# Secondary Trauma in NC Capital Defense Attorneys

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#### Measures

- Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS) (subjective well-being)
- Sheehan Disability Scale (functional impairment levels)
- Satisfaction with Life Scale (general life fulfillment)
- Professional Quality of Life Version 5 (secondary traumatic stress, compassion satisfaction, burnout)
- Impact of Events Scale Revised (post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms)
- Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (depressive symptoms)

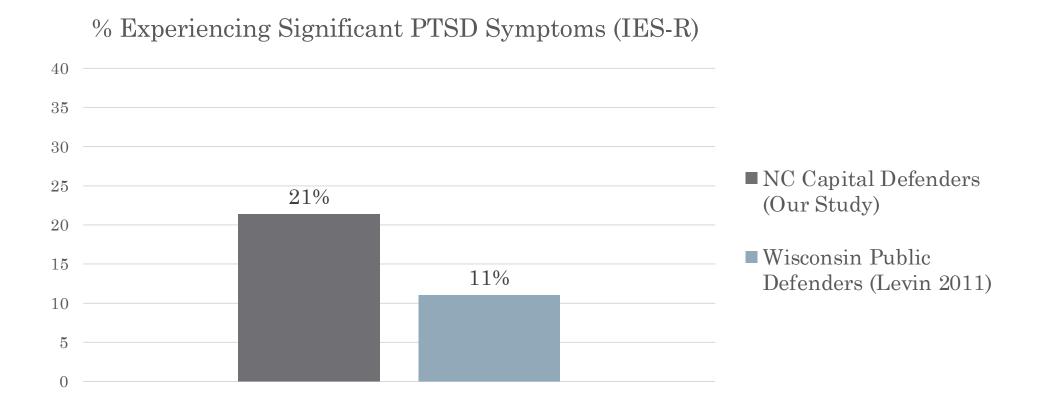
# Preliminary Look at Sample

• 16 completed, plus an additional 7 partially completed

Male	75%
White	87.5%
Age (average)	58.8

Years Experience	
0-5 years	4.3%
6-10 years	4.3%
11-15 years	13.0%
16-20 years	17.4%
21 or more years	60.9%

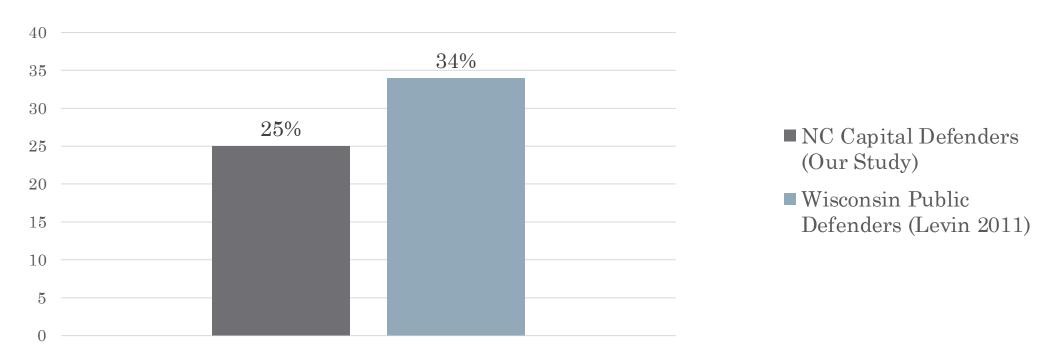
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% Experiencing Significant Secondary Traumatic Stress (ProQOL5-STS)



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