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ROSS HALL RICHARDSON SELECTED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors for the Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina is pleased to announce that Ross Hall Richardson has been selected to serve as the Executive Director.

Ross has served as the Acting Executive Director for the Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina since January 16, 2014. She joined the Federal Defenders in 2007 as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Appellate Division and regularly appeared before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. After being promoted to First Assistant in 2011, Ross began overseeing the day-to-day operations of both the Charlotte and Asheville offices. She also coordinated several large-scale, district-wide litigation projects that positively impacted hundreds of clients. While Ross represents clients at all levels of the federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States, the majority of her current clients are in the district court.

Prior to joining the Federal Defenders' office, Ross served for six years as a career law clerk to the Honorable H. Brent McKnight of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. Before that, she represented indigent defendants in state trial and appellate courts in South Carolina, serving first as a staff attorney and then as an Assistant Deputy Public Defender.

Ross graduated from Agnes Scott College and the University of South Carolina School of Law. She has served as a speaker and panelist on various topics including professionalism, appellate issues, case law development, and legal writing.