

# Who's who in the **Warren Jeffs trial**

*After more than a year in jail, polygamous sect leader Warren S. Jeffs is finally on trial. Here are the major players:*

## The prosecution

**Brock R. Belnap:** Washington County attorney

**Law degree:** Brigham Young University, 1992.



- Worked for Salt Lake City firm of Fabian & Clendenin until 1987, then joined the Washington County Attorney's Office.
- He was elected county attorney in 2003.

**Highlight:** Successful 2005 automobile homicide prosecution of Daniel Perez-Avila, who was driving while intoxicated in a 2002 accident that killed his pregnant wife and unborn child.



**Ryan Shaum:** Lead prosecutor, Washington County Attorney's Office

**Law degree:** University of Idaho, 1994.

- Practiced in Twin Falls, Idaho, and then joined the County Attorney's Office in 1997.

**Highlight:** Successful 2007 prosecution of Todd Mulder for the murder of St. George coin shop owner Jordan Algood.

**Craig Barlow:** Assistant attorney general, children's justice division

**Law degree:** University of Utah, 1977.



- Worked at Utah Attorney General's Office until 1983.
- Executive director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, 1983-87.
- With Snow, Christensen & Martineau, 1987-93, then rejoined the Attorney General's Office.

**Highlight:** Successfully prosecuted John Chaney in 1996 on an accomplice to rape

charge for performing the marriage of his 13-year-old daughter to a 48-year-old man. Chaney is serving up to life in prison.

## Key witness

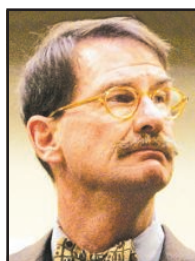
**Jane Doe:**

She was 14 in April 2001 when Jeffs officiated at her religious marriage to her 19-year-old cousin. She eventually left that union. Doe, now 21, has remarried and has two children.

## The defense

**Walter F. Bugden:** Salt Lake City defense attorney.

**Law degree:** University of Utah, 1977.



- Partner in Bugden & Isaacson. Since 2000, he has won acquittals in 20 jury trials on charges ranging from manslaughter to rape.

**Highlight:** In 2002, he won an acquittal for psychiatrist Robert Weitzel, who was accused of killing five elderly patients with morphine overdoses.

## The judge



**James L. Shumate**

**Fifth District judge presiding over the Warren S. Jeffs trial.**

**Law degree:** University of Utah, 1975.

- Served as Iron County attorney from 1979 to 1982; then became a defense attorney.
- Became circuit judge in 1991 and district judge in 1992.

**Highlight:** He is known for being prepared, thorough, fair – and talkative.

## The witness list

**Among the state's 18 potential witnesses:**

**Jethro Barlow** – Ex-FLDS, former church accountant

**Eddie Dutchover** – Nevada trooper who arrested Jeffs

**Carolyn Jessop** – Former plural wife, left sect

**Jane Doe's sister**, former plural wife of Rulon Jeffs

**Among the defense's 70 potential witnesses:**

**Jane Doe's mother** and her former husband

**Kimball Barlow** – FLDS school principal

**Ezra Nielsen** – FLDS printer

**Ruby Jessop Barlow** – Lived with Doe, same age

**Tara L. Isaacson:** Salt Lake City defense attorney.

**Law degree:** University of Utah, 1996

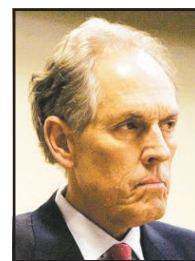


- Partner in Bugden & Isaacson.
- In 11 years, she has won acquittals in 20 jury trials.

**Highlight:** With Bugden, she successfully defended psychiatrist Robert Weitzel on wrongful death charges.

**Richard A. Wright:** Las Vegas defense attorney.

**Law degree:** University of Southern California, 1972.



- Served as assistant U.S. Attorney for Nevada from 1973-75.
- Partner in Wright, Judd & Winkler. Named one of Nevada's 12 best attorneys in 2006 by the Nevada Business Journal.

**Highlight:** Has defended Clark County Commissioner Mary Kincaid-Chauncey, convicted of corruption; former Las Vegas City Councilman Michael McDonald in a tax probe.



## Warren Steed Jeffs

The 51-year-old succeeded his father in 2002 as head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The former private school principal is charged with two counts of rape as an accomplice to a marriage he conducted in 2001. The bride allegedly objected to the union.