

SNAP

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Jeff Anderson

Jeff Anderson is a nationally known trial lawyer and a pioneer in representing victims of sexual abuse across the country. He and his firm of dedicated professionals use the civil justice

system and the crucible of the courtroom to seek justice for those abused by clergy and other trusted professionals by trial and through public advocacy for child protection.

Jeff was named a Top 100 Lawyer in Minnesota, 2003 Lawyer of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer, and in Top 40 Personal Injury Lawyers and was recognized by William Mitchell College of Law as among the 100 Who Made a Difference. In 2008 he received the prestigious Steven Sharp Public Service Award by the American Association of Justice and was a finalist for Trial Lawyer of the Year by Public Justice Foundation for his advocacy in representing hundreds of survivors in Southern California.

Jeff is honored and inspired by the courage of survivors breaking the silence, knowing that together, every time we speak and act, children are protected across this nation.



Barbara Blaine

Barbara Blaine is the founder and president of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. Having reported her abuse in 1985 to church leaders, Blaine naively

assumed that they would ensure that the perpetrator would be removed and they would help her to find healing. After a couple of years, she realized that the church leaders wouldn't help and she still needed healing. She decided to find other survivors in the hope that they would help each other to cope with the effects of the abuse as well as to work together to keep others safe. Since its founding in 1988, SNAP has grown to over 9,000 members in all 50 states and other countries too. Blaine holds MSW, Mdiv and JD degrees. She is a social worker and attorney who previously worked with homeless families in Chicago and then represented abused and neglected children in Cook County Court until 2003.



Justice Anne Burke

Throughout her long career in public service as a children's advocate and legal professional, Justice Anne M. Burke of the Illinois Supreme Court's First District has endeavored to

provide a voice to society's most fragile citizens. She was appointed to the Supreme Court on July 6, 2006 and was elected in 2008. Before her appointment to the judiciary, Justice Burke was a leading advocate on behalf of Chicago's most vulnerable of young people.

Before serving on the Illinois Appellate Court, Justice Burke provided in depth leadership in reshaping and improving the Illinois juvenile justice system.

Issues and causes impacting the civic, cultural and educational life of Chicago have been a priority for Justice Burke throughout her professional career. In the past, she has served as Interim Chair of the National Review Board of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Joelle Casteix

Joelle Casteix was born and raised in Southern California, was sexually abused between the ages of 15 and 17 by her high school choir director. After years of

advocacy and her civil lawsuit which was a part of the 2005 Orange County Diocese settlement, Joelle was able to publicly expose her abuser. She also gained access to more than 200 pages of documents that included the abuser's signed confession and letters between school and diocese officials that proved that school and church leaders knew about her abuse and did nothing to stop it - or to protect her and her abuser's other victims.

Joelle became active in SNAP in 2002 and has been a spokesperson and leader in events in California and across the country. She is married to Mike, the world's most patient man, and is the mother of a young son who likes monster trucks and tools.



David Clohessy

For the last 20 years, David Clohessy has served as the executive director of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, the nation's largest and oldest self-help group

for clergy molestation victims. In that role, he has traveled and spoken extensively, helping to set up local support groups in more than 50 cities. Clohessy was one of only four survivors to address all of America's Catholic Bishops at their historic meeting in Dallas in 2002. Clohessy's professional career includes working as a community organizer in low income neighborhoods, and as a union organizer representing low wage workers. He has also done political and public relations consulting. Clohessy helped elect St. Louis' first African-American mayor, and later the city's first female prosecutor. David is committed to expose the hidden truths, not only about horrific rapes and sexual abuse, but more importantly

who knew what, when, and why the abuse was allowed to continue unabated for so long. Clohessy is married and has two sons.



Christine Courtois

Dr. Christine A. Courtois is a Psychologist in independent practice in Washington, DC. She received her PhD from the University of Maryland in College Park, in 1979. Dr.

