

2022 SPD CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(alphabetically by first name)

Abigail Bluett is originally from Algoma, Wisconsin. She studied at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for her undergraduate degree and obtained her law degree from Drake University Law School where she was a Justice Chester Cole Public Service Scholar. Upon admission to the Wisconsin Bar, she started her law career with the SPD and has been practicing with the Juvenile and Mental Health Office since April of 2021. She primarily focuses on Juvenile Delinquency, CHIPS, Chapter 51, and TPR cases. She recently got married and in her free time she enjoys camping, art museums, and thrifting.

Adam Nero practices OWI defense in Wisconsin trial courts. Based out of Hudson, Wisconsin, he joined Nelson Defense Group when it opened in 2017 and has been named to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list each year since 2018. He is the Wisconsin state delegate to the National College for DUI Defense (NCDD), has presented on OWI litigation to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), and serves as faculty at the Wisconsin State Public Defender Trial Skills Academy. His hobbies include re-watching Star Wars, listening to very old country music, and bragging about his brand-new son Enzo to anyone who'll listen.

Adam Plotkin has been the Legislative Liaison for the SPD since January 2011. Adam received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2000. Prior to that, he worked for a state legislator for 9 years in various capacities.

Adam served as policy advisor, committee clerk for the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs, and office manager. Adam is an active member of the community, most notably as Treasurer and Past President of Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. (the downtown Madison neighborhood association), member of the City of Madison's Downtown Coordinating Committee, and Secretary of the Dane County Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Adam Welch is an attorney at the Madison Trial office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender. For some reason he has devoted his entire career to defending the accused. He has gotten paid for his efforts in various ways over the years, but he likes that his current job does not require him to squeeze money out of his clients' retirement accounts or grandma's (eew). Adam is secretly pretty sure that all of his successes are the result of privilege and good luck rather than any real talent—certainly hard work in the traditional sense is not something that enters into the equation, but maybe being really stressed out and not sleeping counts as hard work somehow? In any case, he

keeps getting invited to teach, and despite a fairly high level of social anxiety and introversion he finds it strangely enjoyable to talk to a room full of people about an interesting topic. His middle name is Matthias and his eyes are a really nice shade of blue.

Alexander Kostal is a staff attorney in the Milwaukee Trial Office. Prior to joining the Milwaukee Trial Office, Alex was a staff attorney in the Racine Office, where he spent a few years after transferring from the Portage Office where he served for two years following graduation from Marquette in 2017. When not fighting for his clients, Alexander enjoys reading, competitive tennis, biking, and training Muay Thai.

Alex Gelhar is a staff lawyer in the SPD's Stevens Point Office.

Amanda K. Riek is an associate at Chirafisi Law Office. Her practice focuses almost exclusively on criminal defense with an emphasis on high level felonies and OWI cases. Amanda graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Leadership with comprehensive honors in 2008 and from the University of Wisconsin Law School with a certificate in Criminal Law in 2011. She spent the previous decade serving Wisconsin as an Assistant State Public Defender primarily in Columbia County but also in Sauk and Dane County.

Amanda is a board member of the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL), a founding member of the WACDL Women's Caucus, a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), a member of the National College for DUI Defense (NCDD), and president of the Columbia County Bar Association. This coming year Amanda will serve on several national committees: co-chair of the NCDD's National Task Force Ethics Committee, the NCDD's National Task Force on Trial Advocacy, NACDL's Trial Penalty Committee, and a NCDD/NACDL Liaison. In her spare time, Amanda travels nationally to play volleyball, loves to cook, enjoys domestic and international travel, and camps as often as she can.

Dr. Andre Loyd is a Senior Consultant for ESI. He is an experienced biomechanical and injury reconstruction specialist. He has more than 18 years of experience in the field of biomechanics. He provides injury reconstruction analysis for pedestrian injuries, slip and fall incidents, industrial accidents, vehicle accidents and criminal cases. Dr. Loyd has particular expertise in pediatric injury, head injury and neck injury. Before joining ESI, André earned a doctorate from the Injury Biomechanics Laboratory at Duke University and completed a post-doctorate fellowship through the Orthopedic Biomechanics Laboratory at the Mayo Clinic. He conducted research on pediatric and adult head injury, neck laceration, helmets, neck injury, bone fracture and crash dummy accuracy. He also published in such journals as the Stapp Car Crash Journal, Journal of

Biomechanics, Accident Analysis and Prevention, Forensic Science International and Traffic Injury Prevention.

Andres R. Guevara has been a trial attorney since graduating from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1995. After stints with both the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Andres started his own law firm in 2007 specializing in criminal defense and trial cases. Out of his Denver office, Andres handles both private and court-appointed criminal work in various Colorado state courts (through the Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel ("ADC")) and in federal courts (through the CJA Panel). Since starting his own law firm in 2007, Andres has handled and tried every type of criminal case, from misdemeanors to homicides, sex assaults, human trafficking, federal drug and gun cases, and large conspiracy cases. He has also handled post-conviction cases (including a State death penalty case) and has presented oral arguments before both the Colorado Court of Appeals and the Colorado Supreme Court.

Andres is a long-time instructor with ADC and the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar and has been on the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College for the past five years. He has presented and trained attorneys throughout the country, including presentations at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) annual conferences, trial training of lawyers with the U.S. Marines, and regional trial advocacy programs. Andres has presented on different topics including opening and closing arguments, direct examinations, cross-examinations, federal criminal law, trial practice, jury selection, and RICO cases. Andres is also an author having published in the areas of federal law enforcement, marijuana laws, and most recently in the area of cross-examining child witnesses (for *The Champion*, the official magazine of the NACDL).

