Susan K. Seahorn Attorney at Law

Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1981 University of Tennessee, College of Law

Bar Memberships

Tennessee 1981 U.S. Dist. Ct. E.D.TN. 1982 North Carolina 1983 U.S. Dist. Ct. M.D.N.C. 1997

Florida 1985 Fourth Circuit 1997

Employment History

Currently Consulting in cases involving Sexual Abuse Allegations, Identification cases, Drug cases, and Suppression, Issues. Dubs and Seahorn

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June 1, 2017 to December 1, 2020 Public Defender District 15B Orange Chatham counties, NC.

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June 1998 to May 31, 2017 Assistant Public Defender, Judicial District 15B 129 E. King Street Hillsborough, NC 27278 919-643-4406

Supervisor-James Williams, Public Defender

February 1998 to June 1998 Assistant Public Defender, 18th District Guilford County Courthouse Greensborough, NC 27402 336-574-4312 Supervisor, Wally Harrelson, deceased

September 1997 to February 1998 Sole Practitioner/Criminal Defense Durham, NC 27704 January 1996 to September 1997 Assistant Federal Defender/Trial Attorney Office of Federal Defender E.D.N.C. PO Box 25967 Raleigh, NC 27611-5967

May 1994 to January 1996
Research Attorney/Specializing in Criminal Law
N.C. General Assembly
Legislative Services Division
Suite 545, Legislative Office Building
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Supervisor, Terry Sullivan, Director of Research

Division Research and writing on criminal issues,

October 1986 to May 1994
Assistant Public Defender/ Trial Attorney
Office of Public Defender 12th District
Fayetteville, NC 28301
Supervisor-Mary Ann Tally

helping answer questions of constituents, legal legal counsel for legislative committees.

March 1986 to October 1986 Assistant Federal Defender/Trial Attorney Federal Public Defender N.D. Florida 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 4200 Tallahassee, Florida 32301-7723

September 1983 to March 1985 Associate Attorney Winston, Blue and Rooks, Chapel Hill, N.C..

August 1981 to July 1982 Associate Attorney Office of Dougherty and Alliman, Knoxville, Tn. May 1985 to March 1986 Associate Attorney Law Office of Bernard Daley, Jr. 1210 E. Park Ave. Tallahassee. Florida 32301 Post conviction, parole, clemency

Fall 1983, Winter 1984
Instructor Durham Technical Instit.
Durham, NC
Taught Criminal Law and Office Mgt.

Presentations and Publications

Presentation for Indigent Defense Services in IDS's Forensic Science Education Series on Litigating Sex Offense Cases, co-presented with Lisa Dubs of Dubs and Seahorn June 17, 2021

Lecture and Handout and exercises on ABC's Of Suppression New Felony Defender Training, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2013, 2019, 2020, 2021 U.N.C. School of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Presentation of Paper-'Attacking Search Warrants' N.C. Public Defender Spring Conference, 1990

Child Witness Issues Presentation, co-presenter with Susan Weigand Public Defender Conference, May 18, 2017, Charlotte, N.C.

Investigating a Child Sex Offense Case Forensics Training for Forensics Consultant Network August 7, 2015 NC Judicial Center, Raleigh, N.C.

Investigating Racial Profiling, Presentation at Racial Equity Network Seminar July 24, 2015, U.N.C. School of Government

Racial Profiling Presentation at N.C. Advocates for Justice Seminar on Racial Justice December 2012

Presentation of "Lessons Learned from Shaken Baby Case" N.C. Public Defender's Conference, May 2012

Presentation of Paper- "Child Abuse Evaluations: What to Look for and What to Look Out For" Seminar: Crimes Against Children, April 25, 2008
Presented by North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, Raleigh, N.C.

Presentation of Paper on "Dealing with the Child Interview, the Assessment and the Expert" Seminar: Defending Child Sex Abuse Cases, October 2004
Presented by North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, Raleigh, N.C.

Lecture on How to Investigate a Sex Offense Case N.C. Investigators Association Conference, 2004 Presented by Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Lecture Presentation on Defending Sex Offense Cases N.C. Public Defender Annual Conference, May 2003 Presented by Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Presentation of Paper on "What We All Need to Know About Daubert" Seminar: Roundtable Discussion on Sexual Abuse Cases, September 2000 Presented by North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, Raleigh, N.C.

Presentation of talk on "Good News in Search and Seizure" N.C. Public Defender Spring Conference, 1999
Presented by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Publication of Paper
The Rule of Lenity: Phoenix Rising
North Carolina Bar Association News Letter, April 1999

Presentation of Paper "Overview for Presenting Expert Testimony" N.C. Public Defender Spring Conference, 1998
Presented by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Presentation of talk on 'Sources of Information and Investigative Techniques' N.C. Public Defender Investigator Conference, March 1996
Presented by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Presentation of Paper-'Legislative Developments in Criminal Law 1995' Public Law for Public Lawyers Fall Seminar 1995 Presented by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Publication of Paper

'Unreliability of Child Witnesses in Sex Abuse Cases: A Tool for the Defense' The Champion, August 1995 issue, magazine for National Association of Criminal Defense

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Presentation of Paper-'Unreliability of Child Witnesses in Sex Abuse Cases: A Tool for the Defense'

Wake Forest Seminar on North Carolina Criminal Trial Practice, October 1994
Presentation of Paper-'Basics in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendment Suppression Issues in Criminal Cases'

Institute of Government Seminar for New Public Defenders, September 1994, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Presentation of Paper-'Objections to N.C. Pattern Jury Instructions and Proposals' N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers Criminal Law Seminar, March 1993

Talk 'Interviewing Eyewitnesses'
N.C. Public Defender Investigators Conference, March 1993
Presented by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Presentation of Paper-'Presenting Experts in Eyewitness Identification' N.C. Pubic Defender Fall Conference, 1990

Other Activities/Awards

Racial Equity Committee Award 2015

Director of Program for New Felony Public Defender Training 2002 and 2003

Public Defender Training Planning Committee 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004

Judge for Statewide High School Moot Court Competition 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

Languages - Conversational French