



**The BROWARD COUNTY
CRIME COMMISSION'S**

**35th Annual
Criminal Justice Dinner**

DATE:

Wednesday,

November 5th, 2014

ADDRESS:

Deerfield Beach Double Tree by Hilton

100 Fairway Drive

Deerfield Beach, Florida, 33441

www.BrowardCrime.org

“Evil Triumphs When Good People Stand Idly By”

ABOUT THE CRIME COMMISSION:

Purpose:

The Broward County Crime Commission is a 36 year old state chartered office, acting judiciously on behalf of law – abiding citizens in maintaining an unwavering vigilance against crime and corruption in the community.

Role:

The Crime Commission evaluates crime in Broward County and south Florida and assists the Criminal Justice System with solutions against crime. Founded in 1976 as an independent, fact – finding agency, the Crime Commission has distinguished itself as a laureate governing body, which works diligently to improve the Criminal Justice System, as well as strengthen and preserve the key components of Public Safety in Broward County.

Mission:

The mission of the Broward County Crime Commission is to sustain and enhance the coordination, cohesiveness, resources, effectiveness, efficiency and productivity of the Criminal Justice System, so that citizens can live, work and raise families without the fear of crime.

Operations:

The Crime Commission executes its operations through a cadre of meritorious program's involving perspective, research, education, technology, analytics, investigation, advocacy, and facilitation of findings to both the Criminal Justice System and the Broward County community.

Functions:

The Crime Commission functions as a strategic planning body involved in formulating criminal justice protocols. In so doing, the Crime Commission fosters community involvement with criminal justice representatives, corporations, businesses, colleges and universities, citizen organizations, government officials, law makers, public safety entities, and schools through the following initiatives:

1. White Paper Research Studies
2. Impact Estimates of Crime-Related Legislation
3. Editorial Writings
4. Expert Panel Discussions
5. Prominent Speaker Workshops and Seminars
6. Forums, Events, Summits, and Conferences
7. Agency Exchange of Information & Training Meetings
8. Think Tank Symposiums
9. Threat Assessment Training
10. Spiritual Encouragement Community Outreach

Welcome Message

Broward County Crime Commission Criminal Justice Dinner

Wednesday, November 5th, 2014

The Broward County Crime Commission welcomes you to the 2014 Criminal Justice Dinner! Annually, the Crime Commission takes great pleasure and pride paying homage to those dedicated men and women that go unheralded within the Criminal Justice System. People who do more with less; and people who have such a belief and passion for what they do, they ensure public safety is rendered*even when off duty*.

The honorees embroil a diversified group of highly regarded and revered public servants who demonstrate emotional support; they serve as a sage sounding board for many, during times of distress. Their availability and dedication is commendable, even after the distress has dissipated.

Finally, this evening's award ceremony serves as the epitome of how the private and public sectors can work *together* to heal, rehabilitate and guide once troubled individuals, to become productive citizens of society.

Henceforth, tonight, November 5th, 2014, the Broward County Crime Commission will recognize and praise a host of deserving individuals: *a Hero, a Community Difference Maker, a Community Game Changer, a Criminal Justice Stalwart, the Victim Advocates of the Year in Broward County, and the Office of the State Attorney's Unit of the Year for the 17th Judicial Circuit.*

This will be the *first time* that such a combined event will be hosted in Broward County, and it will certainly be a special night for the twenty (20) plus people who will be honored.

For this I say...."CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!!"

James DePelisi, President
Broward County Crime Commission
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Criminal Justice Dinner Program

Cocktail Hour	5:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.
Seating	5:50 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Police Pipe and Drum Corps of Florida, Invocation, Pledge	6:00 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.
Introduction, Broward County Crime Commission President, James DePelisi.....	6:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Lauren’s Kids Founder, Ms. Lauren Book	6:20 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.
Victim Advocate of the Year Recipients	6:35 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.
Broward County Crime Commission Thomas A. Magill Community Service Award – Ms. Aggie Pappas	6:55 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Dinner	7:20 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Keynote Speaker, Mayor Jack Seiler.....	7:50 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
Heroism Award – Mark Shotwell	8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Broward County Crime Commission Frank R. Pinter Lifetime Achievement Award – Ms. Nancy Tanner	8:35 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.
State Attorney Mike Satz	9:00 p.m.
Office of the State Attorney’s Unit of the Year for the 17th Judicial Circuit	9:10 p.m.

