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Shea Denning joined the School of Government in 2003. Prior to that, she was an assistant federal public defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina and practiced law with the firm of King and Spalding in Atlanta, Georgia. Denning began her career as a law clerk to the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar. Denning earned an AB in journalism and mass communication and a JD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Areas of interest: Motor vehicle law, including legal aspects of impaired driving and driver's license revocations

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Michael Crowell joined the School of Government faculty in 2007 following more than 20 years in private law practice and a previous stint at the Institute of Government. While his primary focus is judicial authority and administration, he has experience in election disputes, redistricting, voting rights, local government, civil penalties, legislation, ABC law, and other areas, including appeals in both state appellate courts and the Fourth, Ninth and D.C. federal circuit courts. In the mid-1990s Crowell also served as executive director of the Commission for the Future of Justice and the Courts in North Carolina. He holds a bachelor's degree from UNC and a law degree from Harvard University.

Areas of Interest: Law of judicial administration; courts and judicial education; constitutional law; voting rights; alcoholic beverage control law

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Jim Drennan joined the School of Government (then the Institute of Government) in 1974. He teaches and advises on court administration issues, judicial ethics and fairness, criminal sentencing, and judicial leadership. Drennan is also responsible for the School's educational programs for clerks of superior court and court administrators. While on leave from 1993 through 1995, he served as director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts. He is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the American Bar Association, and the National Association of State Judicial Educators. Drennan earned a BA from Furman University and a JD from Duke University, where he served on the editorial board of the *Duke Law Journal*.

Areas of Interest: Court administration; legal responsibilities of clerks of court; pattern jury instructions; North Carolina constitution

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Jamie Markham joined the School of Government faculty in 2007. His area of interest is criminal law and procedure, with a focus on the law of sentencing, corrections, and the conditions of confinement. Markham earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Harvard College and a law degree with high honors, Order of the Coif, from Duke University, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Duke Law Journal*. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar. Prior to law school, Markham served five years in the United States Air Force as an intelligence officer and foreign area officer. He was also a travel writer for Let's Go Inc., contributing to the Russia and Ukraine chapters of *Let's Go: Eastern Europe*.

Areas of Interest: Criminal law and procedure, especially community corrections and sentencing law

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John Rubin joined the School of Government in 1991. He previously practiced law for nine years in Washington, DC and Los Angeles. At the School, he specializes in criminal law and indigent defense education. He has written several articles and books on criminal law; teaches and consults with judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and other officials in the criminal justice system; and manages the School's indigent defense education program. He 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. In 2008, he was awarded a two-year distinguished professorship for faculty excellence. In 2012, he was named Albert Coates Professor of Public Law and Government. Rubin earned a BA from the University of California at Berkeley and a JD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Areas of Interest: Criminal law and procedure; public defender training; evidence; indigent defense; domestic violence; subpoenas

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Rebecca Saleeby is a proud "Cum Laude" graduate of UNC- Charlotte with a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice. In 1988, while studying for her B.A. degree she worked for the Rowan County Clerk of Superior Court as a Deputy Clerk in the criminal division until she was hired in 1999 as a Rowan County Magistrate. She worked as a Magistrate until 2005 when she was hired as a Business Systems Analyst with the Court Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts. As a member of the Court Services Analyst Team, she supports Clerks, Magistrates, Judges and their office staff with AOC procedures and their related applications. Along with supporting and assisting members of our judicial community, she conducts training workshops on a variety of computer applications, including but not limited to: ACIS & CCIS (criminal applications), JWisE (juvenile), Magistrate System, DMV, etc.

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Jessica Smith joined the Institute of Government in 2000. Prior to that, she practiced law at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. She also clerked for U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina and for Senior U.S. Circuit Judge J. Dickson Phillips Jr. in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. At the School of Government, Smith teaches and consults with judges and other public employees involved in the criminal justice system. In 2006, she received the Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Term Professorship for Teaching Excellence. In 2013, she was named by the Chancellor as a W. R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, one of the University's highest academic honors. Smith earned a BA, cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was managing editor of the *Law Review*.

Areas of Interest: Criminal law and procedure; judicial education; bail and pretrial release; evidence; post-conviction procedure

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Jeff Welty is an Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government at the School of Government in Chapel Hill. He specializes in criminal law and procedure, including search and seizure issues and prosecutor assistance. Prior to joining the School of Government, he practiced law in Durham and was a Lecturing Fellow at Duke Law School. He earned his JD, with highest honors, at Duke, where he served as executive editor of the *Duke Law Journal*. In 2012, he received the Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Term Professorship for Teaching Excellence.

Areas of Interest: Criminal law and procedure; evidence; prosecutor training; police attorneys