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# **Referee Operations Profiles 2015-16 Season**

**Mike Bantom**  
**Executive Vice President, Referee Operations**  
**National Basketball Association**



Mike Bantom is entering his fourth season as Executive Vice President of Referee Operations for the National Basketball Association. Bantom oversees the league's officiating program, including recruiting, training, and development of all NBA officials. Prior to assuming his current position in 2012, Bantom spent 13 years as Senior Vice President of Player Development. In that role, he oversaw and administered all of the NBA's programs that orientate, educate, and enhance its players in an effort to help them realize their full potential on and off the court. Some of the league's most acclaimed initiatives, including the Rookie Transition Program, the Team Player Development Program, the NBA Continuing Education Program, and the Player Substance Abuse Program, all fell under the Player Development umbrella that Bantom managed.

From 1997 to 1999, Bantom worked in the NBA New Jersey office as Vice President of NBA Events and Attractions, where he was responsible for NBA All-Star Jam Session at NBA All-Star, as well as other major NBA interactive events. Bantom lived overseas from 1994 to '97, where he helped establish the NBA Europe headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. In his efforts to grow the sport of basketball globally, Bantom established the Converse/NBA 3-on-3 World Tour and from 1992 to '94 managed the the NBA Africa Tour and NBA Coaches Clinics Tour to Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, and South America.

The NBA promoted Bantom to International Director of Marketing Programs in 1992. His primary responsibilities in that job were to plan and implement programs designed to build the NBA brand and promote the sport of basketball globally. Following the worldwide explosion of basketball started by the 1992 Olympic Dream Team, Bantom oversaw a number of NBA basketball/marketing programs that were key ingredients of the league's global expansion strategy, and were designed to take advantage of and increase the NBA's growing popularity around the world.

In 1989, the NBA hired Bantom as the Licensing Manager for NBA International after a 16-year professional playing career in the NBA and in Europe. Bantom played in the NBA from 1973 through 1982, and then played seven more seasons in the Italian Professional League before retiring in 1989. He averaged 12.1 points and 6.4 rebounds per game in his nine-year NBA career, and made the NBA All-Rookie team after Phoenix drafted him as the eighth overall pick in the 1973 NBA Draft. Bantom was a member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic basketball team that was involved in the controversial final game versus the Soviet Union in Munich.

A graduate of St. Joseph's University, Bantom holds a bachelor's degree in marketing. He is a devoted father to four children: Robbie, Misha, Brenda, and Alan.

## **Steven Angel**

**Senior Vice President, Referee Operations and Analytics  
National Basketball Association**



As Senior Vice President of Referee Operations & Analytics at the National Basketball Association, Steven Angel oversees the league's game and referee analytics program, which is focused on monitoring and improving performance, detecting and eliminating bias and improving the rules of the game.

Angel is largely responsible for designing the league's comprehensive, data-driven effort to collect and analyze referees calling and non-calling data. Angel also works on referee communications, particularly areas related to transparency, call reporting, clarifying the playing rules, website content (e.g., misunderstood rules, the video rulebook) and in-game issues that arise during the season.

Prior to joining the league, Angel worked for Sibson Consulting, a division of the Segal Company in the area of performance management and resource planning. In addition to the NBA, Angel's clients included high-profile organizations such as the NFL, the NHL, 3M, Corning, Merrill Lynch and Pfizer.

Angel holds an M.B.A from New York University.

**Joe Borgia**  
**Senior Vice President, Replay and Referee Operations**  
**National Basketball Association**



Joe Borgia, Senior Vice President, Replay and Referee Operations was a member of the NBA's Basketball Operations Department from 1999 until the Referee Operations Department was formed at the start of the 2008-09 season. He was Director of Referee Development and Director of Officiating Programs and Development prior to being named Vice President in 2008.

Borgia is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the NBA Replay Center. He spent two seasons testing equipment and assisting in the design of that facility. His Referee Operations duties will continue to include the television show "Making the Call" on NBA TV, creating training videos, interpreting the rules of the game for officials, teams, broadcasters and media, and oversight of the WNBA officiating program.

Borgia began his professional officiating career in 1978 at age 22, when he joined the staff of the New York Pro-Am league. He spent eight years in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and in 1988 was hired to the NBA staff. He officiated 10 seasons before an injury forced him to retire in 1998. He has worked two of the most famous games in NBA history, the highest scoring game, Detroit @ Denver 186-184 on 12/13/83 and the longest modern day game, Seattle @ Milwaukee, 5 overtimes on 11/9/89.

Borgia grew up surrounded by NBA officiating. He is the son of the late Sid Borgia, a legendary referee who officiated in the NBA for 20 years beginning in 1946. Sid Borgia also served as supervisor of officials during the latter years of his career and continued as an observer after retiring.

Borgia resides in New Jersey and St Petersburg, Fla. He is married to Linda and they have a daughter Marisa and son Matthew.

**Bob Delaney**  
**Vice President, Referee Operations**  
**National Basketball Association**



Bob Delaney is entering his second season as Vice President Referee Operations for the National Basketball Association. Delaney is responsible for Referee Development and Performance. Prior to his current position Delaney served as a Referee Development Advisor (2012) and Crew Chief Development Advisor (2013). He began his NBA Referee career in 1987 and retired in 2011 after working 1500 regular, 159 Play-off, 9 Finals and 2 All Star games. He also worked NBA games in Japan, China and Dominican Republic.

He provided the initial Referee Leadership Development program in 2001 which has grown into the Performance Enhancement Program (PEP). PEP provides training in Teamwork, Leadership, Communication, Mental Conditioning, Mental Rehearsal, Resiliency and Ethics developing life skills for professional and personal growth.

Delaney was named an NBA Cares Ambassador when his officiating career ended and some award recognitions he received are Naismith Hall of Fame Mannie Jackson Human Spirit Award, Armed Forces Foundation Leadership Award, President Obama's Volunteer Service Award, U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal and the prestigious National Association Sports Association Gold Whistle Award.

Delaney is the first referee ever appointed as a Basketball Hall of Fame Board member. John Doleva, Hall of Fame President/ CEO said "Bob Delaney is one of the most well-respected referees the game has ever seen, this is because of the tremendous man he has proven to be both on and off the court. He represents the game with the utmost integrity, and we are very pleased to have him joining our board of trustees."

Delaney was a highly decorated New Jersey State Trooper prior to his NBA career and infiltrated Organized Crime in one of law enforcements most notable long term undercover operations in the 1970's. His story has been told by ABC, ESPN , HBO and numerous other media outlets. He has authored two books- Covert, My Years Infiltrating the Mob & Surviving the Shadows – A Journey of Hope into Post Traumatic Stress.

He holds a St. Mary's College of California Master's degree in Leadership and a New Jersey City University B.S. Criminology.



**Don Vaden**  
**Vice President, Director of Officials**  
**National Basketball Association**



Don Vaden, Vice President, Director of Officials, has been a member of the Referee Operations staff for more than 10 years and has served in various management roles in the NBA's officiating program.

He served as the director of officiating at numerous NBA summer leagues, training NBA and NBA D-League referees. Vaden has worked as a Group Supervisor, a Crew Chief Coordinator and a Transition Coordinator in the NBA's Officiating Program. He has also acted as a site director at summer training camps and a presenter of information at Preseason Training Camp.

Vaden is responsible for the day-to-day management and on-court performance of the officiating staff.

In his 15-season officiating career with the NBA, Vaden officiated 854 Regular Season games and 59 Playoffs and Finals games before retiring in 2002.

**Mark Wunderlich**  
**Director, Referee Operations**  
**National Basketball Association**

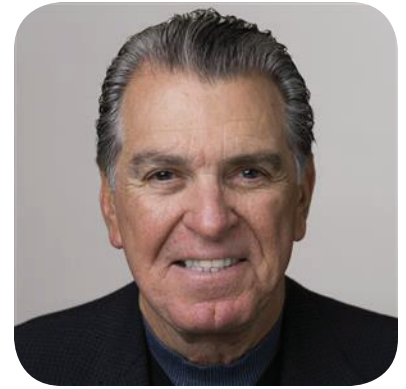


Mark Wunderlich is entering into his first season as a member of the newly created Referee Development and Performance group. Wunderlich was an NBA official from 1999-2010 and his career entailed 1,100 games, 80 playoff games, two All Star games and two NBA Finals games.

Prior to his NBA career Wunderlich worked in the CBA from 1997-1999 officiating 125 games, 25 playoff games and five finals including a game seven in 1999.

Wunderlich was inducted into the Delaware County, Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 and is a Eucharistic minister for Saint Maximillian Koble Church in West Chester, PA.

**Joe Forte**  
**Referee Development Performance Advisor**  
**National Basketball Association**



Joe Forte is entering into his first season as a member of the newly created Referee Development and Performance group. Prior to his current position Forte served as a Referee Development Advisor (2011).

Forte began his NBA officiating career in 1988 and retired in 2010 after working 1,424 regular season games, 136 playoff games, two NBA Final games, and one NBA All Star game (2000). He also officiated the 1999 McDonald's Championship game in Milan, Italy.

Prior to his NBA career Forte officiated five NCAA Final Four games (2 National Championship Games) and was the winner of the Inaugural Naismith Award as NCAA Official of the Year in 1988. He officiated the 1988 Olympic Gold Medal game in Seoul, South Korea and the 1986 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, IN.

Forte is the only official to officiate a High School State Championship game (VA), NCAA Championship game, NBA Finals game, NBA All Star game, and an Olympic Gold Medal game.

Forte was inducted into the Brevard Jr. College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Also, he served as Coordinator of Men's Basketball Officials, Big South Conference, 2005. Forte holds a B.S. Degree from High Point University, 1967.

**Bernie Fryer**  
**Manager, Referee Operations**  
**National Basketball Association**



Bernie Fryer is beginning his 42nd year in the NBA and is entering into his first season as a member of the newly created Referee Development and Performance group. Fryer started as a player with the Portland Trail Blazers in 1973 where he was named second team all-rounder. He also played a year with the New Orleans Jazz in 1974-75 followed by a short 9 game top with the St. LOUIS Spirees, where he averaged 7.8 points, 2.9 assists and 2.4 rebounds.

He began his pro officiating in the LA summer league in 1976 and was hired in 1977 becoming the first ex-player to become an NBA official. He officiated 1,649 regular season games, 145 play-off and 11 finals as well as the 1998 all-star game. He also worked games in Japan, Russia and Germany.

Upon his leaving the floor he moved into management becoming NBA Referee Staff Crew Chief coordinator and then Vice President Director of Officials for three years before cancer slowed him down for a year. He came back to work as a Referee Development/Performance Adviser as a member of the current management team.

Fryer is from Port Angeles, Wash., where he was high school All-America in both football and basketball. He attended Peninsula Junior college as well as Brigham Young University before joining the NBA. He is a licensed instrument pilot as well as a certified diver and boat captain.

