



## SCOTT GREENFIELD

For more than 30 years, Scott Greenfield has represented clients charged with crimes or the targets of investigations in state and federal courts across the United States.

Learned over the years, and from the experience one gains fighting in the trenches, Scott has proven both before trial juries and appellate judges that cases can be fought and won.

Joining internationally recognized litigation boutique Hull McGuire, PC, as "Of Counsel" in 2010, Scott has created access to the finest nationwide and international resources available, exceptionally well-suited to handling the most involved and complex matters.

Scott has been awarded an AV Preeminent rating, the highest possible, from Martindale Hubbell, a 10 out of 10 (superb) from Avvo and is recognized in "Who's Who" in the world, America and American Law. He has served as a legal expert and analyst for television news shows from "60 Minutes" to "20/20", and ABC, NBC, CBS, BBC, Court TV and Fox.

Scott's cases have been the subject of a book, magazine articles and television shows. Scott is regarded as one of a handful of top criminal defense lawyers who excels in both trial work and appeals. His written work is considered some of the best in the nation, often writing Op-Eds, Amicus briefs and Editor Letters for Bar Associations and other well known lawyers. Scott is a lawyer's lawyer, representing other attorneys, their family members and even judges when they find themselves in a jam.

Scott's by far the most prolific criminal defense blogger. His blog, "Simple Justice" (<http://blog.simplejustice.us>) has been honored as part of the Blawg 100 so often that it's been entered into the Blawg 100 Hall of Fame. He'd win the award for Best Criminal Defense Blog Post every year except that since he bestows the award he's declared himself ineligible. He's not only one of the Rakofsky 74, he's the guy who named the case *Rakofsky v. Internet*.

## JEFFREY GAMSO

- Assistant Cuyahoga County Public Defender in the appeals section
- Longtime criminal defense lawyer; former college instructor in English
- Former Legal Director of the ACLU of Ohio
- Former member of the Ohio Public Defender Commission (Supreme Court Appointment)
- OACDL President-Elect;
- Co-founder and for many years president of the Maumee Valley Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Blog, "Gamsco for the Defense" (<http://gamsco-forthedefense.blogspot.com>). The ABA doesn't think the blog worthy, but a post was the inaugural winner of Best Criminal Defense Blog Post of the year. He is one of the Rakofsky 74.

## RUSSELL BENSING

Russ has been practicing law here in Ohio since he graduated from Case Western Reserve Law School in 1975. I've handled just about everything since then, from civil rights cases to personal injury to divorce to commercial litigation. Over the last ten years, my practice has become almost exclusively criminal (I say "almost"; last year, I got a \$320,000 default judgment thrown out, after which the plaintiff dismissed the case against my client). I do a good bit of trial work, but I specialize in appeals. Most of that is here in Cuyahoga County, but I've handled appeals in nine of the twelve appellate districts in Ohio, as well as the Ohio Supreme Court and the United States 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

About eight years ago, I started a legal blog, "The Briefcase" (<http://briefcase8.com>). I write four posts a week, analyzing criminal law decisions from Ohio trial courts all the way up to the United States Supreme Court. It's the premier criminal law blog in Ohio, and it's read by lawyers and judges throughout the state. I also give lectures on criminal law to various bar groups; for the past four years, I've given presentations at the annual death penalty seminar here in Ohio.

I love my job. If you call my office at 6:30 in the morning to leave me a message, you'll find me there. I like the challenge and the mental stimulation, and I like getting good results. There's nothing like the feeling I got from watching Harold Litten walk out of court a free man just six months after I'd gotten his convictions and 16½ year sentence for drugs and firearm offenses reversed. Or watching Warren Caldwell get sentenced to time served of nine months in prison, after I'd gotten his rape and kidnapping convictions and 25-to-life sentence reversed.

No awards for The Briefcase (though it was among the runners up for last year's Best Criminal Law Blog Post), and he's not one of the Rakofsky 74, but as he so modestly says, it's the "premier criminal law blog in Ohio."



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# Agenda | Practical Superstars

# Faculty



## Thursday, October 9, 2014

- 5:30 p.m. Cocktail hour and reception to welcome new OACDL President Jeff Gamso
- 7:00 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting - all members are invited and encouraged to attend!

