

Kent E. Cattani

Judge Kent Cattani was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2013, and he was elected Chief Judge in 2021. After earning his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986, he worked in private practice and at the Arizona Attorney General's Office. As an Assistant Attorney General, he represented the State in over 200 cases, and he argued more than 95 cases in state and federal appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court. He also served as a Unit Chief, Section Chief, Division Chief, and Solicitor General. Additionally, he provided testimony regarding criminal justice issues to the United States Senate and House of Representatives Judiciary Committees, and he helped draft legislation and worked with the Arizona legislature in addressing similar issues.

Judge Cattani is currently the Vice Chair of Arizona's Forensic Science Advisory Committee, as well as a member of the Legal Resources Committee of the federal Organization of Scientific Area Committees.

Sarah Chu

As the director of policy and reform, Sarah leads the Perlmutter Center's forensic science policy initiatives. She served on the Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee of the National Commission on Forensic Science and was the 2021 recipient of the Legal Aid Society's Magnus Mukoro Award for Integrity in Forensic Science. Prior to joining the Perlmutter Center, Sarah led the Innocence Project's policy portfolio on forensic science, forensic medicine, and police investigative technologies for 15 years. A graduate of the University of California, San Diego, Sarah holds bachelor degrees in Biochemistry/Cell Biology, Communication, and a Masters in Biology. She also holds a Masters in Epidemiology from Stanford University and completed her doctorate in Criminal Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY Graduate Center. Sarah is a member of the 2023-2024 class of the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics Fellowship Program.

John Collins

John M. Collins is a professional coach, author, and facilitator specializing in forensic laboratory practice and administration. He started his private practice in 2013 after retiring his award-winning, 20-year career in forensic science, having served as the director of forensic science for the State of Michigan. John has worked in federal, state, and local forensic laboratories, and he is the author of four books, three of which are focused on forensic science leadership, public policy, and professional effectiveness. His workshop, *Advanced Expert Witnessing for Forensic Laboratory Scientists* is hosted multiple times each year and remains one of the most popular and impactful educational programs in forensic science today. His 5th book, *A Different Kind of Science*, is scheduled for release in 2025 and focuses on the attack and defense of forensic science testimony in the courtroom. For more information about John's work in forensic science, please visit www.criticalvictories.com/forensic.

Lynn Garcia

Lynn Robitaille Garcia joined the FSC as General Counsel on December 14, 2010.

Ms. Garcia advises the Commission on laboratory accreditation, forensic licensing and investigative functions, tracks developments in legislation relevant to the FSC's mission, ensures compliance with

Texas open government laws, and represents the Commission before the Texas Legislature and at various national conferences.

She is a member of the Forensic Science Standards Board of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science. She is a founding member of the National Association of Forensic Science Boards. She serves on the Expert Working Group on Human Factors in Forensic DNA Interpretation. She is a member of the jurisprudence section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Ms. Garcia graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with honors. She obtained her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC in 2000.

Katie Hoffmeyer

Katie Hoffmeyer works for the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories (WSCL) and has been the Director of the Wausau Laboratory since 2020. She started her career with the WSCL in 2011 as a Controlled Substance Analyst and has been in various roles over the years as a Crime Scene Response Team Leader, Laboratory Quality Manager and Forensic Scientist Supervisor. She serves as a technical assessor for ANAB and is a professional member of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) and Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS).

Daniel Katz

Dan Katz has been with the Maryland State Police – Forensic Sciences Division for 16 years; 9 years in his current role as Director, 5 years as Deputy Director, and 2 years as the Forensic Biology Section Manager. Prior to coming to the Maryland State Police, he worked for 7 years at the Delaware Office of the Chief Medical Examiner where he was the DNA Unit Manager and DNA Technical Leader during his entire tenure. Dan started his forensic career at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory where he worked for 3 years, first as a technician and then as an analyst, in both the Mitochondrial DNA and Nuclear DNA sections.

Dan grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and attended the University of Delaware receiving a B.S. in Biotechnology. He then went to graduate school at the George Washington University where he received a M.F.S. in Forensic Science. Dan also earned a Certificate in Forensic Laboratory Management from the University of California at Davis. Dan is certified by the American Board of Criminalistics as a Diplomate in Comprehensive Criminalistics.

Dan has been a member of ASCLD since 2010 and has presented at the previous two Symposiums. He is a member of the Maryland Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee since 2014 and a member of the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee since 2017. Dan is a former president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists, a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, a past Commissioner on the Forensic Science Education Program Accreditation Commission, and a founding member of the National Association of Forensic Science Boards.

Mike Kuykendall

Mike Kuykendall is a Senior Attorney for the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), the nonpartisan association that supports interaction, training and research for state and territory attorneys general. He served as founding director of their Center for Excellence in Governance and technical advisor for the National Center for Ethics and Public Integrity. Mr. Kuykendall has trained assistant AG's and other public safety professional around the country on the investigation and prosecution of cases including forensic science, officer involved shootings, opioid overdose deaths, ethics and public integrity, and trial advocacy.

Mr. Kuykendall was the founder and former Director of the National Center for Community Prosecution at the National District Attorneys Association in Washington, D.C. He has worked in the public safety arena for 45 years as a probation officer, mental health therapist, state prosecutor and major police department executive. He is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Law (J.D.), Indiana State University (M.S.) and DePauw University (B.A.).

