

Christine Brock

Christine Brock is Clerk of the Vermont Superior Court in Chittenden County. She has held a variety of roles with the Vermont Judiciary since 1973.

John Brooklyn

John Brooklyn, MD graduated from the University of Vermont with a BS in education in 1979. He received his medical degree from Brown University in 1989 and completed his residency at the University of Vermont/Fletcher Allen Health Care Family Practice Residency in 1992. Dr. Brooklyn is board certified in Family Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He has practiced medicine since 1993 at the Community Health Center of Burlington and has been the medical director of the Opioid Treatment Programs of the Howard Center and BAART in the NE Kingdom since both opened. He has been the medical director of the UVM Substance Abuse Treatment Center. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine and Psychiatry at UVM College of Medicine. He is a national mentor for physicians for the treatment of opioid dependency. He was a founding member of the CHARM program for treating pregnant opioid addicts and has consulted with many state agencies on addiction issues. He is an avid cyclist and skier.

David Cahill

David Cahill is the Executive Director of the Vermont Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs. He served as a prosecutor in the Windsor County State's Attorney's Office from 2006 through 2014, handling cases ranging from DUI to murder. David appears frequently before legislative committees on topics related to alternative justice programs and treatment dockets, and he looks forward to continuing the work of enacting evidence-based criminal justice practices into law. He graduated from Dartmouth College, Highest Honors in 2001, and received his JD from the University of Minnesota, Cum Laude in 2005. David is an Adjunct Professor at Vermont Law School and teaches in the Criminal Law Clinic.

Stephanie Clark

Stephanie grew up in New Mexico and moved to Vermont during her college years. After graduating from Lyndon State College, Stephanie attended law school at Western New England College School of Law and The Ohio State University. In 1997, Stephanie was appointed the first general division magistrate for the Court of Common Pleas in Licking County, Ohio. As magistrate, Stephanie presided over her own civil docket, conducted felony arraignments and bond hearings, drafted judicial opinions and mediated civil cases pending before the Judges.

In 2004, Stephanie returned to New England and was admitted to the Vermont bar. At this time, Stephanie chose to spend time raising their children and being active in their community by serving on the Lyme Planning Board and the Lyme School Board, and continuing today as chair of the Pearl Dimick Fund Grant Committee and board member of the Lyme Foundation.

Stephanie resumed her legal career with elder law and Medicaid planning, and eventually moved into general civil litigation. In 2013, Stephanie returned to work in the judiciary as coordinator for the Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket. A board member of the New England Association of Drug Court

Professionals, Stephanie resides in Lyme, New Hampshire with her husband and two children.

Chris Cole

Chris Cole was appointed Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Transportation in September of 2015 by Governor Peter Shumlin. Prior to this appointment he served as the Deputy Secretary of the Agency, preceded by his position as Director of the Agency's Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development Division since 2011. Previous to his work at the Agency of Transportation, from 2001 to 2011 he was the General Manager at the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), a public transportation organization serving approximately 50% of the population of Vermont. Chris expanded CCTA's services and increased ridership over 60% during his tenure. From 1998 to 2001 Chris was employed by the Vermont Legislature as a Fiscal Analyst at the Joint Fiscal Office and prior to that at the New York State Legislature, Office of Program and Counsel, as a Policy Analyst for the Transportation, Education, and Environmental Conservation Committees. Chris attended high school at Vermont Academy in Saxton's River, VT and college at Ithaca College and SUNY Albany; he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History. Chris has served on the South Hero, VT School Board and the Planning Commission in South Burlington, VT. He has also served on the Board of Directors of various transportation associations, advisory boards and non-profits. Chris lives in Richmond, VT with his wife Leigh Cole; he is the father of two sons both of whom played soccer collegiately for Middlebury College and the University of Vermont.

Brian Grearson

Hon. Brian J. Grearson, a native of Barre, Vermont, was appointed to the District Court in 2004. Since being appointed to the bench he has served as a member of the Judicial Ethics Committee; President of the Vermont Trial Judge Association; Chair of the Family Oversight Committee; and has been a member of the Judicial Advisory Council since 2013. He has presided in the Chittenden and Washington Adult Drug Treatment Courts, the Chittenden Family Treatment Court, and the Chittenden Mental Health Court. In 2009-2010, he was a member of the Vermont Commission on Judicial Operations which led to the most significant reorganization of the judicial system in recent history. In January 2015 he was appointed the Chief Superior Judge by the Vermont Supreme Court. He is currently a member of the board of the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals and in September 2015 was awarded the Hon. Matthew Katz Award for his work with the Drug Treatment Courts in Vermont.

