



Conference Speakers



Jeff Anderson

Jeff 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.



Eric Barragan

Eric Barragan is a survivor and entrepreneur who has turned his pain and outrage into the largest foreign SNAP chapter. After helping survivors in California and around the US for years, (especially Spanish-speaking ones), he helped launch our Mexico chapter, first by flying to Mexico repeatedly and later by moving to Mexico City. He has endured death threats and harassment and yet continues to reach out to survivors who have had few advocates and little support.



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 isn't giving up because it still seems that there is so much to be done. 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 when she began working full time for SNAP.



Christa Brown

Writer and blogger Christa Brown has been described as "the public face" of Baptist clergy abuse survivors. As one of the first to go public with substantiated molestation allegations against a Southern Baptist minister and documentation that others knew, Christa survived every attempt of the Baptist machine to shut her down. She now uses her experience to shine a light on clergy sex abuse and cover-ups in the nation's largest Protestant denomination. Christa's work was spotlighted on ABC's 20/20 program, and she is frequently quoted in the press. Christa was the first

survivor to address members of the Executive Committee at the "Baptist Vatican" in Nashville.

Before shifting her energy to Baptist-land, Christa worked as an appellate attorney in private practice, and previously, she was an attorney for the Texas Supreme Court.

Her recently released book is *This Little Light: Beyond a Baptist Preacher Predator and His Gang*. As both a memoir and exposé, the book breaks new ground as Christa shares her journey from trusting church girl to tenacious advocate. Christa's website is StopBaptistPredators.org.

Her credentials include: University of Texas School of Law -- J.D., with honors; University of Texas at Austin -- M.A.; University of North Texas -- B.A., with highest honors



Juliana Buhring

Juliana Buhring was born and raised in the religious cult, Children of God/The Family. After leaving the group, she worked with the Tae Okono charity helping the child soldiers and children directly affected by the rebel warfare in Northern Uganda.

She is co-author of *Not Without My Sister*, a bestselling book detailing her unique experiences growing up as a second-generation cult child. Miss Buhring is an Executive Director of RISE International, a nonprofit organization that works to protect children from abuse in cults and works closely with Safe Passage Foundation.



David Clohessy

For the last 19 years, David Clohessy has served as the national 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.



Jeanne Cratty

Jeannie Cratty has been a member of SNAP since 2003 and a SNAP Leader in Massachusetts since 2004. She facilitates the Greater Boston Chapter that meets in Winchester, MA. monthly.

Health and Wellness are very important as she manages a nutrition department for a natural foods retail chain and shares her knowledge about supplements and skincare, especially because of the positive impact those products have on life and an overall feeling of wellbeing.



Jeffrey Dion

Jeff Dion is an attorney who has championed crime victims' rights for more than two decades. Jeff began advocating for victims when his sister was murdered by a serial killer. Jeff has successfully lobbied the Virginia General Assembly for victims rights bills. He is currently the Director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association. He has served on the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board, the Victim Services Grant Review Committee, is the Chairman of the Victim-Witness Issues Advisory Committee and serves on the Board of Directors of his local rape crisis center. He has won numerous awards both from national and local groups. In 2006, the Attorney General of the United States presented him with the Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award. This award honors an outstanding individual whose leadership, vision, and innovation have led to significant changes in public policy and practice that benefit crime victims, and is one of the prestigious National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards, which are the highest honors in the field of crime victim services.



Barbara Dorris

Barbara Dorris is the national 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 3 grandchildren.



Anne Barrett Doyle

Anne 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.



Glenn Favreau

Glenn Favreau was a member of the Legion of Christ from 1984 to 1997. During this time he experienced many of the now infamous manipulation techniques of this nefarious group. After leaving the Legion, Glenn helped found the

ReGAIN Network to help ex-members and to inform the public about the misdeeds of the Legion and its founder, the now disgraced Mexican priest, Marcial Maciel. For over ten years, Glenn counseled ex-members and helped to uncover Maciel's abuses and prove him a fraud.

