

**National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women  
Biographical Information**

**Jeannette M. Adkins**

**Home Town:** Bellbrook, Ohio

**Occupation:** Executive Director, National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)

**Biographical Information:** Jeannette Adkins serves as the Executive Director for the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Prior and since 1982, Ms. Adkins was the Director of the Victim/Witness Division of the Greene County, Ohio Prosecutor's Office. As a NOVA crisis responder, Adkins participated on teams responding to the bombing in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attacks of September 11th and most recently, the Courthouse shootings in Atlanta, GA. Ms. Adkins is a national trainer and recently published a book for victim advocates, *The ABC's of Crime Victim Advocacy*. Her second book for child victims, *Lily Lightning Bug and Her Stolen Glow*, will be released soon.

**Christine Moynihan Barr**

**Hometown:** McLean, VA

**Occupation:** Retired librarian

**Biographical Information:** Christine Barr is the wife of William P. Barr, who served as Attorney General under President George Bush from 1991 to 1993 and who is now executive VP and general counsel of Verizon. Mrs. Barr last worked as a librarian at Stone Ridge School in Bethesda, MD. She was previously employed as a reference librarian at the IMF and Georgetown University. She serves on the board of the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, NY. Her B.A. in English is from the College of Mount Saint Vincent (1973) and her Master's degree in library science is from Catholic University (1975).

**Esther S. Bearden**

**Hometown:** Lincoln, AL

**Occupation:** Retired Dean of the Graduate School, Troy University Montgomery Campus

**Biographical Information:** After earning her Ph.D. from Purdue University at the age of 26, Dr. Bearden taught at the University of Houston Clear Lake, Southern Arkansas University, and DePauw University for a total of 21 Years. She was Deputy Director at the U.S. Department of Education, and a member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. She has been appointed to more than 30 commissions, councils, and committees by the U.S. Congress, Presidents, and governors. Dr. Bearden was named Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1978, and received the U.S. Presidential Achievement Award in 1982. She is the recipient of the 2001 Outstanding Alumna of National Taiwan Normal University and the 2003 Distinguished Education Alumni Award of Distinction of Purdue University.

**Scott Berkowitz**

**Hometown:** Washington, DC

**Occupation:** President of Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

**Biographical Information:** Berkowitz is the founder and president of RAINN, America's largest anti-sexual assault organization and one of "America's 100 Best Charities" according to *Worth* magazine. RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline, a partnership of 1100 rape crisis centers that has helped over a million victims of sexual assault; educates the public;

and works to increase prosecution of rapists. RAINN will soon launch the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline, the web's first secure, 24/7 hotline. He is also CEO of A&I Media, a firm specializing in media industry start-ups, acquisitions and management. A&I also provides strategic and communications consulting for corporations and associations.

**Myrna Blyth**

**Home Town: New York, N.Y.**

**Occupation: Editor, Author**

**Biographical Information:** Myrna Blyth was the editor-in-chief and publishing director of Ladies' Home Journal for more than twenty years. She was also the Founding Editor of More Magazine. She is the author of articles and short stories for many magazines including The New Yorker, Redbook, Reader's Digest, and National Review. She writes a weekly column for National Review Online. She is also the author of the New York Times Best Seller "Spin Sisters" and is currently writing a new book "How to Raise an American." She is also the Chairperson of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

**M. Jane Brady**

**Home Town: Wilmington, Delaware**

**Occupation: Superior Court Judge**

**Biographical Information:** Judge Brady previously served as Attorney General of Delaware from January, 1995 until December 2005. Brady's task forces elder abuse and exploitation, child victims, the relationship between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence, and her initiatives to prevent bullying in schools, received national attention. She initiated the Cut-It-out, SANE and Corporate Citizen Initiative programs in Delaware. She served on the VAWA Implementation Committee, and has made frequent presentations to regarding dating violence. Brady has served on ABA Committees on Criminal Justice, Biological Evidence and the American Jury System, and on the Board of Directors of NOVA and the NDAA.

**Michael Brennan**

**Hometown: Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**Occupation: Milwaukee County Circuit Judge**

**Biographical Information:** Judge Brennan has been on the bench since 2000. He has presided over thousands of criminal cases, including in domestic violence court, a component of the U.S. Department of Justice's VAWO Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative. Judge Brennan has served as a law clerk in the federal district and appeals courts, practiced civil litigation, and served as a state prosecutor. He has also worked as the staff counsel to the committee which drafted Wisconsin's statutes for Truth-in-Sentencing. He served on the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women from 2002-2005, and was chairman of its drafting committee.

