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## Introducing our 2022 Criminal Law Power List



Criminal law attorneys work in perhaps the most emotionally charged legal arena of any law specialty.

Their clients face outcomes

that can deprive them of their freedom, perhaps for the rest of their lives.

Whether their client is charged with a crime of violence or of having committed a “white-collar” offense, these attorneys must be resourceful, exhaustively prepared and capable of operating in a pressure-cooker environment.

The 25 men and women you’ll meet on these pages are at the top of the criminal law profession across Maryland.

This list was chosen by our editorial leadership team. We reached out to readers and others in the legal community for

input and perspective.

In these pages, we explore how these attorneys view their profession, what they would change if they could and what they might be doing if they hadn’t chosen this career. We’re hoping to offer a glimpse into the kind of people they are and how they see their accomplishments.

This list is part of a series of Power Lists throughout 2022 that will showcase the most influential figures in law, higher education, health care, business, financial services and other fields.

You can find this and all our Power Lists on our website, TheDailyRecord.com.

We hope you enjoy this publication, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

**Thomas Baden Jr.**  
Editor

## JENNIFER M. ALEXANDER

SHAREHOLDER  
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A 2001 graduate of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Jennifer M. Alexander began her career as an assistant state's attorney in the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Office.

An experienced civil and criminal trial attorney, she has tried hundreds of cases in both state and federal courts.

A principal attorney with McNamee Hosea P.A. since May of 2019, her practice includes defending retailers, businesses and insurance companies throughout the state.

**What is the most important thing you do in your job?**

The most important thing I do in my job is making sure the client knows that whatever may come, we

will be able to handle it together. A large part of my job is reassuring clients that while they may be going through the most difficult time in their life, we can get through it, even though it will be challenging.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

One aspect of my profession that I would like to change is to increase the number of women who first chair complex trials. Women trial attorneys should believe in and commit to mentoring younger women attorneys who strive to try sophisticated, complex cases.

**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

I would love to be a mounted police officer. Combining my love of horses with the challenge and honor of serving the community as a law enforcement officer would be a dream job for me.

## OANA BROOKS

OWNER  
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A refugee from Romania, Oana Brooks realized her dream of becoming a lawyer when she moved to the United States and graduated from the University of Maryland Francis King Cary School of Law in 2006. She has called Baltimore her home for nearly 20 years.

From 2007 to 2015, Brooks was an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore where she prosecuted hundreds of cases, including murders, felony sexual offenses, narcotics offenses and more, warranting numerous promotions. In 2016, she opened Brookslaw LLC in Baltimore.

Brooks also has experience conducting campus and workplace investigations into allegations of discrimination, sexual assault and sexual harassment, having served as an equity compliance investigator for

the Johns Hopkins University's Office of Institutional Equity.

Passionate about her community and giving back, she is a past president and current member of the Junior League of Baltimore Inc., a leadership organization dedicated to developing women and girls into civic and professional leaders, among other groups.

**What's the most important thing you do in your job?**

Fight to protect my clients' rights and to do all I can to ensure that they are treated fairly.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

Make it more investigatory in nature and less adversarial; design the system to truly prioritize finding the truth, not just reward aggressive lawyering.

**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

Public affairs (political consulting and crisis management).

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Congratulations to our colleague

**JENNIFER ALEXANDER**

for being selected as a Daily Record's  
Power Player in the area of Criminal Law



## C. JUSTIN BROWN

OWNER  
BROWN LAW



Based in Baltimore, C. Justin Brown handles a wide variety of complex cases, from federal criminal defense to civil matters to white-collar defense. He has successfully defended white-collar and criminal defense clients, and litigated civil rights claims on behalf of plaintiffs.

On his website, Brown states that his firm “is driven by the understanding that many of our clients face life-altering challenges. We thrive when the stakes are highest.”

For 10 years Brown represented Adnan Syed, the man accused of a murder he says he did not commit and the subject of the podcast “Serial” – and against whom all charges were dropped earlier this fall.

Brown also is a former journalist who wrote for several national publications and covered a full range of major news stories, including the war in Yugoslavia.