**Eddie F. Rush**  
**Referee Development Performance Advisor**  
**National Basketball Association**



Eddie F. Rush is entering his first season as a member of the newly created Referee Development and Performance group. Rush was a member of the NBA Officiating staff for 28 seasons, and has also been a FIBA official for 12 years.

From 1987 to 2015, Eddie officiated 1,567 regular season games, 206 playoff games, 13 NBA Finals games, including Game 7 Detroit vs. San Antonio (2005). Rush was also a member of the crews that officiated the 1994 Japan Games in Yokohama and the 2000 and 2008 NBA All-Star Games.

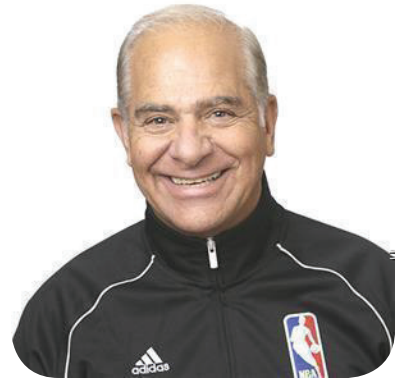
As a FIBA official, Eddie worked numerous tournaments, including 2 World Championship tournaments (2002 Indiana) and (2006 Japan). He was selected to work the Bronze medal game during the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Rush also has four years of officiating experiencing in the CBA, where he worked playoff and finals games. Prior to that, he spend four years officiating at the collegiate level, working in both the Mid-Eastern Athletic and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Rush holds a BBA in Marketing from Georgia State University (1983), where he played basketball for two seasons. After graduating from college, Eddie worked 3 years in the Financial Planning services industry as a licensed representative with investment firm Waddell & Reed Inc. After one year in the business, he was promoted to District Manager where his responsibilities included recruiting, hiring, training, as well as assisting clients with investments, risk management, retirement, and tax sheltered needs.

Rush's hobbies include trading stocks and options. Also, he is the owner of Twilight Productions 2, LLC where he promotes concerts and comedy shows throughout the year.

**Bennett Salvatore**  
**Referee Development Performance Advisor**  
**National Basketball Association**



Bennett Salvatore is entering his first season as a member of the newly created Referee Development and Performance group.

Salvatore was an official in the NBA for the past 33 seasons, and worked 1,805 regular season and 238 playoff games, including 25 NBA Finals games.

Salvatore worked the 1993 and 2002 NBA All-Star Games, the 1993 McDonald's Championship in Munich, Germany, and the 1997 Mexico Challenge. Prior to joining the NBA, Salvatore spent two years officiating in the CBA and 10 years officiating high school.

Salvatore played basketball while attending C.W. Post. He also played high school baseball and football, earning All-County honors in 1967 and 1968 as a pitcher, as well as All-American and All-State quarterback in 1967. He also played three years of basketball for Stamford Catholic High School.

Salvatore has been involved in the community since early in his career. He is currently involved with the Mickey Lione Foundation, and he is a motivational speaker for many organizations.

**George Toliver**  
**Associate Vice President, Referee Development**  
**NBA D-League**



George Toliver has served as the Director of NBA D-League Officials for nine years and has been a member of the NBA's Referee Operations Department since 2004. He was a FIBA official from 1985-2000. Toliver officiated games in the 1995 European Championships, 1994 World Championships, 1993 World University Games, 1986 Sports Festival and 1984 Olympic Trials.

Over his 15-season NBA officiating career, Toliver worked 742 regular season games, as well as the 1996 All-Star Legends Game and the 1994 Japan Games in Yokohama.

Toliver has international officiating experience in the Chinese Basketball Association, where he officiated the Championship Series. He has also conducted clinics in Germany, Turkey, Greece, Spain, Taiwan and Poland. He has one year of USBL officiating experience where he officiated the playoffs and finals. Toliver also has six years of collegiate officiating experience in the Atlantic Coast, Metro, and Southern Conferences, as well as the ACC Tournament, NCAA Tournament and NIT. He also has 11 years of high school officiating experience, having worked six state championship games.

An inductee into the James Madison University Hall of Fame in 1991, Toliver earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from JMU, as well as his Masters degree in Education from James Madison. He played four seasons of basketball for JMU and was the team MVP in 1971 and 1972. Toliver was an instructor at JMU and was the assistant baseball coach from 1973-74, and assistant basketball coach from 1973-75. Toliver played four years of high school basketball at King George High School in Virginia, playing in the State Championship in 1969 and was named All State the same year. He was inducted into the King George Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Toliver founded and served as general manager of the Harrisonburg HEAT Girls Basketball Club, which helped develop basketball skills for girls ages six to seventeen.

# NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION KEY DATES

## 2015

September 25	First allowable date for players participating in preseason NBA Global Games to report to their teams (no earlier than 11 a.m. local time)
September 26	Training Camps open for all teams participating in preseason NBA Global Games
September 28	First allowable date for all other players to report to their teams (no earlier than 11 a.m. local time)
September 29	Training Camps open for all other teams
October 4	NBA Canada Series 2015, L.A. Clippers vs. Toronto Raptors (Vancouver)
October 6	NBA Global Games 2015, Olimpia Milano vs. Boston Celtics (Milan, Italy)
October 8	NBA Global Games 2015, Real Madrid vs. Boston Celtics (Madrid, Spain)
October 10	NBA Canada Series 2015, Chicago Bulls vs. Minnesota Timberwolves (Winnipeg)
October 11	NBA Global Games 2015, Charlotte Hornets vs. L.A. Clippers (Shenzhen, China)
October 14	NBA Global Games 2015, Charlotte Hornets vs. L.A. Clippers (Shanghai, China) NBA Canada Series 2015, Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Toronto Raptors (Ottawa)
October 17	NBA Global Games 2015, Flamengo vs. Orlando Magic (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
October 23	NBA Canada Series 2015, Toronto Raptors vs. Washington Wizards (Montreal)
October 23	NBA Preseason ends
October 26	Rosters set for NBA Opening Day
October 27	Start of the 2015-16 NBA Regular Season (NBA Tip-Off 2015)
December 3	NBA Global Games 2015, Boston Celtics vs. Sacramento Kings (Mexico City)

## 2016

January 5	10-day contracts may now be signed
January 10	All contracts are guaranteed for the remainder of the season
January 14	NBA Global Games 2016, Orlando Magic vs. Toronto Raptors (London)
February 12-14	NBA All-Star 2016 (Toronto, Canada)
February 18	Trade deadline, 3 p.m. ET
March 1	Playoff Eligibility Waiver Deadline
April 13 - 16	Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (Portsmouth, VA)
April 13	Regular Season ends
April 15	Rosters set for NBA Playoffs 2016, 3 p.m. ET
April 16	NBA Playoffs 2016 begin
April 24	NBA Early Entry Eligibility Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)
May 2	Conference Semifinals begin (possible move up to April 30 or May 1)
May 11-15	NBA Draft Combine 2016 (Chicago)
May 17	Conference Finals begin (possible move up to May 15 or 16)
May 17	NBA Draft Lottery 2016
June 2	NBA Finals 2016 begin
June 13	NBA Draft Early Entry Entrant Withdrawal Deadline (5:00 p.m. ET)
June 19	The Finals 2016 latest possible date
June 23	NBA Draft 2016



# Referee Hand Signals

GOALTENDING



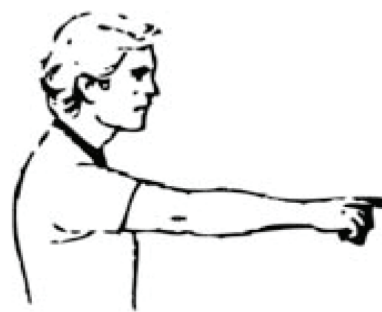
"Flag" from wrist

ILLEGAL DRIBBLE



Patting motion  
call team color

DIRECTION OF PLAY



Point - Direction  
call team color

TIME-IN



Chop hand  
to side

TIME-OUT



Open palm

PERSONAL FOUL



Clenched fist

HOLDING



Signal foul:  
grasp wrist

LOOSE BALL FOUL



Extended arms  
to shoulder level

ILLEGAL USE  
OF HANDS



Signal foul:  
strike wrist

TO DESIGNATE OFFENDER



Hold up number of player

HAND CHECKING



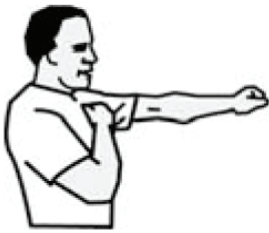
Arm straight out opposite arm grabbing wrist

ILLEGAL FOREARM



Arm bent 90° in front of body

CHARGING



Clenched fist

DOUBLE FOUL



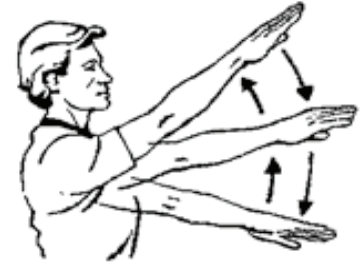
Cross clenched fist above head

ILLEGAL SCREEN OUT-OF-BOUNDS



Arms outstretched and crossed in front of chest

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OUT-OF-BOUNDS



Arms outstretched to side from shoulder to waist in downward motion

20-SECOND TIMEOUT



Hands touching shoulders

PUSHING



Signal foul: imitate push

BLOCKING



Hands on hips

TECHNICAL FOUL



Form T

CANCEL SCORE  
CANCEL PLAY



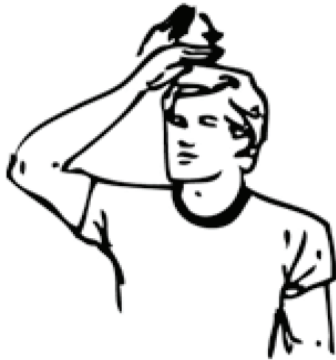
Shift arms across body

3-SECOND  
OFFENSIVE VIOLATION



Fingers sideways

24-SECOND VIOLATION



Tap head  
signal '24'

FOR 3-PT. FIELD GOAL



Official will raise  
one arm on attempt



If goal is successful  
raise the other arm

BASKET INTERFERENCE



Rotate finger  
wipe out basket

TRAVELING



Rotate fists

JUMP BALL



Thumbs up

DEFENSIVE 3-SECOND  
VIOLATION



Chop down two times  
followed by technical  
foul signal

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39 Ford, Tyler  
40 Wood, Leon  
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# **Officials Profiles 2015-16 Season**

## **Bennie Adams #47**

NBA Experience: 20 seasons

Currently in his 21st NBA season

Born: April 8, 1967 (New Orleans)

Resides: New Orleans

HS: Eleanor McMain (New Orleans)

College: Southern University '90, M.S. '93



A former math instructor at Southern University, Bennie Adams joined the NBA officiating staff 21 seasons ago, and since then has officiated 1,171 regular season and nine Playoff games. In addition, he has been a USA Basketball official since 1995. Adams has also officiated the 2008 NBA Europe Live Tour and the 2002 NBA All-Star Rookie Challenge.

