

Selena Alonzo graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in December 2018 and started her career as a public defender in September of 2019 in Montgomery County, Maryland. She now works in the felony unit of The Defender Association Division of King County Department of Public Defense. She went to law school to be a public defender and feels incredibly grateful to be able to do this work.

Bob Boruchowitz is Professor from Practice and Director, The Defender Initiative, Seattle University School of Law. Before joining the faculty in January 2007, he was Director of The Defender Association for 28 years. He founded the Racial Disparity Project at The Defender Association. He has appeared at every level of state and federal court.

The Defender Initiative works to improve public defense representation in Washington and nationally. The Initiative worked with the Sixth Amendment Center on a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in Utah, Mississippi, Illinois, and New Hampshire. One of the Initiative's first projects was a study of misdemeanor defense, resulting in the report "Minor Crimes, Massive Waste: The Terrible Toll of America's Broken Misdemeanor Courts", published by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Professor Boruchowitz has taught a Right to Counsel Clinic and the Youth Advocacy Clinic and in the Defender Clinic. Among other projects he pursued due process rights for children in truancy proceedings. He developed a seminar on Law and the Holocaust. He has taught criminal procedure and a seminar on Right to Counsel.

He wrote "Diverting and Reclassifying Misdemeanors Could Save \$1 Billion per Year: Reducing the Need For and Cost of Appointed Counsel," published by the American Constitution Society.

Founding president of the Washington Defender Association and a former member of the Executive Committee of the American Council of Chief Defenders, he has been instrumental in developing defender standards in Washington and nationally. He is co-chair of the National Association for Public Defense Workload Committee and chair of the WSBA Council on Public Defense Standards Committee.

Professor Boruchowitz was a Soros Senior Fellow working on access to counsel in misdemeanor and juvenile cases. He worked on a similar project on a grant from the Foundation to Promote Open Society, working in Kentucky, South Carolina, and New Hampshire as well as in Washington.

Professor Boruchowitz has been on the Minority and Justice Commission since 1991. He was Chair of a Subcommittee on Pre-Trial Release Rule that successfully advocated for a change in the court rules.

He has been an expert witness in systemic litigation cases in New York and Louisiana as well as in Grant County, Washington. He was an expert witness on assigned counsel compensation in New York and on effective assistance in a sex offender commitment case in California.

Professor Boruchowitz was a co-chair for an American Bar Association project to provide public defender training in four regions of the country and is a member of the ABA Indigent Defense Advisory Group. He has received the Washington State Bar Association Professionalism Award, The Washington Defender Association Gideon Award, the National Legal Aid and Defender

Association Reginald Heber Smith Award, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Champion of Indigent Defense Award, the King County Bar Association Friend of the Profession Award, and the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers William O. Douglas Award.

Kim Gordon is a strong and dedicated advocate for people involved in federal, state, and misdemeanor courts. Through her courtroom advocacy, assistance to clients, policy and legislative work, teaching, and mentorship, Kim has changed lives. Kim was a key legal advisor to all Hackathon projects and currently serves as the founding President of the American Equity and Justice Group.

In 2011, Kim was awarded the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' "President's Award," for distinguished service to the highest traditions of the criminal defense bar. She has also served as the organization's elected president. She has been continually recognized since 2012 as a "Super Lawyer" and one of the "Top Women Attorneys in Washington."

She began criminal defense work while she was a student at Tulane University School of Law. As a lawyer at the Washington Appellate Project, she handled the appeals for hundreds of adult and juvenile felony clients and argued numerous cases in the State of Washington's Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Kim then moved to trial work with The Defender Association, where she handled hundreds of misdemeanor and felony cases, including complex frauds, sex assault allegations, murder cases. She also trained and supervised young lawyers in the Misdemeanor Division.

Before opening her own firm, Kim worked in the criminal defense division at Schroeter, Goldmark and Bender, where she successfully represented juveniles and adults. In this time, she was selected to join the Criminal Justice Act attorney panel where she represented clients in federal court.

Partner of Gordon & Saunders PLLC, and current member of Washington's Sentencing Guidelines Commission (appointed by Governor Jay Inslee).

David Guterson was born in Seattle on May 4, 1956. He was educated at the University of Washington, where he graduated summa cum laude as an English major in 1978, and where he received his Master's degree in Creative Writing in 1982 and his Teaching Certificate in 1983.

During his university years, Guterson worked in restaurant kitchens and for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1984, he began teaching high school English on Bainbridge Island in Washington State. Simultaneously he began to work as a freelance journalist and became a contributing editor to *Harper's* magazine.

Guterson's many awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, the White Award for Journalism, the Washington State Governor's Writers Award, the Swedish Academy Crime Writers' Award, the American Booksellers Association Book of the Year Award, the Barnes & Noble Discover Award, and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction for *Snow Falling on Cedars*.

Guterson is the co-founder of Field's End, a writer's community, and in 1998 established the David Guterson Award for MFA students in Creative Writing at the University of Washington. He is currently the author of 11 books of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry and lives on Bainbridge Island.

Nicholas Holloway is 32 years old and originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan. He went to college for a bit in Michigan. Now he works two jobs – one for the Costco Home Office and a job serving food on the weekends and some nights for extra income. He enjoys the outdoors and anything that makes him feel productive. He says, “I recently found myself in some trouble and luckily I had the best representation I believe anyone could ask for.”

