

DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE

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District public defenders fulfill the state's obligation under the U.S. Constitution to provide a lawyer to persons accused of crimes who can not afford a lawyer. District public defenders are attorneys elected in each judicial district who serve, as appointed by the courts, to represent indigent persons facing deprivation of liberty in criminal matters. The statewide system of public defenders was created by the General Assembly in 1989 as an alternative to the practice of court-appointed private attorneys.

The Office of the Executive Director serves as the central administrative office for each of the 31 district public defenders. The executive director is responsible for budgeting, payroll, purchasing, personnel, and administration of all fiscal matters pertaining to the operation of district public defender offices. Other duties include coordinating defense efforts of the various district public defenders, development of training programs, and maintaining liaison with various state government agencies.

The executive director is elected by the district public defenders for a four-year term and serves as a member of the Judicial Council and other judicial planning groups.

Jeffrey S. Henry

Executive Director to the District Public Defenders Conference

Born 1946; married, two children; elementary and secondary education, Murfreesboro City and Rutherford County Schools; Middle Tennessee State University; B.S., Liberal Arts, University of Tennessee, 1968; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1971; active duty Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army, 1971-75; assistant district attorney, 1976-80; private practice of law: legal counsel, Tennessee National Guard, 1989-97; assistant district public defender, 1998-2001; director of research and training, Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, 2001-2005; member: Tennessee Bar Association, Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, American Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and Tennessee Judicial Council; life member, Tennessee National Guard Association and National Guard Association of the United States; elected Executive Director of Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference by the District Public Defenders, June 2005.



Kathy Hartman
Fiscal Services Director

Maria Anderson
Personnel Director

District Public Defenders

<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Name</i>
1st.....	Bob Oaks
2nd.....	Stephen M. Wallace
3rd.....	Greg W. Eichelman
4th.....	Edward C. Miller
5th.....	Mack Garner
6th.....	Mark E. Stephens
7th.....	Tom Marshall
8th.....	Martha Yoakum
9th.....	Joe H. Walker
10th.....	Richard Hughes Jr.
11th.....	Ardena J. Garth
12th.....	Philip A. Condra
13th.....	David N. Brady
14th.....	B. Campbell Smoot
15th.....	Comer L. Donnell
16th.....	Gerald Lynn Melton
17th.....	Donna L. Hargrove
18th.....	David Allen Doyle
19th.....	Roger E. Nell
20th.....	Dawn Deaner
21st.....	Vanessa Pettigrew Bryan
22nd.....	Claudia Jack
23rd.....	William B. "Jake" Lockert III
24th.....	Guy T. Wilkinson
25th.....	Gary F. Antrican
26th.....	George Morton Googe
27th.....	Joseph P. Atnip
28th.....	Tom W. Crider
29th.....	James E. Lanier
30th.....	Robert Jones
31st.....	Dan T. Bryant