



Fred Gazaleh is Director of the Felony Court Unit, a position he has held since 2009. He manages a team of 35 attorneys who represent Duval County clients facing charges in Felony Court. He oversees paralegals and legal secretaries who support the APD's. A Death Penalty Qualified attorney, Mr. Gazaleh also carries a Capital Crimes caseload in the Fourth Judicial Circuit. Well versed in vehicular homicides, he is the lead attorney for all PD clients charged in such offenses. Director Fred Gazaleh has more than 30 years experience practicing law and has tried more than 100 jury trials in Northeast Florida.

Before his return to the PD Office, Mr. Gazaleh spent nearly 20 years in private practice. He was an associate with Jacksonville law firms from 1988-2000, then a sole practitioner until 2009. A

significant portion of his legal career has been spent representing clients in criminal matters; he has considerable experience in personal injury law, debtor's rights and family law cases as well. Mr. Gazaleh began his legal career following law school in 1983 when he was appointed APD by the late Lou Frost. Over the course of his initial service period at the PD Office, he held assignments in County Court, Juvenile Court and Felony Court where he rose to Division Chief. During law school, he served as a Certified Legal Intern and Senior Intern in the Gainesville PD Office.

As Felony Court Director, Mr. Gazaleh provides daily oversight and regular consultation on tens of thousands of cases each year. He also develops a specialized curriculum and organizes monthly Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses provided to APD's serving the 4th Judicial Circuit; this program is designed to improve legal services to PD clients. Because of his involvement in high-profile criminal cases in Northeast Florida, Mr. Gazaleh is often tapped to provide legal expertise in the media. A recent, national cable television appearance aired in 2014 on the TVOne network program 'Fatal Attraction.'

Outside of the office, Director Fred Gazaleh actively volunteers his legal expertise in the community. He participates in Pro Bono Nights at Jacksonville's Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless and contributes to functions offered at Florida Coastal School of Law such as Citizenship Day for immigrants. A member of the Jacksonville Bar Association, the NE Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Mr. Gazaleh is a respected and recognized defense attorney known throughout the state.

Key Stats:

* J.D. Holland Law School at the University of Florida, '83, won 'Book Award for Torts;' B.A., UF achieving top score; earned Bachelor's Degree UF

* Appointed APD '83, reappointed APD, Director Felony Court Unit in '09

* Coordinates monthly legal education programs for assistant public defenders

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