

## SCOTT E. CASSIDY

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- More than 29 years' experience investigating and prosecuting criminal offenses and providing legal expertise to law enforcement personnel.
- Demonstrated track record of successfully managing attorneys, investigators, staff and coordinating major investigations.
- Excellent verbal and written skills, able to offer clear counsel and deliver persuasive arguments.
- Skilled in evaluating cases, identifying issues, prioritizing heavy case loads and developing appropriate investigative and litigation strategies for each case.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Cook County Sheriff's Police Department

##### **Deputy Chief of Investigations**

2009 to 2016

- Provided oversight and direction to Detectives and Evidence Technicians on all major crimes throughout Cook County and various municipalities.
- Board Member of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.
- Supervised investigations involving threats to all members of the Cook County Judiciary including guidance on recognition of potential threats.
- Oversaw investigations conducted by the Cook County Sheriff's Public Corruption and Financial Crimes Unit including allegations of Police misconduct by various suburban police departments.

#### Cook County State's Attorney's Office

##### **Chief, Special Prosecutions Bureau**

2003 to 2008

- Managed six units within the Bureau, including: Arson, Auto Theft, Gang Crimes, Public Corruption/Financial Crimes, Organized Crime/Cold Case Unsolved Homicides and Professional Standards involving police misconduct.
- Supervised over sixty attorneys, supervisors and support personnel who were directly responsible for the management, investigation and prosecution of criminal cases.
- Coordinated Federal, State and Local law enforcement agents in sensitive and high profile investigations.

##### **Supervisor, Organized Crime/Cold Case Homicide Unit**

1996 to 2003

- Implemented the first Cold Case Prosecution Unit in the United States (1998).
- Directed the investigation and prosecution of unsolved homicide and organized crime cases.

- Over saw seven attorneys and support staff that were directly involved in the investigation and prosecution of cold cases.

**Assistant State's Attorney, Special Prosecutions Bureau** 1992 to 1996

- Litigated motions, bench and jury trials in various Cook County Courts.
- Prosecuted highly complex gang murders and organized crime enterprises.
- Lead long term investigations involving multiple jurisdictions and resources.

**Assistant State's Attorney, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau** 1986 to 1992

- Tried hundreds of felony cases throughout the Cook County Court System.
- Rose to the rank of Courtroom Supervisor (1<sup>st</sup> Chair) within three years of beginning legal career.

**PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**People of the State of Illinois v. Juan Luna**

- Investigated and prosecuted the 1993 murders of seven employees inside a Browns Chicken Restaurant in Palatine, IL in 2007.

**People of the State of Illinois v. Thomas Ryan**

- Coordinated the investigation and prosecution of a suburban School District Superintendent for the theft of \$400,000 of funds from one of the poorest school districts in the State of Illinois. Resulted in a plea for restitution and an eight year prison term. This case was the "2005 Story of the Year" in the Chicago Daily Southtown Newspaper.

**People of the State of Illinois v. Joseph Abate**

- Successfully prosecuted a labor union president for the offense of syndicated gambling in 1997 when assigned to the Organized Crime Unit.

**People of the State of Illinois v. Derrick and Craig Hardaway**

- Led the 1997 successful gang prosecution of the infamous murder of ten year old Robert "Yummy" Sandifer. Case was the subject of a 1994 Time Magazine cover story.

**People of the State of Illinois v. Ken Hansen**

- In 2002, investigated and prosecuted the murder of three Schussler-Peterson boys aged 11-13 years found strangled and naked in a forest preserve in 1955. The defendant was 70 years old at the time of conviction and received a sentence of 200-300 years. Three novels were written on the subject.

**People of the State of Illinois v. Harry "The Hitman" Aleman**

- Successfully argued in 1997 that the initial acquittal of a murder case in 1977 did not preclude retrial when the first trial was fixed due to the fact that the judge in that case accepted a bribe to acquit the defendant. This is the leading case on the issue of Double

Jeopardy in the State of Illinois. This defendant is the only person in the United States ever to be legally tried a second time after an acquittal for the same offense. This case is the subject of two novels and was the basis of episodes of American Justice with Bill Kurtis on A&E and American Justice on the National Geographic Channel.

**People of the State of Illinois v. Jerome Finnegan, et. al.**

- Spearheaded the investigation into a group of eleven rogue Chicago Police Officers from the Special Operations Section responsible for multiple home invasions and theft. This is just one of the dozens of cases investigated and/or charged of police officers in Cook County during my tenure.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS**

Prosecutor of the Year (co-recipient) Illinois Prosecutor's Bar Association	2007
Prosecutor of the Year Illinois Prosecutor's Bar Association	2002
Excellence in Law Enforcement Award Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce	1999
Letter of Recognition (For the Prosecution of Harry Aleman) FBI Director Louis Freeh	1998

**BAR AFFILIATIONS**

Illinois Bar: 1986

**EDUCATION**

**John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, Juris Doctor, 1986**  
**Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Bachelor of Arts, 1980**