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Dr. John Watts began his law enforcement career in 2004 as an Adult Probation Officer for the Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division (CSSD). In 2012, Watts served on the Immigrations Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security Task Force Roundup in Southeastern Connecticut. That year, he was one of the 24 Probation Officers selected to participate in the 2012 Federal SMART Probation Grant Program funded by the United States Bureau of Justice. In 2013, he was certified by the Institute of the Study of Criminal Justice at Central Connecticut University in Forensic Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. In 2022, Watts was promoted to Chief Probation Officer and assigned to the Intensive Sex Offender Unit and the Gun Unit which supervises high risk gun offenders.

Chief Probation Officer Watts (Ret.) is a national trainer and consultant with Policy Research Associates and the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP). He holds certifications as a Criminal Justice Addictions Professional (CCJP) and in Forensic Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (F-CBT). Watts earned his bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Charter Oak State College, a master's degree in management and organizational leadership from Albertus Magnus College, and a doctorate in criminal justice from Saint Leo University.

Dr. Watts is currently an Assistant Professor and Program Director of the Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice Program at the University of Saint Joseph. He is also an adjunct professor at the Russell Sage College in the Criminal Justice and Community Corrections Program.

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