Criminal Justice Dinner Opening Speaker

Lauren Book, Founder, Lauren's Kids:

Lauren Book was a victim and is now survivor of child sexual abuse. Because of her experience, Book founded Lauren's Kids along with her father, Ronald Book, in 2007. Under Ms. Book's leadership, the non-profit organization works to create a world where the exploitation of children is not tolerated. Over her years of service to victims of abuse, Lauren and her father have passed numerous Florida laws to protect victims and end the cycle of future abuse included the nation's toughest mandatory reporting laws, child safety zones and ending the Statute of Limitations for prosecution of sexual crimes committed against children. Every year, Book walks the state of Florida to raise awareness about sexual abuse and to allow survivors an outlet to speak out about their experiences.

In addition to her advocacy work, Book is committed to empowering children to protect themselves against abuse by teaching an in-school curriculum that provides children with the necessary tools to act as the first line of defense against abuse. This year, the Safer, Smarter Kids curriculum was distributed to every public school kindergarten class in Florida thanks to an appropriation from the Florida Legislature.

Book is also an accomplished author, chronicling her years of abuse in her memoir, *It's OK to Tell*, which sheds light on the truth about abuse and the healing journey that a victim goes through to become a survivor.

As a nationally renowned spokesperson, Book is an advocate for change and regularly comments on breaking national news. Book has been featured on hundreds of news outlets including *Our America* with Lisa Ling on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, the Associated Press, ABC News, Al Jazeera, NPR, *Issues* with Jane Velez-Mitchell on CNN's HLN and *Maria Shriver Architects of Change*.

Lauren graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Creative Writing; and a Master's Degree in Community Psychology and Social Change. Lauren has been recognized for her outstanding contribution to education relating to sexual abuse and for her work within Florida and nationally.

2014 Victim Advocate of the Year Recipients Listed Alphabetically by Agency

1. Rosemary Baker Broward Sheriff's Office
2. Debra Burton Broward Sheriff's Office
3. Ruby Ferguson Broward Sheriff's Office
4. Patricia Bergman City of Coconut Creek Police Department
5. Yvonne Berrios City of Coral Springs Police Department
6. Diane Linarte City of Coral Springs Police Department
7. Elizabeth Bradshaw City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department
8. Jill Fogel City of Hallandale Beach Police Department
9. Nancy Leffel Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
10. Tara Nussenblatt City of Margate Police Department
11. Bridget Schneiderman City of Miramar Police Department
12. Elisha Hendricks City of Pembroke Pines Police Department
13. Laurie Graber City of Plantation Police Department
14. Linda Laviano Office of the State Attorney

2014 Victim Advocate of the Year Summaries Listed Alphabetically by Individual

Ms. Rosemary Baker, Broward Sheriff's Office:

Ms. Baker has been a victim advocate for the past 28 years. She has assessed thousands of victims in that time frame. She is a member of the Victim Rights Coalition, Broward Domestic Violence Council and the Florida Crisis Response Team. Ms. Baker frequently assists and counsels victims of violent crimes. It is for this reason that the Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Rosemary Baker as one of three Victim of Advocate of the Year recipients for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO).

Ms. Patricia Bergman, City of Coconut Creek Police Department:

Ms. Bergman has served the residents of Coconut Creek as their Victim Advocate for the past five years. Patricia Bergman has a passion for helping people and is extremely resourceful in directing our citizenry to all services and support afforded to them by law. In closing, Ms. Bergman consistently represents the Coconut Creek Police Department with professionalism and compassion. For these reasons, the Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Patty Bergman as Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Coconut Creek Police Department.