Andrew Martinez practices criminal defense exclusively, and specializes in defending individuals facing charges of homicide, attempted homicide, domestic abuse and sex-based crimes involving adults or children. He is an accomplished trial lawyer, having tried cases throughout Wisconsin on charges at all severity levels. He also has an extensive history of negotiating dismissals short of trial, which has saved many of his clients the anxiety, risk and expense associated with trial. Together with Cole Ruby, he is a two-time recipient of the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Hanson Award. Each of these awards were issued for winning a not-guilty verdict in a jury trial involving a charge of first-degree intentional homicide, the most serious crime under Wisconsin law.

An Arizona native, Andrew graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. After college, he attended law school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was a senior managing editor of the Wisconsin Law

Review. Andrew earned his Juris Doctor from the UW in 2007. He is a founding partner of Martinez & Ruby, LLP, which he started with Attorney Cole Ruby in 2008.

Andrew is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL) and has served as a speaker to educate the law community at numerous WACDL seminars. He is a native Spanish speaker and has represented Spanish-speaking clients throughout his career.

Aneeq Ahmad currently manages Ahmad & Associates, LLC, an exclusive Criminal Defense law firm in Milwaukee's Third Ward district. He graduated from Cornell University for his undergraduate studies and the University of Wisconsin Law School for his law degree. He is currently admitted to practice law in both Wisconsin and Illinois; he is also admitted to practice in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Federal Court) and is on the panel of appointed Criminal Justice Act attorneys for Federal Criminal cases.

Aneeq has had numerous felony cases either dismissed or won at trial, including felony drunk driving offenses, drug crimes, firearm charges, and sexual assaults. His representation is based on advocating with integrity and empathy. He was named to SuperLawyers Rising Stars in 2020, the first year he was ever nominated.

He is passionate about defending a client's right to tell their side of the story and be taken seriously with the dignity and respect every human being deserves – without pre-judgment. He is also determined to put an end to the racism and racial bias that is deeply embedded in the criminal justice system and is an advocate of progressive change to ensure that everyone is treated fairly.

In his spare time, he loves to bike on his Peloton, dance, stretch out on the yoga mat, hang out with his pet cat, take a ride on his motorcycle, or spend a day at the race track.

Angela Cunningham is a staff attorney in the SPD's Milwaukee Juvenile and Mental Health Office.

Angel Johnson is a staff attorney in the SPD's Milwaukee Trial Office.

Becky Yang has been the Strategic Initiatives Coordinator for the Bureau of Youth Services in the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) within the Department of Children and Families (DCF) since December 2019. In that role, she leads cross-bureau strategic planning initiatives supporting DSP's strategic vision, with a focus on efforts related to youth services infrastructure and workforce support.

Becky started her tenure with DCF in 2012 as a Program and Policy Analyst with the Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES) within DCF. At DFES, Becky led the development and implementation of transitional jobs programs designed to help non-custodial parents and foster youth with barriers to employment transition to unsubsidized employment. Prior to DFES, Becky was at a private agency where she supervised the administration of a federally funded transitional jobs demonstration project that served low-income residents of Milwaukee County. Becky's focus is identifying and developing approaches to program planning and creating policies and processes that define how programs operate.

Becky holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin—Madison.

Ben Kempinen, a cum laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, taught at the Law School from 1976 until his retirement in January of 2018. In addition to teaching the first-year criminal law curriculum and a number of related courses (Trial Advocacy, Professional Responsibilities, and Advanced Substantive Criminal Law), Ben was involved in several of the Law School's clinical programs, including serving as interim director of the Legal Defense Project; working as a supervising attorney in the Frank J. Remington Center's Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Project (LAIP); and, from 1990 until his retirement, acting as director of the Remington Center's Prosecution Project.

Ben has also been involved in both trial and appellate litigation in the criminal law area, has taught at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, has participated in a variety of conferences and continuing legal education programs during the past two decades, served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court Ethics 2000 Committee, and most recently, was appointed to the State Bar Ethics Committee.

Brad Lichtenstein is an award-winning filmmaker who has been making documentaries since 1998 and founded 371 Productions in 2003. His recent film, *When Claude Got Shot* (produced with Stick Figure) premiered at the 2021 SXSW film festival, was featured in May of 2022 on PBS' series *Independent Lens*, and won the 2022 Emmy for Exceptional Merit in Documentary Filmmaking.

He's been nominated for two Emmys: one Sports Emmy for the VR film *Ashe '68*, which premiered at Sundance in 2019, and a News and Documentary Emmy for the 2012 *Independent Lens*/PBS film *As Goes Janesville*. He's won two Duponts: one for the 2016 Al Jazeera America series *Hard Earned* (produced with Kartemquin Films) and another for his 2001 film *Ghosts of Attica* (produced with Lumiere Productions).

His latest work is *American Reckoning* (with producer/director Yoruba Richen) for Frontline, a film about a Black resistance movement in Natchez, MS, and the murder of civil rights leader Wharlest Jackson, Sr. With Emily Kuester, he directed *Messwood* for Participant, which premiered in 2021 at DocNYC. The film follows a high school football team made up of kids who come from two different communities; one suburban and white and the other urban and Black. Brad directed *Metcalf Park: Black Vote* rising in 2020 with Miela Fetaw — a short for PBS/World Channel and *The Intercept*. His 2018 film *There Are Jews Here* won a Telly award and was broadcast on PBS/World. He was nominated for a Peabody for his radio series about gun violence, *Precious Lives*.

Brad has also produced for Frontline and Bill Moyers. He is credited for the recent films *Attica*, by Stanley Nelson, and *Citizen Ashe*, by Sam Pollard and Rex Miller. His company has long been committed to nurturing the careers of emerging women and BIPOC storytellers.

Brad Novreske primarily focuses his practice on criminal defense, with an emphasis on appellate litigation and complex motion practice at the trial level. He is a former special victims prosecutor focusing on domestic violence, sexual assault, and internet crimes against children. With two young boys at home, he and his wife Megan have been perpetually exhausted since 2018.

