



Black History Month Spotlight

Alexis Perkins



Alexis Perkins is no stranger to juvenile justice. Since she graduated from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University in 2011, she has devoted her time and energy to defending children. In 2013 she joined the New Hanover Public Defender’s Office, as an Assistant Public Defender and is also the Juvenile Defender Supervisor for the Juvenile Defender list. As a source of information and leadership, Alexis is a leader in juvenile defense and a valued attorney with OJD.

When asked, “Why is Black History Month important to you & how does that impact your juvenile work?” Alexis says this:

Black and Brown people have made and continue to make extraordinary contributions in every aspect of American life and culture. It’s a great thing anytime we learn about, acknowledge, and spotlight our many achievements. That is why we must continue to advocate for our Black and Brown youth. According to recent statistics Black and Brown people disproportionately make up almost 40% of the US inmate population. That is alarming from any angle. The work that we do is so imperative to providing Black and

Brown youth a pathway to success. In so many ways, this is a lifesaving business and I am so honored to champion the cause!