Paralegal Program and assists with the annual recertification process. Employed with Bar: 2011. Education: associates degree, Strayer University. Related experience: 10 years at Dex One. Spouse's name: TJ

**LORI NICOLICCHIA***Accreditation Coordinator, Ext. 248*

Maintains CLE records for NC attorneys; reviews all courses submitted for CLE approval. Employed with Bar: 2003.

**DAWN PATTON***Administrative Assistant, Investigations, Ext. 278*

Provides support to investigators and field auditor. Employed with Bar: 2005. Related experience: customer service manager for 8 years, 12 years administrative experience in all office areas.

**ANGEL PITTS***Accounting Assistant & Copy/Mailroom Clerk, Ext. 275*

Performs A/R functions and assists the controller. Performs copy work, in-house printing, mailings, processes mail. Employed with Bar: 2009. Related experience: 10 years of administrative experience, 2 years bookkeeping. Spouse's name: Darnell

**EMILY OAKES***Attendance/Compliance Coordinator, Ext. 247*

Maintains CLE records for NC attorneys; assists NC attorneys with mandatory CLE requirement compliance. Employed with Bar: 1999. Spouse's name: JR

**FRED PATTON***Investigator, Ext. 266*

Investigates grievance matters for the Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2010. Education: BA, Wake Forest University. Related experience: special agent with the NC State Bureau of Investigation, 1987-2010.

**JENNIFER PORTER***Deputy Counsel, Ext. 262*

Prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary cases. Employed with Bar: 2003. Education: BA, The American University; JD, Georgetown University Law Center. Related experience: attorney in US Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corp 1997-2016; private practice 2001-2003. Spouse's name: Michael

**BRIAN P. D. OTTEN***Ethics Counsel, Director of Legal Specialization and Paralegal Certification, Ext. 226*

Counsel to Ethics Committee and other boards and committees. Employed with Bar: 2007. Education: BA and JD, UNC. Related experience: law clerk, US District Court and Supreme Court of North Carolina. Spouse's name: Kelly

**WONDELLA PAYNE***Paralegal, Ext. 296*

Assistant to Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2007. Education: BA in English, Shaw University; paralegal certificate, Meredith College.

**ROBERT POWELL***Investigator, Ext. 201*

Investigates matters for the Client Security Fund. Employed with Bar: 2021. Education: BS, UNC; MPA, NCSU. Related experience: over 27 years with Raleigh Police Department working local, state, and federal criminal investigations. Spouse's name: Lisa

**CAROLYN PAGE***Investigator, Ext. 285*

Investigates grievance matters for the Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2016. Education: BS, North Carolina State University. Related experience: special agent with the NC State Bureau of Investigation, 2005-2015. Spouse's name: Burns

**SAVANNAH PERRY***Deputy Counsel, Ext. 219*

Prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary cases. Employed with Bar: 2018. Education: BA, Appalachian State University; MTWM and JD, Campbell University.

**SONJA B. PURYEAR***Administrative Assistant, Investigations, Ext. 203*

Provides support to investigators. Employed with Bar: 1996. Education: attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina State University. Spouse's name: Mitchell

**LEE RAMOS**

Director of Attorney Client Assistance Program and Fee Dispute Resolution Program Coordinator, Ext. 277

Employed with Bar: 2016. Education: BS in legal studies, Russell Sage College. Related experience: 24 years of law firm experience.

**JAYA SINGH**

Controller, Ext. 252

Manages finance and accounting operation for NC State Bar. Prepares budgets and financial statements. Employed with Bar: 2006. Education: BS, NC Wesleyan College. Related experience: over 10 years experience in accounting. Spouse's name: Arun

**ROBERT WESTON**

Deputy Counsel, Ext. 204

Prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary cases. Employed with Bar: 2020. Education: BA from UNC; JD from Campbell University. Related experience: private practice 2014-2020. Spouse's name: Pooja

**JOAN RENKEN**

Administrative Assistant, Office of Counsel, Ext. 295

Administrative assistant to the staff of the Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2009. Related experience: 10 years as executive assistant to director of hospice program.

**JENNIFER SLATTERY**

Paralegal, Ext. 205

Assistant to Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2008. Education: BS in criminal justice, Radford University; paralegal certificate, Duke University. Spouse's name: Jack

**BRITTANY WILSON**

Paralegal, Ext. 280

Assistant to Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2014. Education: BA in history and government from Campbell University. Related experience: 5 years as a legal assistant. Spouse's name: Dillon

**HEATHER E. RUTH**

Director of Operations, Office of Counsel, Ext. 227

Directs administrative functions of the Office of Counsel; develops and maintains practice management software. Employed with Bar: 2005. Education: BA in English, Ithaca College. Related experience: NC State Bar Asst. Dir. CLE 2005-07.

**PAUL SGRUE**

Investigator, Ext. 284

Investigates grievance matters for Office of Council. Employed with Bar: 2017. Education: BA, University of Massachusetts, Boston. Related experience: 27 years as a criminal investigator with the United States Marshals Service. Spouse's name: Trina

**CHRIS WOODS**

Investigative Assistant, Ext. 222

Assists Office of Counsel with analysis and investigative needs. Employed with Bar: 2010. Related experience: 9 years in office management. Education: business school, Ennepetal, Germany.

**SYLVIA SANTANA**

Intake Coordinator, Ext. 260

Receives, reviews, and distributes incoming grievances and written inquiries. Employed with Bar 2021. Related experience: over 10 years experience with NYS Department of Correctional Services.

**KATHERINE "SUSIE" TAYLOR**

LAP Special Projects Manager; CLE Coordinator, 704/503-9695

Office Administration for the Western Region. Employed with Bar: 2013. Education: BA in communications, University of Arizona. Related experience: NC Certified Paralegal, associate executive director of the Mecklenburg County Bar.

**SHEILA SAUCIER**

Certification Coordinator, Legal Specialization and Paralegal Certification, Ext. 265

Coordinates programs for certified legal specialists and certified paralegals. Employed with Bar: 2020. Education: BS in business administration and MBA, Salem University. Related experience: executive administrative assistant. Spouse's name: Dan

**WAYNE TRUAX**

Investigator, Ext. 292

Investigates grievance matters for the Office of Counsel. Employed with Bar: 2012. Education: BAS, Campbell University. Related experience: SBI from 1972-1998 (retired). Since 1998 worked in the private sector as an investigator and security consultant. Spouse's name: Minnie