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**Monty McCutchen**  
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Monty McCutchen oversees the day-to-day management and oncourt performance of all officials in the NBA officiating program, which services the NBA, WNBA and NBA G League.

McCutchen assumed his current position in December 2017 after spending 25 seasons as an NBA official. One of the league's highest-rated and most respected referees, McCutchen officiated more than 1,400 regular-season games and 169 playoff games. He refereed 16 games in the NBA Finals, most recently working Game 3 of the 2017 championship series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and Golden State Warriors.

Before joining the NBA, McCutchen served as a referee in the Continental Basketball Association for four seasons. He officiated playoff games all four years, including the CBA Finals in his last three seasons.

A native of San Angelo, Texas, McCutchen earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and speech communication from the University of Texas at Arlington. McCutchen and his wife have a son and a daughter.

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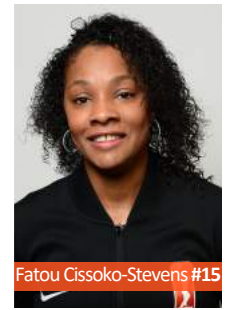
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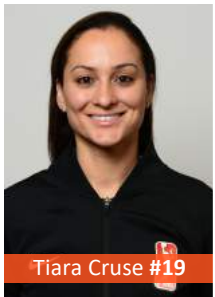
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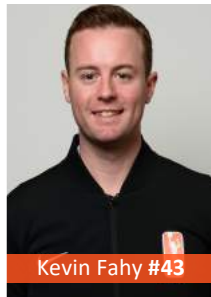
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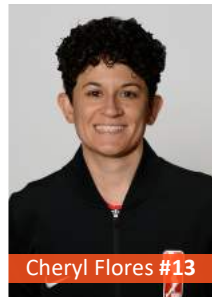
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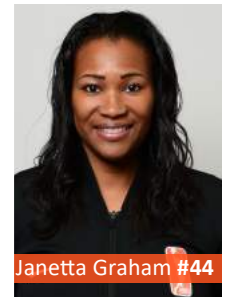
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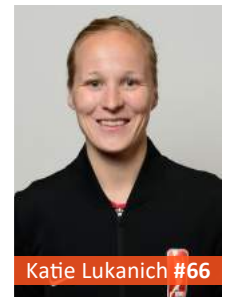
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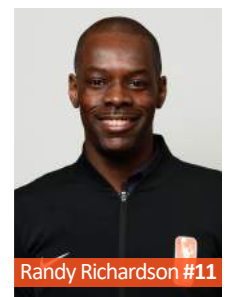
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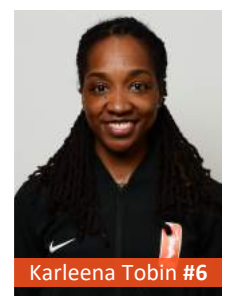
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## **Isaac Barnett #16**

**WNBA Experience:** Two seasons (currently in his third season)

**Born:** February 28, 1991 (Alexandria, Va.)

**Resides:** Springfield, Va.

**High School:** Thomas A. Edison (Alexandria, Va.)

**College:** College of William & Mary '13

Isaac Barnett has officiated two seasons in the WNBA.

Barnett has six years of collegiate officiating experience in the AAC, Conference USA, Big South, Southern and Old Dominion Athletic conferences. He worked the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament in 2016. Barnett also has five years of high school officiating experience in Virginia.

He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of William & Mary.



## **Tiffany Bird #25**

**WNBA Experience:** Five seasons (currently in her sixth season)

**Born:** September 6, 1982 (Pocatello, Idaho)

**Resides:** Bountiful, Utah

**High School:** Pocatello (Pocatello, Idaho)

**College:** Idaho State '06

Tiffany Bird has officiated five seasons in the WNBA. Bird recently worked the 2017 WNBA Playoffs, including The Finals. She also officiated the 2017 WNBA All-Star Game in Seattle.

Bird has 11 years of college officiating experience in the Pac-12, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC, WCC, Conference USA, Mountain West, WAC and Big Sky conferences. She also officiated high school basketball in Idaho for three years.

An Idaho native, Bird, has a bachelor's degree in communications from Idaho State University. She played volleyball at the College of Southern Idaho and was part of the team that won the national championship in 2000. In high school, she played volleyball and basketball and ran track.

Bird loves spending time with her family, including her 15 nieces and nephews, and enjoys cooking, working out, golfing, road bike racing and hunting.



