

### CHRISTOPHER ADAMS

Christopher Adams is a criminal defense lawyer in Atlanta, Georgia. Before entering private practice, he was the founding Director of the Georgia Capital Defender Office. During his four years at the helm, the Capital Defender resolved 40 cases without a single client being sentenced to death.

Chris teaches at the National Criminal Defense College (NCDC).

He also serves on the Board of Directors of the NACDL and was an adjunct law professor at Georgia State University and Emory University.

In 2001, while at the Southern Center for Human Rights, he was part of the team that won Gary Drinkard, an innocent man who had spent 7 years on Alabama's death row, a one-hour acquittal. Prior to joining the Southern Center for Human Rights, he spent more than 7 years as a public defender in Charleston, SC.

### TY ALPER

Ty Alper is the Associate Director of the UC Berkeley School of Law Death Penalty Clinic, which maintains the website [www.lethalinjection.org](http://www.lethalinjection.org). Alper and Clinic Director Elisabeth Semel teach, train, and supervise law students engaged in the representation of the Clinic's death row clients in California, Alabama, and North Carolina. Before joining Berkeley Law, Alper was a staff attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, where he represented death row inmates in all stages of state and federal post conviction proceedings, as well as hundreds of Alabama prisoners in federal class-action litigation challenging unconstitutional conditions of confinement. A former law clerk to then-Chief Judge Harry T. Edwards on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and a former E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic, Alper's publications include "Lethal Incompetence: Lethal Injection is Exposing More Than Torturous Executions," *THE CHAMPION*, Sept/Oct. 2006, and "Stories Told and Untold: Lawyering Theory Analyses of the First Rodney King Assault Trial," *12 Clinical Law Rev.* 1 (2005) (with Anthony Amsterdam, Todd Edelman, Randy Hertz, et al). Alper is a member of the California, District of Columbia, Georgia and Alabama bars.

### SANDRA BABCOCK

Sandra Babcock is a Clinical Professor and Clinical Director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law. From 1991 to 1995 she was a staff attorney at the Texas Resource Center, where she represented men and women on Texas' death row. From there she moved to Minnesota, where she was a public defender from 1995 to 1999. She then opened a law office specializing in the application of international law in U.S. death penalty cases, and from 2000-2006, she was Director of the Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program, a project funded by the Government of Mexico to assist its nationals in capital cases at trial and on appeal. She is counsel to the Government of Mexico in the case of *Avena and other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States)*, a case brought by Mexico in the International Court of Justice on behalf of 52 Mexican nationals on death row. She currently represents Humberto Leal Garcia, a Mexican national facing execution in Texas. She received her B.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University in 1986, and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1991.

### **BICKA BARLOW**

Bicka Barlow received a BS from the University of California, Berkeley, in Genetics, and an MS from Cornell University in Genetics and Development. Her research as both an undergraduate and graduate student involved the use of molecular biology and classical genetic techniques in the study of plant developmental biology and breeding systems. The topic of Ms. Barlow's Master's thesis was the regulation of mitochondrial gene expression in yeast. Ms. Barlow then went on to the University Of San Francisco School Of Law where she received a JD. Since graduation, she has worked exclusively in the area of criminal law with an emphasis in DNA evidence.

Ms. Barlow has acted as either DNA counsel or consultation on over 100 cases at all stages from trial to post conviction proceedings in State and Federal court. Five of these cases have been capital. Ms. Barlow, along with Michael Burt, conducted the first successful challenge to STR based DNA evidence in the United States under *Kelly* in the case of *People v. Bokin et al.*, in the mitochondrial DNA evidence in a capital case in Colorado.

Ms. Barlow regularly trains attorneys in issues relating to DNA evidence. These trainings include the Monterey Death Penalty Seminar. She is currently the "DNA attorney" at the San Francisco Public Defenders Office.

### **ROBERT M. BILDER, Ph.D, ABPP-CN**

Dr. Bilder is the Michael E. Tennenbaum Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences and Professor of Psychology and Chief of Medical Psychology – Neuropsychology at UCLA, overseeing a program comprising some 200 faculty, staff, and trainees who provide exemplary psychological care and are leaders in the research and teaching efforts of the School of Medicine. Dr. Bilder received a BA at Columbia College, a PhD at City University of New York, and then completed both clinical internship and postdoctoral work at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and the NYS Psychiatric Institute. Before joining UCLA in 2002, Dr. Bilder held faculty appointments at Columbia and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Bilder is a national leader in Neuropsychology, with a diplomate in Clinical Neuropsychology, and currently serves on the Boards of Directors for both the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, and the American Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology. Dr. Bilder's current research focuses on transdisciplinary and translational research; he currently directs the Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics, which received \$22M in grants from the NIH Roadmap Initiative in 2007, as part of its theme "research teams of the future." Dr. Bilder also directs the Tennenbaum Center for the Biology of Creativity and is Co-Director of an NIMH-sponsored Center for Intervention Development and Applied Research (CIDAR) at UCLA, focusing on Translational Research to Enhance Cognitive Control in children and adolescents.

### **CRISTINA BORDE**

Cristina Bordé graduated from Harvard Law School in 1995. She then worked as a staff attorney at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals until 1999. Since 1999 Cristina has worked as a staff attorney at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center, representing indigent capital defendants in post-conviction proceedings in state and federal court.

### **DR. BEKH BRADLEY**

Dr. Bekh Bradley holds a faculty appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory University. Dr. Bradley's research and clinical work focuses primarily on exposure to traumatic events and development of PTSD in a variety of populations including low-income urban African Americans, veterans and incarcerated individuals. Dr. Bradley is particularly interested in understanding the impact of childhood physical, sexual, and emotional abuse on developmental processes and risk for development of PTSD subsequent to later trauma experiences.

## **JULIE BRAIN**

Since 2009, Julie Brain has been the Chief of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Delaware Federal Public Defender. Prior to that she was the Chief of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Arkansas Federal Defender Office. From 2000 to 2004, she was a staff attorney at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center in San Francisco, and before that a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, beginning in 1995. She first began working on capital cases as an intern at the Georgia Resource Center in 1990.

## **MICKELL BRANHAM**

Mickell Branham is National Victim Outreach Coordinator through the Capital Resource Counsel Project and is based in the Federal Defender Office in Nashville, Tennessee. Ms. Branham, an attorney for 20 years, provides defense-initiated victim outreach on federal capital cases nationwide. She conducts national trainings to promote attorney awareness of the principles of restorative justice and the importance of victim outreach, as well as annual intensive trainings for practitioners of victim outreach. Ms. Branham has worked in capital cases throughout the country in both state and federal courts and at both trial and appellate levels. Ms. Branham has also participated in international forums on victim outreach and issues of restorative justice.

## **KEVIN BRINGUEL**

Kevin Bringuel is a staff attorney at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center in San Francisco. He has assisted in post-conviction discovery in several cases and has drafted HCRC's practice guide on the topic. Previously, he served as a federal public defender in the Southern District of California and was an associate at a firm specializing in complex business litigation and white collar criminal defense.

## **DAVID I. BRUCK**

David I. Bruck is a graduate of Harvard College and the University Of South Carolina School Of Law, and began practicing criminal law in 1976. He has specialized in death penalty litigation since 1980. He has served as a county and state public defender in South Carolina, and has represented capital defendants in trial in some twenty cases, including *South Carolina v. Susan Smith* (1994-95). He has argued seven death penalty cases in the United States Supreme Court, including *Skipper v. South Carolina*, 476 U.S. 1 (1986), *Simmons v. South Carolina*, 512 U.S. 154 (1994), and *Kelley v. South Carolina*, 534 U.S. 246 (2002), and has handled more than sixty capital appeals in state and lower federal courts.