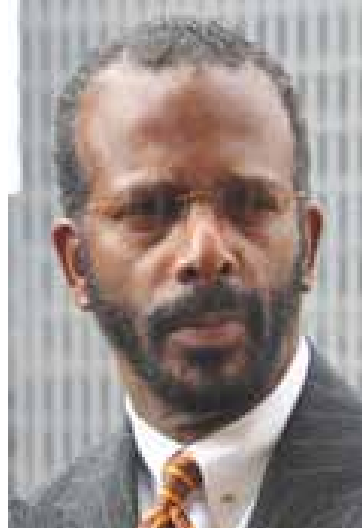
He recently started a nonprofit organization, Project 6 (named after the 6th Amendment) which helps people who were over-sentenced or wrongfully convicted.

Brown has published articles in various legal publications, and is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. Legal Committee and the Federal Criminal Justice Act Felony Panel.

A graduate of Gilman High School in Baltimore, Brown graduated from Cornell University and earned his law degree at the University of Maryland School of Law.

## WARREN A. BROWN

OWNER  
LAW OFFICES OF WARREN A. BROWN



Warren Brown, he says on his website, approaches trial work as an art, never leaving anything to chance. Although a successful and accomplished trial attorney, he remains loyal to the legal reality that, “The truth, poorly represented, will lose.”

After graduating from Carnegie Mellon University in 1974 and Boston University School of Law in 1977, Brown began to apply his trade with the Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. Returning to his home of Baltimore in 1980, he first worked at the Legal Aid Bureau, then with the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore before settling in at the Federal Public Defender’s Office.

In 1988, Brown opened the doors to his own criminal defense firm in Baltimore. Since that time, Brown has tried both state and federal cases in Maryland, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

“We are a Baltimore City-based practice, noted for criminal defense, with a reputation for aggressive advocacy throughout Maryland and in other jurisdictions,” Brown’s website states. “The Law Office of Warren A. Brown, P.A. is a results-oriented law firm with broad legal experience, seeking -- above all else - to zealously defend the rights of our clients and assist them in achieving their objectives in the most successful manner.

“Our philosophy emphasizes an aggressive approach to litigation and settlement, coupled with a caring response to our clients’ needs,” he added.

## MEGAN E. COLEMAN

PARTNER  
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Megan E. Coleman, Esq. is a partner at Marcus Bonsib LLC, where she has been practicing criminal defense and criminal appeals since 2008.

She currently serves as president-elect of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorney’s Association and chair of its amicus committee. She is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association’s criminal law section and she was the former chair of the Prince George’s County Bar Association’s criminal law committee.

Coleman frequently submits posts and articles to the Maryland Appellate Blog and the News Journal for the Prince George’s County Bar Association. She also has contributed to Maryland Criminal Procedure, a publication of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Coleman is a member of the appellate panels for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender.

### What is the most important thing you do in your job?

The most important thing I do in my job is navigate my clients through one of the most difficult times in their lives. Each case brings unique challenges and requires a tailor-made strategy for the best possible outcome.

### What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?

I would love to be able to resolve legal issues around a table where discussions among lawyers and judges could be more conversational, and less controversial.

### If you weren’t in this industry, what would you be doing?

I would be coaching the Buffalo Bills to their first Super Bowl win.

## DAVID FELSEN

PARTNER  
FELSEN & SARGENT



A criminal defense attorney with the Rockville law firm of Felsen & Sargent, David Felsen earned his law degree at the American University Washington School of Law in 1989.

He has been selected as a Super Lawyer for 2008-2010 and 2020-2023.

### What’s the most important thing you do in your job?

The most important thing I can do in my job is to make sure that clients understand the legal and factual circumstances of their individual case. Only when a client has all the information can the client make an informed decision as to how to proceed.

Each client is entitled to, and should expect, candor and devotion from the lawyer representing them. Providing clear, unadulterated analysis is the single most important thing I can do for any client.

### What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?

I wish that people in the profession would have more open minds. Often lawyers seem to be caught up in the battle and not doing justice.

### If you weren’t in this industry, what would you be doing?

I cannot imagine not being in this industry. However, if I wasn’t a trial lawyer, I would love to be a professor/academic. I would like to share my experiences and help upcoming lawyers to become the best they could be.

## KOBE FLOWERS

PARTNER  
BROWN GOLDSTEIN & LEVY



A graduate of Stanford University who earned his law degree at Georgetown University, Kobe Flowers has worked both for the government as a federal civil rights prosecutor and as an assistant federal public defender fighting governmental prosecutions.

