

**South Carolina
Children's Justice Act Task Force
Member Bios 2015-2018**

Nikki Acerra, *Deputy Coroner*
Richland County Coroner's Office

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Nikki Acerra is a Deputy Coroner with the Richland County Coroner's Office and currently serves as part of the newly implemented Child Death Response Team (CDRT). The three member team investigates any unnatural or suspicious death that occurs in Richland County where the victim is under the age of 18 months old. Prior to becoming a Deputy Coroner in Richland County, Nikki served as a Medicolegal Death Investigator in her hometown of Memphis TN. While in this capacity Nikki worked for the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Examiner's Office for approximately 4.5 years. Nikki became interested in death investigations during her ten year career as a Police Officer in Memphis. During her career in Law Enforcement Nikki worked in uniform patrol, Crime Prevention, Criminal Investigations and Mounted Patrol. She was also responsible for supervising an undercover detail focusing on crime around The University of Memphis Campus. Nikki attended weekly COMPSTAT meetings with Memphis Police Command Staff to address crime trends and hotspots. Nikki served as a Certified Police Training Instructor in disciplines such as Domestic Violence, Defensive Tactics and TN Highway Patrol Crash Reports. She served as the Reporting Agency Coordinator (RAC) where she was responsible for reporting all incidents and arrests to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations. During her Law Enforcement career she was a member of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. Nikki was also a member of The United States Naval Reserves for four years where she served in the LEPSU unit as a Master at Arms (MAA). Nikki studied Law Enforcement Administration with a Concentration in Criminal Justice from Mountain State University located in Beckley, West Virginia.

Amanda Adler, *Senior Resource Attorney*
Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children

AT-LARGE MEMBER

Amanda Gibson Adler serves as Senior Resource Attorney to the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children. In that position, she works with policymakers, service providers and stakeholders to identify the most pressing needs of children in the state and to make policy and legislative recommendations to improve the lives of South Carolina's youngest citizens. The Committee on Children was created by statute and membership is comprised of six legislative members, three citizens appointed by the Governor, and the directors of five child-serving agencies. Among other work, the Committee also makes an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly.

Amanda began her legal career in education law and policy at SC Appleseed. For fifteen years, her efforts were focused on representing students with special needs to access an appropriate education. She has written training materials and presented for a wide range of audiences and has published on topics related to student drop-out, teacher retention, and school finance. Amanda is a former educator who has taught in public schools in South Carolina and Georgia. She is the proud spouse of a public school teacher and parent of three public school students. Amanda has a law degree from the

University of South Carolina School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science from Emory University.

Jarrold M. Bruder, Executive Director
SC Sheriff's Association

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Jarrold M. Bruder is the Executive Director for the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, Mr. Bruder served as Deputy Director of the South Carolina Sheriff's Association. Mr. Bruder represents the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association on the South Carolina Adult Protection Coordinating Committee, the South Carolina Victim's Services Coordinating Committee, the South Carolina Impaired Driving Prevention Council, the South Carolina Amber Alert Oversight Committee, the South Carolina Police Accreditation Council, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, and the Children's Criminal Justice Act Taskforce. Bruder also represents the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association on the National Sheriffs' Association's Presidents and Executive Directors Committee and the Governmental Affairs Committee. Prior to the Sheriffs' Association, Jarrold served as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association (SCLEOA). In addition, Bruder also served as the Grant Coordinator for United States Congressman J. Gresham Barrett. He also worked in Youth Ministry at First Baptist Church, North Augusta. Mr. Bruder is a proud graduate of Clemson University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Minored in Communication.

Carrie Busch, MD, MSCR

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Assistant Professor, Pediatric Emergency Medicine & Child Abuse Pediatrics
MUSC Children's Hospital

Dr. Carrie Busch is a South Carolina native who received her MD from Texas A&M. She completed her residency in General Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and remained at MUSC to complete a dual Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Child Abuse Fellowship. She was the first fellow in the nation to complete both of these trainings in a combined setting. During her fellowship she also completed a Masters in Clinical Research and her research focuses are healthcare utilization patterns as they apply to child abuse and child abuse recognition strategies. Dr. Busch is currently a dually appointed assistant professor working in both Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Child Abuse Pediatrics at MUSC. She holds board certifications in General Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics and is board eligible in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Dr. Busch is a member of multiple professional societies and currently serves as secretary for the South Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (SCPSAC).