Michael Kennedy

Michael Kennedy grew up in South Burlington and graduated from the University of Vermont and the George Washington University Law School.

After law school, Michael worked for five years as a Special Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Vermont Department of Corrections. In 1998, he took a job as an Assistant Attorney General with the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services. Later that year, he accepted a position as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel. He became Disciplinary Counsel in 2000. In 2012, Michael was named Bar Counsel.

Michael has been a member of the Vermont Bar Association Board of Manager since 2009 and is currently President-Elect of the VBA. He was on the Board of Bar Examiners from 2009-2013.

Michael is an avid marathoner and devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox and Pittsburgh Steelers. In 2014, Michael retired after spending fifteen seasons as the head coach of the varsity boys' basketball team at his alma mater, South Burlington High School.

Rose Kennedy

Rose Kennedy is the Rutland County State's Attorney. She assumed office February 1, 2015. Prior to being the State's Attorney, Rose was a deputy in the office and was assigned to the Rutland County Treatment Court. Rose was also a deputy in Chittenden County where she was assigned to CUSI and prosecuted sexual assaults and severe child abuse cases. Rose currently sits on the Governor's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet.

Jordana Levine

Jordana Levine attended the University of Vermont, graduating with a BA in 1998, and Vermont Law School, graduating with a JD in 2004. She is currently an attorney with Marsicovetere Law Group, PC (formerly Griffin, Marsicovetere & Wilkes, PC). The focus of her practice is criminal defense in state and federal court. She is a member of Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel, where she has the privilege and opportunity to be assigned by the U.S. District Court to represent indigent individuals charged with crimes in federal court. In 2008, she was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Sparrow Project. The Sparrow Project was initially grant funded by H. 859 (The Justice Reinvestment Pilot Screening Project) and continues to provide community based treatment plans and support to individuals while their criminal charges are pending in the Criminal Division of Windsor Superior Court. She is currently a member of the team that oversees the operation of the Sparrow Project. Ms. Levine also helped develop and start Vermont's first and only DUI Treatment Court, and is currently the designated defense attorney representing participants in the treatment team and systems meetings.

Christopher O'Keefe

In 2008 Chris moved from Boston Massachusetts to the Town of Hartford, VT and joined the Hartford Police Department. In 2013 Chris joined the Department of Motor Vehicles as an inspector within the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. Chris is currently a Drug Recognition Expert for the State of Vermont and is the Law Enforcement liaison on the Windsor County DUI Court Treatment Docket.

Kim Owens

Kim Owens is the Statewide Programs Manager for treatment courts and problem solving dockets in Vermont. She has been involved with treatment courts for over 10 years, initially as coordinator of the Rutland Drug Court. She is a National Drug Court Consultant with the American University Justice Programs through the U.S Department of Justice.

Matthew Prouty

Matthew Prouty has served 25 years in law enforcement, the last seventeen with Rutland City Police. Mr. Prouty is currently sergeant in charge of the Community Response Team with a focus on Drug Market Intervention. He is the law enforcement liaison to the Rutland County Treatment Court.

Robert Sand

Robert L. Sand is the Vermont Governor's Liaison to Criminal Justice Programs and the former State's Attorney for Windsor County, Vermont, a position he held for 15 years. He is a 1980 graduate of Hamilton College and a 1987 graduate of Vermont Law School, magna cum laude, where he served as the managing editor of the Vermont Law Review. He is a past member of the Vermont Law School Board of Trustees. In his current role supported by the Governor's Highway Safety Program, Mr. Sand works with other criminal justice professionals to develop innovative practices in Vermont with a special emphasis on the creation of DUI Treatment Courts. He has extensive trial and appellate experience and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a frequent witness before the Vermont House and Senate Judiciary committees on a variety of criminal justice matters. Mr. Sand serves on the board of the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Anna Saxman

Anna Saxman graduated magna cum laude from Vermont Law School, where she was the Articles Editor of the Law Review. She clerked for Justice Peck at the Vermont Supreme Court and was an associate with Langrock Sperry before she came to public defense. She joined the Vermont Defender General's office in 1989, where she serves as the Deputy Defender General, Director of Training and Appellate Defender. Ms. Saxman has also served as an adjunct professor at Vermont Law School for over 20 years, teaching mental health law, criminal law, criminal practice & procedure and in the Criminal Law Clinic.