Adams officiated in the CBA for three years, and worked the 1996 CBA Finals. He also has three years of collegiate officiating experience in the Southeastern, Ohio Valley, Trans America Athletic and Southwestern Athletic Conferences. Adams also has 10 years of high school officiating experience in Louisiana.

Adams has both a Masters and Bachelors degree in mathematics from Southern University.



## **Steve Anderson #35**

NBA Experience: Two seasons

Currently in his third NBA season

Born: May 13, 1982 (Sarasota, Fla.)

Resides: Orlando, Fla.

HS: Booker H.S. (Sarasota, Fla.)

College: University of Central Florida '05



Steve Anderson enters his third NBA season having officiated 99 regular season games. He joined the full-time staff in 2013-14 after six seasons as a referee in the NBA D-League and already having officiated 18 regular season NBA games as a non-staff official. Anderson officiated the FIBA U19 World Championships in the Czech Republic in 2013.

Anderson received his BA degree in 2005 and Masters degree in 2007 from the University of Central Florida. While at UCF, he worked in the Intramural Sports program where he was selected to officiate at regional and national tournaments.

When not officiating he enjoys traveling to different Major League Baseball Stadiums throughout the USA and recently completed his tour of all 30 ballparks that started in 2004 at PNC Park in Pittsburgh and ended this past summer at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

## **Mark Ayotte #56**

NBA Experience: 11 seasons

Currently in his 12th NBA season

Born: March 12, 1964 (Ishpening, Mich.)

Resides: Glendale, Ariz.

HS: Negaunee High School (Negaunee, Mich.)

College: Michigan Technological University '87



Mark Ayotte completed his 11th NBA season having officiated 658 regular season games and two playoff games. Prior to joining the NBA, Ayotte was a WNBA official for four years and a CBA official for three years. He spent one year officiating in the NBA D-League.

Ayotte has 12 years of collegiate officiating experience, having worked in the Pac-10, Big Sky and West Coast conferences. He officiated in the Pac-10 Conference Tournament and the Big Sky Conference Tournament, including the finals. Ayotte also was an official for the preseason and postseason NIT. He has 10 years of high school officiating experience in the state of Arizona.

Prior to becoming a professional basketball referee, Ayotte worked as a Systems Design and Test Engineer with AG Communication Systems. When not on the hardwood, Ayotte enjoys spending time with his fellow Yoopers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

## **Brent Barnaky #70**

NBA Experience: Five seasons

Currently in his sixth NBA season

Born: May 30, 1975 (Hamilton, Ohio)

Resides: Clearwater, Fla.

HS: Clearwater HS (Clearwater, Fla.)

College: University of Central Florida '97

Nova Southeastern Law School '01



Brent Barnaky enters his sixth NBA season having officiated 271 NBA games. Barnaky came to the NBA with 10 years of collegiate officiating experience in the Southeastern Conference, Big East, Conference USA and other college conferences as well. He completed three years of postseason officiating in the NIT (2008-2010). He officiated the 2008, 2009 and 2010 NBA D-League Playoffs, and the 2009 and 2010 NBA D-League Finals.

In the off season, Barnaky gives back to the game, by training and developing other officials at referee camps/clinics. Barnaky is married (Tiffany), has a daughter (Lilyana) and resides in Clearwater, Fla.

Prior to his being hired onto the NBA officiating staff, Barnaky was a civil trial lawyer. He continues to remain actively involved with pro bono work for public-at-large clients in need of legal services. In his free time, Brent enjoys spending quality time with his family and playing golf.

## **Curtis Blair # 74**

NBA Experience: Eight seasons

Currently in his ninth NBA season

Born: September 24, 1970 (Roanoke, Va.)

Resides: Richmond, Va.

HS: Patrick Henry (Roanoke, Va.)

College: University of Richmond '92



Curtis Blair is entering his ninth NBA season having officiated 383 regular season games. Blair has six seasons of NBA D-League experience and worked the 2008 NBA D-League Finals. He also officiated in several college conferences, including the Atlantic 10, Atlantic Coast Conference and the CAA.

Blair graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Richmond in 1992 where he was a member of the 1991 Men's basketball team that upset Syracuse in the NCAA Tournament. He was drafted by the Houston Rockets in 1992 and played professionally in Australia, Austria and Turkey.

## **Matthew Boland #18**

NBA Experience: 13 seasons

Currently in his 14th NBA season

Born: September 28, 1966 (Putnam, Conn.)

Resides: Manchester, Conn.

HS: Marianapolis Preparatory School (Thompson, Conn.)

College: Quinebaug Valley '90



Entering his 14th season as an NBA official, Matt Boland has worked 702 regular season games. Prior to joining the NBA, he spent seven years officiating in the CBA, including the 1999, 2000 and 2001 CBA Finals. He also officiated for five years in the WNBA and worked the 2002 and 2003 WNBA Finals, as well as two years in the NBA D-League, working the 2003 Finals. Boland also has five years of USBL officiating experience, including the 1997 USBL Finals.

Boland officiated at the collegiate level for four years, working in the MAAC, Ivy, Northeast, TAAC and OVC Conferences. He also has high school officiating experience in his home state of Connecticut and worked two State Finals games in 1997 and 1998.

Boland's athletic accomplishments include being a member of the PGA where he played in several PGA tour events and still currently holds his PGA card. He spent time working as a teaching pro before joining the NBA staff. He also was a member of the 1986 New England Prep Champions Wilbraham Monson Academy Basketball team.

Boland served in the Connecticut National Guard from 1987-95, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in July of 1990, then promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1992. The Manchester, Conn. resident is a member of the Eastern Connecticut High School Basketball Board. He enjoys spending his free time reading, traveling and playing golf.

## **Tony Brothers #25**

NBA Experience: 21 seasons

Currently in his 22nd NBA season

Born: September 14, 1964 (Norfolk, Va.)

Resides: Smithfield, Va.

HS: Booker T. Washington (Norfolk, Va.)

College: Old Dominion University '86



Tony Brothers is entering his 22nd season as an NBA official and has officiated 1,270 regular season games, 84 Playoff games and five NBA Finals games during his career. He was a member of the crew that officiated the 1996 Mexico Challenge, 1998 Schick Rookie Game, 1999 McDonald's Championship in Milan, Italy and the 2008 China Games.

Prior to joining the NBA, Brothers spent four years officiating in the CBA, including three CBA Finals and a CBA All-Star Game. He has one year of collegiate officiating experience at the Junior College level. Brothers also has seven years of high school officiating experience in Virginia, including three state tournaments.

As a way of honoring his late mother Dorothy Brothers, a former Bank of America Executive, and to give back to his community, Brothers and his wife Monica co-founded, Still Hope Foundation, Inc. Still Hope is an organization that seeks to assist single mothers in building a strong and successful family unit by offering quality resources and supportive relationships.

Brothers attended Old Dominion University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Management Information Systems. He currently resides in Smithfield, Va. where he finds time to support his favorite football team, ODU.

## **Tony Brown #6**

NBA Experience: 13 seasons

Currently in his 14th NBA season

Born: January 4, 1967 (Fla.)

Resides: Atlanta, Ga.

HS: Amos P. Godby (Tallahassee, Fla.)

College: Clark Atlanta University '89



Tony Brown has officiated 777 regular season games and eight-Playoff games in his first 13 seasons as an NBA official. Prior to joining the NBA, he officiated for four seasons in the NBA D-League and CBA and three seasons in the WNBA. During that time he worked the 2002 Finals, the 2002 WNBA All-Star Game and the 2001 CBA Finals.

Brown attended Florida A&M prior to transferring to Clark Atlanta University, where he received his degree in Finance. As a member of the basketball team, Brown earned All-State honors at Amos P. Godby High School in Tallahassee, Fla.

### **Nick Buchert #3**

NBA Experience: Five seasons  
Currently in his sixth NBA season  
Born: April 17, 1983 (Orlando, Fla.)  
Resides: Smithfield, Ky.  
HS: University HS (Orlando, Fla.)  
College: University of Phoenix



Nick Buchert enters his sixth NBA season having officiated 282 games.

Buchert owns nine years of collegiate officiating experience. Additionally, he has officiated the 2010 NBA D-League Finals and 2010 NBA D-League All-Star Game.

Buchert enjoys giving back to the community through a scholarship he created, the Cassie Marie Houlihan Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes two students, at separate schools, who have overcome adversity and succeeded in the classroom, after school activities and the community.



## **Mike Callahan #24**

NBA Experience: 25 seasons

Currently in his 26th NBA season

Born: April 7, 1959 (Philadelphia)

Resides: Drexel Hill, Pa.

HS: Cardinal O'Hara (Springfield, Pa.)



A veteran of 25 NBA seasons, Mike Callahan has officiated 1,483 regular season, 156 Playoff and 16 NBA Finals games. He was a member of the crews that officiated the 2007 NBA All-Star Game, 1994 Mexico Challenge and the 1996 Schick Rookie Game.

Prior to joining the NBA, Callahan spent three years officiating in the CBA, including the 1989 and 1990 CBA Finals. A member of the Cardinal O'Hara High School basketball team for four years, Callahan also coached the freshman basketball team after graduating.

Callahan has run a clinic for referees called "Hoops4Heros" that benefits local fire departments, and he maintains strong ties to the Philadelphia community through his volunteer work with the Don Guanella School for developmentally disabled boys. During his free time he also enjoys playing golf.

## **James Capers #19**

NBA Experience: 20 seasons

Currently in his 21st NBA season

Born: November 8, 1961 (Chicago)

Resides: Chicago

HS: Hales Franciscan (Chicago)

College: Northern Illinois University '84



The son of former NBA official James Capers Sr., James Capers has officiated 1,172 regular season games, 78 Playoff games and five NBA Finals games during his 20-season NBA career. In addition to his NBA experience, Capers has six years of CBA officiating experience, including three CBA Finals and two CBA All-Star Games.

The community-conscious Capers was the recipient of the 1998 Monarch Award as Chicago Sportsman of the Year for his career and community achievements. Capers also conducts NBA Read to Achieve programs at two Chicago Public schools -- Vanderpool and May Academy Elementary Schools.

## **Derrick Collins #11**

NBA Experience: 14 seasons

Currently in his 15th NBA season

Born: July 15, 1965 (New Orleans)

Resides: Slidell, La.

HS: Brother Martin (New Orleans)

College: Xavier University (New Orleans) '88



Derrick Collins has officiated 871 regular season games and 16 Playoff games in 14 NBA seasons. Prior to joining the NBA, he officiated five seasons in the CBA where he worked two Finals, and three seasons in the WNBA, working three WNBA Playoffs and Finals. He has seven years of collegiate officiating experience in various conferences (Big 12, Sun Belt, Conference USA, Southland, SEC, TAAC, OVC and SWAC), and he officiated a Southland Conference semifinal game. Collins also officiated at the high school level in Louisiana.