Ms. Yvonne Berrios, City of Coral Springs Police Department:

Ms. Berrios serves an instrumental role in the operations of the Coral Springs Police Department, which serves a city population of 130,000 residents. Her responsibilities include following up with victims of Domestic Violence, assisting the Special Victims Unit with Victims of Sex Crimes and Child Abuse. Yvonne Berrios, in concert with fellow Victim Advocate representative Diane Linarte, followed up on 2,643 cases in 2013, letting the victims know of their rights and of services. It is for this reason that the Broward County Crime Commission honors Yvonne Berrios as co-

Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Coral Springs Police Department.

Ms. Elizabeth Bradshaw, City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department:

Ms. Elizabeth Bradshaw has been the Victim Advocate for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1998. She is extremely devoted to assisting victims of crimes, and has helped thousands of victims along the way. Being a true professional, Ms. Bradshaw manages the victim assistance emergency fund; ensuring victims receive necessary food and shelter. Elizabeth is a very dedicated employee who not only helps victims of crimes, but also assists the Fort Lauderdale Police Department through being the coordinator of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team (CISD). In 2013, Ms. Bradshaw was recently heralded by the United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Florida awarded Ms. Bradshaw as the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for her assistance in a significant Human Trafficking case. It is for these reasons that the Broward County Crime Commission recognizes Ms. Elizabeth Bradshaw as the Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Ms. Debra Burton, Broward Sheriff's Office:

Ms. Debra Burton has been a victim advocate for the past 24 years. She has assessed thousands of victims in that time frame. She is a member of the Broward County Crisis Response Team and teaches training segments for the Florida Attorney General. Ms. Burton assists and counsels victim's from all types of crime. It is for this reason that the Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Debra Burton as one of three Victim of Advocate of the Year recipients for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO).

Ms. Ruby Ferguson, Broward Sheriff's Office:

Ms. Ferguson has been a victim advocate for the past 16 years. She has assessed thousands of victims in that time frame. She is a member of the Victim Rights Coalition, Broward Domestic Violence Council and Broward Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Ferguson frequently assists and

counsels domestic violence victims in a myriad of competent facets. It is for this reason that the Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Ruby Ferguson as one of three Victim of Advocate of the Year recipients for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO).

Ms. Jill Fogel, City of Hallandale Beach Police Department:

Ms. Fogel has been the Victim Advocate representative for the City of Hallandale Beach since March, 2004. Jill Fogel has consistently provided emotional support, counseling and arranged for financial assistance for countless victims of domestic violence. With a prior background as a Victim Advocate for the Office of the State Attorney, Jill still continues to work weekends at the State Attorney's Office reaching out to victims of domestic violence. On weekend mornings she offers help with safety, court accompaniment, and support to victims whose offender was arrested and appearing before a Judge for the first time. Jill remains dedicated to both positions, often working seven days a week. For these reasons, the Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Jill Fogel as the Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Hallandale Beach Police Department.

Officer Laurie Graber, City of Plantation Police Department:

Officer Laurie Graber is the Plantation Police Department's Victim Advocate of the Year for 2014. On June 14th, Officer Graber bought a replacement wedding ring for an 87 year old victim of theft. The victim had been admitted to Westside Regional Hospital and Officer Graber was the responding Road Patrol Officer for the original theft report. She anonymously and independently purchased a new ring for the victim. The stolen ring was a symbol of her 67 year marriage to her husband. The case garnered national attention. She also developed a (4) hour Human Trafficking course for the Plantation Police Department. For these reasons, the Broward County Crime Commission cites Officer Laurie Graber as Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Plantation Police Department.