Byron Conway is a criminal defense attorney with a passion for advocating for the most marginalized in our society – those who are often unheard, disregarded, and disrespected by a system that every day fails to see their basic humanity. Byron’s passion for the work he does comes from the environment he grew up in. The clients who Byron works so hard to zealously advocate for are more than just “bodies” to him. In every client he has, Byron sees his family members, his friends...his community, and he knows that many times these individuals have never had anyone really fight for them and tell their story. The front line of the fight for justice and equality requires dedicated soldiers, and Byron is proud to count himself one among them.

Byron was born and raised in the inner city of Detroit, Michigan. Byron graduated from Charles F. Kettering high school in Detroit and matriculated through the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on a full academic scholarship. Byron graduated from U of M with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and African American studies, with a particular focus on African American political ideology. After graduating from U of M in 2010, Byron attended Boston University School of Law. Byron graduated from Boston University School of Law with honors in 2013.

After graduating law school, Byron joined the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) as a staff attorney in the trial division. Byron’s practice primarily

focused on defending indigent individuals charged with serious felony offenses in the District of Columbia Superior Court. While at PDS Byron was one of the charter members of the organization's Mental Health Practice group, which specialized in litigating at the intersection of mental health and criminal culpability. After nearly six years of working with the most amazing people at PDS, Byron transitioned from his role in DC in May of 2019 to Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as an assistant federal defender with the Federal Defender Program, Inc. In that role, Byron defended indigent individuals charged with felony matters in the United States District Courts for the Northern District of Georgia and handled appeals before the United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Byron is in the midst of moving from Atlanta to Denver, where he will be the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director for the Office of Respondent Parent Counsel.

Byron also currently sits on the executive board of directors for the Black Public Defender Association.

Cecelia Klingele is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she teaches courses in criminal law, Constitutional criminal procedure, policing, and sentencing and corrections. She is also a faculty associate of the Frank J. Remington Center, the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and the Institute for Research on Poverty.

Cecelia is fascinated by the challenges of managing human behavior, particularly the behavior of those subject to the criminal legal system and those who operate that system. Her past work has focused on challenges in community corrections, correctional programming interventions, and the treatment of violence within the criminal legal system. She recently served as a member of the [National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's study committee](#) examining metrics of success among people released from prison, and previously served as Associate Reporter for the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code: Sentencing revision (2012-2018), External Co-Director of the University of Minnesota Robina Institute's Sentencing Law & Policy Program (2013-2018), and co-chair of the Academic Committee of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section (2009-2013). She is a member of the executive board of the Lumen Christi Institute's [Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network](#) (CCJRN) and the leadership team of the [Society of Christian Legal Scholars](#).

After receiving her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2005, Cecelia served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb of the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, Judge Susan H. Black of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the

United States Supreme Court. She returned to the University of Wisconsin in 2009 as a visiting assistant professor, and has been a permanent faculty member since 2011.

Cecelia and her husband live in Madison. They have six grown children, and six more at home who ensure life is never boring.

Charlie Glynn is a staff attorney in the SPD's Madison Trial Office.

Christopher August is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee Appellate Office, where he has worked since 2016. Before arriving at the SPD, Christopher was based in Madison and worked as both a solo practitioner and as a member of a small office providing affordable legal services. Christopher is a proud graduate of UW Law School and the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He lives in Glendale with his wife (also a lawyer), a tiny human, and a growing army of small furry creatures.

Christopher Eckersley is a biomedical and mechanical engineer at ESi with related expertise in traumatic brain injury (mTBI, concussion, and severe traumatic brain injury), injury analysis, neck injury, and the evaluation of use and non-use of personal safety equipment. His projects span a range of areas, including motor vehicle accidents, slip-and-falls, pediatric injuries, and product liability claims. He also has specialized expertise in blast injury and blast biomechanics, and has analyzed blast injuries in both military and civilian environments.

Dr. Eckersley has presented his engineering research at international conferences, and is published in peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Biomechanical Engineering and the Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport.

Chris Sobic is a staff attorney in the SPD's Milwaukee Appellate Office.

Claudiare Motley is founder of The Forgiveness Project, a non-profit organization, and works closely with the Motley Legal Services, both based in Charlotte, NC. He has done extensive research in various international legal jurisdictions and has consulted clients on contract, business licensing, and tax matters. Currently, Claudiare has been engaged in social justice matters in Wisconsin, and immigration of Afghanistan refugees. Motley received his J.D. in 2014 from Charlotte School of Law. In addition to this he has also received both his M.B.A. and B.A. in finance from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

After the fateful night of the attempted carjacking, Claudiare finished his last semester of law school and went on to advocate for victim's rights and survivor empowerment. He has made various media appearances, written an op-ed, and paneled a community

forum featuring local politicians and representatives speaking to the subjects. Claudiare is looking forward to working with the When Claude Got Shot impact team to bring awareness to the gun violence and its causes in communities all over America and hoping to put himself in position to help develop some solutions.

Colleen Cullen has been an Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee Trial Office since October of 2018. During her time in Milwaukee Trial, she has tried 26 jury trials and has specialized in OWI Defense. Attorney Cullen has litigated numerous OWI motions with a range of interesting legal questions. If you ever need to brainstorm an OWI case, Attorney Cullen is always interested!

Craig Albee is the Executive Director for Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc. He joined that office in 2011 after twenty years practicing criminal defense with Shellow, Shellow & Glynn, and Glynn, Fitzgerald & Albee in Milwaukee. He also served as a law clerk for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice William A. Bablitch following his graduation from the University of Wisconsin law school. In his spare time, he plays basketball, watches basketball, and coaches his 11-year-old son Levon's basketball and baseball teams.

Daniel Johns is a solo practitioner currently accepting guardian ad litem and assigned counsel division appointments. JD Marquette 1999 / BS UW Madison 1996.

