

## **UNC Public Defender Mentor Project 2008-09:**

### **What is it?**

A group for law students, 1Ls to 3Ls, who have an interest in public defense as a career and are in need of advice/mentoring/info re what courses to take, what summer jobs to pursue, how to draft a resume for a PD position, how to interview for PD jobs, and how to establish connections with public defenders in North Carolina and beyond.

The group is organized by Professor Tamar Birckhead, in coordination with other UNC Law faculty and the UNC Law Career Services Office.

Professor Birckhead and other participating faculty have an open door policy for students in the project; they are available to meet, counsel, and assist them in pursuing PD positions – both for the summer and after graduation.

### **When does it meet?**

- Fall 2008
  - Thursday, 9/11, noon, Room #4004: **Organizational Meeting**
  - **[other dates to be determined]**

Members of the group are also welcome to schedule **individual mentoring sessions** with Professor Birckhead and other participating UNC Law faculty, including Professor Bobbi Jo Boyd, Professor Barbara Fedders, Professor Joe Kennedy, and Professor Rich Rosen.

### **What is the Project's mission?**

The Project aims to provide law students interested in public defense with a source of information and support, an established link to relevant faculty, and a means of identifying other students with similar interests and aspirations.

The Project also connects UNC Law students with North Carolina's public defenders and with UNC Law alumni working in PD offices nationwide.

In addition, the Project is developing a public defender reference library which contains information re public defender offices across the U.S. as well as other related resources.

**For more information:** contact Professor Birckhead at [tbirckhe@email.unc.edu](mailto:tbirckhe@email.unc.edu); 962-6107; or stop by the clinical suite (office #3059) and speak with her in person.