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**Faculty Member John Rubin Honored by  
North Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Services**

CHAPEL HILL, NC – John Rubin, professor of public law and government at the School of Government, was honored by the North Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Services (IDS), which has created a new training award in his name. The Professor John Rubin Award for Extraordinary Contributions to IDS Training Programs will honor individuals who volunteer their time and effort to serve as trainers and who have done outstanding work on training programs for attorneys who represent indigent persons.



“The IDS Commission created this award to pay tribute to the extraordinary work that Professor Rubin has done training attorneys who represent indigent people and to the individuals who volunteer their valuable time to serve as trainers,” said Joe Cheshire, chair of the Commission on Indigent Defense Services. “Since IDS was established, the attorneys who attend the programs that Professor Rubin develops have repeatedly commended IDS on offering continuing legal education of an unsurpassed quality. The IDS Commission and staff are grateful to Professor Rubin for his service.”

Prior to joining the School of Government in 1991, Rubin practiced law in Washington and Los Angeles. As a faculty member, he specializes in criminal law and indigent defense education. He has written several articles and books on criminal law, including the North Carolina Defender Manual, and he designs and teaches in numerous training programs each year for indigent defenders. Rubin is a frequent consultant to the Office of Indigent Defense Services, which is responsible for overseeing and enhancing legal representation for indigent defendants and others entitled to counsel under North Carolina law.

“John Rubin has done excellent work over the years with the Office and the Commission on Indigent Defense Services,” said School of Government Dean Mike Smith. “This is a well-deserved honor.”

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