



Joe Trigilio works is a Capital Habeas Attorney at the Federal Public Defender's Office in Los Angeles, California. There, he represents women on Death Row in California as they pursue their Federal Habeas Corpus Petitions, the are final appeal to the Courts prior to an execution. Joe came to California from Texas. There, he worked with murder victims' families and death row inmates' families to advocate the futility of the death penalty as a matter of policy. As a

student, he tried in vain to lobby the state legislature to ban the execution of the mentally retarded and of juveniles.

After his experiences in Texas, Joe decided to go to law school to fight capital punishment in a different arena. Joe enrolled at the University of San Francisco School of Law. There, he spent his summers working at the Office of Capital Defense Counsel in Jackson Mississippi where he helped investigate capital cases proceeding to trial, and at the Alameda Public Defender's Office in Oakland.

Joe began his career as an attorney at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center -- a state-funded office that represents death row inmates in California in their state post-conviction proceedings. From there, he moved to his current job at the Federal public defender's capital habeas unit - where he does the same work but in federal court.