## Friday, October 10, 2014

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome - Jeff Gamso, *President, OACDL*
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Mark Bennett  
Rules for Jury Selection
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. break
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Mirriam Seddiq  
Immigration Law for the Criminal Defense Lawyer
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Appellate Squawk  
Appeals with Attitude
- 11:45 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch (*provided*) - Presentation of the OACDL Lawyer of the Year Award!
- 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Russ Bensing and Jeff Gamso  
Blogging 101 – the how’s, what’s, why’s of this new thing
- 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Brian Tannebaum  
Ethical Marketing
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. break
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Scott Greenfield  
Cross Examining the Eyewitness

**670 West (From Columbus Airport)** - Take 670 West to Goodale Street/Neil Avenue (Exit 3)/Turn Left on Neil/Follow to Spring Street/Turn Right on Spring Street/Follow Spring Street to Souder Avenue/Turn Left onto Souder Avenue/Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into Parking Lot

**270 West** - 270 West/ Take 270 West to 71 North (Exit 55)/ Take 315 North 70 West/Exit US 33 (Long St-Dublin Rd)/Turn Right on to West Long- Spring Street/Follow to Souder Avenue/Turn Right onto Souder/Immediately turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway to our Parking Lot

**1-71 South** - Take 71 South to 315 North/Exit at Dublin-Long St Exit/ Turn Left off Exit/Turn Left onto Souder Avenue/Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot

**33 East** - 33 East (Riverside Drive) turns into Dublin Rd Past Main Post Office/ Turn Right onto Souder Ave/Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot.

**1-70 West** - Follow 70 West to 315 North/Exit at the Dublin-Long Street Exit/ Turn Left off the Exit/Turn Left onto Souder Avenue/Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot

**1-70 East** - Follow 70 East to 315 North/Exit at the Dublin-Long Street Exit/ Turn Left off Exit/Turn Left onto Souder Avenue/Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot

**I-71 North** - Follow 71 North to 315 North/Exit Dublin-Long Street/Turn Left onto Souder Avenue/Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot

**Campus Area** - Go South on High Street to Spring Street/Make right onto Spring Street/Follow Spring Street to Souder Av./ Turn Left onto Souder Ave./ Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot.

**315- South** - Take 315 South to 670 East/Exit on Neil Avenue/Turn Right onto Neil Avenue/Follow Neil Ave.to Spring Street/Turn Right onto Spring Street/Follow Spring Street to Souder Avenue/Turn Left onto Souder Avenue/ Immediately Turn Left onto Rickenbacker/Follow Driveway into our Parking Lot

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*Mostly in their own words, but edited and with information about blogs added, by Gamso.*

### MARK BENNETT

Mark Bennett has been a criminal-defense lawyer since he was graduated from law school and passed the Texas bar. Mark was born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1970. He grew up overseas (in New Delhi, India and Bangkok, Thailand) and in the Washington, D.C. area. After graduating from the American Embassy School in New Delhi, he moved to Houston to study political science and Religious Studies at Rice University. From Rice, he went straight to law school at the University of Houston Law Center knowing from the start that he wanted to be a criminal defense lawyer.

In law school Mark was known as a person who (in the words of one professor) “goes right up to the line . . . then leans way over.” In May 1995, he received his law license and opened his practice. Since then Mark has tried felony and misdemeanors in state courts across Texas, and in federal courts across the United States, and has represented people on appeal in both state and federal courts. He has taught CLE courses and also taught criminal trial advocacy to law students at the University of Houston Law Center. He is also a graduate of Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers College.

Mark has been named one of the top criminal defense lawyers in Houston by H Texas Magazine. Mark has also been rated 10.0/10 by Avvo.com, and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mark’s blog, “Defending People” (<http://blog.bennettandbennett.com>) was honored as having the Best Criminal Defense Blawg Post of 2011 and has been named to the ABA’s Blawg 100. As a consequence of one of his posts, he is one of the Rakofsky 74 – the group of original defendants in the frivolous defamation case *Rakofsky v. Internet*. (OK, technically it’s *Rakofsky v. The Washington Post Co., et al.*). (Go ahead and Google “Rakofsky” for details.)

### MIRRIAM SEDDIQ

Mirriam Seddiq says she’s a “Criminal, Immigration, Appellate Lawyer: That’s what I do!”