He has tried cases in federal and state courts throughout the country and internationally in the military commissions in Guantanamo Bay.

He joined Brown, Goldstein & Levy in 2016 after managing his own law firm in Washington and has more than two decades of courtroom experience.

**What's the most important thing you do in your job?**

I represent the wrongly accused and the wrongly convicted.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

I would like to see the return of the jury trial. There is an inverse relationship between the increase in incarceration and the decrease in criminal trials. The Sixth Amendment's right to a jury trial is a check on governmental abuse of power. In this era of mass incarceration, our government cages more people than anyone in the world and yet, we are not the safest country in the world.

The jury trial is one way for the people to end governmental abuse of power and end mass incarceration.

**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

Triathlons.

## CATHERINE FLYNN

POWNER  
LAW OFFICES OF CATHERINE FLYNN



A Baltimore-based criminal defense attorney with more than 20 years of experience in areas that include criminal defense, personal injury and traffic defense, Catherine Flynn has been selected as a Super Lawyer from 2007 to 2023.

She earned her law degree in 1991 at the University of Maryland School of Law.

**What is the most important thing you do in your job?**

When an individual is charged with a crime, it can be a scary and intimidating process, which impacts their entire family. In most cases, a client is facing a significant loss of liberty and other life-changing consequences. It is my job to help the client navigate the process so that they can make the most informed

decisions and ensure the most favorable outcome.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

With the increased use of electronic discovery in criminal law, I would encourage the expansion of access to technology for defendants who are incarcerated. This would allow for a more streamlined process and enable defendants to more thoroughly participate in the defense of their case.

**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

I attended bartending school during spring break of my senior year of college. Having graduated as the valedictorian, had I not chosen to attend law school, I would most likely be working behind the bar instead of being a member of the bar.

## NANCY FORSTER

PARTNER  
FORSTER & LECOMPTE



A partner in the Towson law firm of Forster & LeCompte since 2010, Nancy Forster's practice areas include appellate legal issues, criminal defense and white-collar crimes.

She is a graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law and has been licensed to practice in Maryland since 1985.

Forster has been recognized as a Super Lawyer numerous times, including from 2007-2009 and 2012-2023.

Before forming Forster & LeCompte, Forster worked in the state public Office of the Public Defender, first as deputy public defender and, for five years, as head of the office. In the latter capacity, she oversaw an agency with an \$85 million budget and more than 1,000

employees.

**What is the most important thing you do in your job?**

Preserve a defendant's right to a fair trial with competent counsel.


**What is one aspect of our profession you would like to change?**

I would like it to be a requirement that all prosecutor offices must have a conviction integrity unit.


**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

I'd love to be a veterinarian and help animals.

### Congratulations to Kobie Flowers on Being Named to the Inaugural Criminal Law Power List



From public defender to civil rights champion, Kobie has spent over 20 years in the courtroom fighting a lifelong battle to achieve justice for all. BGL is proud to have you on our team!



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## ESTEBAN A. GERGELY

ATTORNEY  
KRUM GERGELY & OATES LLC



With a desire to protect an individual's liberty and reputation, Esteban A. Gergely was inspired to chose criminal defense as the focus of his legal career. With around 20 years as a trial lawyer, he brings a wealth of experience to his role at Krum Gergely & Oates LLC.

Gergely's case load includes defending clients facing felony and misdemeanor criminal charges. Fluent in Spanish and conversational French, Gergely also handles civil affairs including helping clients secure financial compensation due to negligence. His practice also includes the areas of criminal defense, car accident, speeding and traffic tickets, family law and immigration issues.

When working with clients, he aims to treat every case as his highest priority and focuses on connecting with clients to make sure they are in formatted and comfortable as they go through every step of the legal process.

Gergely was permitted to practice law in Maryland in 2001 and the District of Columbia in 2006. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland Law School. Gergely has also been selected for the SuperLawyers list of attorneys every year since 2013.

## DAVID C. HARBIN

OWNER  
HARBIN LAW OFFICE



Throughout his nearly 20-year career, David C. Harbin has focused his case load on defending individuals including specializing in criminal law, serious traffic offenses, DUI/DWI and juvenile cases.

Earning his Juris Doctor from Duquesne University in Pennsylvania, Harbin served for four years as an assistant public defender in Frederick and Washington counties. He opened Harbin Law Office in 2009, which has locations in Frederick and Hagerstown.