Taron Brown Davis

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE AGENCY

Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services, SC Department of Social Services

Taron Brown Davis is the Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services at the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Prior to that, she served as Assistant General Counsel for the Department. Previously she was a Senior Resource Attorney at the Children's Law Center, a program of the School of Law, University of South Carolina. Mrs. Davis has also practiced exclusively in the family court while working with Davis & Davis, LLC, and served as Chief Counsel at the Richland County Department of Social Services. Additionally, Mrs. Davis has served as a juvenile public defender in Richland County. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of South

Carolina in 1991 and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina, School of Law in 1994.

Rosalyn Frierson, Director
SC Court Administration

COURT ADMINISTRATION REP/AT-LARGE MEMBER

Rosalyn W. Frierson was appointed Director of South Carolina Court Administration by the South Carolina Supreme Court in 1998. Mrs. Frierson is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. She previously served as a S.C. Supreme Court Staff Attorney, Law Clerk to former Chief Justice Ernest Finney, Jr. and Research/Budget Analyst for the Ways and Means Committee of the S.C. House of Representatives. She currently serves as a substitute Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia. Ms. Frierson participated in the three year Executive Session for State Court Leaders in the 21st Century at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is a graduate of the Furman Diversity Leadership Institute and the S.C. Executive Institute.

Ms. Frierson is a member of the S.C. Bar Association, S.C. Bar House of Delegates, American Bar Association and Richland County Bar Association. She served as President of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and Vice-Chair of the National Center for State Courts in 2011. She is Past President of the S.C. Women Lawyer's Association (2007). She is also a member of the S. C. Access to Justice Commission, Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Editor of the S.C. Lawyer Magazine. She currently serves on the Palmetto Health Board of Directors and Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. She received the Richland County Bar Association Civic Star Award in 2002. In 2014 she was inducted into the National Center for State Courts Warren E. Burger Society and received a 2015 South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Leadership in Law award.

Blondean Funderburk COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE REPRESENTATIVE
Director, South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program

Blondean Funderburk is the Director for the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, with the responsibility for the overall management. She has over 15 years of experience as a child advocate and is passionate about providing the best opportunities and resources for children and their families, that she says, they so deserve. Prior to joining the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, Ms. Funderburk established a successful career in the following areas: banking, retail, healthcare, childcare, parent education, and the human services industry. Ms. Funderburk worked nine years for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind and in 2004 she became the Circuit Coordinator for the Sixth Judicial Circuit with the Guardian ad Litem Program. Ms. Funderburk served successfully in this role for six years and was subsequently promoted to Regional Administrator in 2010 until her last two appointments as the Deputy Director and now in her new role as State Director.

Ms. Funderburk is a native of Lancaster, South Carolina. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She earned certificates of achievement in Non-Profit Management from the College of Business Administration of Winthrop University and the Dale Carnegie training "Skills for Success". Ms. Funderburk is a 2007 graduate of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA)

Leadership Institute. She is an active member of the Lancaster Coalition for Healthy Youth and the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. She currently serves on the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association State Director's Steering Committee.

Vicky Gaskins, Lieutenant
Aiken County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Division

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mrs. Gaskins is a Lieutenant with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office. As the Juvenile Division Lieutenant, she is responsible for supervising all investigations of child abuse or neglect, all child fatalities, and all juvenile offender crimes. Previously Mrs. Gaskins served as an intern at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations, Patrol Deputy, School Resource Officer, Investigator (Juvenile Division), and Senior Investigator (Juvenile Division). She received her B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina.

