School of Government - Courts Faculty List

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Areas of Expertise: Mental health law, including involuntary commitment procedures;

Legal responsibilities of area boards; Client rights (especially

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Areas of Expertise: Child welfare law (abuse, neglect, dependency; termination of

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Areas of Expertise: Cannabis/Hemp and drug crimes; Criminal law and procedure;

Firearms law; Post-conviction; Right to counsel; Sex offenders; Search and seizure; Public Defense Education; Public Defenders

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Juvenile transfer; Raise the Age; District Court Judges

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Areas of Expertise: Incompetency and guardianship; Juvenile abuse, neglect, and

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Areas of Expertise: Criminal justice data and policy; Supporting stakeholder pilot projects

and empirical evaluations in areas such as policing and responding, system scope and impact, case management, indigent defense, pretrial

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