

Shirley Pacey

Shirley Pacey is the founder and director of Blue Tower Training which has resources in 48 states and 14 countries. Shirley is a national expert on violence prevention and intervention for people with disabilities. She is a published author of curriculum, books, and articles and has created music CDs and DVDs. She was the Project Director of WE CAN Stop Abuse and of Illinois Voices. Shirley serves on the statewide Illinois Imagines Collaborative Team and is a member of the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council Steering Committee. Shirley has dedicated her life to changing the social injustices toward people with disabilities.

Nicki Bazer

Nicki Bazer is the Chief of the Disability Rights Bureau at the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Ms. Bazer graduated from NYU Law School in 2001, where she was awarded the public interest Root-Tilden-Kern Fellowship. From 2001-2002, Ms. Bazer clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Janet Hall in the District of Connecticut. Following her clerkship, Ms. Bazer was hired at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, which is the largest provider of civil legal services in the Chicago and greater Cook County area. As a senior attorney at LAF, Ms. Bazer specialized in working on behalf of tenants in public and subsidized housing. Ms. Bazer is also an adjunct lecturer at Northwestern University.

Eric Long

Eric Long has been an Assistant United States Attorney since 2002. He joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Central District of Illinois as a member of the Civil Division and served as the Civil Healthcare Fraud Coordinator. Eric served as the Criminal Healthcare Fraud Coordinator and the International and National Security Coordinator in the Western District of Kentucky from March, 2004 until March, 2007. Eric returned home to the Central District of Illinois in March, 2007. For the past three years, Eric has served as the Deputy Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Coordinator and the Civil Healthcare Fraud Coordinator. He recently was appointed the Civil Chief for the Central District of Illinois.

Eric graduated summa cum laude from Southern Illinois University School of Law. He received his undergraduate degree in Finance from the University of Illinois. Following law school, Eric served two years as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Phil Gilbert, Chief Judge for the United States District Court in the Southern District of Illinois. For the next three years, Eric was an associate in the fraud sections of two national firms located in Chicago, Illinois. Throughout his career, Eric has defended or prosecuted major fraud cases, including securities fraud, healthcare fraud, and various consumer and corporate frauds.

Jaci Carrell

Jaci Carrell is a Paralegal Specialist with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Springfield, Illinois. Ms. Carrell received her paralegal certificate from the American Institute for Paralegal Studies in 1985. Ms. Carrell began her career at the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1990. For the past 7 years, she has served as the ADA contact for the Central District of Illinois.