

# All Things Judicial Focuses on Raise the Age with the Office of the Juvenile Defender



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RALEIGH — The [latest episode](#) of the *All Things Judicial* podcast provides an update on the Raise the Age law through a conversation with attorneys and staff from the [North Carolina Office of the Juvenile Defender](#) (OJD). This episode's guests include State Juvenile Defender Eric Zogry, Assistant Juvenile Defender Burcu Hensley, and OJD Communications Manager LaTobia Avent.



OJD's mission is to provide services and support to juvenile defense attorneys, elevate and evaluate the system of juvenile delinquency representation, and work with juvenile justice advocates to promote positive change in the juvenile justice system.

"The main difference between juvenile court and adult criminal court is that we look at these young people as developing adults," said Zogry on the podcast. "It gives us the opportunity to say it's not just how old you are and what you're charged with, it's what else is going on with this youth, what does their prior record look like, and what are some available services that are not available in the criminal justice system."

### **MORE INFORMATION**

*All Things Judicial* is a podcast about the important role of the North Carolina

Judicial Branch in state government. The podcast follows a bi-monthly release schedule with each new episode available for download every other Wednesday and can be found on all podcast apps and on [NCcourts.gov](https://www.nccourts.gov).

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The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. More than 6,400 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2019–20](#) was \$578.4M, nearly 88.4% of which is used to pay salaries and the remaining 11.6% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives only 2.37% of the overall State budget.

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