**HON. JOSEPH F. BATAILLON**

Joseph F. Bataillon serves as Senior U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Nebraska.

U.S. District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Appointed October 3, 1997; Chief Judge, December 1, 2004–December 1, 2011; Senior Status, October 3, 2014–Present.

Creighton University (B.A.), 1971; Creighton University (J.D.), 1974; Law Review Staff Editor; Moot Court Board; Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro, Omaha, Nebraska, 1980–97; Deputy Douglas County Public Defender, 1974–80; Defense Counsel, Judge Advocate General USAR, 1976–86.

**Memberships:** American Bar Association, 1981–present; Federal Bar Association, 1997–present; Nebraska Bar Association, 1974–present (Executive Council 1992–93 and 2015–18, House of Delegates 1983–present, Budget Committee, 2015–present, President 2016–17, Chair House of Delegates 1992–93); Omaha Bar Association (1980–present); Creighton University School of Law Advisory Committee (2002–present); Federal Judges Association 1997–present (Board of Directors 2003–09).

**Judicial Offices:** U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Budget, 2009–present, (Economy Subcommittee 2009–present, Economy Subcommittee Chair, 2018–present); U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Space & Facilities, 2005–09 (Space Standards Subcommittee Chair, 2004–06, Committee Chair, 2006–09); U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Security and Facilities, 2001–04; Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee for the Judicial Conference of the United States, 2009–10; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC) Budget and Finance Advisory Council, 2003–05; AOUSC District Court Advisory Council, 2002–03; AOUSC District Court Case Management/Electronic Case Files Project Working Group, 2003–04; United States Access Board, Courthouse Access Advisory Committee, 2004–06.

**HON. JEFFREY LUX**

Judge Lux serves as a Judge of the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska. He was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts in 2021. Prior to his appointment, Judge Lux served as a Deputy Douglas County Attorney, Civil Division, from 2001-2003. Served as and Assistant Attorney General in the
Criminal Appellate and Prosecution Bureau from 2003-2007. Judge Lux rejoined the Douglas County Attorney in 2007 as Deputy County Attorney in the Felony Trial Division. He was promoted to Narcotics Unit Supervisor from 2016-2021. He was designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney from 2019-2021.
From 2003-2012, Judge Lux served as Captain, U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General Corps (JAGC) U.S. Army Reserve.

**DONALD W. KLEINE**

Donald W. Kleine is the elected Douglas County Attorney who is currently serving his fourth term. Prior to his election in 2006, he served as the Chief of the Criminal Bureau for the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office of Attorney General Jon Bruning. Previous to that, he served as the Chief Deputy of the Douglas County Attorney’s Office from 1991to 2003.

Don Kleine has successfully tried many high profile criminal cases, many of those with child victims, such as Roy Ellis, Arthur Lee Gales, Anthony Garcia among others. More recently he received guilty convictions on two defendants that committed quadruple homicides; first Nikko Jenkins and most recently the Anthony Garcia case featured on both Dateline and 48 Hours. Kleine is a certified legal instructor by the Nebraska Commission of Law Enforcement. He is on the faculty as an adjunct professor at Creighton University School of Law. He is past president of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association and is on the Board of Directors of the National District Attorney’s Association. He serves on Creighton Prep’s Board of Trustees, the Board of Project Harmony (Metro Child Advocacy Center) and is also on the Advisory Board for Live On Nebraska formerly known as Nebraska Organ Retrieval.

Don Kleine is a 1977 graduate of Creighton University School of Law. He is an Omaha native and a 1970 graduate of Creighton Prep. He graduated from Kearney State College in 1974 with majors in business and Spanish. Don Kleine is married to Kim, an RN at Methodist Health Systems. Kleine has three children and four grandchildren. He has been actively involved coaching youth athletics for over 30 years.

**COREY M. O’BRIEN**

Corey O'Brien is employed as an Assistant Nebraska Attorney General and serves as the Chief Prosecutor in the Nebraska Department of Justice’s Criminal Bureau. Corey has been with the Attorney General’s Office since 2003 and in that time has traveled across Nebraska assisting law enforcement and county attorneys with complex and time-consuming prosecution matters, including offenses involving homicide, sexual assault, robbery, public corruption, narcotics, firearms and child exploitation.

