



1ST CIRCUIT

CHRISTIE CLIFFORD

Christie Clifford is a Judicial Assistant to District Judge Jon D. Levy in the District of Maine. Christie joined the court family in May 2014 when she and Judge Levy came from the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in Portland, Maine where she had worked for him since 2005. Christie joined the FJAA in 2014 and was fortunate to attend the conference in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015 and Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2016.

Christie is currently the FJAA Circuit Representative for the First Circuit.

Christie has twins that are going to be seniors in college. Her daughter attends Georgetown University in Washington DC and her son attends the University of Maine at Orono and is in the Civil Engineering Program.

2ND CIRCUIT

JANET F. HANSEN

Janet F. Hansen is the Judicial Assistant to the Honorable José A. Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in New Haven, Connecticut. Judge Cabranes' resident chambers are located in New Haven, but he sits on the bench at the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse in New York City, NY. Janet joined Judge Cabranes' chambers when he was elevated to the Court of Appeals in 1994. Prior to this, she worked as a paralegal for six years at the law firm of Garcia & Associates, also located in New Haven, CT. In addition, Janet worked for many years for the Social Security Administration, both in New Brunswick, NJ, and Perth Amboy, NJ. Janet received her paralegal certificate from the University of New Haven, CT.

Janet is a long-time member of the FJAA and has served as its Second Circuit Representative since November, 2010. She also served as a representative on the Judicial Secretaries Advisory Group ("JSAG") from 2011-2013.

Although Janet was born and raised "down the shore" in New Jersey, she lives in CT with her two cats, two cockatiels and four goldfish rapidly approaching the size of "Jaws!" Janet has two grown sons, and three grandsons—to whom she is known as "Grandma at the Beach." In her spare time, Janet enjoys gardening, reading, and doting on her grandsons—at the beach, of course!

3RD CIRCUIT

IRIS N. LIRIANO

Iris Liriano has been a Judicial Secretary to the Hon. Patty Shwartz since April, 2003. Prior to joining the U.S. District Court, she worked at the United States Attorney's Office as a Legal Secretary for approximately 9 years. During her tenure there, Iris worked as a Legal Secretary for 2 years, as a Deputy Chief Secretary for less than a year and promoted to a Supervisory Legal Secretary for 6 years. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Iris worked for the Drug Enforcement Administration for approximately 4 years as a clerk-typist and later promoted to a Group Secretary.

Iris and her husband, Cristian have two children, Noel and Brian. She enjoys reading, traveling, dancing and boating.

4TH CIRCUIT

JOHNNA L. OEHLSEN

Johnna L. Oehlsen is the Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Gina M. Groh, Chief Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. She began working with Judge Groh in 2004 where she was a paralegal to the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. In 2006, she accompanied Judge Groh as her JA when she was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit of West Virginia. In March of 2012, she continued her career with Chief Judge Groh as she took the bench in Federal Court. Johnna became a member of the FJAA in 2012 and has previously attended the FJAA Conference in Charleston, SC.

Johnna is married and has one son who will be a senior in high school. Prior to pursuing a legal career, she graduated from the Art Institute of Philadelphia and worked primarily in Marketing and Public Relations. She is active in her church, enjoys gardening, golfing, traveling, event planning and spending time outdoors.

5TH CIRCUIT

PENNY STAUTBERG

Penny Stautberg is Assistant to Judge Jerry E. Smith with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas. She has been with Judge Smith for almost 30 years. Prior to that she was a legal secretary at several law firms in Houston. She graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio in 1971 and was active in politics for many years.

Penny is a long-time member of FJAA, and was President of FJSA in 1999, after being a circuit rep for several years, then secretary, vice president, and president-elect. She really enjoyed keeping in touch with the assistants in the Fifth Circuit. I would consider it an honor to serve as your Circuit Rep for another term.

Penny is a widow with one son, daughter-in-law, and 2 grandsons (almost 3 and almost 1) who all live in Houston (thank goodness). She is active in her church, St. Mark's Episcopal, is a member of the National Association of Legal Professionals (with a PLS certification), Texas Association of Legal Professionals, and Houston Association of Legal Professionals. She enjoys cooking, needle work, reading, attending the opera and Broadway musicals, and traveling.

6TH CIRCUIT

DEBBY SAWYER

Professional Experience:

Employed as a Judicial Assistant to USDC Judge Aleta A. Trauger – Middle District of Tennessee-
Nashville
Civil Case Manager/Courtroom Deputy for Chief Judge James C. Dever III – Eastern District of NC – Raleigh
(2010-2014)
Litigation Paralegal for 22 + years

Education:

Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership & Management - Regent University, Virginia Beach,
Virginia
Paralegal Certificate - Jackson State Community College, Jackson, Tennessee

Current Association Activities:

FJAA - Federal Judicial Assistants Association:

Sixth Circuit Representative – 2016 to Present
PDC Committee – Scholarship Chair – 2016 to Present
Member 2016

NALA – The Paralegal Association:

Region III Director (Board of Directors) 2015-Present
Affiliate Associations Director (Board of Directors) 2013 - 2015 Region II Director
(Board of Directors) 2009-2013
Affiliated Associations Secretary 2007-2009 Affiliated
Associations Award Recipient 2007
Obtained Certified Paralegal Certification (CP) in 2004
Obtained Advanced Paralegal Certification in Trial Practice (ACP) in 2010 Member 2003-Present

7TH CIRCUIT

WHITNEY GINGRICH

I began my career nearly 20 years ago with the District Court in June of 1997 as an intake clerk with the District Clerk's office. I later worked as a back-up Courtroom deputy and then in 2003 became the Judicial Assistant for U.S. Magistrate Judge John A. Gorman. Judge Gorman retired in March of 2014 and I was honored to become the Paralegal for newly appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan E. Hawley when he came on the bench to replace Judge Gorman. I served on the training committee for court staff and the local bar when the District went live on CMECF, and I also served on the MJSTAR committee when it replaced the JS43. I have been a long time member of the FJAA and have enjoyed several annual conferences. I find the annual conferences a wonderful way to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and network. My fabulous husband Chad runs his own business in lawn and home services. We have 3 sons and a daughter between us, Peyton (20) a college junior, Eli (16) a high school junior, Garrett (14) an 8th grader, and Harley (13) and 8th grader. With four active kids, we are at school events most evenings. I look forward to serving you as your circuit representative.

8TH CIRCUIT

KAREN LABRIOLA

Karen Labriola is the Judicial Assistant to Judge Richard Kyle, and has been with the Judge for sixteen years. Prior to working with Judge Kyle, she was a Judicial Administrative Assistant to Judge Marianne Short on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Prior to that she was an Administrative Assistant for many years with the Dorsey Law Firm in Minneapolis.

Karen has been married for 34 years to her wonderful husband, Jack. They have a daughter, Cassie, who married in April and also have a 16-year-old dog Nanu, and 14-year-old cat, Pumpkin (who acts like Garfield!). Karen enjoys time with her daughter and new son-in-law and has done extensive traveling, both domestic and international. She also loves gardening, golfing, boating on the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers and reading.

9TH CIRCUIT

JULIE V. LEMM

Julie has been Judge Robert J. Bryan's Judicial Assistant in the Western District of Washington at the Tacoma Union Station Courthouse since March 2003. She began her federal service working for Magistrate Judge John L. Weinberg at the Seattle Courthouse in 1998. Prior to working for the federal judiciary, she worked in both Divisions I and II of the Washington State Court of Appeals from 1990 to 1998. Julie is originally from the Black Hills of South Dakota and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business from Black Hills State University in 1989, and also earned her Certificate of Paralegal Studies from the University of Washington Extension Program in 1998. Judge Bryan volunteers as a Visiting Judge as necessary within the Ninth Circuit, and he and Julie have traveled together to work in the Districts of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Central District of California and the Northern Marianas Islands. In her spare time, Julie likes to hike, kayak, camp, read and travel (especially to Hawaii).

10TH CIRCUIT

SUSAN L. GOODWIN

Susan Goodwin is J.A. for Judge Nancy L. Moritz, who joined this court in 2014. Judge Moritz' chambers are located in Topeka, Kansas. Susan first worked with Judge Moritz when they both served a Justice on the Kansas Supreme Court – Susan as a J.A. and Judge Moritz as a law clerk. Prior to 2014, Susan worked for Kansas Supreme Court Justice Harold S. Herd from 1979 to his retirement in 1993; for Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard W. Holmes from 1993 to his retirement in 1995; and for Kansas Court of Appeals Chief Judge Gary W. Rulon from 2006 to his retirement in 2011. Susan is married to Bob Goodwin, a retired Superintendent of Schools, and they have four children living in Kansas, North Carolina, South Korea and Texas.

11TH CIRCUIT

GAIL SHAFER

I am a Judicial Assistant to Chief District Judge J. Randal Hall in the Southern District of Georgia. I joined the court family in May, 2008, when Judge Hall & I came over from private practice, and have worked for him a total of sixteen years. I have been a member of FJAA since beginning work with the court and have attended all of the conferences since 2008.

I was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia. My husband, Bob, is retired Air Force, so traveling and moving around has always been something I enjoyed. We returned to Augusta when he retired in 1989. We have 3 grown children and 2 granddaughters. I enjoy baseball (even when the Atlanta Braves are at the bottom), college basketball (Duke), reading and crafts. But most of all I love being "Mimi" to Reese and Rylee.

FEDERAL & DC CIRCUIT

MILLIE GRAVES

Millie has been employed with the Federal judiciary since 1998. She currently serves as a JA in the chambers of the Honorable Lydia Kay Griggsby at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, DC. Prior to joining chambers in September of 2015, Millie was a supervisor with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Atlanta, where she oversaw case management operations, supervising 15-20 case administrators.

A native of Queens, New York, Millie earned a M.A. in Education from Central Michigan University and a B.A. in Human Resources Management from Birmingham-Southern College.

Millie has three grown children and one granddaughter. Her daughter is a physician practicing in the area of obstetrics and gynecology and is employed part-time in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Her two sons are employed with the U.S. Postal Service.

Millie is active in her church and enjoys reading, traveling and exercising.