



## 2023 Summer Criminal Law Update

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The 2023 Summer Criminal Law Update will cover recent criminal law decisions issued by the North Carolina appellate courts and U.S. Supreme Court and highlight significant criminal law legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. School of Government faculty Shea Denning, Jacqui Greene, and John Rubin will join Phil Dixon in discussing a wide range of issues affecting felony and misdemeanor cases in the North Carolina state courts. The webinar includes a dynamic visual presentation, live audio, and interactive Q & A. Additional information about the webinar is available at <https://www.sog.unc.edu/courses/criminal-law-webinars-case-and-legislative-updates>.

**CLE Credit: 1.50 Hours of General CLE Credit**

### **SPEAKERS**

#### **Phil Dixon, Jr., Teaching Assistant Professor, Public Defense Education**

Phil Dixon joined the School of Government in 2017. Previously he worked for eight years as an attorney in Pitt and surrounding eastern North Carolina counties, focusing primarily on criminal defense and related matters. Dixon served as assigned counsel to indigent clients throughout his career and represented adult and juvenile clients charged with all types of crimes at the trial level. He earned a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a JD with highest honors from North Carolina Central University. He works with the public defense education group at the School to provide training and consultation to public defenders and defense lawyers, as well as to research and write about criminal law issues.

#### **Shea Denning, Robert W. Bradshaw Jr. Distinguished Term Professor of Public Law and Government, Director, North Carolina Judicial College**

Shea Riggsbee Denning is not only a UNC School of Government faculty member; she is a double Tar Heel. After earning an AB with distinction in journalism and mass communication from the University in 1994, and a JD with high honors from the UNC School of Law in 1997, she began her legal career by clerking for the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard, US District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, in Greenville. She then practiced law in Atlanta with the firm of King & Spalding before returning to North Carolina to work as a research attorney and then as an assistant federal defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina. She joined the SOG faculty in 2003 and currently serves as director of the North Carolina Judicial College. Denning's scholarship focuses on motor vehicle law and criminal law and procedure. She teaches and advises judges, magistrates, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and law enforcement officers. She has written extensively about North Carolina's motor vehicle laws, including a book on the law of impaired driving. She is a regular contributor to the North Carolina Criminal Law blog and a co-coauthor of *Pulled Over: The Law of Traffic Stops and Offenses in North Carolina*.



### **Jacquelyn Greene, Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government**

Jacquelyn "Jacqui" Greene joined the UNC School of Government's legal faculty in 2018 to focus on juvenile justice. She teaches, advises, and writes about juvenile law as it relates to the juvenile justice system. She authored the *Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act Implementation Guide* in 2019 and trained juvenile justice stakeholders across North Carolina in this new law that raised the age of juvenile court jurisdiction. Before coming to the School, she provided national training and technical assistance on the intersection of juvenile justice, schools, and mental health. She came to that work following 15 years of New York State government service in juvenile justice, including as the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Youth, Public Safety, and Justice; and as Director of Juvenile Justice Policy at the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Her work included shaping New York State's "Close to Home" juvenile justice reform initiative, designing fiscal incentives to foster the use of community-based services when appropriate, providing technical assistance to school-justice partnerships, and coordinating reentry system improvement planning. She also directly represented children in family court matters, beginning her legal career providing legal services to runaway and homeless youth and continuing to represent young people in a range of Family Court matters in New York State. Greene holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

### **John Rubin, Albert Coates Professor of Public Law and Government; Director, Public Defense Education**

John Rubin joined the School of Government in 1991, where he specializes in criminal law and public defense education. He has written several books, articles, and other resources on criminal law, including a book on *The Law of Self-Defense in North Carolina* and a guide to *Relief from a Criminal Conviction*, among other publications. He is also the editor of a seven-volume practice manual series on indigent defense. He regularly teaches and consults with judges, magistrates, prosecutors, public defenders, and other criminal justice officials.

In 2004, John created the Public Defense Education program at the School of Government, supported by contract revenue, grants, registration fees and sales, and fundraising. As director of the program, he oversees the work of several lawyers and professional employees who develop and deliver a curriculum of annual training programs, a library of reference materials, online educational offerings, and consultation services. He helped establish and continues as a consultant to the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, the statewide agency responsible for overseeing and enhancing legal representation for indigent defendants and others entitled to counsel under North Carolina law.

In 2008, John was awarded a two-year distinguished professorship for faculty excellence. In 2012, he was named Albert Coates Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Government. He has served as the faculty director for UNC's honors study abroad program in London, teaches an honors undergraduate seminar on criminal law and justice at UNC, and beginning Summer 2022 will co-teach a Burch Field Research Seminar on criminal justice and health policy. Before joining the School of Government, John practiced law for nine years in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, California. He earned a J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1982 and a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1978.