Harbin has held a number of positions with the Washington County Bar Association including president, vice president and on the board of directors. He has also served on the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association board of directors. This year, Harbin was appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to sit on

the Board of Trustees of the Office of Public Defender.

### What's the most important thing you do in your job?

The most important thing I do is give my clients a second chance. Whether one is a defense attorney, a prosecutor, or a judge, we can all have the opportunity to be a positive influence on defendants in the criminal justice system. My day may be as simple as helping a client get into drug and alcohol treatment. Other days, I am arguing that my client's constitutional rights were violated or convincing a jury that my client is not guilty. Everyday provides a new chance to help someone.

### What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?

Although I have seen great progress since I became a member of the bar, I still see both a racial and a gender bias in our profession as well as our court system. We need to continue to strive for equality.

## DAVID B. IRWIN

ATTORNEY, OF COUNSEL  
KRAMON & GRAHAM P.A.



When David B. Irwin joined Kramon & Graham P.A. in 2020 as of counsel, he brought more than four decades of experience handling high stakes criminal and civil litigation.

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law graduate began his legal career as an assistant state's attorney in Baltimore city and later in Baltimore County. He would later serve as the county's chief of the Felony Trial Division. Irwin was named an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland in 1980 and three years later appointed coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the President's Organized Crime Drug Task Force. He joined Venable in 1985 and later founded his own law firm in 1988.

In civil and criminal matters, he also serves as an expert witness including in the post-conviction defense of an individual featured on the podcast "Serial."

### What's the most important thing you do in your job?

Helping others, especially young people, to navigate serious legal problems which could impact the rest of their lives.

### What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?

Overincarceration. We need to find alternatives for punishment and rehabilitation for many who are simply being warehoused.

### If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?

I would have loved to play professional basketball, but clearly my talent didn't allow that option!

## ANDREW V. JEZIC

LEAD PARTNER  
JEZIC & MOYSE ATTORNEYS AT LAW



With a passion for pursuing justice for clients, Andrew V. Jezic founded Jezic & Moyse Attorneys at Law in 2008. Focusing on criminal matters, his case load includes defending those accused of serious crimes such as murder, robbery and rape.

Before starting his law firm, the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law alum was a partner at Leibovitz, Band & Jezic for five years. He also served as a state's attorney in Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties respectively for four years each. Jezic has also taught at Montgomery College and American University Law School.

In 2006 and 2007, he was appointed by the governor as one of five members of the State Board of Elections. Jezic is also a past co-chair of the Mont-

gomery County Bar Association's Criminal Law Section and served for eight years as chair of the Maryland Hispanic Bar's Judicial Interviewing Committee.

### What's the most important thing you do in your job?

I help clients and families at the darkest times of their lives try to recover a sense of dignity and hope, and maybe even a path toward redemption.

### What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?

The Sex Offender Registry is sometimes draconian and primitive. Also, internet research of potential jurors should be allowed in trial.

### If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?

Prison ministry and reentry services.

## DARREN KADISH

PARTNER  
KADISH & KADISH P.C.



A native of the Baltimore area, Darren Kadish has been a partner at Kadish & Kadish P.C. for the past 25 years. He practices civil and criminal litigation, with a focus on personal injury and medical malpractice cases real estate and business matters, collection matters, commercial law and insurance defense work.

On Nov. 15, Kadish was appointed to the Baltimore City District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Before becoming a partner at Kadish & Kadish, he worked briefly as a solo practitioner and then as an associate at Shapiro & Dorman, P.A.

Kadish earned his bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University and Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

**What's the most important thing you do in your**

**job?**

I help people to the best of my abilities.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

This is a difficult question, because every aspect of the profession has issues or frustrations with how things are done. I actually think there is a lot right with the practice of law today. If I had to really choose something to change, I would eliminate judicial elections for circuit judges. Perhaps retention elections would be ok, but it certainly looks bad when judges have to raise money to run to keep their seats.

**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

I honestly have no idea. I wanted to be a lawyer since I was kid. My dad was a lawyer, and I have always looked up to him.

## STEVEN H. LEVIN

PARTNER  
ROSENBERG MARTIN GREENBERG LLP



Steven H. Levin brings a unique perspective to his legal practice as a former federal prosecutor and experienced trial attorney.

