

About the Author

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Since 2004, Jill Joline Myers has held a tenured track faculty position at Western Illinois University in their Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Department. She teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses primarily addressing legal issues. Courses taught include: Survey of Criminal Justice, Criminal Procedure, Juvenile Justice, Civil Liability for Law Enforcement, Evidence, Information Privacy in a Technologically Enhanced World., Current Issues in the Courts, and Courts: Theory and Practice.

Professor Myers earned her bachelor's degree from Millersville State University in Pennsylvania in 1975 and her juris doctorate in 1981 from the University of Baltimore Law School. Prior to joining the faculty at WIU, Professor Myers spent 21 years as a prosecutor in Baltimore City. While there, she was the division chief of the special investigations unit which targeted and prosecuted violent drug trafficking organizations and offenders by employing wire, electronic and oral surveillance techniques. Additionally, Myers has served as the Unit Chief, of the Habitual Offender Section, Juvenile Division where she supervised attorneys in the screening, adjudicating and disposing of juvenile matters and as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. in the Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) Program in Baltimore City where she represented the severely abused and neglected children in adjudicatory and dispositional hearings, as well as Child in Placement (C.I.P.), shelter care, and termination of parental rights' cases.

In addition to litigating criminal and juvenile matters, Professor Myers has taught law related courses to lawyers, police, federal agents and legislators. She was an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore, Department of Criminal Justice for 6 years and an adjunct professor at Carroll Community College for 11 years where she developed many of their criminal justice courses. She also served as the electronic surveillance advisor/instructor for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and provides Fourth Amendment consulting for both the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and, on occasion, the Home Box Office, Inc.'s production of "The Wire". She was the recipient of two City of Baltimore Police Commissioner's Bronze Stars for Excellence Awards.