## **Sue Blauch #4**

**WNBA Experience:** 19 seasons (currently in her 20<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** October 14, 1964 (Cumberland, Md.)

**Resides:** Naples, Fla.

**High School:** Eastern Mennonite (Harrisonburg, Va.)

**College:** Eastern Mennonite University '86

Sue Blauch has officiated 19 seasons in the WNBA. She has worked the WNBA Finals since 2007 and officiated the 2006 and 2011 WNBA All-Star Games. At the international level, Blauch officiated the 2006 FIBA Basketball World Cup and the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Blauch has 28 years of college officiating experience in the Big Ten, SEC, ACC, American, Big East, Conference USA and Colonial conferences. She has worked the NCAA Tournament since 1996, including the 2009 and 2011 Final Fours. Blauch also officiated multiple conference championship games, including the ACC, Big Ten and Conference USA.

She has a bachelor's degree in physical education and psychology from Eastern Mennonite University. In addition to officiating, Blauch worked in higher education for 15 years in various roles, including director of housing and residence life at Eastern Mennonite.



## **Eric Brewton #55**

**WNBA Experience:** 17 seasons (currently in his 18<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** November 16, 1965 (Miami, Fla.)

**Resides:** Murfreesboro, Tenn.

**High School:** Gulliver Preparatory (Miami, Fla.)

**College:** Gardner-Webb '88

Eric Brewton has officiated 17 seasons in the WNBA. Brewton has worked the WNBA Finals since 2008. He has also officiated two WNBA All-Star Games.

Brewton has 21 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, SEC, Big 12, AAC, Big East, Colonial, Conference USA, Southern and Big South conferences. He has worked seven Final Fours and two national championship games. Brewton also spent 11 years as a high school referee in North Carolina.

As a football player, Brewton was a three-time NAIA All-America defensive back at Gardner-Webb and an All-State performer at Gulliver Prep in Miami. He was inducted into the Gardner-Webb Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Gulliver Prep Hall of Fame in 2016.

Brewton has a bachelor's degree in management information systems and business administration from Gardner-Webb.





## **John Butler #35**

**WNBA Experience:** Currently in his first season

**Born:** August 20, 1986 (Biloxi, Miss.)

**Resides:** Mira Loma, Calif.

**High School:** San Diego (San Diego, Calif.)

**College:** Vanguard University

John Butler is in his first season as a WNBA official. He has seven years of college officiating experience in the West Coast, Big West and Pac West conferences, and three years of high school officiating experience in California.

He played on the 2005-06 Fullerton College basketball team that went 37-0 and won the California Community College state championship.

Butler studied communications and public relations at Vanguard University. He enjoys working out, playing golf, listening to music, watching movies and traveling.



## **Fatou Cissoko-Stephens #15**

**WNBA Experience:** Four seasons (currently in her fifth season)

**Born:** January 1, 1982 (Providence, R.I.)

**Resides:** Cranston, R.I.

**High School:** Classical (Providence, R.I.)

**College:** Rhode Island '06

Fatou Cissoko-Stephens has officiated four seasons in the WNBA. Cissoko-Stephens officiated the NBA Cares Special Olympics Unified<sup>®</sup> Basketball Game at NBA All-Star 2016.

Cissoko-Stephens has 13 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big Ten, AAC, American East, Ivy League, Patriot, MAAC and NEC conferences. Her résumé includes officiating the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament since 2013. She also has four years of high school officiating experience in Rhode Island.

Cissoko-Stephens has a bachelor's degree in kinesiology with a minor in psychology from Rhode Island. In high school, she played basketball and was selected Second Team All-State as a senior.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, listening to music and watching her favorite TV shows.



## **Tiara Cruse #19**

**WNBA Experience:** Five seasons (currently in her sixth season)

**Born:** April 8, 1983 (Agana Heights, Guam)

**Resides:** Miami, Fla.

**High School:** James Madison (Vienna, Va.)

**College:** College of William & Mary, B.S. '06  
Columbia University, M.S.

Tiara Cruse has officiated five seasons in the WNBA. Cruse worked the 2017 WNBA Playoffs and the 2017 WNBA All-Star Game in Seattle.

Cruse has 12 years of collegiate officiating experience in the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, AAC, CAA, Conference USA, Atlantic 10 and American East conferences. She has five years of high school officiating experience in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Cruse played basketball at the College of William & Mary while she earned her bachelor's degree in kinesiology. She received a master's degree in sports management from Columbia University.