Bruck has testified before U.S. Congressional committees on death penalty legislation on nine occasions, and has lectured to lawyers, judges and mental health professionals on capital sentencing in more than thirty states and U.S. territories. Bruck received the John Minor Wisdom Public Service & Professionalism Award from the ABA Section of Litigation in 1996, and the Significant Contributions to Criminal Justice Award from California Attorneys for Criminal Justice in 2001. He has taught seminars on the law of capital punishment at the University Of South Carolina School Of Law, was the 1990 Ralph E. Shikes Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School, and in 2002 served as Scholar in Residence at the Frances Lewis Law Center, Washington & Lee University. He has directed W & L's Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse since mid 2004.

## **JOHN C. BUCKNER**

John C. Buckner received his B.A. from Stanford University, his Ph.D. in clinical/community psychology from the University of Maryland, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the School of Public Health, The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Buckner has worked in the area of family homelessness and poverty for over twenty years in both the federal government (National Institute of Mental Health) and as a researcher. Dr. Buckner was the Director of Research at the National Center on Family Homelessness from 1991-1998. Since 1999 he has worked as a research psychologist within the Department of Psychiatry at Children's Hospital Boston and is an Assistant Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School.

#### MARY –ALICE BURNS

Mary-Alice Burns has been a paralegal with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office for over five years, where she is responsible for complex legal support functions in major criminal cases. She specializes in capital case work, serving as an immediate assistant to senior attorneys. She has assisted in all aspects of capital case development, including pre-trial preparation, jury selection, witness coordination, guilt phase, penalty and mitigation. She coordinates witnesses' travel and preparation for testimony, prepares sentencing reports and social histories, maintains master files, and acts as a liaison with clients' families. She has presented on organizational aspects of capital litigation for public defenders and presided over informal training sessions for paralegals.

#### MICHAEL BURT

Michael Burt is a certified criminal law specialist in private practice in San Francisco, California and attorney with the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Project. From 2001- 2004 he was also an attorney with the Mexican Capital Case Legal Assistance Program. Prior to entering private practice in January 2003, he was head trial attorney with the San Francisco Public Defender's Office where he practiced for over 24 years. He has specialized in the defense of capital cases for the past 24 years, with an emphasis on forensic science issues, including fingerprint and DNA evidence. In 1998, he litigated a multi-defendant DNA challenge which resulted in the first successful challenge to STR DNA testing in the country. Although his main focus has been at the trial level, he has also represented capital defendants in post-conviction proceedings and has served as a *Strickland* expert in many state and federal courts. From 1993-2004, he was the editor-in-chief of the [California Death Penalty Defense Manual](#) and he lectures throughout the country on all aspects of capital case defense and forensic science issues.

#### LESLI CALDWELL

#### SARAH CHESTER

Sarah Chester oversees the Unrepresented Condemned Inmate Project (UCIP) at the California Appellate Project (CAP). The UCIP works with the population of newly sentenced capital defendants in California who are without counsel. The UCIP's role consists of gathering records and other life history and case related materials, which would otherwise be destroyed years before appellate or post-conviction counsel is appointed. The UCIP also helps prisoners with their immediate concerns, which may include advocating for better prison conditions and prisoner civil rights, teaching attorneys about prison life and prison procedures, and working for better prisoner health care. Prior to starting this project at CAP, Sarah worked for a sole practitioner doing trial level criminal defense in Richmond, California. She is a member of Critical Resistance and the National Lawyers Guild.

#### ALLISON CLAIRE

Allison Claire is the assistant chief of the Capital Habeas Unit at the Federal Defender's Office for the Eastern District of California, in Sacramento. Allison received her J.D. from U.C. Berkeley in 1993, following a first "career" in community radio broadcasting and political activism. She worked on her first capital habeas and prisoners' rights cases as a law student. After graduation she clerked for U.S. District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton. Allison joined the Federal Defender's Office in 1995, beginning as a trial lawyer. She specialized in non-capital habeas and appeals for eight years prior to joining the Capital Habeas Unit in 2005. She has presented at numerous conferences and seminars on topics related to habeas corpus litigation. She also speaks to non-legal audiences on social justice issues including the death penalty and criminal justice reform.

#### JUDY CLARKE

Judy Clarke is in private practice in San Diego, California, and also serves as one of the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel. She has served as the Executive Director of Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington & Idaho and Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. and represented defendants in a number of high profile capital cases, including Susan Smith in Union, South Carolina, Theodore Kaczynski, charged as the “Unabomber” and Eric Robert Rudolph, charged with an abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham, Alabama.

Ms. Clarke is a 1974 graduate of Furman University, and a 1977 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. She is a Past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, and was selected by the National Law Journal in 1998 as one of the top 50 women lawyers in the United States and in 2001 as one of the top women litigators in the U.S.

#### **SIMON A. COLE**

Simon A. Cole is Associate Professor & Chair of the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine. He received his Ph.D. in Science & Technology Studies from Cornell University. He specializes in the historical and sociological study of the interaction between science, technology, law, and criminal justice. Dr. Cole is the author of *Suspect Identities: A History of Fingerprinting and Criminal Identification* (Harvard University Press, 2001) and more than 18 scholarly articles and book chapters about the scientific validity of fingerprint evidence and its use in the courts. He is a member of the American Judicature Society Commission on Forensic Science and Public Policy.

#### **JENNIFER COREY**

Jennifer Corey has been the Assistant Federal Defender, Capital Habeas Unit, Sacramento, since 2000.

She practiced capital post conviction litigation in state and federal court in Florida for five years prior to coming to California.

#### **JOHN COTSIRILOS**

John Cotsirilos worked in the Riverside Public Defender’s Office from 1977-1979, and at San Diego’s Defender’s Inc., from 1979-1981.

He has been in private practice since 1981, and has taught a Seminar on the Death Penalty at the University Of San Diego School Of Law since 1995. He is a Past-President of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice; the recipient of the E. Stanley Conant Award from the Defender Programs of San Diego for protecting the rights of the indigent accused in 1988 and 1998; and recipient of Trial Attorney of the Year from the Criminal Defense Bar Association of San Diego in 1999 and 2006.

#### **JASON COX**

Jason Cox is an attorney in solo private practice. He graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1986, and was admitted to the Bar that year. After a stint working in a criminal defense firm, he became a freelance legal research and writing attorney in 1991. Since then, he has remained self-employed. He has worked primarily for a number of other attorneys on criminal cases, including several capital cases, and many non-capital special circumstances cases and other homicide cases. He works at the pre-trial and trial level, drafting pleadings and legal memoranda, and assisting in case analysis and development of legal strategy. He is a frequent contributor to ClaraNet. He has lectured on coerced confessions and *Miranda* issues at prior Capital Case Defense Seminars.

#### **RICHARD G. DUDLEY, JR., M.D.**

Richard G. Dudley, Jr., M.D. is a psychiatrist in private practice in New York City, and also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. Dr.

Dudley's private practice includes a clinical evaluation and treatment practice focused primarily on African-American men, and a forensic psychiatry practice focused on both civil and criminal matters. At the law school, Dr. Dudley lectures on 'expert evidence', works with the students in the school's capital clinic, and is also working with a group of law school faculty who are focused on the relationship between law and the behavioral sciences and how race and class effects this interaction.

Dr. Dudley has testified as an expert in psychiatry in capital cases at the trial level and post conviction, throughout the United States. He also has extensive experience in the education and training of mental health and legal professionals, especially with regard to the integration of ethno-cultural considerations into the mental health assessment process.

### **JACK M. EARLEY**

Jack M. Earley graduated from Loyola Law School in 1973. After working for the Public Defenders Office for 10 years he has been in private practice in Southern California. Mr. Earley's case load is predominately criminal practice, handling cases for trial, and on appeal, including homicide and death penalty cases. Mr. Earley is also called upon and retained as a consultant and as an expert regarding competence of counsel. He has tried over three hundred jury trials, eighty-five homicide cases, and nine death penalty cases in State and Federal courts. Mr. Earley is certified as a criminal law specialist by the State Bar of California, a past president of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, and now serves as a California Death Penalty Commission Chairperson. In addition, he is an associate professor at the University of California, Irvine and a frequent lecturer regarding various criminal issues.