Born in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Mirriam went to law school in Albany, New York. She was a prosecutor for a bit until she realized it was the wrong side. These days she has a solo practice based in Greenbelt, Maryland. She’s taught both CLE classes and as an adjunct at law school, published “Immigration Law: A Primer” with the ABA, and testified as an expert on immigration law. She’s a Member of Afghan Health and of Afghans for a Civil Society and of Northern Virginians Against the Death Penalty.

Mirriam’s blog, “Not Guilty” (<http://www.notguiltynoway.com>) has been named to the ABA’s Blawg 100. A post on her blog is why she is one of the Rakofsky 74.

### APPELLATE SQUAWK (aka Lorca Morello)

The Squawk’s self-description:

*Appellate Squawk represents indignant criminal defendants on appeal. Squawk is a native New Yorker. Our first words were, “That’s not fair!” Law was Squawk’s second choice in life. Our first choice was anything else. Squawk attended the Acme School of Law & Refrigerator Repair and graduated number 398 in a class of 400. Number 399 committed suicide in Property Class. Number 400 is now the Dean of the school.*

*Squawk’s hero is Joan Rivers who said, “Anger fuels comedy.” Also Jonathan Swift, who said, “Humor hath more power/To reform the world than sour.”*

Alternatively, Appellate Squawk received her law degree from **Brooklyn Law School** J.D. 1995, receiving the Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1996. She began her legal career with the Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama, attorney pro bono for *State of Alabama v. Michael Taylor* (capital post conviction) and the Legal Aid Society, Capital Defense Unit. Since 1997, she has served as the Staff Attorney in the Criminal Appeals Bureau of the Legal Aid Society. She has written articles, including “Rescuing the 5th Amendment,” NY Law Journal, March 21, 2014 and “Unclear and Unconvincing Evidence in SORA Hearings, NY Law Journal, April 18, 2011.

The Appellate Squawk’s blog (<http://appellatesquawk.wordpress.com>) may not have won any awards, but it damn well should have. She is not a member of the Rakofsky 74.

### BRIAN TANNEBAUM

Brian Tannebaum represents clients in the defense of criminal cases in state and federal court, Florida Bar Admission and Discipline Matters, and Legal Malpractice Defense.

He is the current President of the Florida Association of Bar Defense Lawyers, and Past President of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and its Miami Chapter. He was appointed by the President of The Florida Bar to the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee after having served as Chair during his six-year term on the The Traffic Court Rules Committee.

A former American Bar Association National Trial Champion, Mr. Tannebaum began his career in 1995 as a trial lawyer in the largest public defender’s office in the State of Florida, where he handled hundreds of criminal cases. After entering private practice, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is one of only two members of the association to have received all three Presidential Service Awards. He is a frequent lecturer, having spoken at statewide and local seminars including The Florida Bar Annual Meeting, “Showcase on Sentencing,” “Basic Criminal Law,” “Practicing with Professionalism,” and his own seminars entitled “The Practice,” and “What Every Civil Lawyer Needs to Know About Criminal Law.”

He was appointed to a 3 year term on a Florida Bar Grievance Committee where he learned the process by which the Bar reprimands, suspends, and disbars lawyers. His article “The Bar Grievance Process,” was published in the statewide magazine, Florida Defender.

Mr. Tannebaum was voted “Best of the Bar” by the South Florida Business Journal and named the top 1.6% of all Florida criminal defense attorneys by *Florida Trend* Magazine. He has also been named one of South Florida’s “Top Lawyers” in the *South Florida Legal Guide*, and named a “SuperLawyer” in every edition of the nationally published *SuperLawyers* Magazine.

In 2003, The National Law Journal recognized his acquittal in US v. Dow as one of the “Top 10 defense verdicts in the United States.” He has also provided live trial commentary on Court TV, appeared on FOX’s “The O-Reilly Factor, National Public Radio, and has been quoted throughout the world on criminal cases and issues.

Brian has had two blogs. “Criminal Defense” (<http://www.criminaldefenseblog.blogspot.com>) and “My Law License” (<http://mylawlicense.blogspot.com>). The latter was honored as one of the Blawg 100. The former made him a member of the Rakofsky 74.