## **Tony Dawkins #24**

**WNBA Experience:** 13 seasons (currently in his 14<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** October 27, 1971 (Portsmouth, Va.)

**Resides:** Chesapeake, Va.

**High School:** Deep Creek (Chesapeake, Va.)

**College:** Tidewater Community College  
Old Dominion University  
Hampden Sydney College

Tony Dawkins has officiated 13 seasons in the WNBA. He officiated the 2013 WNBA All-Star Game in Connecticut.

Dawkins has 19 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, CAA, Atlantic 10, Sun Belt, MEAC and Southern conferences, along with stints working the NIT and Preseason NIT tournaments. He also has four years of high school officiating experience in North Carolina and Virginia.

Dawkins coached girls' high school basketball from 1991 to 2004. He has also worked at summer basketball camps at the University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, Rutgers University and Old Dominion University.

He enjoys spending time with his twins, Imani and Isaiah, and watching movies.



**Kevin Fahy #43**

**WNBA Experience:** Currently in his first season

**Born:** January 5, 1988 (Bronx, N.Y.)

**Resides:** Greenwich, Conn.

**High School:** Stepinac (White Plains, N.Y.)

**College:** Mercy College

Kevin Fahy is in his first season as a WNBA official. He has officiated two years in junior colleges and 10 years at high schools in New York.

Fahy played tennis, basketball, baseball, football and soccer in high school. He studied occupational therapy at Mercy College from 2008-2011.

Fahy enjoys reading, traveling, cooking, mentoring and playing tennis and golf.



## **Cheryl Flores #41**

**WNBA Experience:** Six seasons (currently in her seventh season)

**Born:** July 18, 1979 (Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Resides:** Los Angeles, Calif.

**High School:** Bellarmine-Jefferson (Burbank, Calif.)

**College:** California State University, Northridge '03

Cheryl Flores has officiated six seasons in the WNBA. Flores recently worked the 2017 WNBA Playoffs, including The Finals. She also served as an alternate for the 2016 Finals.

Flores has 12 years of college officiating experience in the Pac-12, Big 12, Mountain West, WCC, WAC and Big Sky conferences. She also officiated high school basketball in California for two years.

The Los Angeles native has a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from California State University, Northridge. She played on CSUN's basketball team from 2000-02. In high school, she played basketball and volleyball and ran track.

Flores enjoys travel, art, symphonies, cooking and exercise.



### **Maj Forsberg #34**

**WNBA Experience:** 10 seasons (currently in her 11<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** Horsholm, Denmark

**Resides:** Portland, Ore.

**High School:** Rungsted Gymnasium (Denmark)

**College:** University of Hawaii '00

Maj Forsberg has officiated 10 seasons in the WNBA. She has worked the WNBA Finals since 2014 and officiated the 2015 WNBA All-Star Game in Connecticut.

Forsberg has 12 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, SEC, Big Ten, Big 12, AAC, Big East, Conference USA and Mountain West conferences. She was a high school referee in Hawaii for one year.

While on the basketball team at the University of Hawaii, Forsberg majored in finance, international business and management information systems and minored in speech.

Forsberg is fluent in Danish, Japanese and English. She has traveled to more than 60 countries and also enjoys kite surfing.



## **Janetta Graham #44**

**WNBA Experience:** Seven seasons (currently in her eighth season)

**Born:** June 9, 1973 (Cleveland, Ohio)

**Resides:** Long Beach, Calif.

**High School:** John Marshall (Cleveland, Ohio)

**College:** Palm Beach Community College '93  
Grambling State

Janetta Graham has officiated seven seasons in the WNBA. She has 10 years of college officiating experience in the Big West, Mountain West, Pac-12, West Coast and Big Sky conferences, and four years of high school officiating experience in California.

Graham played professional basketball in Germany. She was named All-SWAC First Team and Newcomer of the Year at Grambling State and an Honorable Mention All-American in high school.

She studied communications at Grambling State and Palm Beach Community College. Away from the court, Graham enjoys solving puzzles.





## **Tim Greene #46**

**WNBA Experience:** Eight seasons (currently in his ninth season)

**Born:** January 12, 1970 (Philadelphia, Pa.)

**Resides:** Collegeville, Pa.

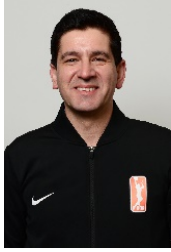
**High School:** Olney (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Tim Greene has officiated eight seasons in the WNBA. He worked the WNBA Playoffs for the first time in 2017.

