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Litigation Support

Who is the National Litigation Support Team?

The mission of the National Litigation Support Team (NLST) is to address the impact digital information has on court appointed criminal defense practitioners for the Defender Services program for them to fulfill their sixth amendment responsibilities. They assist counsel in identifying issues related to the collection, production, and management of electronically stored information (ESI, or also known as e-discovery) and digital evidence. They provide technology, resources, education and training for CJA panel counsel and Federal Defender Office (FDO) team members to efficiently search, review, and analyze e-discovery and digital evidence. The NLST also serves as a resource to the Defender Services program to assist in the long-range planning required to address issues pertinent to evolving e-discovery practices and policies.

For CJA panel attorneys, the NLST is your consultant, your resource center, and your sounding board for all litigation support aspects of your case from beginning to end. They are here to support both you and FDOs throughout the country. Whether you are considering what data to request, how to manage the discovery you have received, or what type of presentation you would like to use in the courtroom, they can provide assistance and guidance based on our own experiences, industry standards, and general guidelines and principles they have developed that focus not only on document management but overall case management.

The National Litigation Support Team consists of:

Sean Broderick - National Litigation Support Administrator

Sean oversees the National Litigation Support Team. He provides guidance and recommendations to federal courts, federal defender organization staff, and court appointed

attorneys on electronic discovery and complex cases, particularly in the areas of evidence organization, document management and trial presentation. Sean is the co-chair of the Joint Working Group on Electronic Technology in the Criminal Justice System (JETWG), a joint Department of Justice and Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts national working group which examines the use of electronic technology in the federal criminal justice system and suggested practices for the efficient and cost-effective management of post-indictment electronic discovery. Before his current position, Sean worked as an investigator, mitigation specialist, and paralegal on numerous complex cases. In these different capacities, he dealt with a wide range of criminal and civil cases, including multi-defendant, white collar fraud, federal trial, capital trial, and habeas corpus death penalty cases. In addition to his hands-on work, Sean has spent considerable time training legal professionals in electronic discovery management, investigations and litigation support, both in the United States and abroad. Sean can be reached at (510) 637-1950 or sean_broderick@fd.org.

Kelly Scribner - Assistant National Litigation Support Administrator

Kelly specializes in case management, workflow design and vendor relations. Prior to working with us, Kelly was the Director of Litigation Support Services for Loxodrome Solutions, Inc., a litigation support vendor which works with civil law firms in the United States on document management and discovery needs. Prior to this position, Kelly was a senior litigation paralegal for Affymetrix, Inc., a biotech company, and at Pillsbury Winthrop LLP in San Francisco. She has ten years of litigation support and legal experience relevant to our national needs, including project management of multi-national civil cases, overseeing onsite document collection, the assessment and selection of technology vendors, training end-users on litigation support software, and the supervision of large teams of attorneys conducting the review of legal documents.

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Alex Roberts - National Litigation Support Paralegal

Alex focuses on the technical areas of litigation support and can assist with identifying what technology to use and when to use it. Alex has more than 20 years of experience in the field of litigation support. Prior to joining us, Alex was a litigation support technical analyst and workflow coordinator for Foster Pepper, PLLC, a law firm in Seattle, Washington where he supervised and coordinated electronic discovery workflow, litigation software training, provided advanced legal database support and gave trial presentation consulting. Of particular note, Alex has worked in the past with CJA panel attorneys in the Western District of Washington, consulting and participating in a number of complex CJA matters.

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Kalei Achiu - National Litigation Support Paralegal

Prior to joining the National Litigation Support Team, Kalei worked as a Trial Paralegal for the Federal Public Defender in the Central District of California. Before she worked in the Los Angeles office, she was as a paralegal for the Orange County Public Defender's Office. Having worked on numerous cases and trials at both the Federal and State levels, Kalei has many

years of practical experience as a trial paralegal. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice (2001) from Cal State University Fullerton and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice (2008) from Long Beach State.

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