Danielle Touart is a Supervising Deputy Public Defender for the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender. She started her public defender career in Colorado in 2009, and has worked in the Denver metro area since 2012. In addition to her state practice, Danielle worked as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Houston Trial Division of the Federal Defender for the Southern District of Texas. Beyond her work as a public defender, Danielle serves on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, the Judicial Committee for the Colorado Women's Bar Association, and as Vice Chair of Public Policy Training & Outreach for the Junior League of Denver.

Deja Vishny is an attorney who is a consultant and trainer based in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She specializes in the defense of homicide and false confession cases and has a national reputation as one of the top lawyers in those areas. She was formerly the Deputy Training Director and head of the statewide homicide practice group at the Wisconsin State Public Defender. She joined the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College in Macon Georgia in 1998, and lectures at criminal defense and public defender seminars throughout the United States. She is an adjunct professor at Marquette University Law School where she teaches trial advocacy. She has also taught trial skills in India, and was a guest lecturer at a Harvard Law School class, "The American Prosecutor".

Deja attended the Reid School on Interrogation and published articles in The Champion and The Wisconsin Defender on cross examining police interrogators. She co chaired the false confession program at the inaugural session of the National Forensic College at Cardozo Law School in June 2014 and has taught at that program for several years. Deja served several terms on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the board of the State Bar of Wisconsin Criminal Law Section and is currently on the Board of Regents of the National Criminal Defense College.

She is a recipient of numerous awards from the Wisconsin Criminal Defense Association her acquittals in homicide cases, her contributions to indigent defense in Wisconsin and in 2022 received the William Coffee award for her lifetime of service to the Wisconsin Criminal Defense Bar. Her book, Suppressing Criminal Evidence, is in its fourth edition and is available from James Publishing Company at <http://jamespublishing.com/shop/suppressing-criminal-evidence/>.

Eileen Fredericks is the Youth Defense Practice Group Coordinator. Eileen has previously worked in the SPD's Milwaukee Juvenile/Mental Health and Kenosha offices. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May 2001, earning a B.A. in Government with a concentration in Public Policy. She went to the University of Wisconsin Law School hoping to become a lawyer for children and teens. While attending law school, Eileen also earned her Master's Degree in Social Work in order to better understand the needs and struggles of many of the people we represent, and to learn how to better assist people in solving and coping with life's problems. She is thrilled to be doing the work she always wanted to do with so many great people at the SPD.

Erin Nagy is an attorney in the Madison Trial Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender. As such, she has defended the indigent accused of everything from disorderly conduct to sexual assault to homicide. Prior to her move back to Madison, she worked at Rikers Island in New York City, defending indigent individuals accused of violating their conditions of parole. She is a Madison native and double Badger.

Frances Colbert is an attorney with the Wisconsin Defense Initiative (WiDI), a nonprofit defense firm focused on serving indigent youth and emerging adults across the state. Before co-founding WiDI in August 2022, Frances was a staff lawyer with the State Public Defender's Madison Appellate Office.

Grant Henderson is a staff attorney in the SPD's Racine Office.

Jason Sanders joined the Janesville Public Defender's Office in 2016. Since joining the SPD he has focused heavily on overdose homicide cases, participating in the original workgroup and taking overdose homicide cases in Rock, Walworth, and Green counties. As a Forensic Practice Coordinator Jason also provides consultation and trial assistance to attorneys regarding forensic issues, coordinates agency interaction with forensic experts, and works with the SPD Training Division in providing forensic training for attorneys and investigators. Jason's vision as a Forensic Practice Coordinator is to collect and create a resource that includes motions, briefs, and transcripts, helping SPD attorneys grow more familiar and comfortable defending cases that involve forensic issues, including Len Bias cases.

Jeff De La Rosa has been practicing law since 1999, first in private practice and with the SPD-Jefferson office since 2006. Jeff has argued twice before the Wisconsin Supreme Court and is admitted to practice in the Eastern and Western District Courts of Wisconsin, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, and The Supreme Court of the United States. Recent victories include having two felony cases (including a felony sexual assault) dismissed on grounds the state failed to pursue prosecution of the cases.

Jennifer Bias joined the agency in 1987 as an assistant state public defender. She has served in a variety of leadership and litigation positions and was promoted to her current positions in June 2000.

Previously, Jennifer served as First Assistant State Public Defender in Racine from 1995 to 2000 and Deputy First Assistant State Public Defender from 1993 to 1995. As an Assistant State Public Defender, Jennifer handled a broad range of cases including felonies, misdemeanors, juvenile matters and commitments. She previously served on the Pardon Advisory Board, the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, the Commission to Reduce Racial Disparity in the Wisconsin Criminal Justice System and the subsequent Oversight Commission, and the Governor's Task Force on Racial Profiling. Jennifer served on a number of other boards including the Board of Governors for the Racine County Bar Association, Good Samaritan Board, and the Junior League Advisory Board.

In 2004, Jennifer was an unsuccessful candidate for Racine Circuit County Judge. Also in 2004, she was appointed to serve as a team member to investigate conduct matters at Southern Oaks Girls School. Jennifer has presented at the annual public defender conference on a variety of topics. She currently presents the "Best Defense Is No Offense" program to young people at schools, churches and community centers urging them to avoid violence, gangs and drugs.

In recognition of her outstanding commitment to community service, Jennifer received the Racine Journal Times Award in February 2003. She has also received the Racine Interfaith Coalition Freedom Award (February 2002), the NAACP Attorney Ted Harris Award (October 2001), and the YWCA Women of Distinction Award (August 2001). Jennifer received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1984 where she graduated magna cum laude, and received her law degree from the University of Iowa Law School in 1987.