Greene has five years of college officiating experience in the American, Big East, Atlantic 10, Colonial, MEAC, NEC and Patriot conferences. He twice worked the final for the Women's Japan Basketball League.

After high school, Greene joined the U.S. Navy. He recently retired from service.

Greene does charity work for the Daniel E. Rumph II Foundation in Philadelphia. He also enjoys playing golf.



## **Roy Gulbeyan #42**

**WNBA Experience:** 20 seasons (currently in his 21<sup>st</sup> season)

**Born:** January 28, 1973 (Istanbul, Turkey)

**Resides:** Las Vegas, Nev.

**High School:** Hoover (Glendale, Calif.)

Roy Gulbeyan has officiated 20 seasons in the WNBA, highlighted by several Finals assignments and the 2003 and 2009 WNBA All-Star Games. Gulbeyan previously officiated in the NBA (1994-95), NBA G League (2001-02) and Chinese Basketball Association (1993-2001).

Gulbeyan has 19 years of college officiating experience in the Big Ten, Big 12, ACC, SEC, Pac-12, Conference USA, Mountain West, MAC, Horizon, Summit, Atlantic Sun, WAC and Big West conferences. He officiated three years in California high schools.

Off the court, Gulbeyan loves spending time with his son, Elan. He also enjoys traveling and learning new cultures and languages. Gulbeyan can speak Turkish, English, Portuguese and French.



## **Don Hudson #57**

**WNBA Experience:** Six seasons (currently in his seventh season)

**Born:** October 29, 1971 (Atlanta, Ga.)

**Resides:** Douglasville, Ga.

**High School:** Putnam County (Eatonton, Ga.)

**College:** Clark Atlanta University

Don Hudson has officiated six seasons in the WNBA, including the 2015 WNBA All-Star Game in Connecticut. He also worked the 2016 NBA G League Finals.

Hudson has 15 years of officiating experience in the SWAC, MEAC, Big South, CAA, Sun Belt and Atlantic Sun conferences. He officiated the 2014 and 2015 MEAC Championship. In addition, Hudson has three years of high school officiating experience in Georgia.

In high school, he excelled in basketball and baseball. In college, he studied computer science at Clark Atlanta University.



## **Daryl Humphrey #8**

**WNBA Experience:** 20 seasons (currently in his 21<sup>st</sup> season)

**Born:** April 30, 1962 (East Orange, N.J.)

**Resides:** Richmond, Va.

**High School:** Clifford Scott (East Orange, N.J.)

Daryl Humphrey has officiated 20 seasons in the WNBA. He has worked the WNBA Finals multiple times and the 2006 WNBA All-Star Game in New York.

Humphrey has 19 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, SEC, Big 12, Big East, American, Colonial, Southern, MEAC and Big South conferences, as well as three years of high school officiating experience in New Jersey.

Humphrey pitched for three years in the New York Yankees' minor league system. A high school star in New Jersey, Humphrey was named First Team All-State as a junior and senior. He threw a perfect game and a no-hitter as a junior.

Humphrey enjoys playing golf, tennis and racquetball.



## **Byron Jarrett #21**

**WNBA Experience:** 11 seasons (currently in his 12<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** April 24, 1972 (Little Rock, Ark.)

**Resides:** Little Rock, Ark.

**High School:** J.A. Fair (Little Rock, Ark.)

**College:** UAMS Medical Center

Byron Jarrett has officiated 11 seasons in the WNBA. His assignments have included the 2017 WNBA Finals and the 2015 WNBA All-Star Game in Connecticut.

Jarrett has 17 years of college officiating experience in the SEC, Big 12, American, Conference USA, Sun Belt, SWAC and Southland conferences. He has officiated the NCAA and NIT tournaments for seven years. Jarrett also has 12 years of high school officiating experience in Arkansas.

**Katie Lukanich #36****WNBA Experience:** Two seasons (currently in her third season)**Born:** October 16, 1987 (Minneapolis, Minn.)**Resides:** Richfield, Minn.**High School:** Kennedy (Bloomington, Minn.)**College:** Concordia University '10

Katie Lukanich has officiated two seasons in the WNBA. She has eight years of college officiating experience in the Big Ten, Big 12, SEC, Big East, AAC, Missouri Valley, Horizon and Summit conferences. She also has three years of high school officiating experience in Minnesota.

