

**Herb Dean:** Herb Dean has refereed some of the most memorable fights in MMA history. Now in his third decade of refereeing and judging MMA, Dean has traveled extensively throughout the world and has strong relationships with the MMA community in the U.S. and worldwide. Dean grew up in Southern California and learned Martial Arts at a young age. He has competed in kickboxing, MMA, judo, and Jiu Jitsu.

**Frank Trigg:** An Olympic Trials finalist in wrestling, Frank Trigg holds a black belt in catch wrestling under Neil Melanson, a purple belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and a second-degree black belt in judo. The UFC Hall of Famer fought from 1999 to 2011 and enrolled in "Big" John McCarthy's official's training course in 2011. In 2017, Trigg became the first UFC fighter to referee a UFC bout since Dan Severn at UFC 24 in 2000. Blake Grice: A graduate of The Citadel Military College, Blake Grice is one of just seven individuals recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions as a trainer for MMA referees and judges. He is the head referee for Georgia and South Carolina and has worked extensively overseas. From 2001 to 2003, Grice compiled a 3-1 MMA record as an amateur. His 10,000-square-foot gym, Electric City Mixed Martial Arts & Fitness in Anderson, South Carolina, offers instruction in Thai boxing and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

**Jonathan Romero:** Jonathan Romero began boxing and wrestling before the age of 10. While in the United States Marine Corps, he wrestled and was part of the Marine Corps Submission Grappling Team. Romero took up MMA in 1998 while stationed in Hawaii and retired in 2007. He is currently a black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and has officiated over a hundred MMA events throughout his career.

**Sal D'Amato:** Sal D'Amato began practicing martial arts in 1982. He received his 3rd degree black belt in Taekwondo in 1998 and his 1st degree black belt in Escrima in 2004. D'Amato has practiced various forms of martial arts through the years and is currently training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He began judging kickboxing in 1994 and then moved to Muay Thai and MMA. D'Amato has judged hundreds of events in his career.

**Felicia Oh:** Now a fourth-degree black belt in jiu-jitsu under Jean Jacques Machado, Oh is only the sixth woman outside of Brazil to achieve that rank. She holds a master's degree in Fine Art/New Genres from UCLA and lectured on digital media at Otis College of Art and Design but left that world to concentrate on her martial arts career full-time. A multiple-time world champion in gi and no-gi, Oh was an inspector for CSAC for almost a decade before becoming a licensed judge.

**Michael Bell:** Michael Bell is a brown belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and began officiating with CAMO in 2009. In 2012, he became a licensed official with CSAC and has worked over 500 events as either a judge or referee.

**Ron McCarthy:** Ron McCarthy is a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and began officiating with CAMO in 2009. In 2011, he became a licensed official with CSAC and has worked over 100 events as a judge.

**Chris Crail:** Chris Crail is a third-degree Jiu Jitsu black belt under the Carlson Gracie Sr. lineage and a judo brown belt under the late John Ogden. He wrestled in high school and junior college and has over 30 years of experience in martial arts training. Crail started working CAMO events as an inspector in 2012, and later became a CSAC inspector. After passing both "Big" John McCarthy's Command Course and Herb Dean's course, he became licensed as a judge with CSAC.

**Wade Vierra:** Wade Vierra has black belts in Gracie Jiu Jitsu, Kodokan Judo and Taekwondo. He was professional kickboxer from 1979 to 1986 and was two-time World Champion in Taekwondo. Vierra has been a CSAC Official since 2013, judging both MMA and kickboxing.

**Chris Leben:** Chris Leben was the inaugural WEC middleweight champion and went on to become the UFC's all-time leader for middleweight fights (22) before retiring in 2013. Along the way, he earned six performance bonuses and became a fan favorite. "The Crippler" holds a black belt in jiu-jitsu from Baret Yoshida and today owns The Training Center in San Diego. He completed Herb Dean's referee course in 2016 and went through the process of shadowing officials and working regional shows. He and now works world-class events like Bellator 290.

**Eliot Kelly:** Eliot Kelly was a Division-1 wrestler at U.C. Davis, who moved to Japan in 2008 and began learning Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Now a black belt in the art, Kelly has medaled internationally, and owns El Dorado Hills Jiu Jitsu in El Dorado Hills, California. He is on the USA Grappling Competition team.

**Hadi Mohammad Ali:** Hadi Mohammad Ali has served as an MMA official in 11 nations, including Egypt, Italy, and Thailand. He has been trained by John McCarthy, Herb Dean, and Marc Goddard. Today, he serves as the technical committee head for the Bahrain MMA Federation and conducts referee, judge, and inspector training across the Middle East. Ali, who works professionally as a translator, translated the Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts into Arabic. He recently served as head of regulation for Saudi Arabia's first all-female MMA event. A purple belt in Jiu Jitsu, Ali has proudly represented his home nation of Bahrain internationally.

**Raphael Davis:** Raphael Davis is a former professional fighter with a 13-3 record. He is a current black belt under Professor Scott Carr and Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu. Davis is a former collegiate Division-1 Wrestling All-American and Olympic Team Trial Qualifier and is an ADCC World Champions qualifier and two-time Grappling World Champion.

**John Marigliano:** John Marigliano has been judging MMA and Muay Thai events since 2012, including events promoted by the UFC, Bellator, and The Professional Fighters League. Marigliano has a background in wrestling and boxing and has trained in Krav Maga, Taekwondo, Kickboxing, and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.