Larry Jefferson was appointed in April of 2021 by the Washington Supreme Court to become the new Director of Public Defense for the State of Washington. In 2022 Larry was named Luminary of Year by the Seattle Clemency Project. In 2020 he received the Daniel Bigelow award from the Thurston County Bar Association and name the Attorney of year. He has worked as a public defender in King and Thurston County’s since 1996. He is a graduate of The Evergreen State College and Seattle University School of Law. Larry is currently serving as a Board member with the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. He is past President of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Thurston County Bar Association. Larry is a devoted husband, father of two wonderful adult children and a self-proclaimed mama's boy. He enjoys spending time transforming harm into justice, standing by his barbecue and cheering for the Seahawks.

Melissa Lee is an Assistant Director and Staff Attorney with the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality at Seattle University School of Law where she co-teaches in the Civil Rights Clinic and litigates civil rights and race equity issues before state and federal courts. Her work, through both direct representation and amicus curiae advocacy, addresses issues of structural inequality, racism, and explicit and implicit bias in the legal system. Prior to joining the Korematsu Center, she worked for 12 years in civil legal services, most recently as the Directing Attorney for the Institutions Project at Columbia Legal Services from 2011-2016. In her work, she has focused on high impact litigation, research, and policy work related to race equity, the health and safety of people in institutions and foster care, sentencing reform, reentry, and fair treatment in employment for agricultural workers. She has experience litigating in federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate court levels.

Jessica Levin is an assistant director and staff attorney at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality at Seattle University School of Law, where she teaches the Civil Rights Clinic and engages in a broad range of civil rights litigation before state and federal courts. Her work, through both direct representation and amicus curiae advocacy, addresses issues of structural inequality, racism, and explicit and implicit bias in the legal system. Jessica's experience before joining the Korematsu Center in 2013 includes two judicial clerkships and private practice in commercial litigation.

Tana Lin is a judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Judge. Lin was nominated by President Joseph Biden and sworn in on December 8, 2021. Judge Lin is the first Asian American and former public defender Article III judge in Washington state.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Lin was Of Counsel (and formerly a partner) with Keller Rohrback L.L.P., where she was a member of the firm's Complex Litigation Group since 2004. She began her legal career as a trial attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia where she handled cases ranging from drug possession to murder at the trial level and argued appellate cases before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Judge Lin then joined the Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she enforced federal discrimination laws across the country. At DOJ, and later at the Chicago District Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Judge Lin investigated and prosecuted employment discrimination cases against large governmental entities and private corporations. She also served as the Litigation Coordinator for the Michigan Poverty Law Program where she developed statewide projects to address issues facing low income communities, provided advocacy skills trainings to legal services attorneys, and served on the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Advisory Council.

Judge Lin attended Cornell University for her undergraduate degree. She graduated from NYU School of Law where she was Root-Tilden-Snow scholar.

Anthony Powers is an experienced, inclusive, and inspirational leader, helping people to forge positive futures, and organizing people to work towards more equity in the justice system. He founded the American Equity and Justice Group to make data more available and useful, helping decision-makers understand the fairness of policy and sentencing decisions and ultimately improve equity in the justice system. He is Reentry Program Director, Seattle Clemency Project.

Jeffery Robinson is the founder and chief executive officer of [The Who We Are Project](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on correcting the narrative of our shared history. The current narrative about the impact of anti-Black racism and white supremacy on the United States' social, legal, political, and economic systems is based on a "re-telling" of history that is incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading. The Who We Are Project will correct this false narrative by providing objective and true accounts. Reckoning with our true history is the only way for our country to move towards a path of racial equity and justice.

Since graduating from Harvard Law School in 1981, Jeffery has four decades of experience working on criminal and racial justice issues. Initially, he represented indigent clients in state court at The Defender Association and then in federal court at the Federal Public Defender's Office in Seattle. In 1988, Jeffery began a 27-year private practice at Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender, also in Seattle, where he represented a broad range of clients in local, state, and federal courts on charges ranging from shoplifting to securities fraud and first-degree murder. He has tried over 200 criminal cases to verdict and has tried more than a dozen civil cases representing plaintiffs suing corporate and government entities. Jeffery was one of the original members of the John Adams Project and worked on the behalf of one of five men held at Guantanamo Bay charged with carrying out the 9/11 attacks. In 2015, Jeffery left private practice to become one of the ACLU National Office's Deputy Legal Directors and the Director of the ACLU's Trone Center for Justice and Equality. After six years at the ACLU, he left and launched The Who We Are Project.

Jeffery continues to be a nationally recognized trial attorney and respected teacher of trial advocacy. He is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College and has lectured on trial skills all over the United States. He is past president of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a past member of the board of directors and life member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is also an elected fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

For over ten years, Jeffery has been speaking to diverse audiences across the country on the role of race in the criminal justice system and the history of anti-Black racism in the United States. One of his groundbreaking presentations forms the basis of the feature-length documentary entitled “Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America”, which is available on Netflix and other platforms. The film helps meet some of the education goals of The Who We Are Project.