

Terry Lenamon on the Death Penalty

Sidebar with a Board Certified Expert Criminal Trial Attorney



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[Casey Anthony Has New Death-Qualified Attorney: Jacksonville's Ann Finnell](#)

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This past week, it was [announced](#) to the public by [Casey Anthony's defense team](#) that Florida's [Ann E. Finnell](#) had joined them, the latest death-qualified defense attorney to represent the young woman accused of murdering her toddler-daughter, **Caylee Marie**.

This news comes on the heels of [Professor Andrea Lyon withdrawing](#) from the case in late June 2010.

Ms. Finnell's efforts will focus upon the [penalty phase](#) of the trial, currently set for May 2011. This, of course, means that Ann Finnell will take a lead role only when, and if, Casey Anthony is found guilty during the initial guilt or innocence phase of the trial. (For the legal qualifications to serve as a death-qualified attorney under Florida law, [read our earlier post](#).)

Personally, I don't know Ann Finnell but I've heard lots of great things about her -- she's known to be a fighter, a true believer, and a very good death penalty attorney. As the first death-qualified attorney on the Casey Anthony case, I do know a bit about the representation that Ms. Finnell has just undertaken, however.

And, as I did before with Professor Andrea Lyon, I wish my colleague Ann Finnell all the best in this important work.