Glenn holds a Licentiate Degree in Philosophy, a Bachelors Degree in Theology, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School. He now works as an attorney in Washington, DC.



Rev. Marie M. Fortune

Rev. Marie M. Fortune grew up in North Carolina where she received her undergraduate degree from Duke University. She received her seminary training at Yale Divinity School and was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ in

1976. After serving in a local parish, she founded the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, now known as FaithTrust Institute, in 1977 where she served as Executive Director until 1999. Now she serves as Founder and Senior Analyst at FaithTrust Institute. Today

FaithTrust Institute is a multi-faith, multicultural organization providing religious communities and advocates with training, consultation and educational materials to address the faith aspects of abuse.

She also was Editor of *The Journal of Religion and Abuse* and served on the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence for the U.S. Department of Defense.

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Mitchell Garabedian

In 1979 Mitchell Garabedian began representing injured individuals seeking compensation for their injuries. Since 1995 Mitchell Garabedian's law practice has specialized in representing victims of sexual abuse. He has represented

sexual abuse victims of doctors, teachers, coaches, scout leaders and others. Specifically, he has represented hundreds of victims of clergy sexual abuse. His legal work has encouraged thousands of clergy sexual abuse victims worldwide to come forward. His watershed legal work in the Father Geoghan cases ultimately led to public disclosure of documents showing leaders of the Boston Archdiocese knowingly reassigned pedophile priests to positions where those priests had unsupervised access to more child victims. Mitchell Garabedian has been recognized nationally and internationally for his legal work.

Mitchell Garabedian's proposal to change Massachusetts law was ultimately accepted and the Massachusetts statutes were amended by adding clergy to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse. For years he has been working to convince the Massachusetts legislature to amend the Massachusetts statute of limitations so that more victims are able to pursue legal remedies. In 2002 Mitchell Garabedian was named one of the top ten Massachusetts Lawyers of the Year by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. He continues to represent sexual abuse victims and to actively work for changes in the law so that more victims are able to seek justice.

His education includes: 1973-Boston University; B.A., Political Science; 1975-Northeastern University; M.A., American Government and International Relations; 1979-New England School of Law; J. D.



Joseph George

Joe George is licensed as a psychologist and attorney at law in California.

Joe obtained a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University. After completing a residency, he worked as a psychologist at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base beginning in September of 1980. He then attended McGeorge School of Law, University of Pacific, where he graduated in 1985.

Joe was a member of the California Senate Task Force on Psychotherapist and Patient Sexual Relationships in 1986. He wrote a Senate Bill that became Civil Code section 43.93, which prohibits sexual contact between a psychotherapist and a patient for two years post-termination. His law practice has primarily been limited to child sexual abuse and mental health malpractice throughout California since 1985.

Joe was co-counsel with Jeff Anderson in over 75 Clergy III cases in northern California.



Bill Goldberg

Bill is a clinical social worker who specializes in working with individuals who have been involved in cults. He and his wife, Lorna, have co-led a support group for former cult members who have met continuously for the past thirty one

years. He has written eleven articles and book chapters that have been published in professional journals and compilations. He has been invited to testify before the New York State Assembly Committee on Child Care, the New Jersey State Assembly Judiciary Committee, and the Connecticut State Judiciary Committee as these panels have considered legislation related to cultic activity. Bill has appeared on The ABC Evening News, The John McLaughlin Show, the Geraldo Rivera Show and other television programs to discuss cults and cultism.

Bill received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his Masters of Social Work Degree from NYU. He was the Program Supervisor for Rehabilitative Services of the Rockland County (NY) Department of Mental Health from 1975 until 2008, and he retired from this position last October. He is presently an Instructor in the Social Work and Sociology Department of Dominican College, where he teaches courses on Social Work Methods, Social Problems, Deviance, and the Sociology of Religion.