Lukanich earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Concordia University in 2010. She also played soccer at the University of Minnesota Duluth. In high school, Lukanich lettered four times in soccer and basketball.

She enjoys cycling, hiking and climbing.



## **Tom Mauer #45**

**WNBA Experience:** 18 seasons (currently in his 19<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** March 9, 1960 (St. Paul, Minn.)

**Resides:** St. Paul, Minn.

**High School:** Harding (St. Paul, Minn.)

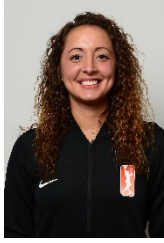
**College:** Mankato State University '82

Tom Mauer has officiated 18 seasons in the WNBA. He has officiated in six WNBA Finals series and one All-Star Game (2011).

Mauer has 33 years of college officiating experience in the Big Ten, Big 12, Conference USA, Ohio Valley, NSIC, MIAC, WIAC and UMAC conferences, and 38 years of high school officiating experience in Minnesota. He worked the NCAA Division II National Championship five times.

An All-City and All-State high school baseball player, Mauer is a Harding High School Hall of Stars inductee. He played baseball and football at Mankato State University.

Mauer enjoys sports, music and travel.



## **Ashley Moyer-Gleich #75**

**WNBA Experience:** Currently in her first season

**Born:** August 5, 1987 (Lebanon, Pa.)

**Resides:** Camp Hill, Pa.

**High School:** Cedar Crest (Lebanon, Pa.)

**College:** Millersville University '10

Ashley Moyer-Gleich is in her first season as a WNBA official. She officiated the 2018 NBA G League Playoffs, the NBA Cares Special Olympics Unified® Basketball Game at NBA All-Star 2018, the 2018 Women's NIT and the 2017 NCAA Division III National Championship.

Moyer-Gleich has four years of college officiating experience in the ACC, Colonial, MAC, MAAC, Atlantic 10, Patriot, Ivy League, NEC and MEAC conferences, and five years of high school officiating experience in Pennsylvania.

Moyer-Gleich played basketball at Millersville University, appearing in the Division II Sweet 16 in 2010.

Off the court, she is a freelance writer for *Referee Magazine* and a property manager. She loves spending time outdoors with her family and her dog, Biskit, as well as planning events. Her favorite forms of exercise are Bikram yoga and swimming.





### **Brenda Pantoja #73**

**WNBA Experience:** Seven seasons (currently in her eighth season)

**Born:** May 3, 1973 (Elizabeth, N.J.)

**Resides:** Long Beach, Calif.

**High School:** Bell Gardens (Bell Gardens, Calif.)

**College:** University of Arizona '96

Brenda Pantoja has officiated seven seasons in the WNBA. She officiated the 2012 WNBA Playoffs and the 2013 WNBA Finals.

Pantoja recently worked the NCAA championship game for the second year in a row; she also officiated the game in 2013. Overall, she has 15 years of college officiating experience in the Pac-12, Big 12, West Coast, Western Athletic, Mountain West, Big West and Sun Belt conferences. Pantoja also has two years of high school officiating experience in California.

In 1995-96, Pantoja led the nation in assists with the University of Arizona. Bell Gardens retired her high school jersey in 2014.

Pantoja enjoys being home with her family, traveling and cycling.



### **Toni Patillo #76**

**WNBA Experience:** Currently in her first season

**Born:** September 4, 1979 (Virginia Beach, Va.)

**Resides:** Virginia Beach, Va.

**High School:** Kempsville (Virginia Beach, Va.)

**College:** Marshall University '01

Toni Patillo is currently in her first season as a WNBA official. She has seven years of college officiating experience in the MEAC, CAA and Big South conferences, and nine years of high school officiating experience in Virginia and North Carolina.

Patillo played for the Marshall University basketball team and served as co-captain in her senior season.

Off the court, she enjoys spending time with family and friends and going to the movies.



**Michael Price #39**

**WNBA Experience:** 19 seasons (currently in his 20<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** January 9, 1959 (Albuquerque, N.M.)

**Resides:** Chandler, Ariz.

**High School:** Highlands (Sacramento, Calif.)

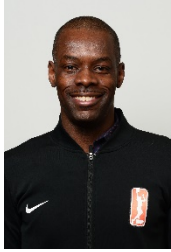
**College:** Sierra College

American River College

Michael Price has officiated 19 seasons in the WNBA. He has worked the WNBA Finals in every season of his tenure and officiated the WNBA All-Star Game four times. Price previously officiated in the NBA G League for one year and the Chinese Basketball Association for seven years.