Courtois is President-Elect of Division 56 (Psychological Trauma) of the American Psychological Association and has recently published *Treating Complex Traumatic Stress Disorders: An Evidence-Based Guide* (2009) co-edited with Dr. Julian Ford. She has authored three other books, *Recollections of Sexual Abuse: Treatment Principles and Guidelines* (1999), *Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: A Workshop Model* (1993), and *Healing the Incest Wound: Adult Survivors in Therapy* (1988) (revised edition to be published in early 2010). She has also published numerous articles and chapters on related topics and is the Associate Editor of the new APA journal, *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, & Policy*. She routinely conducts professional training locally, nationally, and internationally on topics related to traumatic stress.



Barbara Dorris

Barbara Dorris is the victims outreach director for SNAP. As a teacher in her parish school, she caught the parish priest molesting the children and after unsuccessfully trying to have him

removed came to SNAP for help. She began working as a full time volunteer with SNAP in 2002 and became part of the staff two years later. In her work with SNAP, she has helped hundreds of survivors and works closely with local SNAP leaders across the country. She is herself a survivor of clergy abuse who has six grown children and four grandchildren.



Anne Barrett Doyle

Anne Barrett Doyle is co-director of BishopAccountability.org. In 2002, she co-founded Coalition of Catholics and Survivors, a group that organized activism in the Boston archdiocese.

Previously, she was an editor, mediator, and vice-president of a Manhattan public relations firm. She is a graduate of Harvard College.



Tom Doyle

Thomas Doyle is a Canon Lawyer and an addictions therapist. He has also been a priest in the Dominican Order since 1970. He has tried to provide support and assistance to the victims of clergy

sexual abuse for 26 years. In addition to pastoral/spiritual support, he has also testified in civil trials on behalf of victims in nearly every state in the U.S., in Ireland, Canada and the U.K.



Lieve Halsberghe

Lieve Halsberghe is the niece of Godelieve Halsberghe, retired magistrate and former president of the Commission installed by the Belgian bishops in 2000 to deal with sexual abuse cases.

Contrary to what the bishops had expected, she was an adamant defender of the victims and fought very hard to obtain justice. The cardinal and the bishops, all but one, boycotted her. In 2009, she resigned and made sure her valuable files were brought to safety in the National Archives.

Lieve became involved in the fight against sexual abuse in the Church after talking to her aunt. She soon realized the time to act is now.

Collaborating to bring back to life the old Belgian survivor group Mensenrechten in de Kerk (Human Rights in the Church), Lieve is working with Rik Devillé, retired priest, author and defender of the victims of sexual abuse in

the church, and with a growing number of courageous survivors and supporters in Belgium.



Julie Hoakanson

Julie Hokanson is a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, and a member of SNAP, serving in leadership as the SNAP Presbyterian contact. She runs an appraisal business, serves on the board of Restoration Ministry, and speaks about sexual abuse and trauma recovery.



Becky Ianni

Becky Ianni has been a member of SNAP since 2006 and a SNAP leader in the Washington DC area since 2007. Becky is a peer leader who first courageously faced her own abuse and fought church leaders for justice. Then Becky began taking calls from other survivors and walking with them along a healing journey. She is a SNAP spokesperson who seeks to expose truth. Becky is married and a mother of four. She holds a BA in Education from the College of William and Mary.



Kathleen Jordan

Kathy Jordan, Ph.D. is a clergy abuse survivor who practices as a psychologist, life coach, and Reiki teacher. She is co-author of a new book, *Becoming a Life Change Artist: 7 Creative Skills to Reinvent Yourself at Any Stage of Life*, which will be released on August 3, 2010 by Avery/Penguin Group. Kathy enjoys birding, kayaking, and keeping an art journal. She divides her time between Colorado Springs, Boston, and St. Augustine, Florida.



Marjorie Karjulahti

Marjorie Karjalahti experienced healing from childhood abuses through people of faith who were willing and made themselves available to listen to

her story with compassionate, respectful hearts. A graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary (M.Div. 2003) her desire is to extend the same grace to others.

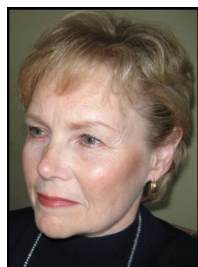


Phillip Koss

Mr. Koss has worked in the Walworth County District Attorney's Office since 1985. He was elected DA in 1990. Previously he was an assistant district attorney in Waupaca County.