As a trial lawyer, Mr. Earley has tried many complex cases in California including over ninety homicide cases to a jury; seven death penalty cases to jury; the first death penalty case in California; one of the first gavel to gavel cases shown on Court TV (*People v. Betty Broderick*); three not guilty by reason of insanity verdicts, including a Santa Barbara, California case where a student ran over and killed four students (*People v. David Attias*), and a Santa Barbara case in which a judge was charged with serious felonies arising out of domestic issues with another woman (*People v. Diana Hall*)

### **EZEKIAL EDWARDS**

Ezekiel Edwards is a Staff Attorney at the Innocence Project working primarily on litigation and legislative reform in the area of eyewitness identification. Zeke spearheads the Eyewitness Identification Reform Litigation Network ([www.eyelD.org](http://www.eyelD.org)) assisting defense lawyers litigating identification cases. Before joining the Innocence Project, Zeke was a staff attorney for the Bronx Defenders, a community-based public defender office in the South Bronx. While at Bronx Defenders and the Innocence Project, Zeke spent two years as a criminal justice fellow at the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy, a non-profit progressive think tank promoting social and economic fairness. Prior to law school, Zeke worked for three years as an investigator at the Capital Defender Office in Manhattan. Zeke is a graduate of Vassar College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Public Interest Scholar focusing on criminal defense and international human rights.

### **JAMES W. ELLIS**

James W. Ellis is the Weihofen Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico, where he has taught since 1976. His principal teaching and research interests focus on constitutional law, mental disability law, criminal law, and the rights of children. A graduate of Occidental College and the University of California at Berkeley, Jim worked at the Yale Psychiatric Institute (performing alternate service as a conscientious objector) and the Mental Health Law Project (now the Bazelon Center) before entering teaching. He also served as a Law Reporter for the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards Project and as President of the American Association on Mental Retardation. Jim is the principal author of briefs in seventeen cases in the Supreme Court of the United States (including *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center*, *Penry v. Lynaugh*, and *University of Alabama v. Garrett*). He argued *Atkins v. Virginia* before the United States Supreme Court. He is the inaugural recipient of the ABA's Paul G. Hearne Award for disability rights advocacy and was named by the National Historic Trust on Mental Retardation as one of 36 significant figures in the field of mental retardation in the twentieth century. In 2002, The National Law Journal named Jim "Lawyer of the Year."

### **ROBERT EPSTEIN**

Robert Epstein is an Assistant Federal Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia. Prior to joining the Defender Association in 1995, Mr. Epstein served a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Herbert N. Maletz, United States Senior District Court Judge for the District of Maryland. He also worked as a litigation associate with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York. Mr. Epstein received his B.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Albany and in 1987 received his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

### **MELODY ERMACHILD**

Melody Ermachild began her career in 1979 with Palladino & Sutherland in San Francisco, and has had her California State P.I. License since 1983. During her entire career, she has specialized in trials and appeals for people facing capital punishment, over the past 15 years working as a mitigation specialist. Among the notable defense teams she joined are four former capital cases arising out of the tragedy of the People's Temple deaths in Jonestown, Guyana, and the defense of the former Black Panther Geronimo Pratt, who was framed and finally exonerated. She has worked on the cases of over 35 people living on death rows.

In early 2002, Melody traveled to Afghanistan, where she used her investigative skills to research the biography, *MEENA, The Martyred Founder of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan*, (St. Martin's Press, 2003). She has donated all proceeds of book to RAWA's medical and educational work for women and children.

Since 2004 Melody has served as an investigator to the Death Penalty Clinic at U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Boalt). She is in private practice as a partner with Licensed PIs Aisha Ayers and Cloud Chavez.

### **JEAN FARLEY**

Jean Farley is a career public defender after 8 years in Orange County, and 23 in Ventura county. She is currently chief deputy public defender in charge of mental health services. She is a certified criminal law specialist since 1985.

She has tried numerous capital cases, homicide and other serious cases to jury and specializes in mental health issues.

Jean is absolutely of the opinion that no one has cross-examined more doctors in their career than she.

### **MILLARD FARMER**

Millard Farmer is a civil rights attorney from Atlanta who is most often associated with death penalty litigation in the South. In 1976 he was one of the founders of the Team Defense Project, which focused in representing indigent persons in death penalty cases. One of the cases that that project was extensively described in the book, *Dead Man Walking*. Many of the litigation strategies developed by the Team Defense Project have become the acceptable standards for early representation of indigent persons in death penalty cases. The work of the Team Defense Project has resulted in Millard Farmer receiving recognition on numerous occasions. In 1993, he was the recipient of the Abolitionist Award of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. It was 1986 when he was named an Honorary Fellow of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In 1993, he was given an honorary lifetime membership in the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

#### **STEVEN E. FELDMAN, ESQ.**

Steven E. Feldman, Esq. attended Loyola University School of Law where he received his J.D., University of California Berkeley and received a B.A. History. He was admitted to the following State of California (1973); California Supreme Court (1974); U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California (1980); Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1988); U.S. Supreme Court (1988). Steven has received specialist certification in Certified Specialist, Criminal Law and California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization (1987-Present). He currently has his own private practice which is limited to the defense of criminal cases in state and federal courts. Practice emphasizes representation of clients accused of serious felonies at the trial level. It includes capital cases and post-conviction representation.

#### **GREG FISHER**

Greg Fisher was employed by the Los Angeles County Public Defender for almost 34 years before retiring in 2008. During that time he tried many felony cases including two capital murder cases which proceeded through penalty phase. From 2004 until 2008, as Special Circumstance Coordinator, he supervised all of the capital cases within the office, and oversaw all capital case training within the office. He currently works part time as an outside consultant.

#### **TIMOTHY J. FOLEY**

Timothy J. Foley is an Assistant Federal Defender with the Capital Habeas Unit located in Sacramento, California. For more than twenty-five years, he has represented capital defendants at all stages of litigation, from trial through clemency, in state and federal courts. He has taught at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Davis School of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, and Hastings School of Law. His articles on capital defense and habeas corpus law have appeared in numerous publications, including *The Champion*, the *California Criminal Defense Practice Reporter*, *CACJ Forum*, and the *Loyola Law Review*.

#### **SIMON FORD**

Simon Ford obtained his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. He is the principal of Lexigen Science and Law Consultants, a San Francisco based firm that specializes in providing advice and technical support to lawyers regarding genetic evidence. He frequently consults on DNA cases and has conducted workshops for a number of agencies on computer analysis of STR test results.

#### **MONICA FOSTER**

Monica Foster is a criminal defense attorney in Indianapolis where her practice is devoted to representation of persons charged with or convicted and sentenced to the death penalty. She has argued in the United States Supreme Court and numerous state and federal courts throughout the country. She represents the government of Mexico when their nationals are arrested and charged with capital or potentially capital offenses. She is an adjunct professor at Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis. For the past three years she and her husband have hosted high school boys from Saudi Arabia who are in the United States as foreign exchange students.

### **JENNIFER FRIEDMAN**

Jennifer Friedman has been Deputy Public Defender in Los Angeles County for over 21 years. She is the office's Forensic Science Coordinator and represents clients charged with capital murder. She has tried over 125 felony jury trials many of which were sexual assaults and homicides involving complex scientific issues. She is a member of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, California Public Defenders Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys and a member of LA County Public Defender planning committee for the annual capital case seminar and the planning committee for the California Capital Case Defense Seminar. She is a member of the California Crime Lab Task Force. She writes the expert section of the California Death Penalty Manual. She is a frequent lecturer on the use of various forensic sciences in the courts.

