

# **Mark Rabil, J.D.**

**Director of Innocence and Justice Clinic at Wake Forest University**

Winston-Salem, NC, US

Rabil is an experienced advocate for the wrongfully convicted whose work led to the release and exoneration of Darryl Hunt.

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## **Biography**

Mark Rabil is a social justice leader who has dedicated his legal career to the wrongfully convicted. He most notably represented Darryl Hunt for twenty years until he was exonerated for the rape and murder of Deborah Sykes in 2004. Rabil's efforts eventually led to the arrest of the true killer and, in doing so, exposed significant flaws in the prosecution and investigation of the crime. After Hunt's release and exoneration, Rabil became an assistant capital defender in North Carolina, where he spent ten years representing individuals charged with first-degree murder facing the death penalty. In addition to his role as professor of law, Rabil is the director of the Wake Forest Innocence and Justice Clinic, a position that allows him to involve law students in wrongful conviction and death penalty cases at the trial level.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Trial Advocacy, Criminal Procedure, Litigation, Criminal Law, Wrongful Convictions, Innocence and Justice, Criminal Justice, Incarceration, Social Justice, Capital Defender, Racial Justice, Criminal Investigation

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## **Affiliations**

North Carolina Prisoner's Legal Services, N.C. Indigent Services Forensic Resource Counsel

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## **Event Appearances**

**Secondary Trauma in Capital Defense**

Arizona Public Defender Conference

**Secondary Trauma in Public Defense**

NC.

**Panel Discussion following screening of The Trials of Darryl Hunt**

NC.

**Collateral Damage: Secondary Trauma in Capital Defense**

NC.

**Presentation of The Trials of Darryl Hunt**

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## **Education**

**University of North Carolina School of Law**  
J.D. Law

**Davidson College**  
B.A. English

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