Jennifer Nara, D.O. is an experienced, board-certified forensic pathologist. In criminal cases, she has analyzed injuries in firearms cases, electrocution and fire-related deaths, industrial and motor vehicular accidents, and pediatric head trauma cases. In civil cases, she has provided expert opinion and guidance on personal injury and medical malpractice cases. She has performed close to 4,000 autopsies and testified in numerous depositions and trials in both criminal and civil cases. Dr. Nara has received her medical degree from Western University of Health Sciences and completed her pathology residency program at the University of Hawaii. She completed an additional fellowship in forensic pathology at the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Department.

Jillian J. Scheidegger is a partner at Cafferty & Scheidegger S.C. in Racine, WI. Her practice is exclusively limited to criminal defense matters.

Jodee Helland is on a mission to teach people to harness stress and optimize their health and abilities. She combines lessons learned from having a parent with mental illness with business acumen and knowledge of psychology, neurobiology, behavior science, and health & fitness. She is a nationally certified Health Coach and Behavior Change Specialist, has a B.A. in Psychology, and is a certified Educator and Facilitator with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). She teaches people how to cope with demands, deal with adversity, establish and maintain healthy limits, regain balance after it's been lost, and improve their relationships and emotional well-being.

Dr. Jo Handelsman is the Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a Vilas Research Professor, and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor. She previously served as a science advisor to President Barack Obama as the Associate Director for Science at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) where she served for three years until January 2017, and was on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin and Yale University before that. She received her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Molecular Biology and has since authored over 200 scientific research publications, 30 editorials, and 29 essays. She is responsible for groundbreaking studies in microbial communication and metagenomics. She is also widely recognized for her contributions to science education and diversity in science. She has authored numerous articles about

classroom methods and mentoring and she is co-author of six books about teaching, including *Entering Mentoring* and *Scientific Teaching*. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from President Obama in 2011 and was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019.

Julia Rymut (Westley), graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2015. She is from Waukesha County and currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Julia was a criminal defense attorney in Wisconsin from 2016 to June of 2022. She now lives in Atlanta, Georgia practicing immigration law. In her spare time, she enjoys taking her dog for hikes in the woods and exploring the new city. She is looking forward to a Georgia winter instead of a Wisconsin one!

Julie M. Spoke is the Deputy Director - Intake at the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR). She previously was assistant Litigation Counsel at OLR. She has been with OLR for 20 years. She graduated from Marquette University with a B.A., cum laude, in both Psychology and Criminology and Law Studies. She received her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law, cum laude. Before joining OLR she was a litigation associate at Ruder, Ware L.L.S.C. and a law clerk for the Honorable Michael Hoover, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District III. She is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar Association and serves on the Wisconsin Lawyers Assistance Program Committee and the Professional Ethics Committee. She is a 2019-2020 attendee at the G.Lane Ware Leadership Academy and is a member of the Fellows, Wisconsin Law Foundation. She is also a member of the National Organization of Bar Counsel and is a faculty member for the NOBC Trial Skills Programs.

Kara Rolf has been representing the accused and indigent accused for over 10 years. Kara has worked both for the Colorado State Public Defender's Office and the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office in Baraboo and now in the Madison Trial Office. Kara also has experience with private criminal defense and civil law and has been part of the faculty in a variety of criminal defense training programs. Kara is dedicated to the defense of the criminally accused and to the training and development of defense attorneys.

Kate Drury is the Regional Attorney Manager for the SPD's Stevens Point Region and has been with the agency for about six years. Kate recently served on a statewide committee addressing best practices for the implementation of Zoom in Wisconsin courts. Her favorite covid coping strategy is chocolate.

Kathy Pakes holds an undergraduate degree in Soviet and Eastern Studies from the University of Wisconsin Madison, and a law degree from Brandeis (Louisville) School of

Law. She has worked as a staff lawyer for the Louisville-Jefferson County public defender, as an elected district attorney (Rusk County), and as legal counsel for the Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender. She currently serves as the SPD Director of the Assigned Counsel Division and is a member of the forensic practice unit specializing in child death cases. Attorney Pakes is the current editor of the Wisconsin Criminal Defense Manual and sits on the Office of Lawyer Regulation board of administrative oversight.

Kathleen B. Stilling is a partner in the Brookfield law firm of Buting, Williams & Stilling, S.C. She returned to the firm in 2011 after serving her term as a Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge, where her legal knowledge and professionalism were widely recognized. As a judge, Attorney Stilling presided over criminal jury trials, motion hearings, sentencing hearings and post-conviction cases.

She received her undergraduate degree and her law degree from the University of Wisconsin. She is a founding member and past president of the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Association for Women Lawyers.

Kathleen was an Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee trial office from 1981 - 1989 and her present private practice is entirely criminal defense, both trials and appeals. She defends adult and juvenile clients in cases involving sexual offenses, drugs, alcohol and domestic violence. She lectures in the areas of sexual assault cases, ethics and trial practice. [Her first article](#) published in The Champion, 2015, has become a popular primer on defense of child sex cases. Her [follow-up article](#), co-authored with Attorney Jerome Buting, was published in The Champion, 2016. WISN radio host Mark Belling called her the "Go-to lawyer in the state of Wisconsin" for child sex cases. (air date: July 12, 2010).

Katie York started with the SPD as an Assistant State Public Defender in the Green Bay trial office where she handled nearly all SPD case types. In 2010, she transferred to the SPD's Madison Appellate office where she was later promoted to Local Attorney Manager.

In 2018, she became the SPD's Deputy Trial Division Director and in 2019 she returned to the Appellate Division as the SPD's Appellate Division Director. Katie was on the State Bar Board of Governors from 2017-2021. She received her law degree from Golden Gate University and an undergraduate degree in business administration with a concentration in economics from the University of North Carolina – Wilmington.