**Tiffany Carr**

**Hometown: Tallahassee, FL**

**Occupation: Executive Director, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV)**

**Biographical Information:** Tiffany Carr, a native of Florida leads the statewide professional association representing 41 certified domestic violence centers. A twelve-year veteran of the organization, she spent much of her early tenure organizing initiatives in Florida's rural

communities and training nationally on the barriers to providing services to rural victims of domestic violence. She serves as the primary individual responsible for advocating to the legislature for the passage of critical public policy initiatives and securing additional funding for Florida's centers. Ms. Carr was the recipient of the 2005 Governor Jeb Bush Peace at Home Award for outstanding leadership and advocacy.

**Sheryl Cates**

**Hometown:** Austin, TX

**Occupation:** Chief Executive Officer, Texas Council on Family Violence and the National Domestic Violence Hotline

**Biographical Information:** Sheryl has more than 22 years of experience in the movement to end violence against women. She is widely recognized as a national leader in this effort and has made two appearances with President George W. Bush at the White House to promote family violence policies. Sheryl has been prominently featured as an expert witness on The Oprah Winfrey Show, ABC's Prime Time, The John Walsh Show and Court TV. Sheryl currently serves on the CAEPV Advisory Board, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, NNEDV and Allstate Foundation's Domestic Violence Program, WomensLaw.org and Cut-It-Out.

**Cordelia Clapp, RN, BSN**

**Hometown:** Newkirk, OK

**Occupation:** Public Health Nurse for the Kaw Nation

**Biographical Information:** Ms. Clapp is a Native American health care professional employed by Kaw Nation as the Public Health Nurse and coordinator for the Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program. As a passionate advocate for women's health Cordelia visions increasing awareness of the health disparities of her people. Ms. Clapp was awarded the 2004 Local Impact Award at the National Indian Health Board 21<sup>st</sup> Consumer Conference for her outstanding efforts in the improvement of health care delivery for American Indians. She currently serves as the Secretary of both the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board and the Pawnee Service Unit Advisory Health Board.

**Anne Crews**

**Hometown:** Dallas, TX

**Occupation:** Vice President, Government Relations for Mary Kay, Inc.

**Biographical Information:** Ms. Crews lobbies to propose, oppose or amend pertinent local, state(s) and federal legislation, develops working relationships with other companies, business and trade associations to foster corporate interests. She is also responsible for such activities throughout the Americas. She represents Mary Kay Inc. on the Executive Committee, Council of Better Business Bureaus, and Board of Directors of National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund and Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence. Anne is Mary Kay Inc's Direct Selling Association Code of Ethics Responsibility Officer, dealing with company compliance to the industry code. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rollins College.

**Marsha Garst**

**Hometown:** Harrisonburg, VA

**Occupation:** Commonwealth's Attorney

**Marsha Gilmer-Tullis**

**Hometown: Dunbar, WV**

**Occupation: Director, Family Advocacy Division, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**

**Biographical Information:** Marsha Gilmer-Tullis currently serves as the Director of the Family Advocacy Division for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. In this capacity she is responsible for the coordination of all therapeutic services to the families of missing and/or exploited children. She is also actively involved in work with families and children experiencing internet crimes including online enticement and child pornography. Ms. Gilmer-Tullis received her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Louisville, Louisville Kentucky and her undergraduate degree in sociology from West Virginia State College, Institute West Virginia.

**Ludy Green, Ph.D**

**Hometown: Washington, D.C.**

**Occupation: President and Founder of Second Chance Employment Services (SCES)**

**Background Information:** Dr. Green is committed to supporting every victim along her path to financial independence for herself and her family. While working for more than 16 years in the public, private, and international sectors as a Human Resource professional, Dr. Green followed her true passion as an activist for women's, family, and children's issues. Dr. Green holds a Masters Degree in Human Resource Management and a Ph.D in Industrial Organization Psychology. She is a renowned expert and spokeswoman for abused women and their families, frequently appearing on local news networks and CNN to discuss domestic violence and other family issues. Dr. Green also holds appointments to a number of local, state and federal commissions including the Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia and the Commission on the Status of Women.

**Casey Gwinn, J.D.**

**Hometown: San Diego, California**

**Occupation: Attorney, Consultant**

**Biographical Information:** Casey Gwinn serves as the Volunteer CEO of the San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation. He also serves as the Director of Victim Services for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. Casey works with the Technical Assistance Team for the President's Family Justice Center Initiative and trains prosecutors, police officers, and advocates across the country. Casey recently authored his first book "Hope for Hurting Families: Creating Family Justice Centers Across America." Formerly, Casey served eight years in elected office as the San Diego City Attorney.