### **RUTH FRIEDMAN**

Ruth Friedman has been director of the Federal Capital Habeas Project since its inception in 2006, working with lawyers and courts to coordinate and improve habeas representation for prisoners on federal death row. Until 2002, she served as Senior Counsel at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, where her practice encompassed all levels of capital litigation, including federal habeas corpus, state post conviction, and trial and direct appeal. Ruth started her career at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta. While at the Center, she argued the case of Harris v. Alabama at the Supreme Court, unsuccessfully challenging the ability of Alabama trial judges to reject jury life verdicts and arbitrarily impose the death penalty. Ruth has testified in Congress against efforts to cut back on habeas and served as a consultant to the Office of Defender Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts in Washington, working to improve capital habeas corpus services to condemned inmates in underserved jurisdictions around the country. Ruth received her J.D. from Yale Law School and her undergraduate degree from Harvard University.

### **CLIFFORD GARDNER**

Clifford Gardner has had a post-conviction practice for the last 29 years, specializing in criminal appellate and habeas corpus representation in state and federal court. He has argued cases at all levels of the state and federal court system, including 15 cases in the California Supreme Court and two cases in the United States Supreme Court. He has successfully represented death row clients in Idaho, Montana, and California, and lectured and written about appellate and habeas representation generally as well as the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act passed by Congress in 1996. In 2000, he co-authored a statewide initiative -- the "Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000" (more commonly known as Proposition 36) -- which was enacted by 61% of the electorate on November 7, 2000. In 2005, Clifford Gardner wrote the Santa Cruz City Ordinance No. 2005-28 creating a compassionate use program to ensure that critically ill citizens of Santa Cruz County had access to medical marijuana.

### **DEBRA GARVEY**

Debra Garvey is the Capital Case Coordinator at the Federal Public Defender - Central District of California. She has worked on both federal capital trial and capital habeas cases. She is a graduate of the U. C. Davis Law School. Prior to working for the Federal Public Defender, Deb was a lawyer with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and also at Inner City Law Center. At various times in the past she was the director of the Downtown Women's Center in Los Angeles, a program for mentally ill homeless women; a long-term substitute teacher for special education classes in the East Whittier City School District; a staff member in a children's resource program in Tijuana and a six-month apprentice in a bio-intensive gardening program in Santa Barbara.

## DENISE GRAGG

Denise Gragg began her legal career in private practice in 1981. In 1984, she worked with Juvenile Defenders and joined the Orange County Public Defender's Office two years later. She started with misdemeanor and felony preliminary hearing assignments and went on to felony trial assignments and writs and appeal assignments; she became a Deputy Public Defender in charge of Harbor and North County branch courts in 1995. By 1996, she was a Deputy Public Defender, in charge of the Writs and Appeals Department. Since 1998, Ms. Gragg has been an Assistant Public Defender in charge of capital litigation. Her capital trials include, *People v. Hilbun* (1996), *People v. Famalaro* (1997), and *People v. Abrams* (2000).

## AMANDA GREGORY, Ph.D. Clinical Neuropsychologist

Dr. Gregory completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison where she studied psychology and film. She completed her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Texas, Austin. Her doctoral thesis assessed neuropsychological and MRI volumetric correlates of conduct disorder and violent behavior in adolescents. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychiatry and clinical neuropsychology at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Gregory has extensive experience conducting psychological and neuropsychological assessments with adolescent and adult psychiatric, medical and forensic populations. She also has experience conducting individual and group psychotherapy. After completing her postdoctoral studies, Dr. Gregory became Director of Psychological Services at a residential treatment center for children and adolescents in Texas, where she continues to provide consultation. Currently, she is in private practice in San Francisco. She conducts psychological and neuropsychological assessments with adolescents and adults primarily in forensic settings. She is also a staff psychologist for the Adult Inpatient Program at the University of California, San Francisco and provides emergency coverage as a staff neuropsychologist at Alta Bates Medical Center Neurological Rehabilitation Services. Dr. Gregory has also travelled to Rwanda to teach Posttraumatic Stress Disorder treatment interventions to Rwandese graduate students and trauma counselors.

## ANDY GUTIERREZ

Andy Gutierrez is a member of the Special Trials Unit of the Santa Clara County Public Defenders Office, where he has practiced for 10 years. He is an expert on gang issues, for which he has presented seminars and written a chapter in CEB's Scientific Evidence book. He obtained his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his JD from Hastings College of Law.

## CRAIG HANEY

Craig Haney is a Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is the author of *Reforming Punishment: Psychological Limits to the Pains of Imprisonment* (2006), and *Death By Design: Capital Punishment as a Social Psychological System* (2005), as well as a number of other articles about the psychology of imprisonment and various capital trial-level issues.

## STEPHEN K. HARPER

Stephen K. Harper currently serves as Co-coordinator of the Capitol Litigation Unit in the Public Defender's Office in Miami- Dade, Florida. In that position, he is primarily responsible for the gathering and presentation of mitigation evidence. He has lectured nationally on representation in the penalty phase and the "team defense" approach. He served on the Advisory Committee for the American Bar Association's revised edition of *Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases*.

Harper is an adjunct professor at the University Of Miami School Of Law where he teaches the course Juvenile Law. In 1998, he received the American Bar Association's Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award for "outstanding dedication and advocacy on behalf of delinquent youth." In 2005, he received the Southern Center for Human Rights' Frederick Douglas Award for his work to end the juvenile death penalty.

## RYAN HAYGOOD

Ryan P. Haygood is the Co-Director of the Voter Protection Group at the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. ("LDF"). In that capacity, Ryan oversees LDF's voting rights docket and litigates cases on behalf of African Americans and other racial minorities arising under the United States Constitution and Voting Rights Act of 1965. Ryan is also frequently involved in state and federal legislative advocacy about issues pertaining to voting rights.

Ryan was part of LDF's litigation team that successfully defended Section 5, the core provision of the Voting Rights Act, against a constitutional challenge before a three-judge panel in federal court in Washington, D.C. last spring, and before the U.S. Supreme Court in April. That case, *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. One v. Holder*, was filed in 2006, just eight days after President George W. Bush signed the reauthorized VRA, in which Congress renewed several temporary provisions of the Act. In connection with the successful reauthorization effort, Ryan helped to coordinate LDF's activities, including developing a legislative strategy, building the Congressional record, and engaging in public education and debate about the importance of the Act in various community and media settings.

During his work on the reauthorization, Ryan also represented African-American voters in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana in *Williams v. McKeithen*, a Voting Rights Act challenge to the Parish's method of electing judges to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In response to the *Williams* litigation, the Louisiana legislature created a new district, which provided Jefferson Parish's African-American community, for the first time since the creation of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, with the opportunity to elect to a candidate of its choice to the court. Ryan is also counsel in several voting rights challenges to state laws that disproportionately deny the vote to racial minorities with felony convictions, including *Hayden v. Paterson* and *Farrakhan v. Gregoire*, challenges before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, respectively; and *Gooden v. Worley I* and *Gooden v. Worley II*, state and federal challenges to Alabama's denial of the right to vote to eligible citizens with felony convictions.

During the 2008 presidential election, Ryan served as a coordinator of LDF's Prepared to Vote Program, a 10-state non-partisan voter empowerment initiative. In connection with that effort, Ryan trained hundreds of legal and other volunteers. He also litigated two successful pre-Election Day challenges, one that resulted in a ruling that allowed a prison-based voter registration drive in Alabama to continue and another that prevented an effort in Indiana to challenge voters' eligibility to cast a ballot on the basis of home foreclosure.

Prior to joining LDF, Ryan was a litigation associate at the New York law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, and was the 2001 recipient of the LDF/Fried Frank Fellowship. At Fried, Frank, Ryan represented clients in a variety of complex commercial and civil rights matters before federal courts.

