

## **CYNTHIA GRIMES**

After graduating from SMU Law School in 1976 Cynthia was the first woman lawyer with the firm of Groce, Locke & Hebdon in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

Cynthia has tried over 70 jury trials, including nine brain damaged baby cases. She is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in two areas: Civil Trial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation. Her practice in civil litigation and health law focuses on medical products and negligence and commercial litigation. She served on the Board of Groce, Locke & Hebdon and was a founding partner of Ball & Weed and served as its President. She then joined Strasburger & Price and was a member and board member and is now Senior Counsel with Clark Hill which merged with Strasburger. She has been honored as Attorney of the Year by two different clients.

She became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2004 and as Vice Chair of the International Committee, has participated in educational programs in Guam and the British Virgin Islands. Cynthia has been faculty on the ACTL/Texas Access to Justice Trial Academy in Austin for over 10 years. She was faculty giving the closing argument for the Prosecution at the Boot Camp Trial Academy in Houston in 2022 sponsored by ACTL.

## **KNUT S. JOHNSON**

Knut S. Johnson graduated from Tulane University, where he received the W.A. Tarr Award for Outstanding Earth Science Graduate. He then graduated cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he received the Outstanding Criminal Clinical Intern Award.

Knut's criminal defense experience began at Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. but he now practices on his own. He is a Certified Criminal Law Specialist and most of his clients are indigent. His experience includes trials and appeals on many serious cases, including murder, RICO, smuggling, assault, and related cases. He has testified before the U.S. Sentencing Commission in support of sentencing reform, taught substantive law and trial practice, and written on various legal topics.

California and New Mexico have admitted him to practice. He is also on the List of Counsel for the International Criminal Court.

He has been an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego, School of Law and California Western School of Law while also providing overseas instruction through the American Bar Association, Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative, in Tblisi, Georgia, and Baku, Azerbaijan, and has given many lectures to bar groups.

He has participated with the Practitioners Advisory Group to the U.S. Sentencing Commission as the Ninth Circuit Representative, Vice Chair, and Chair. He is on the Criminal Justice Act Advisory Committee, S.D. California and was the Chair for three years. He served on the Magistrate Selection Committee, S.D. California, the University of San Diego School of Law and on the Law Alumni Board of Directors (President 2015-2017). With the American Bar Association, he was Chairman, Solo & Small Firm Committee, Criminal Justice Section (2000-2006). Finally, he served the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association, Board of Directors as President (2001-2002).

The American College of Trial Lawyers admitted him as a Fellow, and Super Lawyers selected to the Top 10 Attorneys, San Diego. He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from University of San Diego, School of Law. Best Lawyers in America selected him as the Lawyer of the Year, White Collar Criminal Defense, San Diego. He also twice received the E. Stanley Conant Award from the Defenders Organizations of San Diego for dedication to indigent defense. Finally, he received a Certificate of Commendation from United States Marine Corps for legal work.

She is a Past-President of the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar.

## **NANCY HOLLANDER**

Nancy Hollander is an internationally recognized US criminal defense lawyer. She is also an Associate Tenant at London's Doughty Street Chambers and Of Counsel to the Geneva firm of Savolainen Avocats.

Ms. Hollander has been admitted to practice in the US Supreme Court, federal, state, and military courts. She is also on the list of counsel for the ICC as well as the DOJ Pool of Qualified Civilian Defense Counsel for Military Commissions.

For more than four decades, Ms. Hollander's practice has largely been devoted to representing individuals and organizations accused of crimes, including those involving national security issues, in trial and on appeal. She was lead appellate counsel for Chelsea Manning and she won Ms. Manning's release in 2017 when President Obama commuted her sentence from 35 years to seven years.

Ms. Hollander has also represented two prisoners at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base,

and in 2016, she won the release of one of them – Mohamedou Ould Slahi – who had been incarcerated for 14 years without charge. His story is chronicled in his New York Times bestselling book, Guantanamo Diary, which Ms. Hollander helped facilitate and publish and in a feature film, The Mauritanian.

In addition to her criminal defense practice, Ms. Hollander has been counsel in civil cases, forfeitures, and administrative hearings, and she argued and won an historic case involving religious freedom in the US Supreme Court. Ms. Hollander has also served as a consultant to the defense in international cases.

She has created and taught in hundreds of trial practice programs in the US, internationally in Russia, Sweden, the UK, Portugal, Switzerland, France and for lawyers practicing in international criminal tribunals. She has also written extensively and conducted more than 200 seminars and presentations around the globe on various subjects, including the securing of evidence in international cases, forfeiture, illegal search and seizure, expert witnesses, defense of child abuse cases, ethics, evidence, and trial practice.

In 1992-93, Ms. Hollander was the first woman president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Ms. Hollander has also received many professional awards. Among them, in 2001, the National Law Journal named Ms. Hollander as one of America's top 50 women litigators.

Ms. Hollander's full CV can be found at [https://fbdlaw.com/nancy\\_hollander/](https://fbdlaw.com/nancy_hollander/) . She has security clearances and can be reached at [nh@fbdlaw.com](mailto:nh@fbdlaw.com) .

### **THOMAS H. POPE III**

Tom Pope has tried cases in state and federal courts for over 45 years. He previously served as a member of the South Carolina State Senate from 1984-1992. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and from 2015-2017 he served as Chair of the ACTL State Committee. He is past-President of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and was honored as the Jeter E. Rhodes, Jr. Trial Lawyer of the Year for 2017.