Collins was a member of the Xavier basketball team for four seasons, an honorable mention All-American, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications.

When time permits, Collins enjoys fishing, horseback riding, pool, weight training, bowling and golf.

## **Sean Corbin #33**

NBA Experience: 20 seasons

Currently in his 21st NBA season

Born: March 18, 1966 (Baltimore)

Resides: Windermere, Fla.

HS: Towson Catholic (Towson, Md.)

College: Coppin State College '90



The 20-year NBA referee has officiated 1,182 regular season NBA games and 57 Playoff games, along with the 2007 NBA All-Star Game, 1999 Japan Games in Tokyo and the 1996 Schick Rookie Game. Corbin spent the summer of 2004 officiating basketball at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Corbin's resume includes four years officiating in the CBA and nine years of collegiate officiating experience in the Big East, Southern, Southeastern, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conferences. He also has four years of high school basketball officiating experience.

Corbin, a Baltimore native, has been involved in charitable efforts in the city, including working for healthcare for the homeless. His athletic accomplishments still remain notable in the Baltimore community, where he played baseball and basketball at Coppin State College and Towson Catholic High School.

## **Dan Crawford #43**

NBA Experience: 30 seasons

Currently in his 31st NBA season

Born: November 23, 1953 (Chicago)

Resides: Naperville, Ill.

HS: Cregier (Chicago)

College: Northeastern (Ill.) '76



Entering his 31st NBA season, Dan Crawford has officiated 1,988 regular season and 276 Playoff games, including 31 NBA Finals games. During his NBA tenure, Crawford has officiated the 1994 and 2001 NBA All-Star Games, and the 1992 Japan Games in Yokohama.

Prior to joining the NBA, Crawford spent four years officiating in the CBA. He has eight years of collegiate officiating experience in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conferences, and he officiated the 1983 and 1984 National Junior College Nationals.

Crawford has been honored for his achievements in the Northeastern (Ill.) Wall of Fame. Crawford was a member of the Northeastern University basketball team.

Crawford has a degree in Physical Education from Northeastern.

## **Joe Crawford #17**

NBA Experience: 38 seasons

Currently in his 39th NBA season

Born: August 30, 1951 (Philadelphia)

Resides: Newton Square, Pa.

HS: Cardinal O'Hara (Springfield, Pa.)

College: Neumann College '08



Over more than three decades in the NBA, Joe Crawford has officiated 2,556 regular season and 344 Playoff games, including 50 NBA Finals games. Crawford's Playoff and NBA Finals totals are the most among active NBA officials. Over his career, Crawford has officiated the 1986, 1992 and 2000 NBA All-Star Games, as well as the 1993 McDonald's Championship in Munich, Germany.

Prior to joining the NBA, Crawford officiated in the Eastern League (CBA) from 1974-76. He graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, Pa. and is a member of the Cardinal O'Hara High School Hall of Fame. In 2008, Crawford earned a degree in Liberal studies from Neumann College.

Officiating can be considered a Crawford "family affair," as his brother is veteran Major League Baseball umpire Jerry Crawford, and his father is retired Major League Baseball umpire Shag Crawford.

Crawford is also very active in his hometown community of Philadelphia.

## **Kevin Cutler #34**

NBA Experience: Five seasons

Currently in his sixth NBA season

Born: August 8, 1968 (Los Angeles)

Resides: Lakewood, Calif.

HS: Ganesha HS (Pomona, Calif.)

College: Cal State Long Beach '99 / Cal State Dominguez Hills '05



Kevin Cutler is entering his sixth NBA season after having officiated 276 games in his first five seasons.

Cutler owns six years of collegiate officiating experience, including the 2009 NIT and the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Additionally, Cutler worked two NBA D-League Finals as well as the 2008 NBA D-League All-Star Game.

In his free time, Cutler enjoys golfing, reading and spending time with family.

## **Eric Dalen #37**

NBA Experience: Seven seasons

Currently in his eighth NBA season

Born: July 12, 1972 (Minnetonka, Minn.)

Resides: Cincinnati

HS: Minnetonka, Minn.

College: University of Minnesota



Eric Dalen officiated 367 regular season games in his first seven NBA seasons. Prior to the NBA, Dalen worked for five seasons in the NBA D-League and officiated the 2008 All-Star Game and Finals. He also officiated for three years in the Southeastern Conference.

Dalen was a two-year letter winner at the University of Minnesota where he played tight end for the football team.



## **Marc Davis #8**

NBA Experience: 17 seasons

Currently in his 18th NBA season

Born: December 13, 1967 (Chicago)

Resides: Chicago

HS: St. Ignatius Prep. (Chicago)

College: U.S. Naval Academy



Marc Davis, an avid outdoorsman, has been an NBA official for the past 17 seasons, working 1,047 regular season games, 67

Playoff games, and the 2007 NBA All-Star Game. Davis has officiated six Finals games during his career.

In addition to his NBA experience, Davis has three years of CBA officiating experience and three years of collegiate basketball officiating experience in the OVC and TAAC Junior Colleges.

In 2000, Davis was the recipient of the Honorary Nate Humphries Award, an honor given by the Chicago Public League Coaches Association in recognition of enshrinement of an official into the Chicago Public League Hall of Fame.

Davis is active in the Chicago community where he grew up.

## **Mitchell Ervin # 27**

NBA Experience: Currently in first NBA season

Born: November 20, 1979 (New Orleans, LA)

Resides: New Orleans, LA

HS: Eleanor McMain Magnet (New Orleans, LA)

College: University of New Orleans '02



Mitchell Ervin is entering into his first NBA season having officiated 12 regular season games as a non-staff official. Prior to joining the NBA, Ervin officiated in the NBA D-League for 4 years where he officiated in the 2013, 2014 and 2015 NBA D-League Playoffs, including the 2014 and 2015 NBA D-League Finals. Ervin also officiated the 2014 NBA D-League All-Star Game in his hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ervin's resume includes 8 years of collegiate officiating experience, with 6 of those years in Division I having officiated in the Big 12, Conference USA, Big South, Sun Belt, Southland and Southwestern Athletic Conferences. During his stint in Division I, Ervin was selected to work in the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Southland Conference Tournament, as well as the 2015 Sun Belt Conference Tournament in which he officiated in the conference tournament semi-finals. He also has one year and five years of high school officiating experience in New Orleans, Louisiana and Houston, Texas respectively.

Prior to becoming a professional basketball official, Ervin was a middle school physical education teacher, football, basketball and track coach. Ervin graduated with a dual Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management and Exercise Physiology from the University of New Orleans, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and a walk-on member of the 1997 – 98 Privateer basketball team. At Eleanor McMain Magnet High School, he was an All-District point guard that led his team to the 1997 state quarterfinals, as well as achieving All-State Academic Honorable Mention honors.

When not sprinting up and down on the hardwood, Ervin enjoys giving back to his community and spending quality time with his family and friends.

## **Kane Fitzgerald #15**

NBA Experience: Six seasons

Currently in his seventh NBA season

Born: February 15, 1981 (Dover, N.J.)

Resides: Toms River, N.J.

HS: Sparta H.S. (Sparta, N.J.)

College: Centenary College, Hackettstown, N.J. '04



Fitzgerald has officiated 380 games and two Playoff games in his six seasons as an NBA official. Fitzgerald started refereeing at the age of 18 at the high school level in New Jersey.

Prior to the NBA, he had professional experience in the NBA D-League for four years and the WNBA for two years. He also refereed NCAA Division I basketball in the Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Big South Conferences for two years.

## **Tyler Ford #39**

NBA Experience: First season

Born: June 8, 1985 (Lima, Ohio)

Resides: Lafayette, Indiana

HS: Allen East High School (Lafayette, Ohio)

College: Ball State University, BS - 2007, MA - 2009



Tyler Ford is entering into his first NBA season having officiated 10 regular season games as a non-staff official. Prior to joining the NBA Ford spent five seasons (2009-2015) in the NBA D-League where he officiated 11 playoff games from 2010-2015 including the 2015 NBA D-League Finals and the 2014 NBA D-League All-Star game.

Ford also spent four seasons (2011-2015) officiating in the WNBA. He also officiated Division 1 basketball for three seasons in the Big 10 Conference, Mid-American Conference, & Summit League.

In addition, he acted as the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports at Purdue University for six years (2009-2015). Ford holds both a Bachelors & Masters from Ball State University in Sport Administration. His hobbies include spending time with family, golf, and sports.

## **Brian Forte #45**

NBA Experience: Eight seasons  
Currently in his ninth NBA season  
Born: August 18, 1975 (Fairfax, Va.)  
Resides: Smyrna, Ga.  
HS: Westminster (Atlanta, Ga.)  
College: Furman University '99



Brian Forte, who is the son of retired NBA referee Joe Forte, has officiated 465 regular season games and five Playoff game in seven NBA seasons. He also officiated the 2011 NBA All-Star Rookie/Sophomore game.

He worked for six seasons in the NBA D-League, officiating 126 games. During that time he worked two Finals. He also officiated in several college conferences, including the Southern Conference, where he officiated the 2007 conference tournament final, and the Southeastern Conference, where he officiated the 2007 conference tournament. Forte also was selected to officiate the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

Forte received a Bachelors degree in Computing/Business from Furman University and worked as a computer programmer before joining the NBA.

## **Scott Foster #48**

NBA Experience: 21 seasons

Currently in his 22nd NBA season

Born: April 8, 1967 (Silver Spring, Md.)

Resides: Woodbine, Md.

HS: Magruder (Rockville, Md.)

College: University of Maryland '93



A veteran official of 21 NBA seasons, Scott Foster has worked 1,305 regular season and 124 Playoff games, including 14 Finals games during his career. He was a member of the crew that officiated the 1996 Europe Tour in Berlin, Germany and Seville, Spain.

In addition to his NBA experience, Foster has two years of CBA officiating experience, two years of collegiate officiating experience in the Southern and Big South conferences and six years of high school officiating experience in Maryland.

When he is not working, Foster enjoys giving back to the community.

## **Pat Fraher #26**

NBA Experience: 14 seasons

Currently in his 15th NBA season

Born: January 13, 1974 (St. Paul, Minn.)

Resides: Eagan, Minn.

HS: Hastings High School (Hastings, Minn.)

College: University of Minnesota '97



Pat Fraher has officiated 856 regular season NBA games and 22 Playoff games entering this season. Prior to joining the NBA, Fraher officiated for seven years in the CBA, where he worked the CBA Finals and All-Star game. In addition, Fraher spent four years with the WNBA, where he officiated playoff games in both the WNBA Eastern and Western Conference Finals.

Fraher also has two years of collegiate officiating experience with the NSIC and 10 years of experience as a high school official in his home state of Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota where he was awarded the Evans Scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at Hastings High School, Fraher was a member of the football, basketball and golf teams.