Ellen Hamilton, Executive Director
Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault

AT-LARGE MEMBER

Ms. Hamilton is the Executive Director of the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault, a community based organization founded in 1986 whose focus is both prevention and victim services related to sexual assault and family violence, and includes a multi-dimensional child abuse and treatment program, the Elizabeth Pettigrew Durant Children's Center established in 1994. This Coalition and the Durant Center have been the recipient of both national and state recognition and provide services to a seven county area of the Pee Dee. Ms. Hamilton has worked 34 years in victim advocacy at the local, state, and national level and has a B.A. in Psychology and a Master's in Public Administration.

Kim Hamm, MSW, Executive Director
S.C. Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

SCNCAC REP/AT-LARGE MEMBER

Kim Hamm has served as Executive Director of South Carolina Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (SCNCAC) since 2011. Victims' rights have always been her passion. Kim serves on various statewide committees dedicated to serving child victims including: South Carolina Victim Service Coordinating Council, South Carolina Child Fatality Advisory Committee, S.C. Children's Justice Act Task Force, S.C. Human Trafficking Task Force, and the S.C. Drug Endangered Children Task Force. She has served on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Kim earned her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services Counseling from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia and subsequently earned her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Hamm has clinical experience in the areas of substance abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. She also advocates for best practices and evidence supported treatments for victims in S.C. Prior to serving as the Executive Director of the SCNCAC, Kim was a Certified Mediator in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and she also previously served as a victim advocate in Charleston, S.C.

The Honorable Michelle Hurley, Family Court Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County

CIVIL COURT JUDGE

Michelle M. Hurley is a graduate of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Howard University, Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, and the University of South Carolina School of Law. After law school, Michelle served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge. Her legal career also includes a brief stint in private practice; employment as an attorney for Richland County Department of Social Services; attorney and legal trainer for the Children's Law Center of the University of South Carolina School of Law; assistant director of the DSS Office of Individual & Provider Rights and Administrative Hearings; and associate municipal court judge for the City of Columbia. Michelle has presented at numerous CLEs and has authored or coauthored several publications on child protection issues.

Michelle is or has been a member of the South Carolina Bar Association; the Columbia Lawyers Association; the South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association; the American Bar Association; SC Trial Lawyers Association; the Children's Law Committee of the SC Bar Association; the Judicial Qualifications Committee of the South Carolina Bar Association; the board of Thomas Cooper Society of the USC library system; and the Department of Consumer Affairs Preneed Advisory Board. Judge Hurley has also served as a mentor for first year law students and as the advisor for the Children's Advocacy Law Society. On January 30, 2013, Michelle was elected to the Fifth Circuit Family Court.

Lisa Potts Kirchner, *Chief Executive Officer*
Parents Anonymous of SC, dba FamilyCorps

PARENT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Kirchner came to Family Corps with more than 20+ years working for and on behalf of families in the nonprofit field. Most recently, she served for nearly a decade as the Public Policy and Advocacy Director for the SC Center for Fathers and Families, a statewide organization which provides fatherhood engagement programming in eleven counties throughout the state. Working on behalf of low-income fathers, Mrs. Kirchner oversaw the proper implementation of several program components into fatherhood peer support groups and helped to build strategic partnerships for those groups which resulted in both multiple funding streams for their programs and much needed services for their clients.

Key partnerships Mrs. Kirchner helped to develop during her career includes SCDSS Child Protective Services where she worked collaboratively with CPS to develop a "father friendly training" module to train CPS caseworkers on engaging fathers of children in foster care. Mrs. Kirchner authored the curriculum and piloted another program, titled "Jobs not Jail", an alternative to incarceration model program for Dads owing child support, that has received national attention, publication, and funding from the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. Mrs. Kirchner earned her law degree from USC in 1990 and her accounting degree from Columbia College in 1987. A Charleston native, she is also a graduate of Bishop England High School.