Ms. Elisha Hendricks, City of Pembroke Pines Police Department:

Ms. Elisha Hendricks has provided needed assistance for countless victims in the city of Pembroke Pines. Some notable cases include in July 2013 a distraught male who was wielding a large sword and talking to himself and then went missing. She attended over ten court proceedings to ensure the victim received mental health treatment prior to any criminal procedures. In February 2014, a man shot his wife in the head and then shot himself. The wife survived with severe injuries which left her unable to communicate for a long period of time. Elisha, in her dedicated caring manner, worked with the woman's adult son to secure victims compensation benefits after numerous complications, as well as providing numerous crisis interventions and other needed services. In March 2014, a six year old child witnessed the shooting death of her pregnant mother, who was lying next to her in bed, by the mother's boyfriend and father of the unborn child. Elisha responded to the callout, cared for the clearly frightened child. Her focus for continuity of care/safety of the child exhibited her usual outstanding sensitivity and compassion. Elisha Hendricks is a person whose compassion, commitment, and perseverance are the essence of whatever task she undertakes. For these reasons, the Broward County Crime Commission recognizes Ms. Elisha Hendricks as Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Pembroke Pines Police Department.

Ms. Linda Laviano, Office of the State Attorney:

Linda Laviano has been a staple in the Office of the State Attorney since 1996. As part of her duties at the State Attorney's Office Victim Advocate Unit, Linda instructs students at the Broward College Institute of Public Safety on the topics of Social Service Agencies and Referral Procedures and Victim Witness Assistance Programs. She consistently is able to stretch herself and her band of interns to offer victim support services to both the felony and misdemeanor crimes divisions of the State Attorney's Office. For these reasons, and a host of others, the Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Linda Laviano as Victim Advocate of the Year for the Office of the State Attorney.

Ms. Nancy Leffel, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD):

Ms. Nancy Leffel has been a committed Victim Service Advocate to the Broward and Palm Beach communities for more than 16 years. From October 2013 to September 2014, she served 449 new victims, survivors, and family members of impaired driving crashes. In the process, Nancy guided families through the judicial process, as well as the potential medical processes. Ms. Leffel consistently goes above and beyond to ensure victims, survivors, and associated family members do not feel re-victimized after they have been affected by this 100 per cent preventable crime. It is for this reason that the Broward County Crime Commission recognizes Ms. Nancy Leffel as Victim Advocate of the Year for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Ms. Diane Linarte, City of Coral Springs Police Department:

Ms. Linarte serves an instrumental role in the operations of the Coral Springs Police Department, which serves a city population of 130,000 residents. Her responsibilities include following up with victims of Domestic Violence, assisting the Special Victims Unit with Victims of Sex Crimes and Child Abuse. Diane Linarte, in concert with fellow Victim Advocate representative Yvonne Berrios, followed up on 2,643 cases in 2013, letting the victims know of their rights and of services. It is for this reason that the Broward County Crime Commission recognizes Ms. Diane Linarte as co-Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Coral Springs Police Department.

Ms. Tara Nussenblatt, City of Margate Police Department:

Over the past four years Ms. Nussenblatt has assisted hundreds of victims with a variety of services and support. Her assistance has had a positive impact for many of these victims. Her dedication and tireless effort has been integral in the victims time of need. The Margate Police Department is honored to have such a valued employee. It is for this reason that the

Broward County Crime Commission honors Ms. Tara Nussenblatt as Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Margate Police Department.

Ms. Bridget Schneiderman, City of Miramar Police Department:

Ms. Bridgette Schneiderman has been a Victim Advocate representative for the City of Miramar Police Department since 2003. During this time she has been a high achieving performer, including being the President of the Broward Victims Rights Coalition (BVRC) since 2010. In her committed roles, Ms. Schneiderman has provided training to members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Women in Law Enforcement Conference in the areas of trauma. Since 2013, Ms. Schneiderman has provided Victim Advocate services to approximately 1,100 victims of crime in Miramar. For these reasons, the Broward County Crime Commission lauds Ms. Bridgette Schneiderman as Victim Advocate of the Year for the City of Miramar Police Department.

Broward County Crime Commission Thomas A. Magill Community Service Award

During his 36 years with the Hallandale Beach police force, Thomas A. Magill advocated for maintaining a good rapport with residents and was especially a beacon of community service to the children and citizens of Hallandale Beach.