## **Ron Garretson #10**

NBA Experience: 28 seasons

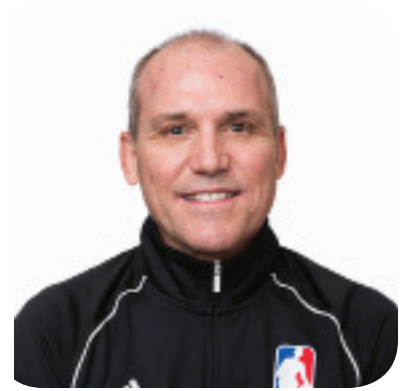
Currently in his 29th NBA season

Born: July 1, 1958 (Long Beach, Calif.)

Resides: Gilbert, Ariz.

HS: Servite (Anaheim, Calif.)

College: Golden West Junior College '79



Ron Garretson, the son of former NBA official Darell Garretson (1967-94), has officiated 1,810 regular season, 215 playoff games, and 11 NBA Finals games over his 28 seasons in the NBA. In addition, Garretson has two years of CBA officiating experience and two years of high school officiating experience in Arizona.

Garretson earned his Associate of Arts degree from Golden West Junior College. He played football and basketball at Servite High School in Anaheim, Calif. and was recognized for his athletic achievements in 2000 when he was inducted into Servite High School's Athletic Hall of Fame.

He currently resides in Gilbert, Ariz. where he enjoys spending his free time coaching youth sports and playing golf.



## **John Goble #30**

NBA Experience: Eight seasons

Currently in his ninth NBA season

Born: November 25, 1978 (Miami, Fla.)

Resides: Miami, Fla.

HS: Miami Senior

College: Florida International University '01



John Goble enters his ninth season having officiated 514 regular season games and 28 playoff games. He also officiated the 2010 NBA All-Star Rookie/Sophomore game. Prior to working in the NBA, Goble officiated 104 games over four seasons in the NBA D-League and was selected to officiate the 2007 Finals. He also officiated in several college conferences, including the Southeastern Conference, where he was a tournament official in 2006 and 2007, and the Sunshine State Conference.

Goble received a Bachelors degree in Physical Education from Florida International University, and worked as an account executive and a teacher before joining the NBA.

## David Guthrie #16

NBA Experience: 10 seasons

Currently in his 11th NBA season

Born: May 21, 1974 (Athens, Ga.)

Resides: Charlotte, N.C.

HS: W.A. Berry High School (Birmingham, Ala.)

College: North Carolina State '99



David Guthrie enters his eleventh season after officiating 582 regular season games and 18 playoff games. Prior to joining the NBA, Guthrie was an official in the CBA, NBA D-League and the New York City Pro Am. He participated in the D-League playoffs in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and the D-League championship games in 2004 and 2005. He officiated at the collegiate level in the ACC, SEC, Colonial, Southern, OVC, ASUN, Big South and SWAC conferences and participated in the 2003 and 2004 NCAA tournaments.

Outside of his life in basketball, Guthrie was a member of the Cincinnati Reds organization, playing professionally with the team in Princeton, W. Va., Billings, Mont., Charleston, W.Va. and Chattanooga, Tenn. He attended both Southern Union Community College in Wadley, Ala. and North Carolina State University on baseball scholarships.

He played in the Cape Cod Wooden Bat College Summer League for the Falmouth Commodores in 1994 and played baseball and basketball at W.A. Berry High School in Birmingham, Ala.

Off the court, Guthrie enjoys spending time with his wife, two sons and daughter along with playing golf in his new hometown of Charlotte, NC.

## **Lauren Holtkamp #7**

NBA Experience: One season

Currently in her second NBA season

Born: November 24, 1980 (Jefferson City, Mo.)

Resides: Atlanta, GA

HS: Jefferson City High School (Jefferson City, Mo.)

College: Drury University '03,'04, Emory University '10



Lauren Holtkamp is entering her second season having officiated 50 regular season games during her first year as a full-time staff official. Holtkamp has six seasons of NBA D-League experience and worked the 2013 and 2014 NBA D-League Finals. She also officiated four seasons in the WNBA and worked the 2014 conference finals.

Additionally, Holtkamp officiated in numerous college conferences, including the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, American, Big East, and the Colonial Athletic Conference. She also officiated various FIBA competitions, including the 2010 World University Games, and the 2012 and 2013 FIBA Americas Championships.

Holtkamp graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in 2003 and a Master of Arts in Communication in 2004 from Drury University where she was a member of the 2003 Women's basketball team that competed for the 2003 Division II National Championship. She went on to earn her master of divinity from Emory University in 2010.

## **David Jones #36**

NBA Experience: 26 seasons

Currently in his 27th NBA season

Born: December 11, 1954 (Ft. Worth, Texas)

Resides: Gainesville, Fla.

HS: Oak Ridge (Orlando, Fla.)

College: University of Florida



David Jones has officiated 1,556 regular season games and 71 playoff games throughout his 26 seasons as an NBA official.

In addition, Jones officiated both the men's and women's 2000 Olympic Bronze Medal Games. Jones has eight years of collegiate officiating experience in the Southeastern, Trans-American Athletic, Metro and Sunshine State Conferences.

Jones enjoys working with the community by volunteering with the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County in Florida and with the American Heart Association.

## **Bill Kennedy #55**

NBA Experience: 17 seasons

Currently in his 18th NBA season

Born: November 10, 1966 (Phoenix, Ariz.)

Resides: Phoenix, Ariz.

HS: St. Mary's (Phoenix, Ariz.)

College: Arizona State University



Bill Kennedy's 17 seasons of NBA officiating experience include 1,056 regular season, 68 playoff and five NBA Final games.

In addition to his NBA experience, Kennedy has five years of officiating experience in the CBA, including working the 1996 and 1997 CBA Finals. He also officiated two games in the WNBA Finals in 1998 and has 15 years of high school officiating experience in Arizona.

The Arizona native attended Arizona State University after graduating from St. Mary's High School in Phoenix. While a student at St. Mary's he was named Knight of the Year in 1984 for his athletic achievements.

Kennedy's charitable efforts include working with former NBA official Tommy Nuñez's tournament, "The National Hispanic Basketball Classic," to help raise money for inner-city kids. He also works with the Boys & Girls Club of Phoenix. He was named "Youth of the Year" twice by of the Boys & Girls Club of Phoenix and is now a lifetime member.

## **Courtney Kirkland #61**

NBA Experience: 15 seasons

Currently in his 16th NBA season

Born: Oct. 22, 1974 (Flint, Mich.)

Resides: Atlanta

HS: Flint Northwestern (Flint, Mich.)

College: Southern University '99



Over the past 15 seasons, Courtney Kirkland has officiated 911 regular season games and seven playoff games. He also officiated two seasons in the WNBA, including the 2000 WNBA Finals and the 1999 Conference Finals. Kirkland also officiated the 2010 and 2011 Venezuelan LPB basketball championships.

Prior to joining the NBA, Kirkland worked three seasons in the CBA where he officiated the 1999 and 2000 CBA Finals as well as the 2000 CBA All-Star Game. He was a high school official for four years as a member of the Baton Rouge (La.) Basketball Officials Association and was named Rookie Official of the Year in 1994.

Kirkland earned a degree in Computer Science from Southern University. He was a member of the Northwestern High School basketball team that made it to the state semifinals in 1991 and 1992. Kirkland received the school's Academic award, and led the team in assists, free throw and three-point shooting percentage.

Off the court, Kirkland created the Kennedy Leigh Kirkland Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2005 in memory of his daughter, who passed away at the young age of 6 weeks. The Scholarship Fund was created to provide educational assistance to siblings of children who have passed away.

Away from basketball, Kirkland enjoys golf, physical fitness, studying basketball film, writing and producing films and reading with his children.

## **Marat Kogut #32**

NBA Experience: Six seasons

Currently in his seventh season

Born: August 5, 1979 (Kiev, Ukraine)

Resides: Brooklyn, N.Y.

HS: FDR High School (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

College: St. John's University (Jamaica, N.Y.) '08



Marat Kogut enters his seventh year as an NBA Referee having officiated 318 games. Kogut immigrated to the United States with his family seven days after he was born. Raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he started officiating at the age of 16 at local recreational youth leagues. His professional experience includes three years in the WNBA, as well as 4 years in the NBA D-League, where he officiated over 180 games, including the Finals in his last two seasons and the 2009 D-League All-Star Game in Phoenix.

Prior to joining the NBA officiating staff, Kogut worked in several Men's NCAA mid-major Division I conferences, including the Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun, and Big South Conferences, as well as in New York metro area high school basketball for four years.

Kogut was the Head Men's Basketball Manager for the St. John's Red Storm. Aside from being an amateur magician, Marat enjoys playing the piano, volleyball, golf and volunteering for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in New York City.

## **Karl Lane #77**

NBA Experience: Four seasons

Currently in his fifth NBA season

Born: February 26, 1975 (Little Rock, Ark.)

Resides: Little Rock, Ark.

HS: Lombard, Il

College: Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.



Karl Lane enters his fifth year having officiated 217 regular season games. Lane's experience includes four seasons and 167 games officiated in the D-League. He also has four seasons of NBA preseason game experience and worked in NBA summer camps for six years.

In addition to his professional experience, Lane officiated collegiate games for nine years in the SWAC and Gulf South Conference and has nine years of high school officiating experience.

Lane worked for the Pulaski County Special School District in Little Rock, AR as an In-School Suspension Teacher for two years.



## **Eric Lewis #42**

NBA Experience: 11 seasons

Currentley in his 12th NBA season

Born: May 20, 1971 (Daytona Beach, Fla.)

Resides: Daytona Beach, Fla.

HS: Mainland High School (Daytona Beach, Fla.)

College: Bethune Cookman College



Lewis has spent the last 11 seasons in the NBA, officiating 684 regular season games and 17 playoff games. Lewis spent two years working in the USBL, officiating the Finals in 2002 and 2004. Prior to that he spent three seasons in the NBA D-League, where he worked the 2003 and 2004 Playoffs and 2004 Finals.

He tallied eight years in the college ranks, participating in the Atlantic Sun, Ohio Valley, Sunshine State, Florida Sun and Mid-Florida conferences.

Lewis officiated in Florida high schools for six years. As a student, he was a member of the basketball team in both high school and college. In the offseason, Lewis works with troubled teens.

## **Mark Lindsay #29**

NBA Experience: Eight seasons

Currently in his ninth NBA season

Born: August 21, 1977 (Drexel Hill, Pa.)

Resides: Philadelphia, Pa.

HS: Malvern Prep (Malvern, Pa.)

College: West Chester University '99



Mark Lindsay has officiated 479 regular season games and one playoff game in his eight NBA seasons. Prior to working in the NBA, he worked for five seasons in the NBA Development League, officiating 116 games, including playoff games in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Lindsay received a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and graduated with honors from West Chester University where he was a three year letterman on the Men's Varsity Basketball team. He later worked as a teacher and a real estate sales agent and officiated in several college conferences, including the ACC, Colonial Athletic Association, Atlantic Sun, Big South and Ohio Valley Conferences before joining the NBA.

