

## **Yolanda N. Carter Esq.**

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### **VOCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS**

To combine my prior education, experience, and training with my theological education to:

- minister God's love to hurting people in various settings,
- assist marginalized populations particularly within the criminal justice system with successful reintegration through the provision of counseling, rehabilitation, and mentorship, and
- bring greater awareness to reoccurring instances of injustice and ultimately to facilitate change in how they are perceived and addressed societally.

### **EDUCATION**

**Wake Forest University – School of Divinity**, Winston Salem, NC  
Master of Divinity Candidate, May 2019

**University of Cincinnati**, Cincinnati, OH  
*Master of Science in Criminal Justice*, August 2012

**North Carolina Central University - School of Law**, Durham, NC  
*Juris Doctor*, May 2007

**San Diego State University**, San Diego, CA  
*Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice*, May 2002

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

- North Carolina State Bar, Admitted March 2008
- Certified District Court Mediator (Alternative Dispute Resolution), 2006

### **EXPERIENCE**

**The Law Office of Yolanda N. Carter, Raleigh, NC**  
**June 2009 – 2016**  
Managing Attorney

- Built and managed a law office representing juveniles and adults in criminal, civil, unemployment appeals, and family law matters including: divorce, abuse and neglect, child support enforcement, and child custody.

- Interpreted, researched, analyzed, and litigated complex state and federal laws in adversarial hearings.
- Developed and maintained effective working relationships with community agencies, social services, attorneys, prosecutors, and law enforcement agencies.

**N.C. Prisoner Legal Services, Inc., Raleigh, NC**  
**December 2008 – May 2009**

Staff Attorney

- Evaluated inmate allegations of sexual assault, excessive uses of force, unfair treatment, inability to freely practice religion, and restricted access to medical treatment for constitutional and civil right violations.
- Conducted prison investigations and extensive interviews with inmates, researched novel issues of first impression, and prepared memorandums of law.
- Monitored prison trends and activities and made recommendations accordingly to improve inmate conditions of confinement.
- Filed lawsuits on behalf of inmates in federal court and with the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

**North Carolina Department of Community Corrections, Goldsboro, NC**  
**February 2004 - July 2004**

Probation/Parole Officer I

- Supervised adult offenders in the community to ensure compliance with court ordered sanctions.
- Effectively managed a caseload of 60-70 offenders through monthly office visits, home visits, drug screens, and random, warrantless searches.
- Collaborated with community agencies to assist offenders with obtaining employment and substance abuse counseling.
- Arrested probation violators, Mirandized arrestees, appeared and testified in court for probation violations.

**North Carolina Department of Corrections, Raleigh, NC**  
**August 2002 - February 2004**

Correctional Officer

- Counseled and supervised up to 132 inmates in a maximum-security prison.
- Performed searches of inmates, maintained custody, and transported inmates outside the facility to various medical appointments.
- Responded effectively to high-risk emergency situations to ensure the safety of prison staff and inmates.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

- Attorney Advocate, NCCU School of Law Juvenile Law Clinic, Durham, NC (2007)
- Legal Intern, The Public Defender Office, Carrboro, NC (2006)
- Investigative Intern, The Alternate Public Defender Office, San Diego, CA (2001-2002)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- North Carolina State Bar Association
- Tenth Judicial District Bar
- North Carolina Association for Women Attorneys
- Women's Law Caucus

## **HONORS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Graduation with Distinction in Criminal Justice (San Diego State University)
- Graduation with Honors (University of Cincinnati)
- African American Faculty/Staff Scholarship
- 20th Century Onyx Club Scholarship
- Basic Correctional Officer Training – highest scorer

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER**

- Legal Aid of N.C. (Lawyer on the Line)
- Wake County Teen Court
- Pro Bono court cases
- Community Free Legal Clinics
- Mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle
- Annual Thanksgiving Feed the Homeless
- Winter Coat Drive for the Homeless
- State Employees Credit Union (SECU) House