

John Littrell is the Chief of the Trial Unit of the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California, one of the largest Federal Defender offices in the nation. He supervises around thirty lawyers and many more investigators, paralegals, and support staff. He leads and supervises teams in selected high-stakes cases, including most recently *United States v. Paul Ciancia*, a federal capital murder case arising from the 2013 shooting at LAX and *United States v. Enrique Marquez*, a case charging material support for terrorism in connection with the 2015 San Bernardino shooting.

Mr. Littrell has tried approximately 20 federal criminal cases charging a variety of offenses including wire fraud, bank fraud, robbery, immigration offenses, drug trafficking, weapons and sex offenses. He has conducted extensive overseas investigation in child exploitation and international weapons trafficking cases. He has won multiple acquittals and dispositive motions for his clients. He has also litigated complex appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Courts of Appeal, resulting in two published opinions, including most recently *Cudjo v. Ayers*, 698 F.3d 752 (9th Cir. 2012), in which the Court granted guilt phase relief and a new trial in a capital murder case.

Mr. Littrell's passion and continued focus is death penalty litigation. He has conducted several federal evidentiary hearings in post-conviction cases and continues to represent clients on death row.

Prior to joining the Federal Public Defender's Office, Mr. Littrell was a Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. A. Wallace Tashima of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and an Associate with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco. He is a 2002 graduate of the Program in Public Interest Law and Policy at UCLA School of Law.