J. Matthew Martin recently concluded twelve years of service as the first American Bar Association (ABA) Tribal Courts Fellow. In 2013 he retired after over a decade of service as an Associate Judge of the Cherokee Court, the Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Judge Martin received a BA with Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a JD from the UNC School of Law. He also holds a Ph.D. in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada-Reno. For over 30 years, Judge Martin has been Board Certified as a Specialist in Federal and State Criminal Law by the North Carolina State Bar. In the 1991 Term, at age 31, he argued *Wade v. United States* before the Supreme Court of the United States.

He is an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees of the National Judicial College, and has been a faculty member for over 15 years. Judge Martin has also served as an adjunct member of the faculty at the UNC and Elon University Schools of Law.

Judge Martin has spoken nationally and internationally on issues ranging from federal Indian law and traffic safety to criminal law and the judicial process. He is published in multiple peer reviewed journals and in 2016, his chapter, "Tribal Courts at a Crossroads," was included in the 8th Edition of the ABA's *The Improvement of the Administration of Justice*. His first book, *The Cherokee Supreme Court: 1823-1835*, was published in 2021 by Carolina Academic Press.

In 2014 he received the Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award from the ABA's Criminal Justice Section and the Franklin N. Flaschner Award, as the nation's outstanding specialized court judge, from the ABA's National Conference of Specialized Judges. In 2021, he received a Public Service Award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Judge Martin and his wife live in Western North Carolina with two rescue dogs, one of whom is a real rascal.