Peter Isely, M.Div, M.S., LICSW

Peter Isely is a licensed clinical social worker with a private practice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Peter founded and directed for

several years the nation's only inpatient treatment program for clergy sexual abuse victims at Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. His recent publications include co-authoring the lead article for a special edition of the *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse and Maltreatment* on clergy sexual abuse and the introduction to the recent pastoral guide, *Who Touched Me: Healing the Wounds of Sexual Brokenness*. Peter is one of the founding members of SNAP and its current Midwest Director.



Kathy Jordan

Kathy Jordan, PhD is a life change coach and certified Reiki Master/Teacher. As a clergy abuse survivor, Kathy has personal experience of the power of Reiki to safely accelerate healing after

trauma. Kathy received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from Florida State University, and her MEd in Counseling from Northeastern University. She also trained in family therapy with the Boston Family Institute. She is co-author of the forthcoming book, *Becoming a Life Change Artist: Seven Creative Skills That Can Transform Your Life*, (Avery Books, 2010)



Frank Keating

Frank Keating took over as president and CEO of the American Council of Life Insurers in January 2003 after serving two terms as Oklahoma's 25th governor. As president and CEO of ACLI, Governor Keating is the chief

representative and spokesman for the life insurance industry in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. Born in St. Louis in 1944, Keating grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma. His 30-year career in law enforcement and public service included stints as an FBI agent; U.S. Attorney and state prosecutor; and Oklahoma House and Senate member. He served Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush in the Treasury, Justice, and Housing departments. His service in Treasury and Justice gave him responsibility for all federal criminal prosecutions in the nation and oversight over such agencies as the Secret Service, U.S. Customs, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Marshals, the Bureau of Prisons, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Governor Keating also is the author of three award winning children's books, biographies of Will Rogers and Theodore Roosevelt.



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.



Marge Markey

Assemblywoman Margaret Markey has represented the 30th District of Queens in the New York State Assembly for more than 10 years. She began her public service as a member of the senior staff of the Queens Borough President after

decades as a community activist. In the New York State Legislature she has focused on legislation to protect consumers and improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers, fighting for tougher food safety standards and child product safety. She first introduced important legislation concerning child sexual abuse in 2005. Known as the Child Victims' Act of New York, the bill would extend the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse crimes. It would also completely suspend the civil statutes of limitations for one year to provide justice for victims who have been time-barred, thereby exposing pedophiles who continue to prey on youngsters. The

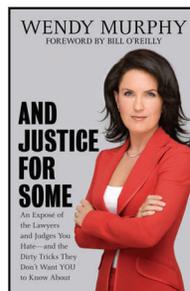
bill has been overwhelmingly adopted by the Assembly three times and is before both the Assembly and the State Senate in 2009.



Santa Molina

Santa Molina is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and the Director of Counseling and Advocacy at the DC Rape Crisis Center. She is responsible for the development and supervision of their adult, children and crisis counseling programs.

She obtained her clinical degree from Hunter College School of Social Work in New York City in 1990. Ms. Molina is a native of Dominican Republic, bilingual and bicultural, raised in New York City. She has been working with and on women's issues since the late 1980. She serviced as the Clinical Program Director of Sanctuary for Families, a grass roots domestic violence organization for seven years and has been dedicated to serving women and children ever since. Ms. Molina has specialized on issues Loss and Grief, Bereavement, Adult and children Sexual Assault and Childhood sexual abuse. She has developed a Holistic approach to addressing the need of survivors of abuse that includes programs addressing the body, mind and spirit. Her clinical experiences include Gestalt, Art and Play therapies, Inner Child Honoring and Ego Supportive/Cognitive therapies. She incorporates somatic body work, Yoga and Meditation to her approach when appropriate. Ms. Molina is a compassionate, dedicated clinician and administrator.