A Wake Forest University School of Law graduate, Levin is retired from the U.S. Army serving on active duty as well as a reservist. His military career included working as a prosecutor, criminal law professor, military defense counsel and military judge.

Levin served as deputy chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland for six years and an assistant U.S. attorney for nearly a decade. He was a founding member of Levin & Gallagher LLC as well as Levin & Curlett LLC.

**What's the most important thing you do in your job?**

Communication is the most important part of my job. That means returning phone calls and responding to texts and emails in a timely fashion. It also means being a good speaker, a good writer, and a good listener. Whether I am speaking to a client, writing to a judge, or listening to a witness, I have to be able to communicate clearly, convincingly and concisely.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

If I were king for a day, I would change the length of a day. I would also encourage would-be prosecutors to practice criminal defense before becoming prosecutors. Prosecutors investigate innocent people. Prosecutors charge innocent people. Too often, prosecutors exercise their discretion with little regard for the collateral consequences those decisions entail (loss of career, reputation, family), because they lack the perspective and judgment they might otherwise have with relevant experience.

## TIMOTHY F. MALONEY

PARTNER  
JOSEPH GREENWALD AND LAAKE PA



As a trial lawyer and partner at Joseph Greenwald and Laake P.A., Timothy F. Maloney focuses his case load on complex civil and criminal cases.

His career has included serving on the Court of Appeals from 1998 to 2014 and as a member of the Maryland Appellate Nominating Commission. A graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law, he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates from 1979 to 1995. His work included chairing a number of House subcommittees on capital budget, transportation, higher education and public safety.

Maloney has also given his time as a board of trustees member at the University of Maryland, College Park Foundation as well as a board member for the Maryland Catholic Conference.

**What's the most important thing you do in your job?**

Listen. Be empathetic, but with a clear eyed view of the law and the facts.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

The profession I grew up with was based on civility, collegiality and trust. That's still true, but there has been some erosion of this over the years. I hope the next generation of lawyers practice with these values.

**If you weren't in this industry, what would you be doing?**

A teacher, a novelist, a newspaper reporter or some combination of the three.



*Congratulations*  
to **Thomas Maronick** for being named  
to the Power List Criminal Law 2022



MARONICK LAW LLC

**THOMAS J. MARONICK JR.**

MANAGING PARTNER  
MARONICK LAW



The motto that guides Thomas J. Maronick Jr.'s work for his clients is 'Our most important client is each and every client we represent.'

He is the managing partner at Maronick Law which he founded in 2008. His legal practice focuses on criminal defense, driving under the influence charges, family law, personal injury cases and bankruptcy.

A native of Baltimore, he graduated with a Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park. His legal career has included a number of noteworthy cases including defending a Baltimore police officer in an assault case as well as a federal gun case which went before the Supreme Court.

In addition to his legal career, Maronick is a singer with The Tom Moore Band and an actor and voice-over performer. For nearly a decade, he hosted "The Tom Moore Show," a Saturday morning radio program discussing current events and issues.

**MARIA MENA**

OWNER  
LAW OFFICES OF MARIA MENA



Born in Cuba, Maria Mena devoted her life to helping those in need of competent and affordable legal services after coming to the United States.

Now with her private law practice in Silver Spring, she began her litigation career after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1983 from American University and her Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law in 1987. Her practice areas include personal injury, child support, child custody, divorce, criminal, family/domestic, DUI and DWI, criminal defense, violent crime, speeding and traffic ticket, sex crime, child abuse and domestic violence.

Fluent in both English and Spanish, Mena is a seasoned criminal defense attorney who is licensed to practice law in Maryland, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia and in federal court. She was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania in 1989, the District of Columbia in 1991 and Maryland in 1999.

For the past 25 years, she has acquired a record of success that is unmatched by many of her peers. She has represented and successfully vindicated numerous clients who have been charged with crimes such as DWI, drug charges and more.

She believes strongly that developing an honest and comfortable relationship with her clients is a key factor in achieving a successful case result.



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**WILLIAM J. MURPHY**

PARTNER  
ZUCKERMAN SPAEDER LLP



Described as a brilliant tactician and a having calmness that exudes confidence, William J. Murphy is a partner at Zuckerman & Spaeder LLP. As an experienced trial lawyer, the University of Pennsylvania Law School alum's practice focuses on white collar defense, anti-trust, business litigation, investigations, employment law and litigation, Congressional investigations, legal profession and ethics, and securities and commodities litigation.

