

Steve Adams

Steven R. Adams has been in the private practice of law since 2000. Prior to establishing his own private law practice, he was an Assistant Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney for eight years. His law practice is focused on criminal and DUI defense. Mr. Adams has been qualified to administer the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests of NHTSA through the NHTSA Student Course (2001). In addition, Mr. Adams has successfully completed training for the NHTSA DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Development Training Program (2003). Mr. Adams has been deemed as an expert witness on standardized field sobriety testing in Hamilton County. He recently hosted a seminar on the Role of the Expert Witness in OVI/DUI Cases. Mr. Adams is a member of the National College for DUI Defense, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Hamilton County Bar Association and he serves as a board member for the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Mr. Adams is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association College. Mr. Adams received his B.A. degree from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Cleve Johnson

Cleve Johnson has been an attorney for over 30 years. He is admitted to practice before the Ohio Supreme Court, The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Johnson is a frequent lecturer both state and nationwide to attorneys in continuing legal education – including OACDL, National College for DUI Defense, OSBA, Ohio Trial Lawyer's Association and Maryhaven and Parkside Alcohol Treatment Centers.

Jay Milano

Jay Milano is a nationally known criminal defense lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio. He and the firm also represent clients in malpractice, accident and injury cases. Jay Milano joined his father in 1980, after serving as a public defender. He first spoke in court during a murder trial and has practiced at that level of intensity for 25 years. Initially concentrating on criminal defense, his clients have included Calvin "Snoop Dogg" Broadus, Hell's Angels, sports figures, doctors, judges, and lawyers, as well as an uncountable number of people who just needed help.

Terence MacCarthy

Terry MacCarthy has been the Executive Director of the Federal Defender Program in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for over forty years. He was selected for this position in 1966 by the judges of the United States District Court and the deans of the six Chicago law schools. The office is frequently mentioned as being one of the best defender offices in the country. In addition to his overall administrative responsibilities, Mr. MacCarthy continues to personally try cases and to train and assist his staff of twenty attorneys.

He received a B.A. in philosophy from St. Joseph's College in 1955, and a J.D. from DePaul Law School in 1960. He was a law clerk to former Chief Judge William J. Campbell of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He also served for several years as an Illinois Special Assistant Attorney General, specializing in civil trials and appeals. Mr. MacCarthy has been active principally in

the field of trial practice, in both criminal and civil matters. He has argued in the United States Supreme Court. His criminal experience is primarily in the federal courts where he has tried and appealed many cases, and worked with his staff attorneys in preparing and trying additional cases. MacCarthy is one of the nation's most sought-after speakers at continuing legal education programs, having lectured in all 50 states and over a dozen foreign countries.

Dana Cole

Dana Cole is a tenured associate professor at the University of Akron School of Law where he teaches, Evidence, Criminal Law, and Trial Advocacy. He developed Akron's innovative Summer Trial Academy and has served as the director of the program since its inception. Before joining the faculty at Akron, Professor Cole practiced law full-time for 11 years. He has extensive jury trial experience in state and federal court. He continues to represent clients in both civil and criminal matters.

Professor Cole joined the teaching faculty of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College in 1996, became a member of the Board of Directors in 2004, and was elected Secretary to the Board in 2014. He has taught in Harvard Law School's Winter Trial Advocacy Workshop each year since 2002. Professor Cole also teaches Comparative Criminal Law in the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law study abroad program in Ireland. He is a frequent speaker at trial advocacy workshops, seminars, and programs throughout the country.

Judge Roger Binette

32+ Years Experience / Probation, Prosecution, and Jurist / Author of *Ohio's Forfeiture Law Manual*.

Judge Roger E. Binette is in his third term as a Judge in the General Division of the Erie County Common Pleas Court. Judge Binette hears [Civil](#), [Criminal](#), [Domestic Relations](#) and [Probate cases](#). His first jury trial was a "cold case", where a defendant was convicted of a rape that had occurred ten (10) years earlier. The defendant was convicted with DNA evidence, in spite of the fact that the victim was unable to identify her assailant. During his terms on the bench Judge Binette has presided over 70 trials. The criminal trials include cases for murders, rapes, shootings, criminal gangs and drugs. The civil trials include medical malpractice, personal injury torts, and fraudulent cases. His most recent civil trial resulted in a verdict of over one million dollars against an insurance company for Bad Faith.

Judge Binette began his journey through the criminal justice field over 32 years ago. At the age of 20, he became a Child Care Worker (Corrections Officer) at the Erie County Detention Home. At the age of 21, he was then promoted to Assistant Director of the Detention Home. At the age of 23, he became a Juvenile Probation Officer.

From 1991 - 2004, Judge Binette was an assistant Prosecutor with Erie Co., assigned to the Erie County Drug Task Force. During his tenure at the Drug Task Force, he garnered many accomplishments. He was actively involved in "boarding up" of local bars, apartment buildings, and crack houses where drugs were sold. He is the creator and author of *Ohio's Forfeiture Law Manual*, a manual that was widely utilized by prosecutors within the State of Ohio. Judge Binette has also been a guest lecturer at various seminars

around the State of Ohio. These include lecturing at the Ohio Attorney General Conference on Law Enforcement, and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

In 1981 he was honored as Worker of the Year in Juvenile Detention Services. In 1995, he was honored with a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance of duties as an Assistant Prosecutor. In 2004 he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the DEA, and in 2008, the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognized Judge Binette as a "Patriotic Employer" for the year.