

**Court Appointed Special Advocate/Children's Justice Act Advisory Committee**  
**Appointment Biography**  
**June 2024**

The following nominees are presented to the Criminal Justice Services Board Nominations Committee for appointment to the Court Appointed Special Advocate and Children's Justice Act Advisory Committee. Each will be appointed for a 4-year term to begin July 1, 2024.

**NOMINEE for Appointment**

**Morgan Cox, J.D. – Guardian ad litem**

Morgan Cox, J.D., serves as a Guardian *ad litem*, for the General District and Juvenile Domestic Relations Courts of the 16<sup>th</sup> judicial district. Ms. Cox graduated with her Juris Doctorate from Regent University School of Law in 2003. Ms. Cox is in private practice (The Child Advocate Law Firm, PLLC), where she represents children in dependency, protective order, adoption, custody, delinquency, and child in need of services and supervision (CHINS) cases. She also represents parents in dependency cases. Additionally, she provides pro bono representation to parents in cases involving children who are at risk. Ms. Cox has 20 years of experience having started her legal career interning in a domestic violence shelter. She clerked for three family court judges in the Family Court of the State of Delaware and also worked as an associate attorney at Maddox & Gerock, P.C. in Northern Virginia, where she handled mostly custody, support, protection from abuse, and stepparent adoption cases. Ms. Cox has expertise in representing unaccompanied minors and worked with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) in Washington, D.C. While living in California, she became a CASA volunteer and served on two cases for medically fragile children.

**Lana Mullins, MSW – Local Department of Social Services**

Lana Mullins, MSW, is the Director of the Scott County Department of Social Services. Ms. Mullins graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a master's degree in social work in 1994. She has served as the Director of the Scott County Department of Social Services since October 2017, where she began her career in as a social work supervisor in 1990. As the Director of the agency, she is responsible for social services and financial programs provided by the agency, including child protective services and foster care. Ms. Mullins has experience in a variety of social service positions. She served as a Quality Assurance Policy Analyst with the Virginia Department of Social Services and has experience conducting federal Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR) within local DSS agencies across the Commonwealth. Additionally, in this position, she conducted reviews to determine compliance with state policies. She also worked as an Adoption and Family Placement Consultant for the Western Region for the Virginia Department of Social Services for eight years. Ms. Mullins has served as a trainer in multiple social services venues. She is a field supervisor for social work students. Finally, Ms. Mullins is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Virginia League of Social Services Executives,

the professional organization comprised of the executive leadership of the local departments of Social Services.

### **NOMINEES for Reappointment**

#### **Randy L. Bonds, B.S. – Law Enforcement**

Captain Randy Bonds has worked in law enforcement for 20 years. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Leadership from Bluefield College in 2010. In his current position, he serves as Captain of Support Services in the Christiansburg Police Department. He previously served as Lieutenant of Investigations for the Christiansburg Police Department where he was responsible for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Investigator and the Family Services Investigator (FSI). Lt. Bonds served as a member of the Montgomery County Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for child abuse investigations. He also served as the Southern Virginia ICAC Task Force District 5 Coordinator. He oversaw all ICAC investigations within his agency as well as others within the New River Valley including the provision of educational opportunities. Captain Bonds serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia.

#### **Jeannine Panzera, J.D. – CASA Program Representative**

Jeannine Panzera joined Henrico CASA in October 2010 and was promoted to Executive Director in September 2019. Ms. Panzera graduated with her Juris Doctorate from University of Richmond School of Law in 2009. She spent significant time in the courtroom, representing clients in the field of business litigation. Prior to law school, Ms. Panzera graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science in 2005. Ms. Panzera is a leader among the Virginia CASA programs and is often asked to present at conferences and conduct trainings on the needs of children who have experienced abuse or neglect and best practices in volunteer management. She volunteered to become a certified trainer for Poverty Simulations and is the state's master trainer for CASA volunteer pre-service training. Ms. Panzera is also an active member of the Virginia CASA State Leadership Team and chair of the State Training Committee.