Candice Lively, *Deputy Solicitor*
Sixth Judicial Circuit

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Candice Lively, JD, currently serves as the Deputy Solicitor in the Sixth Circuit for Chester County, South Carolina. She graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1996 and moved to the Horry County area to start her legal career. She lived there for 17 years and focused on criminal trial work and family court cases. She initially worked as a defense attorney gaining trial experience with the Horry County Public Defender's office where she handled felony trials and

juvenile cases. When she left that office, she worked in the private sector and focused on family law handling divorce, child custody, DSS matters, and adoption cases. In May 2007, she accepted a position with the Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's office and ran the special victim's unit concentrating on prosecuting sexual assault cases and child abuse/homicides. In 2012, she moved back to Columbia, S.C., and accepted a position with the U.S.C. School of Law, Children's Law Center, as their Senior Resource Attorney. She taught the Children in the Courts course for the Law School and the Children's Law Externship. She served on the Children's Law Faculty during the implementation of the Children's Law Concentration curriculum. She served as the state coordinator for the *ChildFirst* forensic interview program. She was chosen to participate in the ACEs training program and became a Master Trainer for Children's Trust in 2013. Lively facilitated the development of the State Drug Endangered Children Guidelines winning a national award for the work done by the state's alliance. She's served on several statewide task forces and organizations to improve the outcomes of vulnerable children within the state, including Silent Tears, Human Trafficking Task Force, ICAC, and SCPSAC.

The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr., *Family Court Judge*
Ninth Judicial Circuit, Charleston County

CIVIL COURT JUDGE

Judge Daniel E. Martin, Jr., was born in Charleston, South Carolina. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law. In 1989, Judge Martin joined his father in his law practice and they created the firm Martin and Martin. As a lawyer, Judge Martin handled domestic actions, criminal defense, civil lawsuits, probate matters and land disputes. Also in 1989, Judge Martin was appointed to serve as a part-time Magistrate for Charleston County. As Magistrate, he presided over landlord tenant disputes, claim and deliveries, small claims actions and bond hearings. He resigned this position in 1993 to dedicate himself to the full time practice of law. He served on the bench-bar committees for the Charleston County Probate Court and the Charleston County Master-in-Equity Court. He is former treasurer of the South Carolina Black Lawyers Association. Judge Martin was elected on February 2, 2011 to seat No. 1 of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Suzanne Mayes, *Assistant Solicitor*
Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Lexington County

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Suzanne Mayes is currently an Assistant Solicitor with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Lexington County. Ms. Mayes previously served as a statewide special prosecutor for the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination. During 1996 through 2011, she specialized in the prosecution of cases involving child sexual abuse, physical abuse, and homicide by child abuse. Ms. Mayes has also served as an Assistant Solicitor in the Third Judicial Circuit in Sumter County, South Carolina. Throughout her prosecution career, Ms. Mayes has prosecuted a multitude of violent crimes, including solo jury trial convictions for murder, armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct, and homicide by child abuse. Ms. Mayes also served as co-prosecutor in the death penalty trial of *State v. James Neil Tucker* in Sumter County. Ms. Mayes received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of South Carolina – Aiken and her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. At Victims' Rights Week in 2000, Ms. Mayes received the Silver Scales of Justice Award for outstanding service to victims of crime. In 2004, she received the Ernest F. Hollings Award for excellence in state prosecution.

Nancy McCormick EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
Attorney, Protection and Advocacy

Nancy McCormick is an attorney with Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) where she works on issues affecting children with disabilities in the juvenile justice system. She was a volunteer guardian ad litem in Richland County CASA for many years. She graduated from Duke University and Emory Law School.

Melissa Muse, Ed.D., LPC, LPC-S, Therapist MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
Family Bridges Therapeutic Associates LLC

Dr. Muse is a private mental health therapist who primarily serves children and families who have experienced trauma (i.e. sexual abuse, physical abuse, interpersonal violence, etc.). She is also an adjunct professor at Webster University. Dr. Muse provides professional trainings to various community agencies and serves as an expert witness in child maltreatment cases. She received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master of Science in Applied Psychology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Brenda J. Myers EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH HOMELESS CHILDREN
Mandated Reporter Trainer, Children's Law Center

Brenda J. Myers is the former State Coordinator of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program at the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) in the Office of Youth Services. She is a native of Richmond, Virginia. Brenda received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Carolina. Previously she served as the Youth Court Coordinator for the SCDE. She was a Paralegal for Richland County Department of Social Services (DSS) Legal Department. Also while at DSS, Brenda served as a caseworker in the Child Protective services division and as a caseworker in the Medicaid division. As State Coordinator for Homeless Education, her primary responsibility was overseeing compliance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act; Subtitle B of title VII, in South Carolina's public school districts, ensuring that homeless children and youths are given equal access to quality public education, including preschool education. Brenda provided training and technical assistance to homeless liaisons, school personnel, service providers, faith-based organizations, and any other agencies that requested it. She is currently serving as a Mandated Reporter Trainer at the Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law.