Away from basketball he does motivational speaking engagements for professional groups and youth basketball clinics. He volunteers every summer at referee training camps to help younger officials learn the craft and has consistently been a proud contributor to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

He enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, working out, bicycling and practicing various styles of yoga.

He resides in Philadelphia with his wife and daughter.

## **Tre Maddox #73**

NBA Experience: Four seasons

Currently in his fifth NBA season

Born: October 7, 1967 (Great Lakes, Ill.)

Resides: Las Vegas, Nev.

HS: Kansas City, Kan.

College: Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.



Tre Maddox enters his fifth NBA season having officiated 211 regular season games. Maddox's experience includes four seasons and 158 games officiated in the D-League. He also has five seasons of NBA preseason game experience and worked in NBA summer camps for five years.

In addition to his professional experience, Maddox officiated collegiate games for six years in the PAC 10, West Coast and Pac West Conferences and has eight years of high school officiating experience.

## **Ed Malloy #14**

NBA Experience: 13 seasons

Currently in his 14th NBA season

Born: March 17, 1971 (Media, Pa.)

Resides: Aston, Pa.

HS: Cardinal O'Hara (Springfield, Pa.)

College: Philadelphia University '93



Malloy has officiated 830 regular season NBA games, 54 playoff games and four NBA Finals games, over the past 13 seasons. Prior to joining the NBA, Malloy officiated for one season in the NBA D-League, three seasons in the CBA and three seasons in the WNBA. He worked the 2002 NBA D-League Finals and the 2001 CBA Finals.

Malloy attended St. Joseph's University before transferring to Philadelphia University, where he was a member of the basketball team and named the ECAC Player of the Year in 1993, and went on to earn a degree in Marketing. While in high school at Cardinal O'Hara, he was named the 1989 Most Outstanding Player in Philadelphia for his achievements on the basketball court.

## **Ken Mauer #41**

NBA Experience: 29 seasons

Currently in his 30th NBA season

Born: April 23, 1955 (St. Paul, Minn.)

Resides: Fort Myers, Fla.

HS: Harding (St. Paul, Minn.)

College: University of Minnesota '77



Ken Mauer has officiated 1,728 regular season, 164 playoff, and 15 Finals games during his 29-season career. He was also a member of the crew that officiated the 1993 Europe Tour in London and the 2005 All-Star Game in Denver. Mauer's resume includes six years of CBA officiating experience, nine years of collegiate officiating experience and 12 years of high school officiating experience in Minnesota.

After spending most of his life in Minnesota, Mauer has settled in Ft. Myers, Fla. where he can still watch his cousin, Joe Mauer, with the Twins in spring training. Mauer was a three sport athlete in college at Minnesota where, in 1977, he recieved All Big 10 baseball honors.

Mauer regularly supports the Salvation Army, as well as other organizations. He is often a guest speaker at basketball camps and clinics, church groups and officiating groups.

## **Monty McCutchen #13**

NBA Experience: 22 seasons

Currently in his 23rd NBA season

Born: February 14, 1966 (San Angelo, Texas)

Resides: Asheville, N.C.

HS: Dublin (Dublin, Texas)

College: University of Texas at Arlington '88



Monty McCutchen has officiated 1,310 regular season, 124 playoff, and 12 Finals games. He worked the 2007 NBA All-Star Game in Las Vegas and was a member of the crews that officiated the 1996 and 1997 Mexico Challenges, as well as the 1998 Schick Rookie Game.

Prior to joining the NBA, McCutchen spent four seasons in the CBA, where he worked the All Star game his second year and the playoffs all four years. He also officiated the CBA Finals the last three years he was with the league.

McCutchen graduated Cum Laude with a degree in English Literature and Speech Communication from the University of Texas at Arlington.

McCutchen is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys backcountry hiking, canoeing, camping and landscape photography.

## **Rodney Mott #71**

NBA Experience: 18 seasons

Currently in his 19th NBA season

Born: September 3, 1957 (New Albany, Ind.)

Resides: Las Vegas, Nev.

HS: Bishop Turner (Buffalo, N.Y.)

College: San Diego State '86



Rodney Mott has officiated 1,044 regular season games and 21 playoff games during his 18-season NBA career. Prior to joining the NBA officiating staff, Mott spent four years officiating in the CBA, eight years officiating in the Los Angeles Pro Am basketball league, three years officiating at the junior college level, and four years officiating high school in San Diego.

## **J.T. Orr #72**

NBA Experience: Four seasons

Currently in his fifth NBA season

Born: October 20, 1973 (Pomona, Calif.)

Resides: LaVerne, Calif.

HS: Bonita HS LaVerne, CA and Glendara HS Glendora, Calif.

College: Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, Calif.



J.T. Orr enters his fifth NBA season having officiated 220 regular season games. Orr's experience includes five seasons and 177 games officiated in the NBA D-League. He also has four seasons of NBA preseason experience and has worked in NBA summer camps for nine years.

In addition to his professional experience, Orr officiated collegiate games for 13 years, working the NCAA tournament in 2011 and including service for the PAC 10/12, West Coast and Big West Conferences and multiple small college conferences.

He also has 15 years of high school officiating experience.



## **Violet Palmer #12**

NBA Experience: 18 seasons

Currently in her 19th NBA season

Born: July 20, 1964 (Lynwood, Calif.)

Resides: Los Angeles

HS: Compton (Compton, Calif.)

College: Cal. Poly Pomona '87



Violet Palmer, the most veteran female NBA official ever, has officiated 919 regular season games and has appeared in nine playoff games over the past 18 seasons.

Before joining the NBA, Palmer officiated in the WNBA during the league's inaugural season, including the 1997 WNBA Finals. She has two years of CBA officiating experience and nine years of collegiate officiating experience, including women's games in the Pac-10, Western Athletic, West Coast, Big Sky, and Big West Conferences, as well as five NCAA Final Fours and two NCAA Championship games.

Before becoming an official, Palmer was a successful basketball player both at the collegiate and high school levels. She was a four-year letter winner at Cal. Poly Pomona, where her team won the NCAA Division II Finals in 1985 and 1986. In addition, she was on the basketball team at Compton High School.

Off the court, Palmer is a CCA Manual Mechanics committee member. She also is involved with the City of Los Angeles Youth Referee Clinic in her hometown of Los Angeles.

Palmer also acts as a coordinator for both the West Coast Conference and the Pac-12 Conference.

## **Gediminas Petraitis #50**

NBA Experience: First season

Born: February 5, 1989 (Kaunas, Lithuania)

Resides: New York, N.Y.

HS: Northwest HS (Germantown, MD)

College: University of Maryland, College Park '11



Gediminas Petraitis is entering his first season as a full-time NBA official. Prior to joining the NBA, Gediminas officiated three years in the NBA Development League, working 2015 NBA D-League Finals, as well as working 12 regular season NBA games as a non-staff official.

Additionally, Petraitis officiated three years of Division 1 basketball, mainly working in the Big South Conference, while also being a member of AAC officiating staff.

Petraitis also officiated in various Division 2, 3 and Junior College leagues. Gediminas began his refereeing career at the high school level in Maryland, where he is a member of IAABO Board 12. He also serves as a FIBA Basketball Referee.

After graduating from the University of Maryland with dual degrees in Accounting and Finance, and prior pursuing a career as a basketball official, Petraitis worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Assurance practice.

Petraitis now resides in Long Island City, New York. Off the court, Gediminas enjoys spending time with his family and friends, traveling, and occasionally dusting off and playing his accordion.

## **Jason Phillips #23**

NBA Experience: 15 seasons

Currently in his 16th NBA season

Born: April 10, 1970 (Weatherford, Texas)

Resides: Lipan, Texas

HS: Cisco (Cisco, Texas)

College: Tarleton State University '93



Jason Phillips has officiated 951 regular season games and 51 play-off, and four Finals games since joining the NBA officiating staff 15 seasons ago. In addition, Phillips has six seasons of experience officiating in the CBA, working the 1999 CBA Finals. He also officiated three seasons in the WNBA, working the 1999 WNBA Finals. Phillips spent five years officiating at the high school level in his home state of Texas.

Phillips earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree at Tarleton State. In addition, he played varsity basketball, golf and baseball while at Cisco High School in Texas.

Phillips and his wife, Lewana Hensarling, have three sons and reside in Lipan, Texas, where he enjoys spending his time coaching his sons' sports teams and playing golf.

## **Derek Richardson #63**

NBA Experience: 18 seasons

Currently in his 19th NBA season

Born: February 3, 1962 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Resides: Los Angeles

HS: R.B. Stall (Charleston, S.C.)

College: Los Angeles Dominguez Hills '91



Derek Richardson has officiated 1,050 regular season games and one playoff game, as well as the 2003 NBA Rookie Game in Atlanta, during his 18 seasons as an NBA official. Prior to joining the NBA, Richardson spent eight years officiating in the CBA, including the 1996 CBA All-Star game and two games of the 1996 CBA Finals.

Richardson played basketball at Los Angeles Southwest College and earned an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. He went on to earn a degree in Administration of Justice from Los Angeles Dominguez Hills.

Richardson has volunteered with the South Central Los Angeles YMCA, assisting with youth basketball programs.

## **Leroy Richardson #20**

NBA Experience: 20 seasons

Currently in his 21st NBA season

Born: August 21, 1964 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Resides: Suffolk, Va.

HS: Westinghouse V & T (Brooklyn, N.Y.)



Leroy Richardson served his country for 12 years in the United States Navy (May 1982 – January 1994), and was the 1991 and 1992 TactrAGRULANT sailor of the year in Dam Neck, Va. He was also awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and two Good Conduct Medals. Richardson was an enlisted surface warfare specialist and underwater sea surveillance specialist, was deployed to the Mediterranean from August 1988 through February 1989, and was stationed in Keflavik, Iceland from April 1986 through May 1987.

After leaving the Navy, Richardson decided to pursue officiating full time. Since joining the NBA staff, he has officiated 1,171 regular season games and six playoff games over the past 20 seasons, and was a member of the crews that officiated the 2000 Schick Rookie Game, 2000 NBA All-Star Saturday and the 2003 Japan Games.

Richardson has three years of CBA officiating experience as well as 10 years of Pro-Am officiating experience, including the 1992 Pro-Am Nationals. He also has three years of collegiate officiating experience in the Big East, Southeastern and Ohio Valley Conferences. Richardson spent eight years officiating in Virginia high schools, where he worked the VHSL State Tournament.

Richardson has been involved with the Tidewater Detention and various local public and private schools and organizations. An avid sports fan, Richardson enjoys watching car racing, basketball, football and baseball.