Prior to his employment with the Attorney General's Office, Corey was employed with the Douglas County Attorney's Office. From 1998 to 2003, Corey worked as a felony narcotics and firearms prosecutor within the Douglas County Attorney’s Office, and in 2001, he was promoted to lead the Narcotic and Firearms Division.

Corey received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri in 1994 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the Creighton University School of Law in 1997. He is a member of both the Nebraska Bar and the Bar in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska as well as a member of the National District Attorneys Association.

**MARK WEBER**

Mark Weber has served as the Nebraska Counsel for Discipline since 2014. He is a graduate of Creighton University (1984) and Creighton School of Law (1987). Mr. Weber was a trial attorney for nearly 30 years, focusing his practice on personal injury, criminal cases, insurance litigation, and commercial work. He tried approximately 25 jury trials involving both civil and criminal cases, and had a significant civil and criminal appellate practice which included many capital cases. He represented several Nebraska death row inmates at trial and on appeal such as John Joubert, Clarence Victor, Arthur Lee Gales, and Roy Ellis. In 1994, he argued the case of Victor v. Nebraska, 511 U.S. 1 (1994), before the United States Supreme Court. Eventually, Mr. Weber’s appeals lead to the removal of Clarence Victor from death row in 2000 after proving Victor’s mental retardation. Mr. Weber served as a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court Advisory Committee (which advises on attorney ethics issues) since 2004, and chaired the committee from 2007 until his current appointment. His professional associations and memberships include the American Bar Association, The National Association of Bar Counsel, the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards, the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, and the Nebraska and Omaha Bar Associations.

**ROBERT C. SIGLER**

Education: BA Creighton 1969, JD Creighton 1975, MA Theology Creighton 2003

Professional career: Private practice with emphasis in criminal defense 1974-1979; Deputy Douglas County Attorney in felony prosecutions 1979-1999; Assistant US Attorney Nebraska prosecution felonies 1999-2014; Volunteer lawyer mainly domestic relation cases 2014-2023; Deputy Douglas County Attorney (part time) 2023-present.

Teaching experience includes Defense of Criminal Cases at Creighton Law School for several semesters. Adjunct faculty instructor at UNO Criminal Justice Department. Presentations to Omaha Police recruits and to Nebraska County Attorney meetings.

Miscellaneous: United States Army Reserves 1971-1979, discharged with rank of Captain. Served on NSBA ethics committee.

**PAUL SCHAUB**

Paul Schaub is President of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association. Paul has served as Cheyenne County Attorney for 27 years. He also served as interim Deuel County Attorney for 2 years. He majored in History at Creighton University and earned his law degree from Creighton University School of Law. He serves as Special Prosecutor in several Western Nebraska counties. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Nebraska County Attorneys Association. Paul has two sons, Jacob, 24 and Joshua, 22.

**NISSA M. JONES**

Sarpy County Prosecutor Nissa M. Jones graduated magna cum laude from Wayne State College and earned her Juris Doctor from Creighton University School of Law, cum laude. During her time at Creighton, Nissa was an active member of the National Trial Practice Team, Domestic Moot Court, Criminal Law Society and Creighton Mentor Ambassador program. She was also the regional champion in the National Trial Practice Competition and received the CALI Excellence Award in witness examination skills.

Nissa began her career in prosecution at the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office in 2006 and transitioned to the Douglas County Attorney’s Office for approximately 14 years. She is a seasoned trial attorney who advocates for those without a voice. She was a member of the violent crime unit and prosecuted many high-profile felonies to include homicides, sexual assaults, and firearms cases. She is committed to growing future trial attorneys and was able to do so as an adjunct professor at Creighton University School of Law. Nissa trains a variety of law enforcement agencies in trial preparation and presentation through interactive mock trials demonstrations. She is dedicated to community education and outreach and has partnered with local middle and high schools to present on constitutional issues and the prosecution of criminal cases.

**BEN PERLMAN**

Ben Perlman has been a Deputy Sarpy County Attorney since 2008. He serves in the Felony Trial Division. Ben is a 2007 graduate of Crieghton University School of Law. He has an undergraduate degree in Journalism from Creighton. His background in Journalism is extensive. While in college, Ben worked at the KKAR radio station on the Jimmie J.J. Walker show, and in the sports department with John Champman at WOWT. After college he worked for a time at KETV producing the morning and weekend news. Ben was an elected member of the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education from 2017-2020.

