



Current Developments in Criminal Law

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School of Government faculty Phil Dixon, Jr. and Danny Spiegel will discuss state and federal appellate court decisions and other recent criminal law developments.

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SPEAKERS

Phil Dixon, Jr., *Teaching Assistant Professor; Director, Public Defense Education*

Phil Dixon joined the School of Government in 2017. Previously he worked for eight years as an attorney in Pitt and surrounding eastern North Carolina counties, focusing primarily on criminal defense and related matters. Dixon served as assigned counsel to indigent clients throughout his career and represented adult and juvenile clients charged with all types of crimes at the trial level. He earned a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a JD with highest honors from North Carolina Central University. He works with the public defense education group at the School to provide training and consultation to public defenders and defense lawyers, as well as to research and write about criminal law issues.

Danny Spiegel, *Assistant Professor*

Daniel Spiegel recently joined the UNC School of Government in 2024. He is a longtime criminal practitioner with experience on both sides of the aisle, giving him a unique perspective on the practical issues facing attorneys and others working in the field. Before joining the School, he was an assistant district attorney in Durham for five years. Prior to that, he spent about three and a half years working as an assistant appellate defender in Durham where he handled the *Turner/Curtis* cases dealing with the misdemeanor statute of limitations. He has also worked for several years as an assistant public defender in Hoke and Mecklenburg counties. His work at the School focuses on defender issues, while also teaching and advising judicial officials and other court system actors. Daniel graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and holds a bachelor's degree in English from Johns Hopkins University.