

Frances Castillo

EDUCATION

JD, 2003

Campbell University

School of Law

BA, Psychology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Candidate, LLM, University of Nottingham

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Judicial District 18 Bar

North Carolina State Bar

Eastern District of North Carolina

Middle District of North Carolina

Western District of North Carolina

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Annual Public Defender Conferences, UNC School of Government

New Misdemeanor Defender Training, UNC School of Government

Felony Defender Training, UNC School of Government

National Capital Voir Dire Training Program

Making the Case for Life Capital Defense Training

National Drug Treatment Court Conference

PUBLICATION

Castillo, Frances. Chapter Editor,

Chapter 1: "Criminal Courts Motions

Practice in North Carolina." Klinkosum

on Criminal Defense Motions Third

Edition, edited by Sarah Jessica Farber,

The North Carolina Advocates for Justice

and LexisNexis, 2014, pages 1-26.

PRESENTATIONS

Small Group Facilitator & Full Group

Presenter, UNC School of Government New

Misdemeanor Defender Trainings

Presenter, North Carolina Paralegal

Association Annual Conference, Juvenile

Law Primer

Presenter, Asian Law Students Association,

UNC Law School, The Importance of

Mentor Selection

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chairperson, Orange County Human Relations Commission

Board Member, EmancipateNC

Former Board Member, Wake County Re-

Entry & Sentencing Services

Former Board Member, New Hanover County

Department of Social Services

Rape Crisis Center Victims Advocate,

Wilmington, NC

Crisis Line/Open House Crisis Counselor,

Wilmington, NC

Contract Management Consultant, MetLife, Cary, North Carolina

June 2016 - December 2016 temp; August 2017 - present

Negotiates commercial contracts on behalf of MetLife lines of business

Creates training materials and educates procurement personnel as to

best practices in contracting

Assistant Capital Defender/Deputy Capital Defender, Office of the

Capital Defender, Durham, North Carolina, August 2014 - June 2016

Represented clients charged with first-degree murder

Interviewed and selected expert witnesses for inclusion on defense

teams

Reviewed discovery and investigated cases

Consulted with outside attorneys regarding trial strategies and expert

funding needs

Assisted in mitigation investigations

Assisted in the management of the capital roster and four regional

Capital Defender offices

Managing Attorney, North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services Post-

Conviction Unit, Raleigh, North Carolina, August 2013 - July 2014

(left position due to legislative funding cuts)

Supervised eight attorneys and two paralegals in filing statewide post-

conviction litigation claims

Assisted attorneys in identifying issues and developing hearing

strategies

Conducted legal research

Coordinated trainings on new and emerging criminal defense issues for

in-house attorneys and local Bar members

Assistant Public Defender, Wake County Public Defender's Office

Raleigh, North Carolina, July 2005-August 2013

Served as the attorney for Adult Drug Treatment Court

Represented clients in juvenile, district and superior courts at plea

hearings, bench and jury trials

Drafted motions and orders

Conducted extensive legal research

Interviewed clients and investigated their claims

Worked collaboratively with criminal justice stakeholders to craft

alternative sentences

Adjunct Faculty, University of North Carolina School of Law,

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Fall Semester 2010

Juvenile Justice Clinic

Provided in-court supervision to Third-Year Clinic students

representing juveniles

Met individually with the students to assist in the formulation of case

theory and trial preparation

Assisted in teaching the co-requisite class, Criminal Lawyering

Process

Staff Attorney, Center for Death Penalty Litigation

Durham, North Carolina, August 2003 - July 2005

Represented capital defendants in post-conviction proceedings

Drafted motions for appropriate relief

Conducted mitigation and fact investigations

Interviewed and selected expert witnesses