Mr. Koss has charged a number of cases involving clergy who sexually abused a child, including State of Wisconsin v. Donald J. McGuire. McGuire, a Jesuit from Loyola academy, was convicted by a jury in 2006 of sexually assaulting students in the 1960's and is currently in Federal prison for more recent offenses.

In 2007, Mr. Koss received an award from the Wisconsin Victim/Witness Professional Association for "Outstanding Victim Advocacy by a Professional." That same year Mr. Koss also received the Prosecutor of the Year Award from the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association.



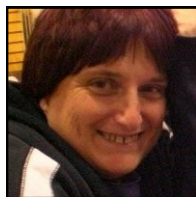
Mary Ellen Kruger

Mary Ellen Kruger lives in St. Louis with 4 children and 9 grandchildren. She worked in the Insurance Industry for 33 years and retired in December of 2009.

Mary Ellen's youngest son, Stephen Hippe, was abused by a priest and a teacher in 1985 and 86 while in high school. Both were prosecuted and sentenced to prison. Stephen took his life in 1991.

Mary Ellen became a member of SNAP in 2002 and realized that SNAP was the outlet that she needed in order to help herself heal and, at the same time, help protect children. She is an active member of SNAP, VOTFSL (Voice of the Faithful St. Louis) and has worked with FOSIL (Fellowship of Southern Illinois Laity) on several occasions. She has done research on the

treatment centers in the St. Louis and surrounding areas where the Catholic Church is housing accused and convicted sex offenders.



Marigrace Labella

Since 2002, Marigrace Labella has been involved with SNAP. She has served as the Local Leader of the Raleigh, NC, SNAP group. Marigrace also served for

5 years as the Online Discussion Board Moderator. In addition, Marigrace has assisted with many behind the scenes activities for SNAP. She had been employed with American Airlines for 15 years, as both an Employee Assistance Representative and Reservationist Specialist. She has also given many talks around NC educating Mental Health Associations and Social Worker's providers on various healthy survivor coping tools. Marigrace currently lives with her dog, Olivia, in Raleigh, NC.



Jack Lavino

Jack Lavino, a psychotherapist in private practice in Boulder, CO feels that his has gotten younger as he has been in recovery from clergy and other sexual abuse for 25 years. He is formerly Co-Chair

of Colorado SNAP. He has been in recovery from a number of addictions for 38 years. He specializes in addiction and trauma recovery. He is also a national public speaker.



Jean Leih

Jean L. Leih is pastor and founder of Restoration Ministries. In addition to her training in spiritual direction, she is a graduate of Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, with a Master of Divinity degree; Azusa Pacific University

Haggard School of Theology, with a Doctor of Ministry Degree. She served in pastoral ministry in congregations for 14 years prior to establishing Restoration Ministries.



David Lorenz

David Lorenz was born and raised in Kentucky and was the seventh of ten children. He attended college in Kentucky and then moved to Maryland to attend graduate school at the University of Maryland. Dave has been married for 28 years, raised 4 children and has a beautiful new granddaughter.

David was abused by a Catholic priest when he was 16 years old while attending an all boys college prep Catholic high school. David, at the age of 32, was finally able to tell people about his experience in 1992 when the perpetrator was exposed and criminally convicted for his actions. David has been a member of SNAP since 2006 and started a support group for survivors in 2008. He has been a survivor activist since that time and has testified before the state legislature to change the statute of limitations. He also acts as a SNAP spokesperson and has held numerous press conferences in and around the Baltimore and Washington DC area.



Judy Lorenz

Judy Lorenz is originally from Moonachie, NJ where she enjoyed life growing up in a loving Catholic family as the youngest of five children. She received an Associates Degree in Medical Assisting and worked for a pediatrician for a year before deciding to pursue a teaching career. Judy moved to College Park to attend the University of Maryland and soon after she met David Lorenz and they were married in 1982. She has four children and one brand new baby grand daughter, Leah. Judy made the switch from working with children to working with elder folks in 2007 when she became a Program Assistant for the Bowie Senior Center.