Keith Belzer is a nationally recognized lecturer and teacher on criminal defense issues, trial techniques and strategies. In addition to his position on the faculty at the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia, and the Wisconsin Trial Skills Academy, Keith has lectured or taught criminal defense lawyers in most of the 50 states. He also has presented to the Israeli National Public Defender, the Puerto Rican CJA Panel and The People's Republic of China, where Keith was the keynote speaker at the first public defender regional training ever held in China. Keith has been named a Wisconsin Super Lawyer by his peers every year since its inception in 2005. In 2006 Keith received one of 12 statewide Leaders in the Law awards from the Wisconsin Law Journal. Keith is also a frequent commentator on national, statewide and local legal issues and has appeared on such nationally syndicated shows as 48 Hours, Good Morning America, Crime Scene Investigation, The O'Reilly Factor and Geraldo at Large.

Keith has had the honor and privilege of representing three Wisconsin Innocence Project clients who were ultimately exonerated. One of these clients, Evan Zimmerman, a man previously falsely convicted and sentenced to life in prison for a homicide that he did not commit, was the subject of a feature length documentary, Facing Life, the Retrial of Evan Zimmerman, which can be seen in syndication on the Arts and Entertainment Network and the History Channel.

Keith has also worked as an actor, director and playwright. Keith has acted in Illinois, Wisconsin, Vermont and Connecticut. Plays he has written have been produced in California, Illinois, Connecticut, and Wisconsin. Prior to law school, Keith co-founded one theater company and managed two others and devoted close to a decade of his life exclusively to the world of theater.

Kevin Smith joined the Janesville office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender in January of 2020. Kevin's practice leans heavily on pretrial motion practice in all types of cases, from criminal misdemeanors to Termination of Parental Rights Cases and Homicide cases. Kevin has presented on pretrial litigation topics as well as the implementation of a system oriented criminal defense practice at WSPD training seminars and its annual conference. Since early 2022 Kevin has taken on the additional role of advising and helping lawyers across Wisconsin as the WSPD Pretrial Motions Practice Group Coordinator.

Kimberley Motley, creator of the Justness Project, has been a practicing attorney and litigator since 2003 where she began her career as a public defender in her hometown of Milwaukee. Kim represented hundreds of clients for a wide variety of criminal defense matters in felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile courts. In 2008, Kim was one of a handful of American attorneys who was hired to go to Afghanistan as part of a U.S. Department of State justice funded program to help train & mentor criminal defense

attorneys as well as to help capacity build the legal aid system throughout the country. After a year of working in this capacity, and finding that she had a greater role to play within the legal system, Kim quit the program.

In 2009, she started representing clients in Afghanistan and became the first and only foreigner to ever litigate cases within Afghanistan's criminal, civil, and commercial courts. Understanding the great need At the present, she is the first foreigner who has ever litigated cases in Afghanistan's Criminal, Civil, and Commercial Courts and has a strong litigious practice focusing on criminal, commercial, contract, civil, and employment law matters. In addition to her legal practice in Afghanistan and the U.S. she has also done extensive research work particularly in the area of juvenile justice that has been reported internationally.

Both the legal and research work that Kim has done while in Afghanistan has traveled all over the world and her work has been reported heavily in the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, CNN, BBC, Reuters, the Today Show, Weekend Update, ABC Australia and the London Times to name a few. She has internationally published several articles on juvenile justice, and legal issues in Afghanistan.

Kim received her J.D. from Marquette Law School in 2003. She also received a Master's of Science Degree in the area of Criminal Justice in 2003 and a B.S. in the area of criminal justice with a minor in political science in 2000 from the University of Milwaukee Wisconsin. In addition, Kim has earned an A.A.S. in Paralegal from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Lorry C. Eldien has been an investigator with the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) and its predecessor the Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility (BAPR) for 29 years. She is currently assigned to the Formal Investigation/Litigation section of OLR. Her duties include investigation of grievance and inquiry matters referred for formal investigation, investigation of petitions for reinstatement from disciplinary suspensions, and assisting litigation counsel in prosecuting OLR disciplinary complaints. She graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin with a B.S. in Psychology and received her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Matthew Giesfeldt is an assistant state public defender (SPD) in the juvenile unit of the Madison Trial Office. He is also the SPD's family defense practice coordinator, assisting private bar and SPD attorneys statewide with cases regarding children in need of protection or services (CHIPS) and termination of parental rights (TPR). He has been with the SPD since 2015, after practicing in the private sector, also doing CHIPS and TPR cases. In addition to his work as the practice coordinator and his family defense caseload, he also does juvenile and mental health cases. He is a founder/board member

of the Student Expulsion Prevention Project. He is the author of the State Bar's PINNACLE Brown Book on termination of parental rights cases. To date, he has given over 90 legal trainings to lawyers, judges, social workers, police officers, law students, etc. He teaches graduate level classes at UW-Madison's school of education.

Megan Sanders-Drazen is an attorney with the Wisconsin Defense Initiative (WiDI), a nonprofit defense firm focused on serving indigent youth and emerging adults across the state. Before co-founding WiDI in August 2022, Megan spent seven years in the State Public Defender's Madison appellate office, where she represented clients at the post-disposition and appellate levels in criminal, juvenile, TPR, CHIPS, mental health commitment, and guardianship/protective placement cases. For her final year and a half with SPD, Megan also served as the appellate division's staff training coordinator. During that time, she became a certified trainer for the Gault Center's Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP) and developed a three-day training academy for Wisconsin's appellate defense practitioners. Before joining SPD, Megan clerked for Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Megan is a cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where she won awards for leadership and pro bono service. She is a frequent trainer and presenter on appellate issues, persuasive writing, and client-centered representation.