He was part of the firm's trial team that successfully defended former White House Counsel Gregory Craig in a headline grabbing federal false statements case in 2019.

Over the years, Murphy has been heavily involved in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was inducted as a fellow in 2002 and previously served as chair or their Maryland State Committee. He also

served a four-year term on the College's board of regents representing Maryland and the District of Columbia and is president-elect of their executive committee.

Murphy has also given his time to volunteer efforts throughout his career including serving as a member of the board of trustees for the Supreme Court Historical Society as well as an executive committee member for the College Bound Foundation and honorary co-chair for their annual lawyers campaign.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

The profession continues to benefit from increased gender and ethnic diversity of lawyers, but I would like to continue creating pathways for those women and people of color in private practice to achieve partnership and to advance within the profession. I would like to see more efforts by the organized bar in promoting the training and development of young lawyers to fulfill their potential, whether they are in public service or smaller private firms.



**JOSEPH MURTHA**

PARTNER  
RICE MURTHA & PSORAS, LLC



Joe Murtha is a veteran criminal defense litigator who has tried cases in both state and federal courts. A graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law, Murtha began his career as an Assistant State's Attorney for Howard County, where he tried a variety of criminal cases.

His career as a prosecutor mainly included the prosecution of felony matters, including death penalty litigation.

Murtha entered private practice in 1995 as an associate with the Baltimore law firm of Irwin Keith Green McDonald & Dexter, where he became a partner after a number of years. In 2003, Murtha joined veteran litigators and created the law firm of Miller Murtha & Psoras LLC, which focuses on criminal and civil litigation.

The firm merged with another law firm in 2020, and is now Rice Murtha & Psoras LLC.

Joe's successful defense of Linda Tripp for alleged wiretapping violations in the State of Maryland, which were brought to the attention of the Maryland state prosecutor during the course of the Office of Independent Counsel's investigation of President Bill Clinton, brought Murtha national attention and recognition as an accomplished criminal defense attorney.

Murtha is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, has an AV preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named a Super Lawyer. In 2008 Joe received the prestigious John Adams Award from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, in recognition of his work representing indigent defendants in federal cases.

**ISABELLE RAQUIN**

PARTNER  
RAQUINMERCER



As a criminal defense attorney, Isabelle Raquin believes that every client has a narrative worth telling. Raquin has always had an interest in representing people charged with the most serious crimes in the United States. After obtaining her first law degree from Sciences-Po Paris, she obtained her Juris Doctor in the U.S. at Duke University.

Raquin clerked for a judge in Paris who oversaw international white-collar crime. In the U.S., she interned at the French Embassy, working on anti-death penalty projects. She has received multiple awards for her pro bono work with the Innocence Project, the Street Law Project, the International Law Society and the ACLU's Capital Punishment Project.

Her "litigate to win" approach ensures that every client and case is treated as though it is going to trial. This has won her respect in and out of the courtroom.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

I dream of a criminal justice system that does not so heavily rely on incarceration and long sentences. For example, I believe that juveniles are still too severely punished when the science shows that youth is a mitigating circumstance, I advocate for more resources for addiction and mental health services and for the extension of the problem-solving courts model and I would initiate reform of sentencing guidelines is necessary to safeguard against the escalation of sentences.

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**MALCOLM P. RUFF**ASSOCIATE  
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Since earning his Juris Doctor in 2012 from the University of Baltimore School of Law, Malcolm P. Ruff has launched a successful legal career.

He began his career as a prosecutor in the Baltimore County and Baltimore City State's Attorney offices. This experience led him to personal injury and criminal defense cases, where he now serves as a trial attorney and associate at Murphy Falcon Murphy.

Ruff mainly focuses on representing victims of police brutality, negligence in personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death and criminal defense. Most recently, Ruff co-lead efforts to represent the family of William Green who was fatally shot by a Prince George's County Police officer. Ruff and his team won a \$20 million settlement for Green's family, one of the

largest settlements in the U.S. a case involving a killing by a police officer.

Ruff has worked closely with community advocacy groups, including Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle, The Center for Urban Families, The Job Opportunities Task Force, Out for Justice and the NAACP Office of the General Counsel. He serves on the Gilman School Board of Trustees, the Alumni Board of Governors and the Black Alumni Society. He is the founder of a grassroots community organization, The Pagya Project, which aims to mobilize members of under-served communities in Baltimore to combat issues such as homelessness and street violence.