Kimaka Nichols-Graham, Attorney CHILD ADVOCATE/ATTORNEY FOR CHILDREN
Education Unit Head, South Carolina Legal Services

Kimaka Nichols-Graham is the Managing Attorney of the Greenville office at South Carolina Legal Services and the Education Unit head for the firm. She is responsible for the provision of free civil legal services to low income families, the quality of legal services, providing community legal education, and maintaining connections with the private bar in Greenville, Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson Counties. In her capacity as unit head, Ms. Nichols-Graham seeks education law funding, conducts trainings for attorneys on how to represent students from low income families in public education cases, and teaches parents how to advocate for children in public schools. She practices

family law and children's law cases to include divorce, custody, school discipline, special education, special needs relative adoption, and children's social security appeals. Ms. Nichols-Graham provides assistance throughout South Carolina. Ms. Nichols-Graham received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Winthrop University, a Master of Science in Public Policy from Rutgers: the State University of New Jersey, and a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina, School of Law.

Erik Norton EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
Attorney, Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough

Erik Norton is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP who practices in the areas of education law, banking litigation, construction litigation and business law. In 2006, Mr. Norton initiated the firm's South Carolina Student Advocacy Project, where he recruits, trains, and mentors a team of attorneys who provide pro bono representation to students with disabilities in school administrative proceedings. Mr. Norton also was instrumental in creating a new umbrella project known as Children and the Law. The project includes the South Carolina Student Advocacy Project, South Carolina Guardianship Project, Project Impact in North Carolina, and the TeamChild Early Intervention Project in Georgia, all of which are major pro bono programs representing children in these three states. Mr. Norton also serves on the South Carolina Advisory Council on the Education of Students with Disabilities. Mr. Norton earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He earned a Master of Arts in Teaching, magna cum laude, in 1997 from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelor of Arts in English, cum laude, in 1995 from the South Carolina Honors College.

Robin Page, Attorney CHILD ADVOCATE/ATTORNEY FOR CHILDREN
SC Guardian Ad Litem

Robin Page is an attorney for the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program representing volunteer guardian ad litem in Lexington County. She previously practiced primarily domestic law in private practice, representing private litigants, as well as DSS, parents and children in DSS child abuse and neglect cases. Ms. Page received her B.A. Degree in Political Science from Winthrop College and her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. She is a member of the Richland County Bar Association, the South Carolina Bar, and served on the South Carolina Bar Family Law Task Force.

Dr. M. Elizabeth Ralston MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
Director Emeritus, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center

M. Elizabeth Ralston, Ph.D. was the founding director of the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Inc (DNLCC), an accredited Children's Advocacy Center located in Charleston, SC until December of 2011 and now serves as the Director Emeritus. Dr. Ralston is on the clinical faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Medical University of South Carolina. She served on the National Children's Alliance (NCA) Board of Directors, on the NCA mental health standard revision committee and participated in the partnership between NCA and NCTSN to develop the CAC Director's Guide to Mental Health services. Dr. Ralston was on the founding board and served as president of the SC Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and is a past president of the SC Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers. She currently serves as the Co-Chair of the SC Children's Justice Act Task Force.

Since 2007 Dr. Ralston has served as the co-director of Project BEST, a Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy dissemination effort funded by The Duke Endowment. Since December of 2013, Dr. Ralston has also served as the Co-Director of the South Carolina Trauma Practice Initiative, also funded by The Duke Endowment. SCTPI is a collaboration between the South Carolina Department of Social Services, the SC Department of Mental Health and Project BEST. Dr. Ralston serves as a consultant to organizations and agencies within South Carolina as well as nationally and internationally in support of child safety and child well-being.