Anna has long been an advocate for access to justice for the indigent, the mentally ill and those suffering from addiction. She was the Chair of the Vermont Supreme Court's Access to Justice Committee, and is a member of the Justice for Children Task force. In 2004, as president of the Vermont Bar Association, she organized the first Vermont seminar on the War on Drugs, which included local and national law enforcement, the judiciary, prosecutors, legislators, substance abuse treatment providers, lawyers, advocates, and addicted persons. At the time, the Commissioner of Public Safety made national news when he told the group that Vermont couldn't enforce its way out of the drug problem.

To help lawyers better understand the issues and advocate for their clients Anna has provided training to public defenders and assigned counsel by presenting experts on the scientific and medical issues surrounding alcoholism, drug addiction, and treatment. While much of the concern for providing an alternative court response for the mentally ill and substance abusers began in the criminal courts, these issues are also found within Vermont's Family Court. In response to the increasing recognition by Vermont courts of the effects of mental illness, alcohol and substance abuse on family members, Anna was instrumental in establishing the Family Support Program, providing social work assistance to parents in Family Court to obtain treatment, housing, jobs, and parenting education.

Brendan Scherer

Brendan Scherer is a second year law student at Vermont Law School from Dummerston, Vermont. He attended Skidmore College and graduated with a B.A. in government. Brendan is Co-Chair of the Vermont Law School Criminal Law Society and is passionate about criminal justice reform in Vermont.

Stephen Von Sitas

Stephen Von Sitas has undergraduate degrees from Keene State College in Sports Medicine and Chemical Dependency. His Masters Degree, Administration of Human Services, is from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. He has 13 years of professional experience in the field of addiction/social services. He is a clinician in residential treatment, outpatient treatment, and the case management coordinator for Philadelphia Treatment Court and the case management coordinator at the Committee on Temporary Shelter. Stephen is currently the Regional Program Coordinator with the Vermont Judiciary working with the Chittenden County and Franklin County Treatment Courts.

Terrence Walton

Terrence D. Walton, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), is among the nation's leading experts in providing training and technical assistance to drug courts and other problem solving courts. Prior to being named COO in October 2015, Terrence Walton was the NADCP Chief of Standards. In addition to being responsible for the daily operation of NADCP and planning the national conference, he retains his responsibility for establishing and implementing best practice standards nationwide. Previously, Terrence Walton was Director of Treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA), in Washington, D.C. During his nearly 15 years at PSA, he was responsible for directing the PSA operations that provide substance use disorder and mental health assessment, treatment, and social services for all adults released under PSA supervision in the District of Columbia. His responsibilities included overseeing the city's adult Drug Court, the DWI Initiative, the Mental Health units and various other programs for assessing, treating and supervising justice system involved men and women. Previously, he excelled as the director of what was then the District of Columbia's leading adolescent outpatient substance abuse treatment center.

Terrence Walton has directed programs in Dayton, Ohio and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has helped evaluate a multi-million dollar White House Anti-Drug Media Campaign and served on the substance abuse task force as a part of the White House Best Practices Collaborative. In addition to his extensive work domestically, he has assisted addiction treatment programs in Bangladesh, Barbados, Guam, Mexico and Bermuda.

Terrence Walton is an internationally certified alcohol and other drug abuse counselor with over twenty-five years of experience helping individuals and organizations champion positive change. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Master of Social Work degree with specializations in program administration and substance abuse. Noted for his practical strength-based approaches to complex issues, Terrence Walton is actively sought out for insight on treating and supervising justice system involved individuals who are living with substance use and mental health disorders. Terrence Walton is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). A gifted and

entertaining speaker, Terrence Walton travels extensively informing and inspiring audiences across the globe.

Bob Wolford

Bob Wolford is the Coordinator of Criminal Justice Programs at the Howard Center in Burlington. He has provided co-occurring services for the past twenty-seven years to criminal justice-involved people. During that time, he has been fortunate enough to be involved in developing a number of programs and has been involved in the Chittenden County Treatment Courts since their inception in late 2002. Bob earned his Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston University and moved her from San Francisco. He has two grandchildren from his daughter and son-in-law, the loves of his life.

Mark Young

Mark is a licensed drug and alcohol counselor who received his MA in Counseling Psychology with an addictions concentration from Antioch University New England in 2007 and completed his undergraduate work at the University of New Hampshire in 1994. Mark is the Criminal Justice Program Coordinator for HCRS. Mark has been involved in the implementation and development of innovative court programs including the Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket (2013-present), the Sparrow Project (2009-present) and the Integrated Domestic Violence Docket (2014- Oct. 2015) in Windham County, VT. Mark's work with HCRS has also included managing the Challenges for Change and later Community Outreach Programming in Hartford, VT from 2011-2013 and has provided direct service to an adult co-occurring population as a substance abuse clinician (2007-2009).