Ryan received a J.D. from the *University of Colorado School of Law* in 2001, and a Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* in American history and political science in 1997 from *Colorado College*, where he was nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship. Between college and law school, he served a year-long internship with Campus Crusade for Christ, spending the last portion of his internship in Zambia.

*Founded in 1940 under the leadership of Thurgood Marshall, the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund is the nation's oldest civil rights law firm. LDF won the historic U.S. Supreme Court case, Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, which ended officially sanctioned public school segregation and overturned the "separate but equal" doctrine of legally sanctioned discrimination. Although initially affiliated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, LDF has been an entirely separate organization since 1957.*

## **LOIS HEANEY**

The National Jury Project is the oldest trial consulting firm in the U.S. Its early cases included those arising out of the Attica Brothers Prison rebellion and the uprising at Wounded Knee. Lois Heaney has been a staff member of the National Jury Project for over thirty years. She has worked with attorneys on capital cases since 1979. She has a resume of cases encompassing a broad spectrum of federal and state court litigation, including criminal law, civil rights, police brutality, prison conditions, asbestos, toxic torts, intellectual property, complex commercial litigation, libel, and insurance coverage. She has assisted counsel in several hundred capital cases in a variety of state and federal courts. She has testified as an expert in state and federal courts on issues related to juror bias, publicity, survey research, voir dire procedures and motions to change venue. Her articles about capital defense, including penalty phase preparation have been cited in several U.S. Supreme Court briefs.

## **HOPE HILL**

### **HENDERSON HILL**

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Henderson is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

He began his practice in 1981 as a lawyer with the Public Defender Service, in Washington D.C.; he held the positions of special litigation counsel, deputy chief of the appellate division and training director before relocating to North Carolina. In 1991 he became the director of the North Carolina Death Penalty Resource Center, in Raleigh. In 1995 he founded and served as director of the non-profit organization, the Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, North Carolina.

Henderson is a Commissioner of the Indigent Defense Services Commission, in North Carolina. He is a frequent presenter and lecturer for many programs and professional organizations on Trial Advocacy and Death Penalty Defense and has served as a Lecturer at Duke University School of Law and as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Hill is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers where he formerly served on the board of Governors. He has served on the boards of many other criminal justice and social justice organizations throughout his career. In 1999, Mr. Hill received the Paul Green Award from the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union for his work to abolish the death penalty. In 1999, Mr. Hill was a founding member of The Charlotte Coalition for Moratorium Now, a grass roots organization that led the successful drive for a resolution supporting a Moratorium on executions by the Charlotte City Council and is a leading organization in the statewide effort to enact a Moratorium in North Carolina.

### **SCHARLETTE HOLDMAN**

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### **JIM HOPPER, Ph.D**

Jim Hopper, Ph.D. is clinical psychologist, researcher, therapist, forensic consultant, and Instructor in Psychology at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. He has studied the effects of violence and other traumas on the mind and brain for 20 years. Dr. Hopper's research has addressed the long-term effects of child abuse, especially in men; the biological bases of emotion regulation problems in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex PTSD; the characteristics of traumatic memories; and how people use alcohol and drugs in attempts to manage posttraumatic suffering. As a therapist Dr. Hopper works with adults who have experienced childhood abuse and violence. In his forensic work, he assesses traumatized men who have committed violent crimes, with capital cases as a specialty. Dr. Hopper maintains [www.jimhopper.com](http://www.jimhopper.com), a web site on child abuse issues that receives over 800,000 unique annual visitors, and writes the content of [www.lin6.org](http://www.lin6.org), a comprehensive website for men with histories of childhood sexual abuse and people who care about them. He publishes articles and gives talks, seminars and workshops around the country.

### **SHERI LYNN JOHNSON**

Sheri Lynn Johnson received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. from Yale University. After working for the public defender in New York City, she began teaching at the Cornell Law School, where she is now a professor. She teaches Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, and the Capital Punishment Clinic, which presently represents inmates on death rows in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Ohio, and the military. Her scholarly interests focus on racial issues in the criminal process, for which the Clinic's cases provide ample material. She is Co-Director of the Cornell Death Penalty Project.

### **JANE KAHN**

Jane Kahn is Of Counsel at Rosen, Bien & Galvan, LLP, where her practice focus is Constitutional and Civil Rights. Prior to Rosen, Bien & Galvan, Ms. Kahn was a staff attorney at the Prison Law Office from 1991-1996. Ms. Kahn has worked on the *Coleman* case since trial in 1993. She has focused on the remedial phase of the case and worked on developing the Policies and Procedures with defendants (the CDCR) and the Special Master. She has advocated on behalf of class members for additional orders from the *Coleman* court for more mental health beds, more stringent suicide prevention procedures, and other clinical requirements.

Before the Prison Law Office, Jane Kahn was a family court mediator in Alameda and then Marin Counties, and a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Marin. Ms. Kahn has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University, a Masters degree in sociology from Northwestern University and a law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law.

### **SEAN K. KENNEDY**

Sean K. Kennedy was appointed the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California in 2006. He graduated cum laude from Loyola Marymount in 1986 and received his law degree from Loyola Law School in 1989. He joined the Federal Public Defender's Office in 1992 and served in the trial unit for eight years. He later focused on capital trial and habeas corpus representation. He joined the Appeals and Non-capital Writs Unit in 2001 and became Supervising Deputy of the Capital Habeas Unit in 2004. He serves as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, where he teaches courses on appellate advocacy and capital punishment.

### **REGINA LAUGHNEY**

Regina Laughney has been a member of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office since 1981. Regina has tried over a dozen special circumstance trials, including four through penalty phase. The most recent of these involved special circumstance allegations of multiple murder and lying in wait and was completed in May of 2008. Regina has been an Assistant Special Circumstance Coordinator in her office since 2004, in which capacity she assists other attorneys in the Public Defender's Office currently defending capital cases. Regina was honored to receive the *Charlie Gessler Award* from her colleagues in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Association in 2004 and she was named the *Public Defender of the Year* by the Century City Bar Association that same year.

## MICHAEL LAURENCE

Michael Laurence is the Executive Director of the Habeas Corpus Resource Center, a California Judicial Branch agency created in 1998 to provide representation to death-row inmates in state and federal habeas proceedings. Since 1987, Mr. Laurence has provided representation to death row inmates throughout the country in all levels of state and federal courts. He has represented death-row inmates in a dozen evidentiary hearings, argued numerous cases before the California Supreme Court and the federal courts of appeals, and argued before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Laurence was also counsel of record in class actions challenging lethal gas as a method of execution and the application of various portions of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. Mr. Laurence also is a member of the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice, which the California Senate created to examine the causes of wrongful convictions and to make recommendations to ensure the fair administration of criminal justice in California.

## DENNY LEBOEUF

Denny LeBoeuf is the Director of the ACLU's John Adams Project, assisting in the defense of the capital charged Guantanamo detainees. She is a longtime capital defender, representing persons facing death at trial and in post-conviction in state and federal courts, and she teaches and consults with capital defense teams nationally. She was the founding Director of the Capital Post-Conviction Project in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is particularly interested in the litigation of mental health and in the ways in which race and poverty increase the traumatic burden carried by many clients. She was a member of the 2003 Committee that formulated the ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases, and was Chair of the post-Katrina Orleans Parish Public Defenders Board 2006-2007. She holds a J.D. from Tulane University and a B.A. from Hunter College.

## RICHARD A. LEO, Ph.D., J.D.

Richard A. Leo, Ph.D., J.D. is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of San Francisco and formerly a professor of Psychology and Criminology at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Leo is widely considered the leading social science expert on police interrogation and confessions in the United States. He is internationally known for his extensive empirical research on police interrogation practices, false confessions, and wrongful convictions. Dr. Leo has written 4 books and more than 50 articles and book chapters on these and closely related subjects. He is the author of *Police Interrogation and American Justice* (Harvard University Press, 2008), already considered to be the definitive study of police interrogation and confessions in America. He is also the author (with Tom Wells) of *The Wrong Guys: Murder, False Confessions and the Norfolk 4* (2008) and (with George Thomas) of *The Miranda Debate: Law, Justice and Policing* (1998).

