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NC Advocates for Justice Elects NC Prisoner Legal Services (NCPLS) Director as 2018-2019 President

RALEIGH —

Mary S. Pollard, Executive Director of North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services in Raleigh, was elected President of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ) at its annual convention in Wilmington this weekend. Her one-year position will run through June 2019.

Mary Pollard is a 1993 cum laude graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law, where she served on the Wake Forest Law Review and earned the I. Beverly Lake Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law. Following graduation, she joined the firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice where, in addition to complex civil litigation, she engaged in pro bono representation of James Alan Gell, a wrongfully convicted death row inmate. She was instrumental in securing Gell a new trial based on withheld evidence.

Mary Pollard left Womble Carlyle in 2002 and joined the Center for Death Penalty Litigation. She assumed the duties of Executive Director of NC Prisoner Legal Services in early 2009.

She will focus on governance issues during her tenure as President of the NC Advocates for Justice.

NCAJ is a nonpartisan association of legal professionals dedicated to protecting people's rights. NCAJ provides continuing legal education aimed at enhancing the quality of the legal profession, works to improve access to the legal system, and advocates at the legislature in the areas of criminal and civil justice. NCAJ has served its members for over 50 years.

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