Price has 20 years of collegiate officiating experience in the Pac-12, Mountain West, WCC, WAC and Big West conferences to go with seven Final Fours. He also officiated high school basketball in California for nine years.

Price enjoys exercising and working on his lakefront cabin.



## **Randy Richardson #11**

**WNBA Experience:** One season (currently in his second season)

**Born:** November 30, 1977 (Detroit, Mich.)

**Resides:** Phoenix, Ariz.

**High School:** Mumford (Detroit, Mich.)

**College:** University of Phoenix '12

Randy Richardson has officiated one season in the WNBA. He has four years of college officiating experience in the Pac-12, West Coast, Western Athletic and Big Sky conferences, and three years of high school officiating experience in Arizona.

Richardson enjoys hiking, reading, swimming, traveling with family and mentoring children.



## **Natalie Sago #5**

**WNBA Experience:** Two seasons (currently in her third season)

**Born:** May 24, 1989 (St. Louis, Mo.)

**Resides:** Farmington, Mo.

**High School:** Farmington (Farmington, Mo.)

**College:** University of Missouri-St. Louis '13

Natalie Sago has officiated two seasons in the WNBA. She served as an NBA G League official in 2017 and 2018 and officiated the NBA G League International Challenge at NBA All-Star 2018.

Sago has three years of college officiating experience in the Missouri Valley, Summit League, Atlantic 10, MAAC, GLVC, MIAA, AMC, SLIAC, Region XVI and GRAC conferences. She also has two years of high school officiating experience in Missouri.

Her high school basketball team finished as state runner-up in Missouri in 2007. She played softball for Jefferson College (2007-09) and Drury University (2009-11), serving as team captain for both schools.

Sago earned a bachelor's degree in K-12 physical education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2013.



## **Jenna Schroeder #78**

**WNBA Experience:** Currently in her first season

**Born:** September 27, 1985 (Flint, Mich.)

**Resides:** Berkley, Mich.

**High School:** Clio (Clio, Mich.)

**College:** Saginaw Valley State University '09

Jenna Schroeder is in her first season as a WNBA official. Schroeder has five years of college officiating experience in the ACC, Big East, American, Atlantic 10, MAC, Summit, MAAC, Ivy League and Horizon conferences, and three years of high school officiating experience in Michigan.

Schroeder played basketball at Saginaw Valley State University. She enjoys cycling and boating.



## **Billy Smith #7**

**WNBA Experience:** 17 seasons (currently in his 18<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** October 11, 1961 (Jackson, Mich.)

**Resides:** Lawrenceville, Ga.

**High School:** G.R. Catholic Central (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

**College:** Drake University

Grand Valley State University

Billy Smith has officiated 17 seasons in the WNBA. He worked the 2016 and 2017 WNBA Finals as well as the 2017 WNBA All-Star Game in Seattle.

Smith has 15 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, SEC, Big Ten, Big 12, AAC, Colonial, Conference USA, Sun Belt, Southern, Big East, MEAC and Big South conferences. He has officiated the NCAA Tournament 13 times and worked the tournament finals in the ACC, MEAC, Southern and CAA conferences. Smith also has two years of high school officiating experience in Georgia.

In high school, Smith was All-City and All-State in football and the high jump. He received a football scholarship to Drake University for the 1979-80 season.

Smith enjoys Bible study, reading, strength training and traveling with family.



### **Jeff Smith #53**

**WNBA Experience:** 17 seasons (currently in his 18<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** June 18, 1961 (Derby, Conn.)

**Resides:** West Haven, Conn.

**High School:** Emmett O'Brien Tech (Ansonia, Conn.)

**College:** Post College '81

Eckerd College '84

Jeff Smith has officiated 17 seasons in the WNBA. He worked the 2009 WNBA All-Star Game in Connecticut.

Smith has 24 years of college officiating experience in the Big East, ACC, Atlantic 10, AAC, MAAC, Colonial, American East, Ivy League, Northeast and Patriot conferences. He officiated the 2002 Patriot League men's tournament final and the 2018 Atlantic 10 women's tournament final. He also has 20 years of high school officiating experience in Connecticut.