**Margot H. Hill**

**Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts**

**Occupation: Deputy Superintendent, Boston Police Department**

**Biographical Information:** Margot Hill, a police officer since 1980, has held the ranks of patrol officer, detective, sergeant, sergeant detective, and lieutenant detective. Today she commands the Family Justice Division of the Bureau of Investigative Services, which includes the Domestic Violence Unit, the Sexual Assault Unit, the Crimes Against Children Unit, and the Human

Trafficking Unit. Deputy Hill recently moved to the new Family Justice Center of Boston with the members of the Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Crimes Against Children units. She also serves on the International Association of Chiefs of Police National Strategic Partnership on Violence Against Women.

**Melissa Hook**

**Hometown: Washington D.C.**

**Occupation: Executive Director of the Office of Victim Services for the District of Columbia**

**Biographical Information:** Melissa Hook is the current Director of the Office of Victim Services for the District of Columbia and the former Executive Director of the Victims' Assistance Legal Organization. Hook, who has written extensively on victim-related topics, is author of Ethics in Victim Services (2005). She is project director for the Filmmakers' Forum for Sensitivity to Crime Victims, a partnership between New York Women in Film and Television and International Documentary Association to increase awareness of crime victims' issues in film and television. She chairs the Victim Issues Committee for the International Association of Reentry. Ms. Hook was raised in western Pennsylvania and lives in Washington D.C.

**Susan Howley**

**Hometown: Washington, DC**

**Occupation: Director of Public Policy, National Center for Victims of Crime**

**Biographical information:**

Susan Howley has worked with the National Center for Victims of Crime since 1991, serving as its Director of Public Policy since 1999. From 2002 through 2005, she also served as Director of Victim Services. She is one of the nation's foremost experts on crime victims' legislation. Her duties include analyzing legislation relating to the rights and interests of crime victims, providing technical assistance to federal and state policymakers and advocates, and drafting model legislation.

**Suzanna Gratia Hupp**

**Hometown: Lampasas, Texas**

**Occupation: State Representative, Chiropractor, Horse Breeder, Chairman/ Representative/ Doctor of Chiropractic**

**Biographical Information:** Dr. Suzanna Gratia Hupp is recognized worldwide as one of the leading advocates for Second Amendment rights. In 1991, after leaving her gun locked in her car to comply with the law, she watched helplessly as both her parents, along with 21 others were killed in a mass shooting at a local restaurant. As a survivor, her impassioned calls for the right of citizens to self-defense have thrust her into the national debate on the right to keep and bear arms. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1996, Hupp currently chairs the House Human Services Committee.

**Pamela E. Iron**

**Hometown: Tahlequah, Oklahoma**

**Occupation: Executive Director, National Indian Women's Health Resource Center**

**Biographical Information:** Pamela E. Iron, Cherokee, Laguna Pueblo, is one of the founders of NIWHRC. One of the priorities of NIWHRC is prevention of violence against women and

children. The organization has integrated violence prevention and awareness into all of their grant activities. NIWHRC has initiated Mentoring, Healthy Relationships and Positive Choice programs for youth that are strong in advocating for violence prevention. She also developed the Indian Health Care Resource Center, an urban Indian Health program and served as the Health Director and Chief of Staff for the Cherokee Nation.

**Octavia L. Johnson**

**Hometown: Roanoke, Virginia**

**Occupation: Sheriff**

**Biographical Information:** Sheriff Johnson is a native of Elk Creek, Virginia. Appointed Deputy Sheriff in 1979, Octavia retired with 25 years of dedicated service in 2004. November 8, 2005, Octavia Johnson was the first woman and first minority elected sheriff of the City of Roanoke. Sheriff Johnson is responsible for orderly operation of the jail; courthouse and courtroom security and service of all civil process and mental hygiene warrants in the City of Roanoke. Sheriff Johnson manages approximately 250 deputies and civilians and administers a budget of 15 million dollars.

**Rev. Bruce Kittle, J.D., M.Div.**

**Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA**

**Occupation: Ordained clergy through the United Church of Christ and Chaplain for the Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services**

**Biographical Information:** Rev. Kittle's duties are threefold, including chaplaincy/pastoral care and support for staff and clients, supporting restorative justice programs, and supervising youth development initiatives for a state agency that provides adult probation & parole for six counties in east-central Iowa.. Bruce also provides trainings and direct interventions in the area of mediation, conflict resolution and restorative justice programs in a variety of settings including schools, the work place, prisons, and the faith community. Bruce has a specialty in the area of Restorative Dialogue with experience in prison based cases involving serious and violent offenses. Bruce lives with his wife Jan and their two children, Emma and George, on a small farm outside of Iowa City, Iowa.

