

## **Our Distinguished Faculty**

### **Charles “Matt” Brown, Special Agent South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)**

Special Agent (SA) Charles M. Brown began his career in law enforcement in 2004 with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Since January 2007, Mr. Brown has been employed by SLED. He is assigned to the Vulnerable Adult Investigations Unit (VAIU) and is responsible for investigations involving the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults. Mr. Brown has conducted numerous interviews with vulnerable adults and has been successful in the prosecution of several defendants. He is a certified instructor by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) on Elder Abuse.

SA Brown is a 2004 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and has completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

### **Edgar “Ed” Stagers, Special Agent South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)**

Special Agent (SA) Stagers joined the United States Army in 1985 as a Personnel Management Specialist and served four years on active duty. He then continued his military service with the South Carolina National Guard for an additional four years obtaining the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Stagers began his law enforcement career in 1990 as an Airport Police officer at Florence Regional Airport. There he achieved the rank of Lieutenant and supervised other officers in Crash-Fire Rescue, the enforcement of FAA, state, and local laws. SA Stagers then joined the South Carolina Highway Patrol in 1992 where over the next 14 years he was assigned to Colleton, Williamsburg and Georgetown counties. In addition to patrolling the highways of South Carolina, SA Stagers was also a Training Officer and an Advanced Accident and Reconstruction Investigator. He then joined SLED and was assigned to the Special Victims, Vulnerable Adult Investigations Unit. SA Stagers is a certified instructor by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) on Elder Abuse.

Special Agent Stagers has earned a BS in Work Force Education and Development, specializing in training from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale and a MA in Computer Resource and Information Management from Webster University. Special Agent Stagers is currently working towards his PhD in Education, with an emphasis in Technology from North Central University. Since 1996 he has been an Adjunct Professor at Williamsburg Technical College in the Computer Technology Department. SA Stagers has also completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

### **Howell “Holly” Siniard, Supervisory Special Agent, Lieutenant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)**

Lieutenant Siniard began his law enforcement career in 1967 with the U. S. Air Force. Retiring in 1987, he began his second career with the Sumter Police Department where he was assigned as a patrolman. He later transferred to the Sumter County Sheriff’s Department where he was assigned as a patrolman, shift sergeant, and investigator. In 1991, Lt. Siniard began working with the Richland County Sheriff’s Department where he was assigned as a patrolman, K-9 training coordinator, narcotics agent, and major crimes investigator. As a major crimes investigator, he gain knowledge and experience working cases involving Vulnerable Adults, from exploitation, sexual assaults to aggravated assaults. He has also worked on the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, DEA Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and the ATF Task Force. Lt. Siniard currently is the Supervisory Special Agent in Charge of the SLED’s Vulnerable Adult Investigations Unit (VAIU) and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Unit.

Lt. Siniard earned a BA in Criminology from Saint Leo University and has completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

### **C. William (Bill) Gambrell, Jr., Assistant Deputy Attorney General Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit SC Attorney General’s Office**

Bill Gambrell is an Assistant Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General for South Carolina. Mr. Gambrell is the Director of the South Carolina Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Mr. Gambrell received his B.S. degree in Mathematics from the University of South Carolina in 1972 and his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1977. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 1983, Mr. Gambrell was a partner in the law firm of King and Gambrell, P.A. in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Gambrell is a Past President of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units and serves on NAMFCU’s Executive Committee. He is a Past Chairman of the South Carolina Adult Protection Coordinating Council and serves as Chair of the Training Committee for the APCC.

Mr. Gambrell is an editor of [Health Care Fraud and Collateral Consequences](#), by Daniel, Hair, Schools and Van Raalte, published by the South Carolina Bar, and [A Guide For Investigating And Prosecuting Patient Abuse, Neglect And Mistreatment In Nursing Homes](#)

published by the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units. From September of 1993 until October of 1995, Mr. Gambrell was the Director of the State Grand Jury Division of South Carolina. In October of 1995, the Attorney General appointed Mr. Gambrell to serve as Director of the newly-established Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. Mr. Gambrell has led and served on a number of NAMFCU Negotiating Teams and is a member of the NAMFCU Global Case Committee.

In the three most recent federal fiscal years the South Carolina Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has secured 151 convictions for fraud, patient abuse, and financial exploitation and recovered over 29 million dollars. In 2006 the South Carolina MFCU was awarded the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) State Fraud Award.

**Shelton M. Elliott, Manager, Community Care Oversight Section  
Division of Health Licensing  
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)**

Mr. Elliott has been employed with the S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control for 22 years. He graduated from The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. in 1977 with a B.S. in Biology.

Mr. Elliott formerly worked with the Department's Bureau of Laboratories from 1978 to 1987. He is currently employed with the Department's Bureau of Health Regulation, Division of Health Licensing. Mr. Elliott served as an inspector with the Division's Office of Food & Environmental Services conducting food service inspections in health care facilities 1993-1996; served as a team member of the Midlands Regional Team 1996-1998; and served as Senior Inspector for the Midlands Regional Team 1998-2003 and the Upstate Regional Team 2003-2004.

He is currently the Manager of the Division's Community Care Oversight (CCO) Section (2004-present). Mr. Elliott is responsible for providing direction, guidance and management to the Upstate and Lowstate Offices of the CCO Program. He serves as a technical advisor to the Director of the Division of Health Licensing regarding licensure of Community Residential Care Facilities (CRCF's) and Habilitation Centers for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR's).

**Phyllis Lawter Dennis, Nurse Administrator/Manger I  
Bureau of Certification/Health Regulation  
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)**

Phyllis Lawter Dennis began her nursing career in 1972 at Richland Memorial Hospital. She obtained a Master in Health Education in 1976 and a Master in Nursing in 1978 from the University of South Carolina. She worked at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Department of Obstetric and Gynecology and Palmetto Health-Richland from 1978 until 2000. In 2003 she became a nursing home surveyor and currently works investigating complaints for DHEC certification.

**Dale Watson, State Long Term Care Ombudsman  
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging**

Dale Watson works in the Lieutenants Governor's Office on Aging and is the State Long Term Care Ombudsman. She has worked in the Office on Aging for the past fifteen years and has more than 25 years of experience working with older South Carolinians. As the State Long Term Care Ombudsman, she is the chief advocate for persons who reside in long term care facilities. Her responsibilities include advocating for residents' rights and quality care; educating consumers, families and providers; resolving residents' complaints; and providing information to the public. She also oversees the Elder Rights and Legal Services programs which are responsible for educating the community about advance directives, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation issues, as well as the availability of legal services.

Ms. Watson is a Colonel in the US Army Reserves, is a 25 year veteran and currently serves as the Commander of the 1st Medical Training Brigade at Ft. Gordon, Georgia. She is married to Curtis Watson and they have two children, Jason and Marla.

**Victoria L. Kemp-Hammett, Consultant  
Adult Protective Services  
SC Department of Social Services**

Ms. Victoria L. Kemp-Hammett is employed in the Adult Services Division at the South Carolina Department of Social Services. She serves as the consultant for 12 counties. In addition, she provides case consultation, policy clarification, training and program reviews to monitor compliance with policy and the state statute. Ms. Kemp-Hammett is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a degree in Sociology. Ms. Kemp-Hammett has been employed with the agency for 24 years in various capacities.