

## North Carolina Public Defenders Directory

**Public Defenders/Court-Appointed Attorneys:** If a defendant cannot afford an attorney and is accused of a crime that could result in a jail sentence or suspended sentence, the defendant is eligible for the services of a lawyer at state expense. Public Defenders are full-time, state-paid attorneys whose function is to represent indigent criminal defendants and indigent respondents in civil cases in which there is a right to counsel. Eighteen districts in the state encompassing 35 counties have Public Defender offices. If the county in which you have been criminally charged is not included in the list below, a local private attorney will be appointed to represent you. In either case, you must appear at your scheduled court appearance to request a court-appointed attorney. You will be asked to complete an Affidavit of Indigency, showing your income and expenses. If, after completing this form, the judge decides that you cannot afford an attorney and are entitled to counsel, the judge will appoint you an attorney. You have no choice in who the judge will appoint to represent you. Court-appointed attorneys are not free attorneys. If you plead guilty or are found guilty, the judge will order you to reimburse the State of North Carolina for the value of services provided by a court-appointed attorney.

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Chatham County	919-545-3514	New Hanover County	910-343-5400
Chowan County	252-331-4650	Orange County	919-643-4400
Craven County	252-639-3203	Pamlico County	252-639-3203
Cumberland County	910-475-3023	Pasquotank County	252-331-4650
Currituck County	252-331-4650	Perquimans County	252-331-4650
Dare County	252-475-5223	Pitt County	252-695-7300
<b>Durham County</b>	<b>919-808-3023</b>	Polk County	828-885-3014
Forsyth County	336-779-6325	Robeson County	910-272-5923
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Robeson County	Lumberton, NC	910-272-6060	910-272-6061
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