**Juana Majel-Dixon**

**Hometown: Washington, D.C.**

**Occupation: Secretary of National Congress of Native American Indians**

**Harriet O'Neill**

**Hometown: Austin, Texas**

**Occupation: Justice, Supreme Court of Texas**

**Background Information:** Harriet O'Neill was elected to the Supreme Court in 1998 after serving six years on the appellate and district courts and ten years in private practice. In 2002 and 2006, Justice O'Neill was named Appellate Judge of the Year. As an active member of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, she was involved in creating and distributing a self-help Protective Order Kit that enables victims of domestic violence to file their own applications for court-ordered protection for themselves and their children. She is also spearheading statewide efforts to improve court practices in foster-care cases. In 2001, Justice O'Neill won First Prize in

the National Law Day Speech Awards for her speech entitled "Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children."

**Susan D. Reed**

**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas

**Occupation:** Bexar County Criminal District Attorney

**Biographical Information:** A graduate from University of Texas Law School, Judge Reed served as a prosecutor, solo practitioner, and District Judge for 12 years prior to being elected District Attorney of Bexar County in 1998 – the first woman elected to that position. Judge Reed is responsible for the creation of the Bexar County Family Justice Center – the first in Texas. In her commitment as a judge and now as District Attorney, enhancing awareness of victim's rights and sensitivity to those falling victim to wrongdoers is a top priority. She has testified before the U.S. Congress as well as the Texas legislature on crime related issues and serves on numerous government and community boards.

**Jane Root**

**Hometown:** Houlton, Maine

**Occupation:** Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (HBMI), Domestic Violence Response Program

**Biographical Information:** Jane Root has served as the Director of the Maliseet Domestic Violence Response Program since 1998. Prior to that she served as the Court Advocate/Trainer/Educator for the Battered Women's Project for nine years. Ms. Root is the Project Coordinator the DHHS,ACYF/Indian Health Service Domestic Violence Pilot Project. The Maliseets are one of four Leadership Sites for this National Pilot Project. Ms. Root is currently serving on the Steering Committee for the 2007 National Healthcare Conference on Domestic Violence.

**Renee Schulte**

**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Occupation:** Mental Health Therapist/Foster Parent

**Biographical Information:** Renee earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Masters of Arts in counseling and educational psychology from New Mexico State University in 1993 and 1996. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a treatment level foster parent in the state of Iowa. She and her husband Brent live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and are ministry leaders at Antioch Christian Church. Renee's primary work has been with teens from dysfunctional homes including drug abuse and family violence. Renee has worked in residential treatment, children's homes, and in home family therapy. Renee currently is a candidate for Iowa State Senate.

**Bill Shuler**

**Hometown:** Rosslyn, VA

**Occupation:** Founder and Pastor of the Capital Life Church in Rosslyn, VA.

**Biographical Information:** Bill has ministered extensively throughout the United States and in over 30 nations of the world. He served for eight years as a University Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Affairs in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During this time, he helped shape the lives of multiplied thousands of students, sent hundreds around the world on short term missions and spearheaded programs that mobilized over 25,000 volunteer hours into community service on a yearly basis.

He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in theology, is married to Lisa and has three young daughters.

**Larry Tackman**

**Hometown:** Albuquerque, NM

**Occupation:** Director, NM Crime Victims Reparation Commission

**Biographical Information:** Mr. Tackman has been the director of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission since 1990. The Commission oversees the victim compensation, VOCA, and VAWA programs in New Mexico. The Commission also conducts a statewide training conference each year and started a victim advocate training course in 1998 modeled after the national academy. He is currently the president of the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards (NACVCB). He is also the past president of the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA). Mr. Tackman serves on the Office for Victims of Crime Victim Assistance in Indian Country (VAIC) committee.

**Scott Wyatt**

**Hometown:** Logan, UT

**Occupation:** Partner in the Logan, UT law firm of Daines & Wyatt, LLP.

**Biographical Information:** He served as the elected Cache County Attorney from 1995 through 2002. As County Attorney he prosecuted all forms of domestic and sexual violence from simple assault to serial rape and capital murder. Scott was elected to the Utah House of Representatives in 2004 where he continues to serve. He was a member of the VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative Advisory Board and the Curriculum Development Committee at the National Institute for the Prosecution of Sexual Violence. He is currently a faculty member at the National Institute. Scott is married and has four children.