Dr. Leo is frequently called to advise and assist practicing attorneys in litigation. Dr. Leo has consulted on hundreds of criminal and civil cases involving disputed interrogations and/or disputed confessions, and he has testified as an expert witness numerous times in state, federal and military courts across the United States. Dr. Leo has worked on many high profile cases involving false confessions, including the cases of Michael Crowe, Earl Washington, Kerry Max Cook, Medell Banks and two of the Central Park Jogger defendants, among others. Dr. Leo has also worked on behalf of hundreds of other, lesser known victims of interrogation coercion and false confession in cases that never received any media attention.

## MARVIN LEW

Marvin Lew is currently a Deputy Public Defender in Alameda County. He joined the office in 1999 after graduating *cum laude* from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. He obtained his B.A. in English from the University of California at Berkeley. As a Deputy Public Defender, Mr. Lew has tried misdemeanors, felonies, and one homicide with a defense of not guilty by reason of insanity. Mr. Lew has also served as associate counsel on one capital case in which the possibility of a death sentence has been eliminated.

#### **ANDREW S. LOVE**

Mr. Love has been representing death row inmates in California in both state and federal court for almost 20 years. Since 2000, he has been a Supervising Deputy State Public Defender at the Office of the State Public Defender in San Francisco. From 1995-2000, he was a partner in the law firm of Coffin & Love, which was devoted exclusively to capital post-conviction cases. From 1989-1995, he was a staff attorney at the California Appellate Project. Mr. Love has argued cases in the California Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit, and has conducted evidentiary hearings in state and federal court. He has been a co-chair of the planning committee for the CACJ/CPDA Capital Case Defense Seminar for several years. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for Death Penalty Focus.

#### **ROSE LUTRARIO**

#### **ROBIN M. MAHER**

Robin M. Maher is Director of the American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Project in Washington, D.C. She works to improve the quality and availability of legal representation for those charged with or convicted of capital crimes in the United States. Her work includes legal reform efforts with state and national legislators; training of judges and defense lawyers on the fundamentals of effective capital defense; initiating systemic litigation in jurisdictions that fail to provide necessary defense services; and recruiting volunteer lawyers from civil law firms to represent death-sentenced persons without counsel. In recent years more than 200 death penalty cases have been placed with prominent law firms across the country. Ms. Maher has been a trainer and lecturer on the death penalty throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, France, Ireland, China, and Japan. She is the author of a number of articles on the death penalty and is currently a part-time faculty member at The George Washington University Law School.

#### **MARY MCCOMB**

Since 1992, Mary McComb has worked at the Office of the State Public Defender representing death row inmates and other criminal defendants on appeal and on habeas corpus. She has also practiced as capital mitigation investigator and done non-capital state and federal appeals.

#### **JILL MILLER, MSSW, LCSW**

Jill Miller, MSSW, LCSW, is a Forensic Social Worker in private practice in Madison Wisconsin. She has worked in legal settings for almost forty years. She was on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin School of Social Work for twelve years. Since 1986 she has worked on over one hundred thirty capital cases at the trial and post-conviction levels, and in state, federal and military proceedings. Ms. Miller has trained extensively on capital case preparation and penalty phase presentation at national, state and local programs. She was a consultant on the 2003 ABA Standards for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases. She was the recipient of the NLADA Life in the Balance Achievement Award in 2000, and the NASA Outstanding Contributions to the Profession award in 1999.

## **LARRY MILLER**

Larry Miller, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist who received his doctorate degree in psychology from the Wright Institute in Berkeley. He also received a Masters degree in clinical psychology from San Francisco State University. Dr. Miller trained in child abuse assessment and treatment where one of his primary interests was and is the understanding and treatment of traumatic injury through the lens of attachment theory. Dr. Miller trained at Mt Zion/UCSF in the health psychology program working with children suffering from AIDS/HIV and at the Pediatric Rehabilitation unit at UCSF. Dr. Miller completed his post-doctoral training at Child Haven Inc. in Fairfield, CA where he worked with children and their families undergoing high-risk stressors such as domestic violence, child abuse (neglect, physical and sexual) and foster care placement.

Dr. Miller devised and implemented the Child Haven Inc. practicum training internship in 2003 focusing on child abuse treatment, where he is both supervisor and lecturer. He also has conducted psychotherapy and psychological testing with torture survivors through Survivors International and the Cambodian Refugee Relief Center. He has consulted for various psychological and legal agencies on attachment issues and their relationship to childhood trauma.

Dr. Miller has a private practice in Berkeley and San Francisco where he works with children, adults and couples.

## **RAHN Y. MINAGAWA, PH.D.**

Dr. Minagawa received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Southern California and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in child and adolescent psychology at Children's Hospital San Francisco. He served 12 years on active duty in the US Navy, and was a senior scientist for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation at the Navy Health Research Center in San Diego. He is an adjunct faculty member at San Diego State University in the Department of Psychology and an expert case reviewer for the California Board of Psychology. Dr. Minagawa has presented his work at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, the Commonwealth Club of California, and the White House. He has been qualified as an expert on gang issues related to adolescent involvement in juvenile and adult proceedings, and provides training to sworn officers through the San Diego County Probation Department. He currently maintains a private practice in forensic and clinical psychology, with offices in San Diego and San Jose, California.

## **NATASH MINSKER**

Natasha Minsker is the Death Penalty Policy Director of the ACLU of Northern California. In this position, Ms. Minsker uses a multi-disciplinary approach to promote the goal of reforming capital sentencing procedures and the eventually ending the death penalty in California. Previously, Ms. Minsker spent five years at the Alameda County Public Defender's Office, the first year as a research attorney in the Capital Defense Unit and the remaining four years as a Deputy Public Defender, handling all types of misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile cases. Ms. Minsker also served as staff attorney to the Judicial Council of California's Task Force on Criminal Jury Instructions, helping the committee research and draft more than 700 new criminal jury instructions. She clerked for the Honorable Martha Vazquez, Chief Judge of the Federal District Court of New Mexico, and is a graduate of Stanford Law School. In 2008, the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty honored her as the "Abolitionist of the Year." The ACLU of Northern California is the largest of the ACLU affiliates, representing more than 55,000 members.

## MARY JANE MONA

Mary is a member of the Planning Committee Member for this CACJ-CPDA Seminar in Monterey, and the Senior Training Director at CAP-San Francisco, working at CAP starting in 2005. Mary previously has presented at Monterey and elsewhere on many topics related to state post-conviction proceedings, including the identification of mental health-related claims on habeas; state post-conviction discovery, interviewing, declaration drafting, investigating prior convictions, mitigation theme development, and the effective use of resources in state post-conviction investigation. As CAP's Training Director, she organizes and conducts various trainings, consultations and workshops, including CAP's New Case Appointments Workshops and CAP's Annual Capital Appellate Conference. From 1999 to 2004, she worked as a state capital habeas attorney at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center in San Francisco, and during that time argued *Marks v. Superior Court*, 27 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 176 (2002) in the California Supreme Court. Previously, she practiced white collar criminal defense and civil litigation at Kecker & Van Nest in San Francisco (1996-1998), and at Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel in New York (1992-1995). In 1991-1992 clerked for the Hon. Raymond J. Dearie, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Mary graduated from Yale Law School in 1991, where she was an Editor of the Yale Law Journal, an editor of the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, and an active member in the school's Women's Prison Clinic. In 1985 she graduated from Princeton University summa cum laude, studying Comparative Literature, Narrative Theory and Women's Studies.