Tonight, Wednesday, November 5th, 2014, it is the Broward County Crime Commission's privilege to honor **Ms. Aggie Pappas, founding executive director of the Pace Center for Girls - Broward County**, with the **Thomas A. Magill Community Service Award**.

About Ms. Aggie Pappas:

Ms. Aggie Pappas, M.S.W. is the founding Executive Director of PACE Center for Girls Broward. Aggie began a journey in 1992 that has taken her from providing gender responsive services to 30 young and adolescent girls in a storefront with patio furniture and little funding to in 2014 providing oversight and management of a \$2.9 million dollar budget on a beautiful campus in Wilton Manors. Under her leadership, PACE Broward now has three very successful program components – the PACE Day Program (academics, counseling, life skills education and transition services) and PACE Reach which includes Reach Counseling and Civil Citation/Diversion Services. Since 1992, 3,200 girls in Broward have had their lives changed.

In the past year, PACE Broward served 390 girls in the three program components experiencing a high rate of success in girls having no initial or re-offense in the juvenile justice system, girls achieving a turnaround in their academic studies after failing or previously having withdrawn or been suspended from school, and finding improved relationships with families, peers and community.

Ms. Pappas is involved in the Broward community advocating for services for girls including as an active member of the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition. She is an Adjunct Professor at the FAU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice teaching Women and Criminology. She has facilitated numerous trainings across Florida specializing in Gender Responsive Programming and Trauma Informed Care.

Prior to coming to PACE, Aggie was with The Salvation Army and Covenant House. She is a native of Bronx, NY, receiving her Bachelor's Degree from Fordham University and her Master's Degree in Social Work from Barry University in Miami.

Criminal Justice Dinner Keynote Speaker

Jack Seiler, Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale:

John P. "Jack" Seiler was sworn in for his first term as Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale on March 17, 2009. He was reelected for a second three-year term on January 31, 2012. Prior to being elected Mayor, Seiler served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives. During his tenure as a State Representative, he chaired the Broward Legislative Delegation in 2007-2008 and was Vice Chair of the Delegation in 2006-2007. He served as mayor, vice mayor and city council member of Wilton Manors, Florida 1993 to 2000.

Mayor Seiler's roots in the local community run deep. Raised in Fort Lauderdale, he graduated from Saint Anthony Catholic School in 1977 and Cardinal Gibbons High School in 1981. He continues to give back to the community by lending his time and energy to assist an array of civic, nonprofit, social and cultural agencies and organizations.

Mayor Seiler serves as a volunteer coach for Fort Lauderdale's youth baseball, flag football and girls' soccer programs. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Discovery & Science; serves on the Broward Advisory Council for Kids in Distress; and holds leadership positions with the PACE Center for Girls and the Providence Place Shelter for Homeless Women and Children. Mayor Seiler sits on the Board of Directors of the Orange Bowl Committee and is an elected member of the Downtown Council Steering Committee for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Seiler received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami in 1988. He is a founding partner of the law firm Seiler, Sautter, Zaden, Rimes & Weihe, which specializes in a wide range of business and personal matters, including general business, real estate, construction, probate and civil litigation.

As a member of the Broward County Bar Association, Mayor Seiler serves on the organization's Bench & Bar Committee. He is former Chairman of the association's Lawyer Referral Committee and a former member of the Professionalism/Professional Responsibility Committee. Mayor Seiler also serves as a volunteer attorney for Florida's Guardian Ad Litem program, a partnership of community advocates and professional staff that provides a powerful voice in court on behalf of abused and neglected children.

Mayor Seiler has been recognized by numerous organizations for his outstanding work as a lawyer, legislator, volunteer and community advocate. He received the 2008 Florida Justice Association's Rosemary Barkett Award for Outstanding Demonstrated Commitment to Equal Justice Under the Law; the 2007 Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Legislative Champion of Justice Award; the 2006 Broward County Community College Award in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of education; the 2005 Coastal Conservation Association of Florida Award; the 2005 Areawide Council on Aging Legislative Leadership Award; and, in 2001, was honored by the Dolphin Democratic Club for his commitment to the South Florida Gay & Lesbian Community.

