

## Vickie Piontkowski – Maximizing Mitigation

Vickie Piontkowski has worked as a Mitigation Investigator for the Federal Public Defender in Pittsburgh since 2009. In 2017, Vickie was named *Outstanding Federal Defender Investigator* by the National Association of Federal Defenders. In 2009, Vickie received the *Jane Addams Social Work Award* from the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Vickie received her Juris Doctor and Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland in 2006. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1998. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, an *Albert Schweitzer Fellowship* alum, a trained community mediator, and a frequent presenter at mitigation and sentencing advocacy workshops.