**LYNNETT WAGNER**

Lynnett Wagner has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Nebraska since 2008. Prior to that, she was a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (2003 – 2007) and a Deputy Hall County Attorney (2001 - 2007). Ms. Wagner was previously counsel and professional staff member for the Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and served in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Foreign Agricultural Service. Ms. Wagner has been the Ethics Officer and a Professional Responsibility Officer for the United States Attorney’s Office, District of Nebraska since December 2017. She has provided ethics training to the Nebraska County Attorney’s Association.

**CHRISTOPHER FERRETTI**

Christopher Ferretti has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Nebraska since 2016. Prior to that, he was a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, an Assistant Chief Counsel for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and a U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate. Chris has been a Professional Responsibility Officer for the District of Nebraska since 2019. He has presented ethics training to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Nebraska.

**JEAN BRAZDA**

Jean Brazda is the Chief of Staff for the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office. She has been with Sarpy County since January 2005. Previously she worked as a Director of a domestic violence program and was employed there for 10 years. Currently she oversees the daily management of the Victim Witness Unit and Diversion Services and assist with staff supervision of the Office. Jean is a member of the Sarpy County Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse. Jean has testified in both criminal and civil hearings in Sarpy County NE and Pottawattamie County IA as an expert in the area of domestic violence. She lobbied legislation surrounding the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Jean has been on a statewide training team who provided training to law enforcement, prosecutors, probation officers, child protective caseworkers, medical personnel, and 911 dispatchers around the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**JOHN BRAZDA**

John Brazda is the Director of the Victim Assistance Unit for the Douglas County Attorney’s Office. He has been with the Douglas County Attorney’s Office since December 2020. Previously he worked law enforcement for over 26 year, working in Uniformed Patrol, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, Narcotics Detective and Sergeant, SWAT Tactical Commander and as a Task Force Sergeant for the Safe Streets Task Force of the FBI. Currently he oversees and supervises the staff of victim advocates and clerical staff within the Victim Assistance Unit. John is a member of the Douglas County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Response Team. John has been on a statewide training team who provided training to law enforcement, prosecution, probation officers, child protective caseworkers, medical personnel and 911 dispatchers around the area of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**ROBERT FRANCIS CRYNE**

Bob Cryne is a retired career prosecutor.  Since retiring from government service in 2014, Mr. Cryne has worked as an Adjunct Professor and Special Project Coordinator for the University of Nebraska School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He has also performed duties as a Special Prosecutor and served as a Referee on Bar disciplinary matters. After graduating from Creighton University School of Law in 1978, Mr. Cryne began his legal career as a U.S. Army Judge Advocate in West Germany during the Cold War. He tried many courts-martial of U. S. military personnel for violations of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. After military service, he returned to Nebraska. He served as a Deputy Douglas County Attorney in Omaha for many years, first on the Felony Trial Staff, then as Deputy in Charge of the Narcotics and Firearms section. In the later capacity, he also worked as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Mr. Cryne joined the U.S. Justice Department in 2002. He served as an Assistant U. S. Attorney with the United States Attorney’s Office in Nebraska on the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).  He also was sent on a special detail to Iraq. During the Second Gulf War, from 2005-2006, Mr. Cryne served with the Regime Crimes Liaison’s Office (RCLO) as an Attorney Adviser to the Iraqi High Tribunal for the Trial of Saddam Hussein and other former high officials of the Iraqi Ba’ath Socialist Party for Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity. He was the RCLO Principal Liaison with the Kuwaiti government concerning Iraqi War Crimes and atrocities committed during the Invasion and Occupation of Kuwait 1990-91. During this deployment he was sworn as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal. His duties took him around Iraq and the Persian Gulf.  He was recognized for Distinguished Service by both the Iraqi and Kuwaiti governments. He received the Director’s Award, U. S. Department of Justice, for Outstanding Service in the Global War on Terror.

From 2008 to 2014, Mr. Cryne served with the Special Operations Division (SOD) in Washington, DC. SOD is a multi-agency organization consisting of elements from the Intelligence Community, the Defense Department and Federal Law Enforcement. At SOD, he coordinated multi-national investigations involving international criminal, narcotics trafficking, and terrorist organizations in the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America.