Marna McLendon

Marna will always wear her blue & white, from Penn State. She graduated in 1972 with a degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1977 while serving as a police officer and detective with the Howard County Police Department. In 1980 she received her Masters in Forensic Science from George Washington University. She has served as legal advisor for the Howard County Police Department as well as a prosecutor for Howard and Baltimore counties. In 1994, she was elected as the State's Attorney for Howard County, Maryland serving two terms.

After moving to Arizona with her husband in 2003, she worked with the Attorney General's Office and served on the Arizona Forensic Science Advisory Committee from its inception in 2007. She retired from the office in 2011, but continued serving on the Committee and currently serves as the Coordinator.

John Morgan

Dr. John Morgan conducts research related to expert errors with an emphasis on forensic science errors in wrongful convictions. His work includes a landmark analysis of 732 wrongful convictions involving false or misleading forensic evidence. Dr. Morgan has conducted scientific research in forensic science, law enforcement technology, defense against weapons of mass destruction, optoelectronics, and the root causes of expert errors. He directed the US Department of Justice's technology research office and served as Command Science Advisor for the US Army Special Operations Command. Dr. Morgan served eight years in the Maryland House of Delegates and served as the Congressional Science Fellow of the American Physical Society. He received his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1990; his B.S. in Physics is from Loyola University in Maryland, where he is currently an instructor in the Forensic Studies program.

Gary Pugh

Gary Pugh's background is operational forensic science. He was on the team that set up the Forensic Science Service as an Executive Agency becoming a Director in 1999. In 2004 he became the Director of Forensic Services at the Metropolitan Police where he led and implemented major programmes of organisational change. He served two terms as Chair of the National DNA Database Strategy Board. He was a visiting Professor in Forensic Science at Northumbria University (2008-2017), awarded Fellow of Kings College London (2014) and awarded OBE in the 2011 New Years Honours list. In July 2022 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Greenwich University. In May 2021 he was appointed the Forensic Science Regulator and on 25 July 2022 he became the first statutory Regulator for forensic science in England and Wales.

Ron Reinstein

Ron Reinstein retired as a Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona after 22 years on the bench. He now works as a judicial consultant for the Arizona Supreme Court.

Judge Reinstein was a member of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, of which he chaired the Post-Conviction Issues Committee. He is the Chair of the Supreme Court Commission on Victims in the Courts, the Supreme Court Capital Case Oversight Committee, as well as the Chair of the Arizona Forensic Science Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees, is on the Legal Task Group and the Crime Scene Investigation subcommittee.

Judge Reinstein has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the State Bar of Arizona Outstanding Judge Award, the Arizona Supreme Court Distinguished Service Award for Improving Public Trust and Confidence, the United States Attorney General National Crime Victims Service Award, the United States Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for DNA Commission, and the Arizona Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for Policy and Leadership.

In 2017, Judge Reinstein received the Chief Justice's Outstanding Contribution to the Arizona Courts Award, and in 2019 was the recipient of the Judge Learned Hand Award for Public Service.

Leigh M. Tomlin

Ms. Tomlin was the first staff member of the Texas Forensic Science Commission, hired in the summer of 2008. Currently, Ms. Tomlin serves as the Associate General Counsel to the Commission. In her role as Associate General Counsel, Ms. Tomlin provides legal counsel to the Commission on a broad array of administrative and governmental legal issues that assist the Commission in achieving its legislative mandate of forensic oversight in Texas. Ms. Tomlin also manages the Commission's crime laboratory accreditation and forensic analyst licensing programs, makes policy recommendations, and develops administrative rulemakings related to the Commission's investigative, accreditation and forensic analyst licensing authority.

Ms. Tomlin received a BA in Business Administration from Texas State University in 2005 and an MA in Legal Studies in 2006. She obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law in May 2015. Tomlin is a current member and program chair of the American Academy of Forensic Science's 2024 Jurisprudence section.

Robin Woolery

Robin Woolery has a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Dillard University and a M.S. degree in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Cell Biology from Northwestern University. She has worked for three different government forensic laboratory systems, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations, and the Illinois State Police (ISP). Robin worked as a Lab Director at the ISP's Joliet and Chicago laboratories for 12 years. In 2019, she was promoted to Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Forensic Services. She is currently the Deputy Director of the Division. The Division is made up of division administration staff, the Forensic Science Command (FSC) and the Scene and Evidence Services Command (SESC). The FSC is comprised of approximately 400 Forensic Scientists and staff. The SESC, comprised of approximately 70 sworn staff, is made up of Crime Scene Investigators, Traffic Crash Reconstruction Officers and Evidence Vault Technicians.

Bill Wirskye

Bill Wirskye is the First Assistant in the Collin County District Attorney's Office, serving under District Attorney Greg Willis.

Mr. Wirskye has extensive trial experience having been previously both a criminal defense lawyer and a Chief Felony Prosecutor in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas and the SMU Dedman School of Law. He is Board Certified in Criminal Law and rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Wirskye is a frequent speaker on criminal justice and trial advocacy topics. He is the past Chair of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association (TDCAA) Training Committee. He is also a member of the Texas Prosecutors Society.

Mr. Wirskye has received numerous awards including the Texas Department of Public Safety "Major Case Award," the "Lone Star Prosecutor Award" from TDCAA, the National District Attorney's Association "Home Run Hitter Award," and the "Board of Directors Advocacy Award for Complex Homicide Cases" from the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation. Several of his cases have been featured on TV's Dateline, 48 Hours, and the Investigation Discovery Network.