Mayor Seiler is married to the former Susan Rimes and is the father of four children, Marianna, Jacqueline, Preston and Susanne.

Broward County Crime Commission Heroism Award

Detective Mark Shotwell, City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department:

In July of 2014, Detective Mark Shotwell demonstrated unwavering heroism while coming to the aid of a pleading victim in need. During the incident, Detective Shotwell received gunshot fire, sustained a life threatening wound, and underwent several surgeries to survive the traumatic ordeal. Detective Shotwell's courage is a testament and inspiration for all of us, and truly defines the Crime Commission's trademark phrase: *Evil Triumphs When Good People Stand Idly By*. The fact that Detective Shotwell was **off duty** at the time of the incident, on his way home to his family, speaks volumes of his commitment and compassion to protect and serve. It certainly demonstrates that Mark Shotwell ***did not stand Idly By!*** A helpless individual was in dire danger and Detective Mark Shotwell rose to the occasion, putting someone else's needs ahead of his own life. It is for this reason that Detective Mark Shotwell is the recipient of the 2014 Broward County Crime Commission Heroism Award.

Broward County Crime Commission Frank R. Pinter Lifetime Achievement Award

Frank R. Pinter was appointed as the first Chairman/President of the Broward County Crime Commission, and will forever be remembered as the founding father of the agency in 1976. As a 17 year veteran of the Broward Sheriff's Office, he had previously been appointed by several Governors as a Special Investigator for the Broward County Grand Jury to investigate corruption of public officials. He had also been the Chief Investigator for the Broward County State Attorney's Office. Over the 30 year span from 1976 through 2007, under Mr. Pinter's leadership, the Broward County Crime Commission grew to one of the foremost Crime Commission's in the United States.

Tonight, Wednesday, November 5th, 2014, it is the Broward County Crime Commission's privilege to award the **Frank R. Pinter Lifetime Achievement Award to Ms. Nancy Tanner, Director of the Victim Advocate Unit with the Office of the State Attorney.**

About Nancy Tanner:

In 1991, Nancy Tanner was hired by State Attorney Michael J. Satz to direct the Victim Advocate Unit for the 17th Judicial Circuit. She is a semi-native Floridian, who has lived in Florida for over 35 years.

Ms. Tanner is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master degree from Barry University. She received her Bachelor degree from Florida Atlantic University and her Associate in Arts Degree from Broward College. She has worked for city, county and state governments as well as a private, non-profit organization providing comprehensive treatment to child victims of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Ms. Tanner is a founding member of the Broward Victim Rights Coalition. She chairs the Broward Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and is a member of the Broward Child Abuse Death Review. Nancy is a Board Member for the Leadership Broward Foundation. She is a Past President of the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services, the Broward Children's Consortium, and the Broward Victim Rights Coalition. She is a past chair of the Broward Domestic Violence Council, the Broward Sexual Assault Intervention Network, and the Broward Unit of the National Association of Social Workers.

Nancy has been recognized as Social Worker of the Year by the Broward Unit of the National Association of Social Workers and Victim Assistance Professional of the Year by the Broward Victim Rights Coalition. She is the recipient of a Governor's Peace at Home Award and a Liberty Bell Award from the Broward County Bar Association.