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## MARCIA MORRISSEY

Marcia A. Morrissey has represented Cary Stayner, who is accused of four killings at Yosemite National Park in two cases, one prosecuted in United States District Court in Fresno and another in Mariposa County Superior Court. Ms. Morrissey has spent much of the past ten years in court defending individuals accused of crimes in complex jury trials. Most recently, she defended Jaime A. Mares in a double murder case involving the death of a police officer and was successful in persuading the jury to spare his life. She represented Marion "Suge" Knight- the CEO of Death Row Records, in hotly contested litigation in Los Angeles Superior Court and in the Court of Appeal. She obtained a dismissal in a wire fraud prosecution against Tracy Weatherby before United States District Court Judge Steven V. Wilson in 1997. She represented rap artist Calvin Broadus C' Snoop Dogg II) in his 1995 murder trial; Mr. Broadus was acquitted. In 1996, she represented recording artist Nathaniel Hale ("Nate Dogg") on robbery charges in Long Beach Superior Court; Mr. Hale was acquitted. In 1993, she was co-counsel for Erik Menendez at his first trial for the murder of his parents in their Beverly Hills home, which ended in a hung jury. Between September 1992 and February 1993 she represented Keith Campbell, who was tried in a death penalty case in Los Angeles Superior Court; the jury acquitted Mr. Campbell of all charges. In 1991 Ms. Morrissey represented Christian Mann in a multi-defendant multi-count conspiracy prosecution in United States District Court in Dallas, Texas before the Hon. Barefoot Sanders. Her client was the only one of the accused acquitted by the jury. From August 1990 through June 1991 she was co-counsel for Lanie Greenberger, the lead defendant in a death penalty prosecution named "The Cotton Club" case by the media because it allegedly arose out of a dispute over the financing of that film. Mrs. Greenberger was acquitted of the capital and first degree murder charges, but was convicted of other offenses. In 1972, Ms. Morrissey graduated from the University of Michigan. She received numerous awards and honors' including membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the Branstrom Prize and Angell Scholar Awards. She then attended Wayne State University School of Law and graduated in 1975. While at law school, she developed her interest in litigation and commitment to the protection of individual rights and liberties. During the school years, as well as the summers she worked nearly full time in a series of positions involving criminal trial and appellate practice, including two years as a senior law clerk with the Michigan State Appellate Defender's Office. After being admitted to the California State Bar in 1975 she began her law practice at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. While serving as a Deputy Public Defender Ms. Morrissey represented hundreds of individuals in criminal cases ranging from homicide to insurance fraud and drunk driving in superior and municipal courts throughout Los Angeles county. During this period, she tried approximately 150 jury trials and 250 non-jury trials. At the time she left the Public Defender's Office her caseload included three capital cases, four non-capital homicides, several fraud cases and approximately 50 other major felony cases.

### **ERIC MULTHAUP**

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Erin Murphy is an Assistant Professor at UC Berkeley School of Law, but is currently visiting at Harvard Law School after having spent the fall visiting at NYU School of Law. Her research explores issues related to technology, state power, and the criminal justice system, with a particular emphasis on street crime. Murphy has written extensively in the area of forensic DNA typing, most recently about familial searching (“Relative Doubt”) and burden-shifting (“Inferences and Arguments in Second Generation Forensic Evidence”), and has co-authored pieces at the intersection of law and science with Dr. Montgomery Slatkin and Dr. Yun Song. Her article “Paradigms of Restraint” (*Duke L.J.*) won the AALS Criminal Justice Section 2008 award for best paper by a junior scholar, and her articles “The New Forensics: Criminal Justice, False Certainty and the Second Generation of Scientific Evidence” (*Calif. L. Rev.*) and “The Art in the Science of DNA: A Layperson’s Guide to the Subjectivity Inherent in Forensic DNA Typing” (*Emory L.J.*) were recently cited by the U.S. Supreme Court. She is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and a former clerk to the Honorable Merrick B. Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

### **NATALIE NOVICK BROWN, Ph.D.**

Dr. Natalie Brown is a licensed Psychologist with specialized training and expertise in the areas of developmental disabilities and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs). She has practiced in both the clinical and forensic areas for 15 years and is certified in Washington State to conduct evaluations and risk assessments for the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Department of Social and Health Services. As a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, she consults with the Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit regarding criminal behaviors in individuals with FASD diagnoses and other conditions involving developmental disability. Dr. Brown is Program Director and Chief Psychologist for FASD Experts, the only multidisciplinary assessment group in the United States that operates in the forensic arena. For the past two years, she also has been testing and screening misdemeanor offenders for FASDs who were referred by the Mental Health and Drug Courts in Seattle in order to determine their potential eligibility for coverage by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Since its inception, FASD Experts has had several successful case outcomes in the capital murder context as well as other areas. In addition to her work in FASDs, Dr. Brown is a national expert in sexual offender evaluation/treatment and sexually violent predator risk assessment.

### **MICHAEL OGUL**

Michael Ogul is a deputy public defender in Santa Clara County, California, and has been a public defender for 28 years, having previously worked in San Joaquin, Alameda and Solano counties. He has litigated numerous capital cases, published many articles on various aspects of capital and criminal defense, taught seminars on capital defense and other criminal defense topics, and presently serves as the editor of the California Death Penalty Defense Manual in an effort to update the previous work of Michael Burt and many others.

### **MARK E. OLIVE**

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### **STEVE PARNES**

Steve Parnes has been with CAP since 1988. Previously he worked in private practice doing criminal defense work (for 7 years); as an attorney with the Office of the State Public Defender (for 7 years); as a law professor at the New England School of Law (in Boston, for 2 years); and as an attorney with the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Boston (for a year).

### **DAVID PASCHAL**

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### **JIM PATTON**

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### **WENDY PEOPLES**

Wendy Peoples received her JD from Boalt Hall School of Law, in Berkeley, California. She began working on capital cases as a legal research attorney for the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. She then moved into capital post-conviction representation as a staff attorney at various agencies as well as in private practice. Now in Florida, Wendy continues to represent death row inmates and provides assistance to attorneys in federal habeas corpus proceedings. She also assists with maintaining the website of Habeas Assistance and Training.

### **DR. KATHY PEZDEK**

Dr. Kathy Pezdek is a Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean at Claremont Graduate University where she directs the Ph.D. program in Applied Cognitive Psychology. She is a cognitive psychologist specializing in the study of eyewitness memory. Dr. Pezdek's extensive research has focused on the study of eyewitness memory and the suggestibility of memory. Her work has been funded by several grants from the National Science Foundation's program in Law and Social Science. Her recent book, *Expert Psychological Testimony for the Courts*, has played a critical role in clarifying the link between law and psychology. She is a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science, has served as Editor of the journal, *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, and serves on the Editorial Board of numerous scientific journals spanning cognitive psychology, psychology and law, and developmental psychology. Dr. Pezdek frequently testifies in court as an expert witness in the area of eyewitness identification including many high visibility cases. For additional information please go to Dr. Pezdek's web site, <http://www.cgu.edu/pages/981.asp>

### **JOHN PHILIPSBORN**

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### **RAY PLUMHOFF**

Ray Plumhoff received his law degree from UC Berkeley in 1983. After two years doing white collar criminal defense at a small firm in San Francisco, he started at the Alameda County Public Defenders Office in 1985, and has been there ever since. For most of his career he has concentrated on felony litigation, including trials of many serious felonies and homicides. He has handled a number of special circumstance homicides, has been successful in having special circumstance allegations dropped or convincing the prosecution not to seek death, and has tried a case through a penalty phase.

### **JERI POLEN**

Jeri Polen works for the Los Angeles County Deputy Alternate Public Defender. She has been doing criminal defense work for 26 years-- 18 years with the Los Angeles County Public Defender and the last 8 years with the Alternate Public Defender. For the overwhelming majority of that time she has been handling felony cases including Death Penalty cases.