Pamela D. Robinson COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteer Guardian ad Litem

Director, Pro Bono Program, USC Law School

Pamela DeFanti Robinson is currently the Director of the USC School of Law Pro Bono Program. She is a graduate of Clemson University with a BA in Elementary Education and of the USC School of Law. The Pro Bono Program is a nationally recognized, academic-based volunteer program integral to the professional development of law students.

Ms. Robinson is an active member of the S.C. Bar, the Richland County CASA Program, the Death Penalty Resource and Defense Center Board, the Clemson University Humanities Advancement Board, the Association for American Law Schools (AALS), the International Journal of Volunteer Administration Board, and the ABA Center for Pro Bono. Ms. Robinson has been a volunteer guardian *ad Litem* for over 28 years and is a frequent speaker on the topic of effective representation of abused and neglected children as well as law school pro bono program issues. She is the recipient of several awards for her service to children and to the indigent population in South Carolina and in 2007 was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Richland County CASA Program. In 2014 she was awarded the Martha Dicus Award for Public Interest Law presented by the SC Women Lawyers Association.

Olga C. Rosa, MD FAAP HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Director
USC School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pediatrics
SC Children's Advocacy Medical Response System

Dr. Olga Rosa is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine where she also completed her Internship and Residency in Pediatrics at the affiliated Children's Hospital. After her training, she worked as a pediatrician in the academic setting. Later, she followed her interest in the practice of health care in rural communities of the United States as she provided Primary Care Pediatrics in Florida. During this time, she developed an interest in child abuse and neglect and became the consultant physician to the regional Child Protection Team.

In 1999, Dr. Rosa decided to make this interest a full time venture and completed a Fellowship in Forensic Pediatrics (Child Abuse Pediatrics) at Hasbro Children's Hospital through Brown University, School of Medicine in Providence, RI. She returned to Florida in 2001 as the Medical Director for the District 15 Child Protection Team, located in Stuart, where she remained for 3 years.

Since October 2004, she has served as the Medical Director for the South Carolina Children's Advocacy Medical Response System (SCCAMRS). It is in this capacity that she has developed a comprehensive statewide resource system to assist the state's children's hospitals and the SC Network

of Children's Advocacy Centers with the implementation of a consistent quality standard of care and practice for the delivery of medical services to children victims of abuse and neglect. She is also an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Division Chief of Forensic Pediatrics at the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine in Columbia, SC. She directs the Palmetto Health pediatric forensic nurse examiner program as well as provides direct medical services to the Children's Hospital for the assessment of child maltreatment.

Heather V. Scalzo, *Assistant Public Defender*
Greenville County Public Defender's Office

DEFENSE ATTORNEY

Heather Scalzo is an assistant public defender in the Greenville County Public Defender Office for the 13th Circuit Defender's Office. She has been a public defender since 2005 and represents indigent juveniles charged with crimes in Greenville County. Mrs. Scalzo is a 1996 graduate of Emory University. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 2002. While in law school, she was a clinical student in the Rutgers Child Advocacy Center and received the Sera Ramcharitar Memorial Prize for her work on behalf of underprivileged women, children, and families.

Prior to becoming a public defender, Mrs. Scalzo began her law career as a staff attorney at the Office of Hearings and Appeals for the Social Security Administration. She is a member of the 2011 S.C. Supreme Court's Family Court Docket Management Committee and participated on a panel for the Supreme Court Institute. Mrs. Scalzo is a member of the Junior League of Greenville and volunteers for Meals on Wheels. She is married to Christopher Scalzo.

Anna V. Skipper, *Director of Education*
SC Foster Parent Association

REPRESENTATIVE OF PARENT GROUP

Anna V. Skipper, MSW, LMSW joined the South Carolina Foster Parent Association staff as Director of Education in 2007. She has more than 25 years of experience in the child welfare field including program and policy development, curriculum design, and developing and implementing training programs on the state and national level. Her previous work experience includes more than 15 years as a project coordinator for the Center for Child and Family Studies at the University of South Carolina and she worked as a project coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Social Services. She has additional experience in Juvenile Justice and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. She received her MSW from the University of South Carolina in 1990.