Michael J. Satz, State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit

Mike Satz, a native of Pennsylvania, is a graduate of the University of Miami's School of Law. Following graduation, Mr. Satz became an assistant prosecutor in Broward and quickly developed a reputation as a tough courtroom litigator. In 1976, he was elected State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit here in Broward County, and has been re-elected every four years since, including last November. As State Attorney, Mr. Satz continues to personally prosecute capital-crime cases while responding to Broward's diverse and changing crime problems. During his tenure, he has instituted and expanded specialized prosecution units that focus on cases such as: sexual battery and child abuse, domestic violence, public corruption, elderly abuse and organized crime. Mr. Satz, recognizing the needs of victims of crime, instituted a Victim Advocate Unit to provide counseling and assistance to victims. For his efforts, he received the 2004 President's Award by the Broward Victim's Rights Coalition. Concerned about issues and institutions that affect the people of Broward, Mr. Satz initiated grand jury investigations into Pain Clinic 'Pill-Mills', Broward County School Construction, Youth Gang organizations, Foster Care, Organized Crime activity, the Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Mental Health services and Child Abuse Protections. In 1995, Mr. Satz sponsored the Broward County Elder Abuse and Exploitation Seminar and in 1999, organized Broward's first Foster Care Summit. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Satz has received numerous professional accolades. Leadership Broward presented Mr. Satz its annual "Profiles in Leadership" award in 2006. And in 2005, the National Association of Social Workers honored him with the Elected Official of the Year award. Mr. Satz was honored with the "Community Safety Award" by Legal Aid of Broward County in 2003 and the Broward County Bar Association Board of Directors presented him with the Government Lawyer award the very same year. In 2001, the Broward County Bar Association presented Mr. Satz with the Lynn Futch Professionalism in Practice award. He has also received the "Heart Award" by the Broward County Children's Consortium in 2000. And he proudly accepted the 1998 Sharon Solomon Advocate Award in commemoration of Broward's late child advocate Sharon Solomon. Mr. Satz has been recognized by the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association, the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207, the Anti-Defamation League and the Sexual Assault Treatment Center of Broward County, which he helped, create. Mr. Satz was recently presented with the University of Miami's School of Law Alumni Association's annual 'Alumni Achievement Award'.

2014 Broward County Crime Commission Office of the State Attorney's Unit of the Year Award for the 17th Judicial Circuit

The Domestic Violence Unit:

In 1994, State Attorney Mike Satz established one of the first Domestic Violence Prosecution units in the State of Florida.

Mr. Satz felt strongly that victims of domestic violence needed more specialized attention and protection and therefore it was important to assign experienced prosecutors, victim advocates and support staff to handle these volatile cases.

For the last two decades our dedicated State Attorney Domestic Violence Unit staff have work closely with victim advocates, witness liaisons, State Attorney Investigators and law enforcement agencies from the first moment a 911 call comes in by assisting victims with programs and services, shelter and injunctions and guiding them through the court processes.

During these last twenty years there have been three Assistant State Attorneys in Charge of the Domestic Violence Unit: Brian Trehy, Sarahnell Murphy and Barbara Mitchell Driscoll. With Barbara's retirement this month, Stephanie Newman will become the fourth Assistant in Charge of the unit. In addition, Assistant State Attorney Tara Sullivan should be recognized for her 19 years of supervision in the unit before she moved on to head our Sexual Predator Civil Commitment division.

Tonight we are recognizing, honoring and thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the victims and families subjected to acts of domestic violence.

Presently in the Domestic Violence Unit:

- Barbara Mitchell Driscoll,
Assistant State Attorney in Charge
Assistant State Attorneys
- Marcie Zaccor,
- Andrew Newman,
- Michelle Bamdas,
- Shari Carter,
- Marie Wolf,
- Elisa Krassner,
- Ayley Garcia-Maye,
- Jessie Goren,
- Victoria Watson,
- Candace Lane,
- Sharonda Lebrun,
- Jeff Bloom and
- Krystle Edwards.

Victim Advocates

- Ashley Derstine,
- Jill Fogel,
- Karen Barbier,

- Jeiny Ramirez,
- Mimi Pompee,
- Elena Alfaro

Witness Liaison

- Nancy Bhasin

Support Staff

- Brenda Henry - support staff supervisor for last 3 years
- Denise Dixon – current support staff supervisor
- Emmanuel Vila,
- Jackie Tolomeo,
- Kajuanna Durden,
- Linda Munoz,
- Mayvis Alvarez Ravelo,
- Pamela Carsen,
- Rannie Subramani,
- Sarah Massey,
- Sylvia Barnaby

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