Michelle Velasquez is the Legal Director of Advocacy and Services for Planned Parenthood and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin. Her work includes advocacy, abortion law, non-profit compliance, campaign finance, and general in-house counsel work. Before joining PPWI, Michelle was the co-founder and managing attorney at Civitas Law Group, a non-profit legal service provider in Milwaukee providing low-cost criminal, family, and immigration services. Michelle also previously practiced in the appellate division of the Wisconsin State Public Defender. Michelle is a Marquette University Law School graduate and received her undergraduate degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Michelle serves on the board of the Milwaukee Turners, the Wisconsin Chapter of the ACLU and the steering committee of the Milwaukee Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Mindy M. Nolan has been practicing criminal defense for the past eight years and has handled all types of cases ranging from minor misdemeanors and criminal traffic offenses to complex homicides and sexual assaults.

She began her career with the Wisconsin State Public Defender in Racine, where she practiced for five years. She believes that every case requires special attention to detail and a strong relationship with her clients. The attorney-client relationship is a sacred bond of trust that she does not take lightly; every case and every client is unique. One of Mindy's greatest strengths is her ability to tell her client's story in a heartfelt and compelling way.

Mindy had represented nearly one-thousand clients during her five-year tenure with the Wisconsin State Public Defender. Three years ago, she transitioned into private practice in Milwaukee where she exclusively advocates for clients against the State of Wisconsin.

As a graduate of Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Mindy has a breadth of experience in many aspects of law and life. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and has been working with the Spanish speaking population in various roles for over a decade. She has specialized knowledge in immigration law and a keen understanding of how a criminal conviction may affect one's immigration status.

Specializing in litigation, Mindy participated in moot court competitions in law school that prepared her to be the tenacious litigator in the courtroom that she is today. From motion practice through trial, she fights for her client's interests in a way that is powerful and that garners respect from everyone in the courtroom.

Mindy believes in a balanced life. While not litigating she teaches yoga, spends time outdoors, and enjoys adventurous travel.

Patrick K. Cafferty is a partner at Cafferty & Scheidegger, S.C. in Racine, WI. His practice is exclusively limited to criminal defense matters. Pat is licensed in both Wisconsin and Illinois.

Paul Rifelj is a 20-year veteran of criminal defense and an attorney manager at the Milwaukee Juvenile/Mental Health Office. Paul began law school with grand dreams of being a hard-nosed prosecutor, a la "Law and Order's" Jack McCoy. He joined the defense-function class at UW Madison, primarily as opposition prep, where he was quickly turned to the light side of the force. Paul is an instructor at the Illinois Public Defender annual trial advocacy seminar, he was a guest lecturer at New York University's Symposium on algorithms, and he is the new attorney coach for Wauwatosa West's mock trial team.

Rachel Ebert grew up in Oak Creek and went to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for undergrad, and Marquette University for law school. She has been with the SPD since graduation for about 4.5 years. Rachel practices primarily Chapter 51, 54, 55 and TPR cases. She has a passion for litigation and loves the work I do! At home, she has two kitties, a golden retriever, a one-year-old daughter and a husband.

Ragen Shapiro has been the Section Manager for the Bureau of Youth Services for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) since November 2019. In that role, she supervises the Bureau's staff in their provision of services for youth who are involved in or at risk of involvement in the child welfare and youth justice systems. This includes oversight of the community-based youth justice system, as well as independent living

programs for youth aging out of out-of-home care, runaway and homeless youth programs, prevention programs targeted at adolescents, and services for survivors of child sex trafficking.

Ragen started her tenure with DCF in March 2016, when the administration of the community-based juvenile justice system was transferred from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to DCF. Prior to DCF, Ragen worked as a Program and Policy Analyst in the Division of Juvenile Corrections where she supervised the division's federal education grants and helped develop the programming and curriculum for the Grow Academy. She also worked for 12 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Dane County managing and prosecuting both misdemeanor and felony caseloads before discovering her passion for working in service to young people as a juvenile delinquency prosecutor. Ragen holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish literature and Fine Arts from Macalester College and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Rick Jones is a proud native of Racine, WI, where he graduated from Washington Park High School. Rick continued his education earning a B.A. in Economics and Management from Beloit College, a Juris Doctorate from the Marquette University Law School, and Masters of Divinity from Northern Baptist Seminary. While at Beloit College, Rick was a multiple letter earner in both track and basketball. While at Marquette, he earned the Janz and Thomas More Scholarships and the BLSA Award for Academic Excellence in addition to serving as the BLSA treasurer for 2 yrs. Rick spends a great deal of time mentoring young people and is a co-founder of Wisconsin Triple Threat, a basketball and mentoring program that focuses on Academics, Athletics and Achievement, and is committed to giving kids "dreams that are bigger than their windows."

Rick currently serves in the Madison Trial Office of the Wisconsin Public Defender's Office where he is currently assigned to handle major crimes throughout the state. He was previously assigned to the Chapter 980 Team which focuses on the civil commitment of sexually violent persons.

Rick is a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rob Csencics is a graduate of the University of Stevens Point and has been a Certified Social Worker with the State of Wisconsin for over 10 years. He is currently employed as a Pretrial Services Social worker for Dane County, in Madison Wisconsin. Rob has previously worked as a Lead Worker for Denver Human Services After-Hours Emergency Response Team, as well as in Youth Justice in Marathon County, CPS in Douglas County and at Fox Lake Correctional as a General Population Social Worker.

Rob never wanted to be a Social Worker, however has found something that merges the two things that he is most passionate about; helping make the communities he's lived in a better place and his commitment to "each one teach one."

Sarah Schmeiser, Stroud, Willink, and Howard, LLC, concentrates on two areas of practice: criminal and traffic defense and immigration law. In the area of criminal and traffic defense, Sarah has defended clients at all levels – from local municipal courts through the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Sarah handles many circuit court trials every year, successfully protecting client interests. Sarah handles all levels of appeal in criminal and traffic cases and has argued several cases in front of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sarah frequently handles charges of drunk driving, sexual assault, substantial battery, theft from employer, delivery of a controlled substance, and all types of criminal and traffic offenses.