## **Eli Roe #44**

NBA Experience: 10 seasons

Currently in his 11th NBA season

Born: March 18, 1974 (Anderson, Ind.)

Resides: Orlando, Fla.

HS: Highland (Anderson, Ind.)

College: Troy State University '96, Master Degree (math) '98



Eli Roe has officiated 558 regular season games during his first 10 NBA seasons. Prior to joining the NBA staff, Roe officiated in the CBA, NBA D-League and WNBA. He officiated in the NBA D-League Finals for two years, the D-League playoffs for four years and the WNBA Playoffs for two years.

At the collegiate level, Roe refereed in the SEC, ASUN and OVC conferences and numerous Division II and III, NAIA and Juco league games. He also worked in four Division I postseason conference tournaments.

Off the court, Roe enjoys playing golf, exercising and spending time with his son.

## **Kevin Scott #79**

NBA Experience: Four seasons

Currently in his fifth NBA season

Born: April 24, 1978 (Oconee County, S.C.)

Resides: Flowery Branch, Ga.

HS: Stephens County High School 96

College: Georgia Southern University BS '00 & MS '02



Kevin Scott enters his fifth NBA season having officiated 218 regular season games. Scott's experience includes four seasons and 138 games officiated in the NBA D-League where he officiated the playoffs in 2009, 2010, and 2011 and was selected to work the NBA D-League Finals in 2011.

Scott's collegiate experience includes four years in the Southeastern Conference, 10 years in the Atlantic Sun Conference, six years in the Southern Conference, and seven years in the Big South Conference.

Outside of basketball, he enjoys playing golf, fitness training, fishing, and attending NASCAR events.

## **Michael Smith #38**

NBA Experience: 22 seasons

Currently in his 23rd NBA season

Born: February, 5 1955 (Memphis, Tenn.)

Resides: Memphis, Tenn.

HS: South Side (Memphis, Tenn.)



A winner of the Vanguard Club Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of sports, Michael Smith has officiated 1,296 regular season and 32 playoff games, as well as the 1997 Schick Rookie Game, the 2000 Mexico Challenge and the 2003 NBA Europe Games.

In addition to his 20 seasons of NBA officiating experience, Smith has five years of CBA officiating experience and eight years of collegiate officiating experience in the Big Ten, SEC and Conference USA. Smith also has 10 years of high school officiating experience and was a member of the crew that officiated the 1990 McDonald's High School All-America Game.

Smith's athletic experience includes playing basketball and baseball at South Side High School in Memphis, Tenn.



## **Bill Spooner #22**

NBA Experience: 26 seasons

Currently in his 27th NBA season

Born: February 23, 1957 (El Paso, Texas)

Resides: Oak Park, Calif.

HS: Taft (Woodland Hills, Calif.)

College: San Diego State



Over the past 26 seasons, Bill Spooner has worked 1,425 regular season games and 102 playoff games.

In addition to his NBA experience, Spooner has seven years of collegiate officiating experience in the Pac-10, Big West and West Coast Conferences. He also has eight years of high school officiating experience in his home state of California.

Spooner played football at Taft High School in Woodland Hills, Calif. Spooner's interests include playing golf and cooking.

## **Derrick Stafford #9**

NBA Experience: 27 seasons

Currently in his 28th NBA season

Born: November 29, 1956 (Atlanta)

Resides: Fayetteville, Ga.

HS: Northside (Atlanta)

College: Morehouse College '78



Over his 27 NBA seasons, Derrick Stafford has worked 1,595 regular season, 135 playoff, and nine Finals games. He was a member of the crews that officiated the 1992 Legends All-Star Game in Orlando, the 1997 McDonald's Championship in Paris and the 2002 NBA All-Star Game. The 25-year NBA official has also served twice on the Executive Board of the National Basketball Referee Association.

Stafford has six years of CBA officiating experience, and he officiated Pro-Am basketball for six years. He also has seven years of collegiate officiating and 10 years of high school officiating experience in Georgia where he worked the state finals.

While at Morehouse College he played football for two years and baseball for four. Stafford made All Conference three years in baseball and led the conference in hitting in 1978. He was also co-most valuable player in baseball with NFL referee Jerome Boger in 1976.

## **Ben Taylor #46**

NBA Experience: Two seasons

Currently in his third NBA season

Born: October 7, 1985 (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Resides: Orlando, Fla.

HS: Cannon County HS (Woodbury, Tenn.)

College: Middle Tennessee State Univ. '09 (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)



Ben Taylor enters his third NBA season having officiated 109 regular season games. Taylor joined the full-time staff in 2013-14 after six seasons as a referee in the NBA D-League, already having officiated 17 regular season NBA games as a non-staff official. He also serves as a FIBA International Basketball Referee.

While at Middle Tennessee State University, where he received a BA in Public Relations, Taylor was a member of the Theta Iota Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, where he coordinated many events, headlined by the Multiple Sclerosis Society's "Bike to Jack and Back" as the Philanthropic chair.

## **Dedric Taylor #21**

NBA Experience: One season

Currently in his second NBA season

Born: November 14, 1975

Resides: Miami, FL

HS: North Miami Beach

College: Florida International University



Dedric Taylor is entering his second season having officiated 52 regular season games. Taylor joined the staff after four seasons as a referee in the NBA D-League, already having officiated 12 regular season NBA games as a non-staff official.

Additionally, Taylor officiated in numerous college conference, including the SEC, Sunbelt, Southern, MEAC, ASUN and Conference USA.

Before becoming a full time NBA Official, Taylor worked as and Athletic Specialist for the City of North Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Dept., then deciding to become a full time driver for UPS where he worked for the last 13 years.

When not working he enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, and playing golf.

## **Josh Tiven #58**

NBA Experience: Five seasons

Currently in his sixth NBA season

Born: March 12, 1978 (Norwich, Conn.)

Resides: Waterford, Conn.

HS: Ledyard HS (Ledyard, Conn.)



Joshua Tiven is entering his sixth NBA season having officiated 293 NBA games and five playoff games.

Tiven has seven years of NCAA officiating experience, as well as two years of WNBA officiating experience and two seasons of WNBA Playoff experience. He also has worked three NBA D-League Finals, as well as the 2007-08 NBA D-League All-Star Game.

Tiven, a native of Norwich, Conn., is married with two daughters. He enjoys golfing and spending time with his family.

## **Scott Twardoski #52**

NBA Experience: Four seasons

Currently in his fifth NBA season

Born: March 6, 1973 (Enumclaw, WA)

Resides: Covington, WA

HS: Cowiche, WA

College: Linfield, McMinnville, OR and City U, Renton, WA



Scott Twardowski enters his fifth year as an NBA Referee having officiated 219 regular season games. He also has four seasons of NBA preseason game experience and worked in NBA summer camps for eight years.

Twardowski's experience includes six seasons and 206 games officiated in the D-League. He also has seven seasons of WNBA experience, working both the All-Star Game and Finals.

In addition to his professional experience, Twardoski officiated collegiate games for 12 years in the Pac 10, Big 12, Big Sky and West Coast Conferences, and has 10 years of high school officiating experience.

Twardoski worked as a teacher for five years in the 16th School District, Covington, AZ and as a speaker for five years at Living for Learning in Meadow Vista, CA. He and his wife of three years just had their first child and have moved to the Pacific Northwest.

## **Justin Van Duyne #64**

NBA Experience: One season

Currently in his second NBA season

Born: November 8, 1981 (Arcadia, CA)

Resides: LaVerne, CA

HS: Los Altos High (Hacienda Heights, CA)

College: University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)



Justin Van Duyne is entering his second season having officiated 66 regular season games. Van Duyne joined the staff after four seasons as a referee in the NBA D-League, already having officiated 16 regular season NBA games as a non-staff official.

Prior to joining the NBA, Van Duyne officiated in numerous college conferences including the PAC-12, Mountain West, Big West, WCC, and WAC.

He enjoys spending time with his three kids, golfing, and boating.

## **Scott Wall #31**

NBA Experience: 20 seasons

Currently in his 21st NBA season

Born: September 11, 1966 (Jacksonville, Ill.)

Resides: Merritt Island, Fla.

HS: Shawnee Mission NW (Shawnee, Kan.)

College: Emporia State University



The son of former USA Basketball Director Bill Wall, Scott Wall has officiated 1,098 regular season games and nine playoff games over his 20 NBA seasons. In addition to his NBA experience, Wall has four years of officiating experience for USA Basketball, four years of collegiate officiating experience in the Atlantic Coast, Ohio Valley, and Trans America Athletic Conferences, and five years of high school officiating experience in Kansas and Alabama.

Wall enjoys spending his spare time volunteering at the Alachua County Boys & Girls Club in Gainesville, Fla. He also works with WUFT and Classic 89 (public television and radio stations) in Gainesville, Fla. on various fundraisers.



## **Tom Washington #49**

NBA Experience: 24 seasons

Currently in his 25th NBA season

Born: December 25, 1957 (Ft. Smith, Ark.)

Resides: Atlanta

HS: Central (Philadelphia)

College: Norfolk State University '78



Over his 24-season NBA officiating career, Tom Washington has officiated 1,441 regular season games, 124 playoff games and four Finals games. He was a member of the crews that officiated the 1995 Schick Rookie Game, the 1996 Japan Games in Tokyo and the 2004 NBA All-Star Game.

In addition to his 24 seasons with the NBA, Washington has two years of CBA officiating experience. He has one year of collegiate officiating experience in Division II and III, and five years of high school officiating experience in his hometown of Philadelphia, officiating in the playoffs for both the men's and women's leagues.

Washington is a Cum Laude graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Norfolk State University.

Off the court, Washington volunteers with the Amachi Big Brothers Program, the Children's Choice Adoption Agency, the Mt. Zion Baptist Youth Organization and the PGA Juniors Program.

## **James Williams #60**

NBA Experience: Five seasons

Currently in his sixth NBA season

Born: May 23, 1979 (Memphis, Tenn.)

Resides: Atlanta

HS: LaPorte HS (LaPorte, Ind.)

College: Purdue '01



James Williams enters his sixth NBA season having officiated 278 regular season games and three playoff games.

Williams owns 10 years of experience in the collegiate ranks, having officiated for the NCAA from 2001-2010. He also officiated two seasons in the WNBA, and has worked two NBA D-League Finals as well as the 2010 NBA D-League All-Star Game.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Williams now resides in Atlanta, Ga.

## **Leon Wood #40**

NBA Experience: 19 seasons

Currently in his 20th NBA season

Born: March 25, 1962 (Columbia, S.C.)

Resides: Ladera Ranch, Calif.

HS: St. Monica (Santa Monica, Calif.)

College: Cal State Fullerton '84



Leon Wood's connection with the NBA began as a player when he played professionally with Philadelphia, Washington, New Jersey, San Antonio, Atlanta and Sacramento, averaging 6.4 points, 3.2 assists and 1.2 rebounds as a guard during his six-year NBA career. In addition to his NBA playing career, Wood was a member of the Gold Medal winning 1984 United States Olympic Basketball Team, and he won another Gold Medal in the 1983 Pan-Am Games.

