

Kathleen Philpot Secret, Deputy District Attorney

A graduate of Santa Clara University School of Law, Kathleen Philpot Secret began her career defending 3 Strikes cases in California's Central Valley. After 2 years, she crossed the aisle to the Fresno District Attorney's Office and has not looked back since. Hired by San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office in 1996 to create and implement a Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Unit, she spent five years sending adults who sexually exploited minors to jail and prison. Thereafter, she moved into "standard" prosecution of DUIs, Domestic Violence, Vehicular Manslaughter, and the odd Fish and Game prosecution (she once tried an Illegal Take of Dungeness Crab, to jury.) Prior to joining the MDO Unit, Kate was prosecuting general felonies including major narcotics. In her capacity as one half of the MDO unit in San Luis Obispo, Kate has tried approximately 300 MDO cases, with 8 to jury.

Andrew Baird, Deputy District Attorney

Andrew Baird is a US Marine Corp combat veteran from the Viet Nam war. He graduated from UC Hastings in 1977 and had prosecuted 13 jury trials before he passed the bar that same year. He was a Deputy District Attorney in Kern County from 1977 until 1990. During that time, he prosecuted numerous jury trials with charges ranging from child molest to death penalty murders. Mr. Baird supervised both the Misdemeanor and Narcotics sections of that office. Since joining the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office he has prosecuted jury trials involving charges from failure to leave the scene of the Cal Poly riot to child molest. He has spent the last 2 and a half years handling MDO cases.