He is also an active member of the Maryland State Bar Association, Baltimore City Bar Association, and the Monumental City Bar Association, among others.

**STEVEN D. SILVERMAN**MANAGING PARTNER  
SILVERMAN THOMPSON SLUTKIN & WHITE

With more than 30 years of experience practicing law, Steven D. Silverman, managing partner at Silverman Thompson Slutkin & White, is recognized as one of the best trial lawyers and negotiators in Maryland.

Silverman has represented thousands of criminal clients, including some of the most high-profile cases of well-known politicians, state leaders and sports figures. He has not lost a jury trial in any criminal matter in more than two decades. He is also regarded highly in civil litigation and appeals.

Silverman is consistently recognized as one of the top 100 trial lawyers in Maryland by The American Association of Trial Lawyers and was named as one of the top 10 criminal defense attorneys in the Northeast. His trial skills earned him the U.S. News Best Lawyer in

America for civil litigation in 2021.

He has been appointed by Federal Courts as lead or co-lead in national class action lawsuits, including the NHL's concussion mitigation and the NFL's painkiller litigation.

**What's the most important thing you do in your job?**

I have a keen understanding of people's strengths and weakness, starting with my own limitations. So my most important responsibility is putting the right spokes in the wheel to staff a particular case and best serve our clients.

**What is one aspect of your profession you would like to change?**

I always say that criminal lawyers are civil, and civil lawyers are criminal. I wish lawyers who are simply fighting over money would turn down the temperature and rhetoric, and generally behave more professionally. The truth does matter.

**ERICA J. SUTER**DIRECTOR OF THE INNOCENCE PROJECT CLINIC AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE; ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Since obtaining her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University in 2003, Erica J. Suter has been working tirelessly to defend the innocent. She opened her own firm in 2011, but now serves as the director of the Innocence Project Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law in collaboration with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Her work as a post-conviction and appellate criminal defense attorney has helped change the lives of many.

Most recently, Suter was recognized for her work in convincing a judge of the Baltimore Circuit Court to overturn the conviction of Adnan Syed, the case made famous by the "Serial" podcast. Syed served 23 years in prison for the murder of Hae-Min Lee, but maintained his innocence.

As director of the Innocence Project, Suter teaches and supervises student attorneys who handle cases. She works with the Office of the Public Defender to teach and advocate on reform of the justice system. She serves as a resource on social science research, such as coercive interrogation tactics, unreliable eyewitness identification practices and incorporating scientific research, such as DNA testing, into legal arguments.

After serving as a law clerk in the DC Superior Court, Suter spent roughly three years at the Washington firm Williams & Connolly LLP as an attorney and then at Bennett & Bair LLC.

She received a Bachelor of Arts from Bates College, a Master of Arts from the University of Chicago and her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.

**ARNOLD M. WEINER**PARTNER  
RIFKIN WEINER LIVINGSTON

With nearly six decades of work in litigation, it is no wonder that Arnold M. Weiner, a partner at Rifkin Weiner Livingston, is a highly regarded trial attorney and civil litigator. Weiner chairs the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense practice and co-chairs the firm's Complex Civil and Commercial Litigation practice.

He was the lead defense attorney in the high-profile prosecutions of Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel, U.S. Rep. Edward Garmatz and Baltimore Mayor Sheila A. Dixon, among other high-profile cases. Weiner is regularly sought after for representation and legal advice. He taught courses in civil procedure, criminal procedure and trial practice and procedure at the University of Maryland School of Law. He currently serves on the Homeless Persons Representation Project Board of Directors.

Weiner has been listed in the Best Lawyers of America since 1983 and has been a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers for 30 years.

After graduating from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in 1957, Weiner clerked for Simon E. Sobeloff. He then worked as an assistant United States Attorney. After leaving the federal prosecutor's office, Weiner worked as a criminal defense attorney, before turning to civil litigation.

**What's the most important thing you do in your job?**

The most important thing I do in my job is preparation. By becoming thoroughly prepared on the law and the facts, I can provide the most beneficial and effective assistance to my clients.