In the area of immigration, Sarah frequently handles family petitions as well as defending those in removal proceedings. Sarah often consults to provide information to clients and other attorneys about the immigration background and best plan for moving forward.

Savannah Weinstock is a Midwest Native whose education brought her first to Portland, OR and then to Boston, MA before coming home to join SPD in 2021. She has a background in Domestic Violence Counseling, Journalism, and Advocacy. She is a strong supporter of prison abolition, antiracism, disability justice, and radical fat activism. She is a proud member of the LGBTQIA+ community and the mom of two beautiful dogs Peanut and Olive.

Solomon Gatton is the Mental Health Practice Group Co-Coordinator with Colleen Ball. Solomon attended the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, graduating 2013 with a major in History, an Honors College certificate with thesis requirement, and two minors, in the School of Information Studies - Information Science and Political Science. He went on to obtain his Juris Doctorate at Marquette University Law School, graduating in 2016. While in law school he participated in a public defender clinical, and was later hired by the Wisconsin State Public Defender. He currently works in the Sheboygan office, handling a diverse caseload predominantly related to mental health. He has extensive litigation experience in the areas of competency, NGI, Chapter 51 Commitments, and Chapter 54/55 Guardianship and Protective Placement. Solomon approaches his cases through a holistic lens, and is acutely aware of the challenges faced by clients and attorneys navigating these cases. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or issues that arise. Contact Solomon at gattons@opd.wi.gov

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Tatiana Kline is a Public Defender in San Diego. She graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2013 and has been with the office of the Primary Public Defender since taking the bar in August of 2013. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 2009 with a B.A. in Psychology and a B.A. in English. She currently serves as a Director for the San Diego County Bar Association and is a member of the National Association for Public Defense's Wellness Committee and is the President of her office's Wellness Committee. She also is a member of the Criminal Defense Lawyer Club, which is an invite only criminal defense club in San Diego. Ms. Kline is someone who started a health and wellness journey a few years ago. She found herself unhappy and depressed and wanted to change it. She hopes that others find comfort in solace in the practices that have tremendously changed her life.

Dr. Thomas Zander graduated *cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1977, and was admitted to the practice of law in Wisconsin that year. He began his legal career with the State Public Defender's Office, providing appellate and other post-conviction representation. He went on to head the state's first specialized unit for providing defense representation to persons facing civil commitment based on allegations of mental illness.

From 1981-1994, he was the executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc. Under his leadership, this public interest law firm grew from a staff of six lawyers to 24 -- allowing greater legal advocacy for abused and neglected children, and for adults with legal problems related to mental disability, homelessness, and HIV disease. During his career as a public interest lawyer, he represented thousands of low-income Milwaukeeans in trials, appeals, and major litigation. He successfully litigated two major class action lawsuits that resulted in landmark law reform: *State ex rel. Watts v. CCSB*, 122 Wis.2d 65, 362 N.W.2d 104 (1985), in which the Wisconsin Supreme Court accepted his argument that persons placed by courts in nursing homes are constitutionally entitled to an annual court review of their need for continued placement; and *State ex rel. Jones v. Gerhardstein*, 141 Wis.2d 710, 416 N.W.2d 883(1987), in which the Wisconsin Supreme Court accepted his argument that involuntarily committed individuals are constitutionally entitled to exercise informed consent before being administered psychotropic drugs.

Dr. Zander holds a doctorate in psychology and he is licensed as a psychologist in Wisconsin and Florida. He is board-certified as a forensic psychologist by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Dr. Zander is the 2022 recipient of the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund's Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award.

Timothy J. Pierce has been Ethics Counsel for the State Bar of Wisconsin since 2004. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Mr. Pierce was previously a Deputy Director at the Office of Lawyer Regulation in Milwaukee and Madison. He has also been employed as the Ethics Administrator for Milbank, Hadley, Tweed & McCloy, in New York, and as an Assistant State Public Defender in Racine. He is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin. He is a frequent speaker on matters of professional ethics and has given hundreds of CLE presentations to a wide variety of groups on professional responsibility law. He serves as reporter for the State Bar's Committee on Professional Ethics and writes the monthly "Ethical Dilemmas" column for the State Bar of Wisconsin. He has also taught Professional Responsibilities at the University of Wisconsin Law School since 2011 and currently serves as a Volunteer Subject Matter Expert for the MPRE.

Timothy C. Samuelson is the Director of the Office of Lawyer Regulation. The Wisconsin Supreme Court appointed Samuelson to serve as OLR Director in August 2021. He was formerly the Civil Chief Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Wisconsin, an Assistant Attorney General with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and a Dane County Circuit Court Judge. At the U.S. Attorney's Office, Samuelson led the civil division and represented the United States government in civil litigation. During his tenure with the state DOJ, Samuelson served as Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control and Elder Abuse Unit and Deputy Director of the Special Litigation and Appeals Unit. He also handled criminal appeals. Before joining DOJ, Samuelson worked in private practice as a civil litigator in Chicago, handling a range of complex civil cases in federal and state courts across the country. Samuelson served as a Dane County Circuit Court judge from 2017 to 2018. Samuelson graduated from Valparaiso University (B.A., 1995) and Indiana University McKinney School of Law (J.D., 1998). He lives in Middleton with his wife and daughter.

Trisha Fritz is an attorney with the law firm of Hogan Eickhoff in Appleton, WI. She specializes in criminal defense and family defense, practicing throughout NE Wisconsin. She was a staff attorney with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office in Racine and Brown Counties prior to joining her current firm. Trisha is a naturally inquisitive person so it would be no surprise that depositions are one of her favorite discovery tools.

Zaki Zehawi was a state and federal public defender for over 20 years in San Diego, CA. This summer, he moved to Madison with his family and started his own criminal

defense and civil rights litigation firm. He's been a member of the Trial Lawyer's College faculty for the last 10 years.