During his 19-season NBA officiating career, he has worked 1,169 regular season games and 20 playoff games. Wood has three years of CBA officiating experience and one year of collegiate officiating experience in the Ohio Valley and Trans America Athletic Conferences. He also has one year of high school officiating experience in California.

Wood played for the University of Arizona for one season before transferring to Cal State Fullerton, where he was named All-American. The native of Santa Monica, Calif. is an inductee into the Orange County Hall of Fame, and in 1998, Wood was inducted into the Cal State Fullerton Hall of Fame. Wood was a member of the basketball team at St. Monica High School.

Wood volunteers with Cal Swish Basketball Club. His hobbies include playing golf, weightlifting and tennis.

## **Haywoode Workman #66**

NBA Experience: Seven seasons

Currently in his eighth NBA season

Born: January 23, 1966 (Charlotte, N.C.)

Resides: Tampa, Fla.

HS: Myers Park (Charlotte, N.C.)

College: Oral Roberts



Haywoode Workman has officiated 378 regular season games in his first seven NBA seasons. A second round draft pick by the Atlanta Hawks in 1989, he played professionally for eight seasons in the NBA and overseas between 1989 to 2000.

Workman spent four seasons officiating in the NBA Development League and also officiated in the CBA before joining the NBA.

Workman joins Bernie Fryer and Leon Wood on the short list of NBA players who have made the transition to officiating.

Workman was an All-State quarterback in North Carolina in 1983 and played in the NC/SC Shrine Bowl. He played one year of football and basketball for the all time winnigest HBCU coach, the late Clearence “Big House” Gaines, at Winston-Salem State University.

He was inducted into the Oral Roberts University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003.

## **Sean Wright #65**

NBA Experience: 10 seasons

Currently in his 11th NBA season

Born: August 29, 1971 (New York, N.Y.)

Resides: Dacula, Ga.

HS: W.P. Davidson (Mobile, Ala.)

College: Spring Hill College '93

MBA at University of Mobile '96



Sean Wright has officiated 594 regular season and 19 playoff games in his 10 seasons. Prior to joining the NBA, Wright was an official in the NBA D-League, where he participated in the Playoffs in 2004 and the Finals game in 2005.

Wright's collegiate officiating experience includes working in the SEC, Colonial, Big South, Southern, Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Southwestern Athletic Conferences. He participated in the Ohio Valley Conference championship in 2003 and the Men's NCAA Division II tournament in 2004.

He officiated the Eduardo Najera Foundation charity basketball game in 2006 and the Terrell Owens Foundation charity basketball game in 2005.

## **Zach Zarba #15**

NBA Experience: 12 seasons

Currently in his 13th NBA season

Born: April 29, 1975 (New York)

Resides: Kew Gardens, N.Y.

HS: Midwood High School (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

College: SUNY New Paltz '97



Zach Zarba has officiated 764 regular season NBA games, 39 playoff games and three Finals game during his 12 year career.

Prior to joining the NBA, Zarba officiated in the NBA Development League for two years, where he was part of the crew that officiated the 2003 D-League Finals. He also spent one year officiating in the CBA and two years officiating in the IBL.

Zarba has three years of collegiate officiating experience in the ACC, SEC, Colonial, ASUN, OVC and NEC Conferences. In addition, he has three years of high school officiating experience in New York.

While at New Paltz, Zarba was a member of the basketball team and was named captain his senior season. He graduated with a degree in Political Science. He currently does public and community service work for EBC High School in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

## **Gary Zielinski #59**

NBA Experience: 14 seasons  
Currently in his 15th NBA season  
Born: August 31, 1965 (Harvey, Ill.)  
Resides: Magna, Utah  
HS: Kearns High (Kearns, Utah)  
College: Eastern Utah '86



Gary Zielinski has officiated 846 regular season games and 12 playoff games. In addition to his 14 seasons in the NBA, Zielinski officiated for seven seasons in the CBA and four in the WNBA.

Zielinski worked the CBA Finals from 1997-2000, the CBA All-Star Game in 1995 and the WNBA Finals from 1998-2001.

## NBA Video Rulebook

The NBA Video Rulebook Web site (<http://www.nba.com/videorulebook/>) illustrates fouls and violations with real, in-game video clips to test knowledge of and learn more about NBA game rules. The Web site currently features more than 100 videos and accompanying descriptions and will be continually updated with new video examples throughout the season.

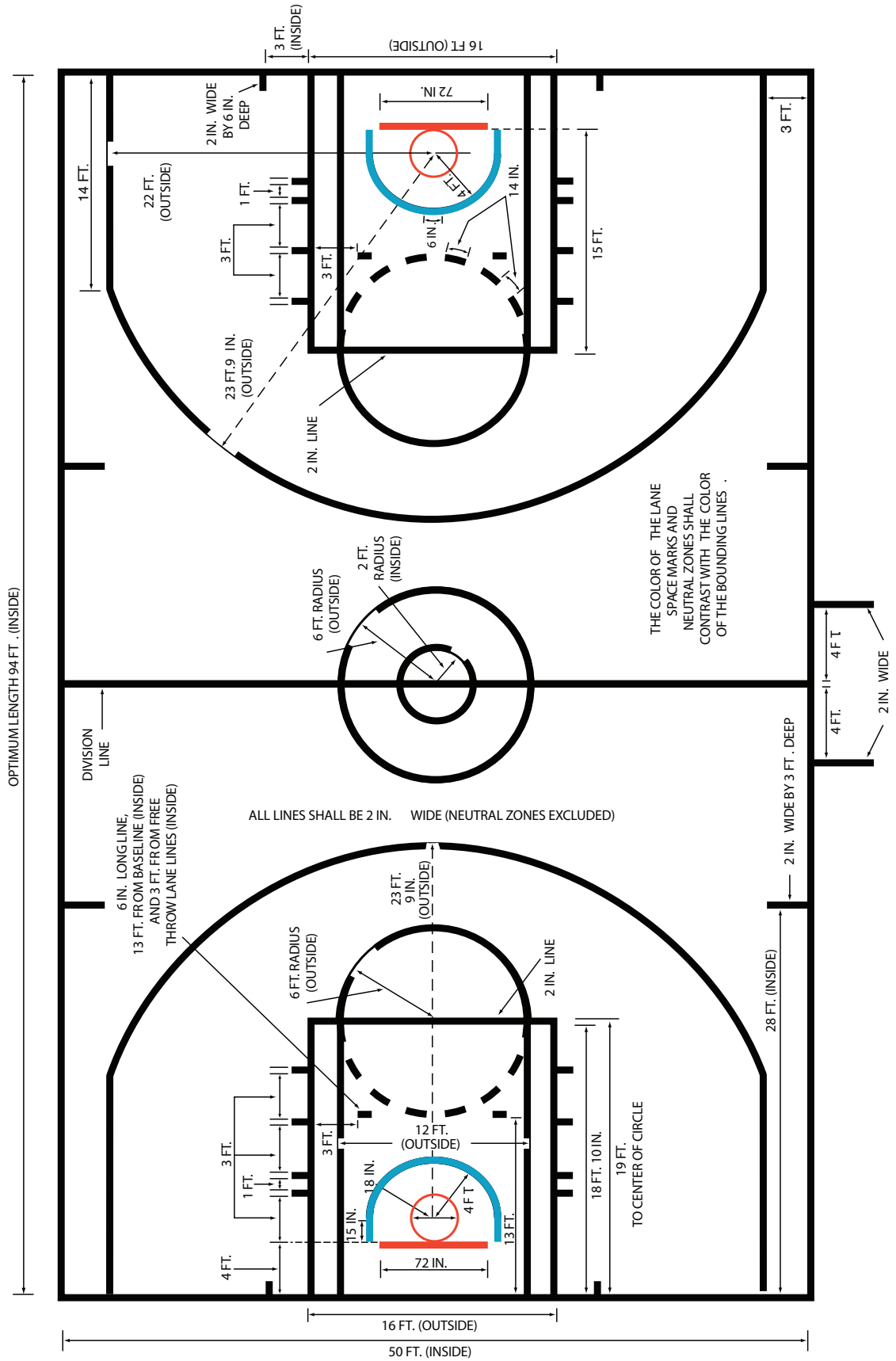
Videos and descriptions you will find include:

- Blocks and charges, including collisions between on ball defenders and offensive players, how the rules apply to the restricted area, and legal positioning and trajectory of players.
- Fouls and violations of post play, including legal defensive techniques and examples of common offensive and defensive fouls committed near the basket.
- Illegal screen and pick techniques used by offensive players.
- Flagrant Fouls (1 and 2) and explanations of why certain hard fouls are not considered flagrant.
- Traveling and dribbling violations, including moves that an offensive player with the ball is allowed to use.
- Free throw violations by the shooter, other offensive players, and defensive players.
- Technical fouls that violate a respect for the game, slow the speed of the game, or exhibit poor sportsmanship.
- Instant replay and examples of appropriate use.
- Miscellaneous rule violations that involve timeout requests, fouls in the act of shooting, hand checking, fouls away from the play, inbounds fouls, and more.

Please note that the video Web site is not a substitute for the Official NBA Rulebook, which takes precedence over any discrepancies written on the site.



# Official NBA Court Diagram



## DID YOU KNOW?

- NBA referees Tom Washington, Duke Callahan, Ed Malloy, Mark Lindsay and Joe Crawford operate an officials school called Next Level Officiating School with all the proceeds going to various charities.
- Over the last 25 years there has only been a Game 7 in The Finals three times and Joe Crawford has officiated in all three.
- Derrick Collins is the current all-time career assist leader at Xavier University (New Orleans).
- Courtney Kirkland created the Kennedy Leigh Kirkland Memorial Scholarship Fund in May of 2004 to assist devoted, dedicated and hard working children in preparation for college.
- Leon Wood played professionally in the NBA with Philadelphia, Washington, New Jersey, San Antonio, Atlanta and Sacramento, averaging 6.4 points, 3.2 assists and 1.2 rebounds as a guard during his six-year NBA career.

## OFFICIATING FAST FACTS

### **MOST SEASONS OFFICIATED (including 2014-15 season)**

Joe Crawford	38
Dan Crawford	30
Ken Mauer	29
Ron Garretson	28

### **MOST REGULAR SEASON GAMES OFFICIATED (entering 2015-16 season)**

Joe Crawford	2,556
Dan Crawford	1,988
Ron Garretson	1,810
Ken Mauer	1,728

### **Most NBA Playoffs Experience:**

Joe Crawford, 344 games
Dan Crawford, 276 games
Ron Garretson, 215 games
Ken Mauer, 164 games

### **Most NBA Finals Experience:**

Joe Crawford, 50 games
Dan Crawford, 31 games
Mike Callahan, 16 games
Ken Mauer, 15 games