Faith Slater, *Wellness Coordinator*
SC Department of Juvenile Justice

ADULT FORMER VICTIM OF CHILD ABUSE

Faith Slater is the Wellness Coordinator at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Previously, she was a Program Assistant with the NYTD Program at the Center for Child & Family Studies, University of South Carolina. Ms. Slater has served in various advocacy capacities over the years with some of the more recent to include consulting with the Children's Bureau NYTD Technical Working Group, JBS International, Center for the Study of Social Policy as well as the National Resource Center for Youth Services (NRCYS) and ICF International. She received her Bachelor of

Science in Exercise Science from Winthrop University in 2012 and completed her Master of Science degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotion with a specialization in Rehabilitation in 2014. In addition to her credentials, Ms. Slater's most valuable asset is her 19 years of her life that she spent in the South Carolina foster care system. Despite many obstacles, Ms. Slater has risen above the odds and now advocates on behalf of others who have faced the same barriers that she once did.

The Honorable Caroline Streater, Magistrate Judge
Richland County Government

CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE

Ms. Streater is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. She served as the Assistant Solicitor in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit for four years. Her expertise was in General Sessions and Family Court prosecutions and initiating forfeiture actions. In this position, she excelled in handling and prosecuting child abuse cases. She has worked as a Child Abuse Attorney Specialist with the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination and as a Legislative Liaison/Congressional Affairs, at the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice. She is currently with the Richland County Government.

Tana G. Vanderbilt EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
General Counsel, SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Since March of 2007, Ms. Vanderbilt has been General Counsel for the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Prior to that, she was the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Nelson Mullins Law firm. Ms. Vanderbilt was previously employed as a resource attorney at the Children's Law Office, where she provided assistance to attorneys, developed written resource materials, and conducted training programs on child protection legal issues for a broad range of professionals. From October 1994 until June 1999, she was Legal Counsel for the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Prior to that position, Ms. Vanderbilt worked for the South Carolina Department of Social Services as a staff attorney and then as Senior Assistant General Counsel.

Ms. Vanderbilt is board member of SCPSAC and a prior board member of Palmetto Richland Children's Hospital. She received her BA with a major in Political Science and a minor in Psychology from Furman University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

S. Malik Whitaker, J.D. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE AGENCY
Continuous Quality Improvement Director, SC Department of Social Services

Malik Whitaker is the first Director of Continuous Quality Improvement at the South Carolina Department of Social Services. He is leading the Agency's process to develop, implement, maintain and improve a high functioning child welfare performance management and continuous quality improvement system. Before, his CQI appointment, he was a DSS human services regional director (team leader) responsible for leading a group of state, county and regional professionals to increased safety, permanency and wellbeing results for children and vulnerable adults. Before joining SCDSS, he worked several years as a nonprofit executive. As a practitioner of the United Way Community Impact Model, he worked at Communities in Schools of the Midlands, Benedict College and for many years as an Early Childhood Education and Board Development leader at the United Way of the Midlands. He is also the past immediate coordinator for the Blueprint for Leadership Nonprofit Board Development

Program at United Way of the Midlands. The first seven years of his career he served in the Planning and Zoning Department in Richland County Administration. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina (1994) and University of South Carolina School of Law (1997).

Cheryl Wilson Worrell, *Coordinator*
SC Citizen Review Panel

AT-LARGE MEMBER

Cheryl Wilson Worrell, MPA is employed with the Center for Child and Family Studies at the University of South Carolina as a program manager. She manages the Hispanic Assistance and Bilingual Language Access (HABLA) project, the Interpreter Qualification Project (IQP) and is the coordinator for the SC Citizen Review Panel. Prior to coming to SC, Ms. Worrell worked for Fairfax County, Virginia as a Management Analyst for the Department of Family Services and as the Assistant Director for Senior and Specialized Housing Programs for the Housing Authority. Ms. Worrell is a National Citizen Review Panel Advisory Board member. She holds a MPA from George Mason University and a BA in Psychology from Norfolk State University.