Along with taking on a leadership role in SNAP, Judy is also involved in Voice of the Faithful, CITI Ministries, and is founder of the Emmaus Community of Bowie, an Intentional Eucharistic Community.



Mark McAllister

Mark McAllister, MD is 40 years old and lives with his wife, Monica and 4-year-old son, Zachary in Roanoke, VA. He was abused by Father Gerald James Howard, formerly known as Father Carmine Sita, in the diocese of Jefferson City, MO from 1983 to 1988. In the summer of 2009, by way of a civil suit, he exposed corrupt church officials of the diocese of Jefferson City, the archdiocese of Newark, and the order of the Paracletes. In the spring of 2010, Dr. McAllister's ongoing and diligent pursuit of justice resulted in the criminal indictment of Father Howard on eight felony counts involving the abuse of himself and several other victims. Father Howard is currently incarcerated in Cooper County, MO awaiting trial. Father Howard, previously convicted of similar crimes in Newark, has yet to be laicized by the Catholic Church.



Beth McCabe

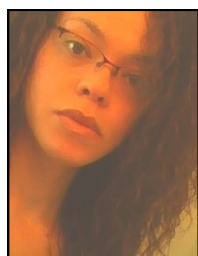
Beth McCabe has been involved in SNAP since 2003 when Connecticut SNAP was formed and has served as a co-leader since 2004. Beth has been involved on the legislative level in New York advocating for the Child Victim Act and in Connecticut on various legislation to help survivors of abuse. She also serves on the Susan B. Anthony Project Advisory Board, a community organization advocating for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.



Trish McLelland

Trish McLelland is the coordinator of Bishop Accountability.org's accused priest database, which now includes more than 3,300 names. For ten years, as legal assistant to Dallas plaintiff attorney Sylvia Demarest, Trish helped create an extensive electronic database and file collection on accused priests. After Sylvia retired and donated this archive to BishopAccountability.org, Trish joined the

BA.org staff part-time. She has a Master's degree in Library Science.



Reyma McCoy

Reyma McCoy is a social services professional with ten years experience in management and consulting within the not-for-profit sector. She is the former Therapeutic Program

Coordinator for Vianney Renewal Center in Dittmer, MO. Vianney Renewal Center has, throughout its twenty-plus years in operation, housed some of the most notorious pedophile priests in the United States. Ms. McCoy is the first person in history to come forward and offer insight into the hidden world of pedophile priest containment; she holds a Master's degree in Not-for-Profit Administration from Lindenwood University.



Terence McKiernan

Terence McKiernan founded BishopAccountability.org in 2003 and is the organization's president. Terry holds master's degrees in Classics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison

and the University of Bristol in England. Before his involvement in the church crisis, he was an academic editor and a consulting firm manager.



Sheila Murphy

Sheila Murphy is a retired judge who now practices law in Chicago at the law firm of Rothschild, Barry and Myers. She was born in Colorado Springs and two years ago addressed

SNAP with her brother, Eddie Murphy, and Dr. Michael Smith MD. What she learned from her brother Eddie who died as the result of a hiking accident will be the subject of a book that she is writing to help other survivors. She is on the advisory board of NAPSAC, and NADA and is the Chair of the International Bar Association's Judges Forum where Jeff Anderson and Barbara Blaine made presentations to judges and survivors from around the world in Singapore in 2007.



Karen Polesir

Karen Polesir is the Philadelphia area SNAP leader. She began working with SNAP in 2002 in north Jersey and has helped in north Jersey & south Jersey as well as the Philadelphia area.

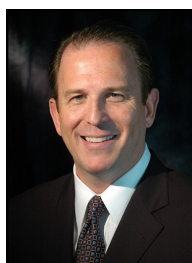
Karen teaches reading to at-risk youth in Schwenksville, PA. Her goal is to witness justice for the sexually abused in her lifetime.