### **STEVE POTOLSKY**

Steve Potolsky graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1982 and began his legal career in the Miami-Dade County, Florida Public Defender's Office. He is a past President of the *Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Miami Chapter* and has been on its Board of Directors since 1992. Since entering private practice in 1990, he has specialized in death penalty defense, and has been selected by Federal District Court Judges in Miami, Jacksonville, San Juan and St. Croix, USVI to serve as counsel in potential Federal death penalty cases. Steve was involved in the first modern Federal death penalty case tried in the State of Florida, which resulted in acquittal on both murder counts for each of the capital defendants. He was also involved in the first modern Federal death penalty case tried in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, where both defendants were acquitted. Steve has spoken on the Federal death penalty and other topics at numerous capital training seminars throughout the Country, and now also serves as one of the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel.

### **DANALYNN RECER**

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### **WILBERT RIDEAU**

Wilbert Rideau spent 44 years in the Louisiana prison system, first on death row and later as a life-sentenced prisoner before a retrial in 2005 freed him. For 25 years, Wilbert was the editor of *The Angolite*, the nation's only uncensored prison publication; he won many of journalism's top national awards for his exposes of prison life. While behind bars he also helped produce award winning radio, television, and film documentaries about prison. His memoir, *In the Place of Justice*, will be published by Alfred Knopf in June. He is a consultant with the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Project working to help capital attorneys better understand their clients and counseling capital defendants on their concerns or fears that may negatively affect defense efforts.

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## **BARRY C. SCHECK**

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## **JOE SCHLESINGER**

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## ELISABETH SEMEL

After graduating from UC Davis School of Law, Elisabeth Semel became a deputy public defender. In 1980, she entered private practice and, in 1983, formed the firm of Semel & Feldman. Semel has defended criminal cases in the state and federal courts with an emphasis on representation at the trial level, including homicides and capital cases. In 1997, Semel left private practice to serve as the director of the American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Project in Washington, D.C. Semel joined the Boalt faculty in 2001, as the first director of the Death Penalty Clinic. In that capacity, Semel represents clients under sentence of death in states such as Alabama and California and engages in related litigation such as amicus curiae briefs, petitions for writs of certiorari, clemency petitions, and pretrial motions in capital cases. Semel and her students have prepared amicus curiae briefs that were filed in the U.S. Supreme Court in several death penalty cases, including *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, *Miller-El v. Dretke*, and *Snyder v. Louisiana* (all dealing with race discrimination in jury selection). Semel has written numerous articles about criminal defense practice, including: "The Lone Star State is Not Alone in Denying Due Process to Those Who Face Execution" (July 1999); "Racial Injustice: Work to be Done Outside the Courtroom" (June 1998); "Talk to the Media About Your Client? Think Again" in *The Champion* (with C. Sevilla, November 1997); "Breathing Life into Batson" (2003); "The Good, the Bad and the Evil: News from the Hill" (1997); and "Victims' Rights: New Amendment to the Federal Constitution?" in the *California Criminal Defense Practice Reporter* (1996). Beginning in 2003, her annual annotated summaries of cases dealing with *Batson v. Kentucky* (race or gender discrimination in jury selection) have been posted electronically and included in various criminal defense publications. Semel frequently provides commentary in the mainstream media on issues relating to the rights of individuals accused of crime, particularly those facing the death penalty. Semel has received many awards, including the Distinguished Alumni Award (UC Davis School of Law, 2000), John Dewey Award for Distinguished Public Service (Bard College, 1997), the Marshall Stern Award for Legislative Advocacy (NACDL, 1996), the Civil Rights Award (San Diego League of Women Voters, 1995) and the E. Stanley Conant Award for Protecting the Rights of the Indigent Accused (Defender Programs of San Diego, 1982). Education: B.A., Bard College (1972) J.D., UC Davis (1975)

## PAM SILLER

Pam Siller has been an investigator since 1979. She currently works on capital cases at the trial level and post conviction. Pam was one of three investigators that helped start the Sacramento Federal Public Defender's office's Habeas Unit. Pam was a senior investigator for Equifax Corporation; worked on death cases and background investigations. Pam was the Executive Director of the Lotus Garden a group home for pregnant teens. This was her dream to help troubled teens and to give them some of the tools that they needed to better their lives and that of their unborn babies. She is a foster mother and continually works with teenagers.

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Edward M. Sousa was the recipient of CACJ's Skip Glen Award in 2005 for his dedication and commitment to criminal defense work. He has worked in private practice in Santa Clara County since 1986, and was co-counsel with M. Gerald Schwartzbach for 8 years in the pro bono representation of Glen "Buddy" Nickerson, who was factually innocent and wrongfully imprisoned for 18 1/2 years, eventually winning Buddy's freedom in 2003; as well as *Keenan* counsel in the Murray Lodge capital murder trial which involved two trials lasting 25 months, and resulting in an LWOP sentence. He is currently representing DeShawn Campbell who is charged in a capital murder case in which the victim was a police officer. He has extensively litigated a pre trial mental retardation claim in the *Campbell* case since June of 2006. The original mental retardation hearing lasted six months and reopened mental retardation hearing recently concluded on November 6, 2008.

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## **DR. KIM SPENCE-COCHRAN**

Dr. Kim Spence-Cochran has been the Coordinator of Educational & Training Programs for the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities at the University of Central Florida since 1999. In 2001, Dr. Spence-Cochran developed and began providing specialized training about autism and mental retardation for emergency responders, law enforcement personnel, the criminal justice system, and the public defender's office. She has trained numerous law enforcement officers from all 67 districts within the state of Florida; provides training for the Crisis Intervention Team Training Schools in all regions of Florida; and has provided training nationally regarding Pervasive Developmental Disorders and Cognitive impairments for the federal public defender's office and mitigation specialists. In addition to her job at CARD, Dr. Spence-Cochran is a member of the Project Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Grant Advisory Committee at UCF and is an adjunct instructor for both the College of Education and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at UCF. She serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation (JVR)* and the editorial review board of *Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits (ATOB)*; and serves nationally as a consultant and an expert witness for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Most recently, Dr. Spence-Cochran, in coordination with the *Journal of Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits*, published her ground-breaking research involving the use of hand-held technology by individuals with autism spectrum disorders in an effort to complete jobs within their communities. In the book, *Assistive Technology and Autism Spectrum Disorders: Research-Based Practice & Innovation in the Field*, which Dr. Spence-Cochran edited, practitioners can find a wealth of information involving video modeling and technology-based intervention strategies for individuals with ASD.

#### **DR. ALEX STALCUP**

Dr. Alex Stalcup is a graduate of Whittier College and a graduate of the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine. He is Board Certified in Pediatrics, certified in Addiction Medicine by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (A.S.A.M.) and certified as a Medical Review Officer by A.S.A.M., and the Medical Review Officers Certifying Council (M.R.O.C.C.). In 1990, after three years at the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic in San Francisco, Dr. Stalcup opened a private practice in addiction medicine. Since 1996, he has served as the Medical Director of the New Leaf Treatment Center in Lafayette, California. Dr. Stalcup also serves as a lecturer and consultant for drug treatment and chemical dependency issues to both public and private agencies in California and nationally.

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Jeannie Sternberg has been a Deputy Director at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center since its inception. She clerked for the late Rose Elizabeth Bird, former Chief Justice of the State of California and thereafter devoted her legal career to criminal law. She served as a deputy state public defender (1980-85) where she argued over 100 criminal appeals and as a staff attorney at CAP (1986-95). Prior to joining the HCRC in 1999, she was briefly in private practice. She was appointed to her first capital appeal in 1981. Since then she has represented dozens of condemned prisoners in state and federal courts in appellate and post-conviction proceedings, worked with numerous clients facing execution and worked on several cases under warrant.

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