Wendy J. Murphy, JD

Wendy is a former child abuse and sex crimes prosecutor who specializes in the representation of crime victims. She was appointed Mary Joe Frug Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at New England Law|Boston in 01-02 and served as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School in 02-03. She now teaches at New England Law|Boston where she also directs the Sexual Violence Legal News and Judicial Language projects. She founded the first ever volunteer legal advocacy program for crime victims and has been providing pro bono representation since 1992. She serves on several boards and has published many law review articles related to interpersonal violence and the criminal justice system. She serves on the editorial board of the journal: Violence Against Women, and is a contributing editor to the Sexual

Assault Report. She consults and lectures widely on child abuse, sex crimes, violence against women, victims' rights and criminal justice policy. Wendy is a nationally recognized television legal analyst who has worked for CBS, Fox News, CNN and MSNBC. Her first book, *And Justice For Some*, was published in September 2007 by Penguin Group. A former NFL cheerleader, Wendy lives outside Boston with her husband and five children.



Kathryn Robb, Esq.

Kathryn Robb, Esq. is a survivor of sexual abuse by family. She is currently a law instructor and lawyer as well as a mother to five. She received her M.A. at Hartwick College, a B.S. in Clinical Counseling at the University of

Hartford, and her J.D. at New England School of Law in Boston.



Kathy Shaw

Kathy Shaw was a journalist for more than 40 years and started writing stories about clergy sexual abuse in the early 1990s. She searched in the woods of Canada to find one priest who fled the United States rather than face arrest for

abusing youngsters at the youth home he operated. Her reporting was instrumental in getting him extradited back to the United States, where he stood 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 also 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.



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's personal story has also been featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *CNN*, *Rolling Stone Magazine*, and several documentaries about sex abuse prevention and the legacy of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. In addition to his work as a SNAP national media spokesman, he has published opinion-editorials in *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *The Dallas Morning News*, and other major daily newspapers; and has testified in support of changes to state laws that currently shield sexual predators more than their victims.

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. He also founded *voped* (www.voped.com) in 2007, an Internet start-up company that provides video platform solutions to support the display and management of online video content for web publishers.

Most importantly, Mark and his wife Stacy Serrano are raising their four children together in their home in northern Virginia, and are active in their children's education, youth sports, music, and other family adventures.



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.



Angela Shelton

Acclaimed speaker, author, actress, and filmmaker, Angela Shelton became a hero among survivors of trauma and advocates when she made her award-

winning documentary *Searching for Angela Shelton*. Angela has been invited to speak in Congress, universities, military bases, high schools, elementary schools, community centers, conferences and seminars. The Justice Department presented Angela with a certificate of appreciation for her hard work on behalf of crime victims. The mayor of Asheville, NC made April 29th Angela Shelton Day in honor of all abuse survivors. Angela has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours Investigates*, NPR, *Lifetime Television for Women* and the cover of the *New York Times*. Angela's memoir, *Finding Angela Shelton*, is in stores nationwide and is mandatory reading in many Women's Studies programs around the US. Angela came back from the road to become a Superhero in *The Safe Side* video series created by Baby Einstein's Julie Clark and won an Emmy for her performance as *Safe Side Superchick*.



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*.



Irwin M. Zalkin

Irwin M. Zalkin is a Martindale-Hubbell (national directory of attorneys) AV rated litigator which is the highest rating a lawyer can receive from fellow attorneys and judges. He has been a trial lawyer for thirty years handling cases all

over the United States and internationally. He attended California Western School of Law in San Diego, California, where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree in 1979. Mr. Zalkin was admitted to the California Bar in 1979.

Distinctions include:

- 2008 Trial Lawyer of the Year Finalist, Public Justice Foundation, Washington D.C.
- 2008 Semi-Finalist Top Attorney of the Year, San Diego Daily Transcript
- 2008 San Diego Top Attorney Corporate Litigation, San Diego Daily Transcript
- 2009 San Diego Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine

Mr. Zalkin was appointed Mediation Liaison Counsel and a lead negotiator by United States Magistrate Judge Leo S. Papas on behalf of over 144 victims of childhood sexual abuse against the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego. These negotiations resulted in a global settlement of almost \$200,000,000. He also was one of the lead trial lawyers and part of the trial team that was prepared to commence a 14 victim trial against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles the day a global settlement was reached in the amount of \$660,000,000.