Peter Saunders

Pete Saunders was born and brought up in Wimbledon (London, UK). He left school at 16 with few qualifications but returned to education as a mature student, obtained a Business Studies degree and a

Post Graduate Certificate in Education. He then became a teacher. Pete was abused throughout his childhood by a family member and two catholic priests at the school he attended. He never spoke of his abuse until he was nearly 40 years of age and because he was unable to find any support as a male survivor he set up NAPAC, the National Association for People Abused in Childhood in England. It has been a long hard, road but Pete will be delighted to tell you about NAPAC at the SNAP Conference which he says he is "very excited about".



Mark Serrano

Mark Serrano was a board member of SNAP from 2002 – 2007 and proudly continues to serve as a national spokesman. Mr.

Serrano joined the organization after his personal story was made public in a New York Times front page exposé in March 2002 in which Serrano was the first clergy sexual abuse survivor to break a gag order imposed by the Church through a legal settlement. Soon thereafter, over 20 other victims of the same priest came forward and joined Serrano in a historic televised confrontation

with their bishop who had dismissed the criminal revelations that Serrano first reported years earlier.

Mark Serrano is also a business owner and entrepreneur. He leads ProActive Communications (www.getproactive.us), a strategic communications business serving corporations and trade associations with public affairs and government affairs services which Serrano founded in 1996.

Most importantly, Mark and his wife Stacy Serrano are raising their four children together in their home in northern Virginia



Pat Serrano

Pat Serrano is the parent of 7 children and 13 grandchildren. Pat owned and operated Serrano Travel Service for 26 years until 2002 when she semi-retired as the advocacy need took on greater proportions in her life. In

April 2002, she took on the role of SNAP New Jersey Family Outreach Director.

In 1996, she and Father Kenneth Lasch founded HOST, then meaning Healing Our Sons Together, as an outlet for the many victims who were abused at St Joseph's Church in Mendham, NJ. The meaning was changed in May of 2002 to Healing Our Survivors Together to include all the women who once were victims.



Kathy Shaw

Kathy Shaw was a journalist for more than 40 years when in the early 1990s she started writing stories about clergy sexual abuse. She searched in the woods of New Brunswick, Canada to find one priest who

fled the United States rather than face arrest for abusing youngsters at a youth home he operated. Her reporting was instrumental in getting him extradited back to the United States to finally stand trial.

Her background segued seamlessly into posting the Clergy Abuse Tracker when the scandal opened up internationally, starting in Boston in 2002.

She is a graduate of Becker College and Assumption College, Worcester, MA, and is a graduate of the officer's seminar for the Newspaper Guild at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies, Silver Spring, MD. She worked 11 years as a mental health crisis clinician and counselor. Fresh out of school, her first crisis intervention was with a man who had been abused by a priest.



Dr. Michael Smith

Dr. Smith is a psychiatrist and acupuncturist who has been the director of the Lincoln Recovery Center for the past 35 years. He and his staff developed the ear acupuncture protocol demonstrated here today.

Counselors and caregivers are often trained to provide this simple technique. Dr. Smith was the first person inducted into the Drug Court Hall of Fame.



Steve Theisen

Steve Theisen, is a survivor of nun sexual abuse and Iowa SNAP Director. Steve was sexually abused by a his 4th grade teacher, a nun, beginning

at age 9 and which lasted two years. Steve, as many of us, suffered in silence for 40 years and has, with other survivors of nun sexual abuse, worked to find accountability for the hundreds of orders of nuns in the United States.



Victor Vieth

Victor Vieth is an attorney, former prosecutor and author of numerous articles on child abuse and domestic violence. Vieth served as the first director of the National Child Protection

Training Center which merged with the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC). He has trained

professionals across the country on topics involving child abuse investigations, prosecutions, trial strategies and prevention methods.

Victor graduated *magna cum laude* from WSU and earned his Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). While studying at HUSL, he received the American Jurisprudence award for achievement in the study of Constitutional law and served as editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*.



Patrick Wall

Patrick Wall is a canon lawyer and a former Benedictine Monk. After working as a "fixer" in the church, dealing with the aftermath of sexually abusive priests in parishes and schools,

Wall left the priesthood, finding that the only way that abuse survivors would get the help and healing they needed was outside of the church hierarchy. Wall has consulted on more than 200 cases of clergy sex abuse and is a leading advocate for survivors.