Pope's recent cases include: breach of fiduciary duty, serious personal injury, products liability, insurance bad faith, consumer class action, legal malpractice, will contests, minority shareholder oppression, securities fraud, trucking litigation, condemnation (on behalf of landowners), defamation, and representing attorneys in disciplinary matters. He also represents defendants in a variety of litigation matters.

Pope has been listed in South Carolina Super Lawyers since its inception. Since 2008, he has taught American Civil Litigation and mock trial to law students in former Communist countries of eastern Europe and Asia to enhance their understanding of civil trials.

Pope served as a member of the Board of Law Examiners of the South Carolina Supreme Court (2006-2014). He was awarded The Order of the Palmetto by Governor Carrol Campbell in 1991.

Mediation: Pope has been a certified mediator and arbitrator since 1998. Since 2020, he has mediated cases involving product liability, breach of fiduciary duty, real estate disputes, wrongful death, premises liability, and serious personal injury in several different counties.

THOMAS H. POPE III's full CV can be found at: <https://ppilaw.com/attorneys/thomas-h-pope-iii/>

### **SCOTT N. RICHARDSON**

Scott N. Richardson was admitted to the Florida Bar in December 1978. He received his Bachelor of Arts with Honors degree in 1975, and his Juris Doctor in 1978, both from the University of Florida. Following his admission to the bar, Mr. Richardson worked for three years as a prosecutor in the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office. He prosecuted a variety of cases, including homicides. In 1981, Mr. Richardson entered private practice, primarily handling civil cases. In 1986, Mr. Richardson formed a partnership with two other attorneys and began defending criminal cases. The partnership lasted 21 years, after which he formed his own firm specializing in criminal defense. From April 2010-February 2012, Mr. Richardson joined the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office as the First Assistant State Attorney, responsible for supervising all 125 prosecutors. In February 2012, Mr. Richardson returned to the private practice of law, again specializing in the defense of criminal cases.

Mr. Richardson has been board-certified in Criminal Trial Law since 1996. He has been AV rated by Martindale Hubble for over 25 years. He was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2010. He has been listed in Super Lawyers since 2019 and Best Lawyers in America since 2017. He served as a member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners from 2012-2017, the last year as Chair of the Board.

Mr. Richardson has served as a visiting professor at law faculties in Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus.

## **BRENT GURNEY**

Brent Gurney is a first-chair trial lawyer with over 30 years of significant jury trial and other court experience in challenging civil and criminal cases throughout the United States. Mr. Gurney's experience includes a wide variety of high-profile matters involving complex commercial disputes, intellectual property disputes, white collar criminal defense and government investigations into a wide variety of matters, including the False Claims Act, government contracts, health care fraud, conspiracy, wire and mail fraud. Mr. Gurney is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Member of its Complex Litigation Committee. He is regularly listed in Best Lawyers in America for Commercial Litigation and White Collar Criminal Defense and in Washington DC Super Lawyers.

Among Mr. Gurney's substantial jury trials is his defense of a former manager for a medical device manufacturer accused of fraudulent off-label marketing. In that case, Mr. Gurney obtained a complete dismissal of all charges following opening statements and testimony from the government's first witness. AmericanLawyer.com called the dismissal "quite the dramatic turn." The dismissal was one of five cases featured in "Winning," the National Law Journal's annual report on significant trial victories.

Mr. Gurney's significant jury trials also include the jury verdict for IGEN that allowed it to terminate its licensing agreement with Roche, IGEN's key business objective, and awarded \$505 million in damages. The US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit sustained the termination right, after which Roche purchased IGEN in a \$1.25 billion deal. The \$505 million jury verdict, which the Fourth Circuit reduced, ranks fourth in the National Law Journal's top verdicts in that year.

Mr. Gurney was also the first-chair trial attorney in a copyright infringement case brought by Bitmanagement that recently resulted in a victory before the Federal Circuit. The case arose out of the copying of hundreds of thousands of copies of Bitmanagement's advanced graphics rendering software onto the Navy Marine Corps Intranet. After a six-day bench trial, the Court of Federal Claims found against Bitmanagement, but the Federal Circuit reversed, finding that that the government had engaged in copyright infringement and that Bitmanagement should be compensated.

Mr. Gurney has represented the City of Baltimore, the City of Chicago, the government of Puerto Rico and their respective police departments in high-profile civil rights pattern and practice investigations by the US Department of Justice, and counseled the city of Rochester New York and its police department on police reform. He also served as counsel to the Working Group on Police Reform and Racial Justice of the US Conference of Mayors, which released a detailed blueprint for improving policing and promoting equal justice in America's cities.

Mr. Gurney has taught at the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop and Introduction to Trial Advocacy Course. He is co-author of a book on electronic evidence for the American College of Trial Lawyers that was published in 2022 by Bloomberg and was interviewed for the recently published book, *The Art and Science of Expert Witness Testimony: A Multidisciplinary Guide for Professionals*, by Karen Postal (Routledge, Sept. 2021). He maintains an active pro bono practice and is a member of the Board of Directors of Leveling the Playing Field, which provides children the opportunity to enjoy youth sports participation by donating used and excess sporting equipment to low-income communities.

Mr. Gurney previously served as Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland and was later appointed Deputy Chief for the Southern Division. Mr. Gurney's successes while at the US Attorney's Office included obtaining convictions of nine defendants for distributing fentanyl and heroin that led to the deaths of 30 persons.