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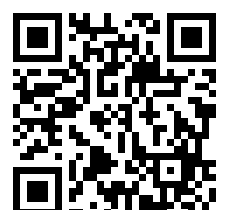


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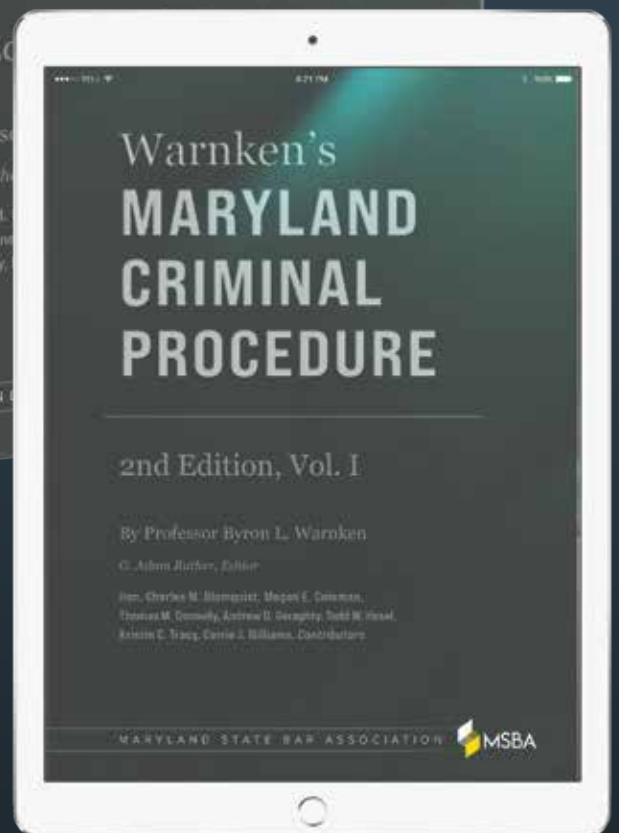
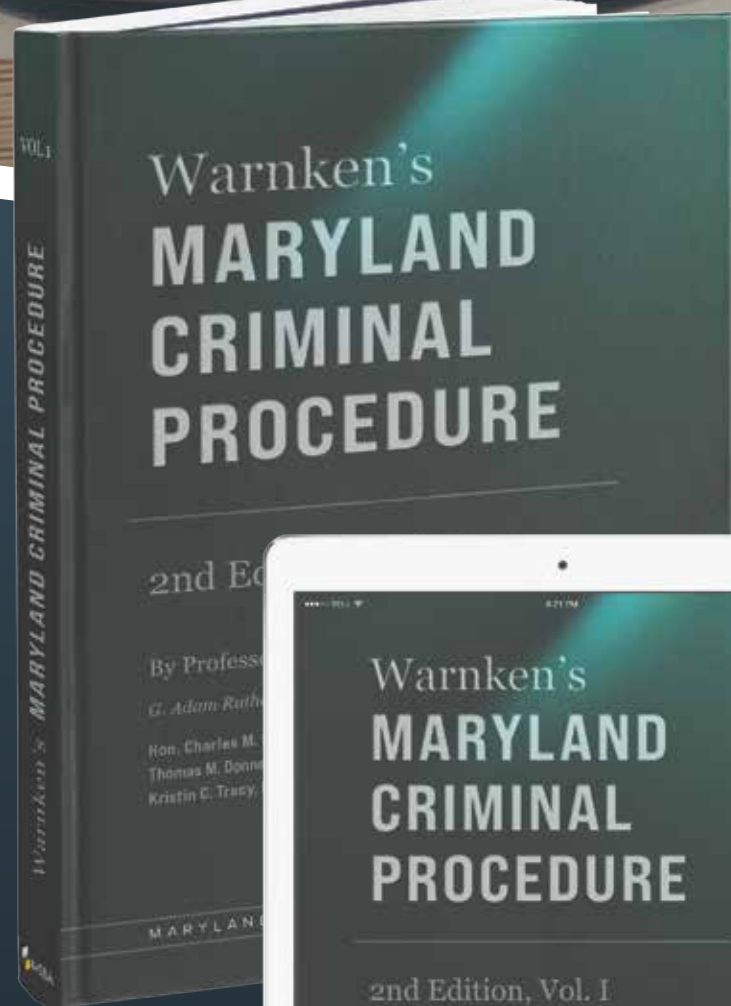
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