An avid athlete, Smith played basketball and ran track in high school. In 1979, he was Honorable Mention All-State in basketball and track and field. At Post College, Smith earned First Team All-Conference honors in basketball as the team's leading scorer and rebounder. He served as team captain at Post and Eckerd College.

In 2005, Smith received the Post College Residential Life Distinguished Alumni Award. From 2010-2015, Smith served as an alternative high school technology instructor.

Smith enjoys being a dedicated father and exercising. In 2008, he donated a kidney to his brother.





## **Kevin Sparrock #49**

**WNBA Experience:** 10 seasons (currently in his 11<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** June 17, 1967 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

**Resides:** Miami, Fla.

**High School:** High School of Art and Design (New York, N.Y.)

**College:** School of Visual Arts

Kevin Sparrock has officiated 10 seasons in the WNBA. He officiated the WNBA Playoffs in 2009 and 2010.

Sparrock has 10 years of college officiating experience in the ACC, Colonial, Ivy League, North East, Patriot League, MAAC and American East conferences. He has officiated several conference tournaments as well as the NIT from 2014-17. Sparrock also has 16 years of high school officiating experience in New Jersey.

An avid graphic artist and illustrator, Sparrock's artwork was featured in Nautica 360 in 2015. He is the creator of the webcomic *Fouls and Violations: Life of a Referee Uncovered*.

Sparrock participated in the dance art of Chicago stepping for more than four years. He also participated in an episode of ABC's *The Bachelorette* as a WNBA official.

A father of three, Sparrock loves spending time with his friends and family.



## **Karleena Tobin #6**

**WNBA Experience:** Two seasons (currently in her third season)

**Born:** May 29, 1984 (Baltimore, Md.)

**Resides:** Baltimore, Md.

**High School:** Friends School of Baltimore (Baltimore, Md.)

**College:** University of Delaware '06

Karleena Tobin has officiated two seasons in the WNBA. She has six years of college officiating experience in the AAC, Big East, Atlantic 10, CAA, MAAC, Patriot League, Ivy League, NEC, MEAC and American East conferences, and four years of high school officiating experience in Maryland.

Tobin is the Friends School of Baltimore's all-time leading scorer in girls' basketball. Tobin also played at the University of Delaware from 2002-06.

She has a bachelor's degree in human services and administration and family policy from Delaware. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling and listening to music.



## **Kurt Walker #18**

**WNBA Experience:** 19 seasons (currently in his 20<sup>th</sup> season)

**Born:** December 3, 1967 (Long Beach, Calif.)

**Resides:** Trabuco Canyon, Calif.

**High School:** Long Beach Polytechnic (Long Beach, Calif.)

**College:** Long Beach State '90 (B.S.)

Long Beach State '94 (M.S.)

Kurt Walker has officiated 19 seasons in the WNBA. He has officiated multiple WNBA Finals as well as the 2011 WNBA All-Star Game in San Antonio. Also at the pro level, he has officiated the NBA G League Finals and the Chinese Basketball Association Finals.

His experience also includes 17 years each of college officiating and high school officiating. Walker has officiated games in the Pac-12, Mountain West, West Coast, Big West, Big Sky and Western Athletic conferences.

After lettering in baseball, football and soccer in high school, Walker played baseball at Long Beach State. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in finance from the school.

Walker serves as the District Supervisor of Athletics, Facilities and Community Services of Saddleback Valley School District. Since 2012, He has been a member of the American Youth Soccer Organization Board of Directors in Lake Forest, Calif.

Off the court, Walker also coaches volleyball and soccer. He enjoys 1980s music and the NHL, particularly the Anaheim Ducks and Los Angeles Kings.



## **Jeff Wooten #62**

**WNBA Experience:** Seven seasons (currently in his eighth season)

**Born:** June 11, 1974 (Rochester, Minn.)

**Resides:** Chandler, Ariz.

**High School:** Mountain View (Mesa, Ariz.)

**College:** Arizona State '00

Jeff Wooten has officiated seven seasons in the WNBA. He officiated the WNBA Finals in each of the last two seasons.

Wooten has 14 years of college officiating experience in the Pac-12, West Coast, Big West, Big Sky, Mountain West and WAC conferences. He also officiated the 2018 NIT.

He received a bachelor's degree in communications from Arizona State in 2000. Wooten is involved in the charity Canines for Christ, an international Christian-based, animal-assisted therapy ministry that uses people and their dogs to share God's message of love, hope, kindness and compassion to the community.