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Elizabeth Williams Courtroom Drawings Collection

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Date Range: 1987-2017

Size: 75 drawings in oversized folders, 13 framed drawings, 1 folder of additional materials

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Biographical Note:

Elizabeth Williams' artwork has been published on the cover of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The New York Post* and *Newsday*. Her work has also repeatedly been chosen by her peers to be exhibited in shows at the Society of Illustrators in N.Y. and L.A. Recently, her drawing of the Times Square Bomber was accepted into the Illustration West 50 Show. Her work has also been shown at The New York City Police Museum, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, N.Y., and Conejo Valley Art Museum, CA. A native of

upstate New York, she attended Washington University in St. Louis and received her B.F.A. from N.Y.'s Parsons School of Design. She did her post-graduate studies at Otis Art Institute, UCLA, Syracuse University, School of Visual Arts and NYU. She sits on the board of The New York City Police Museum, is appointed to NYC's Community Board One, and an officer of the NYPD 1st Precinct Council.

Her artwork is in the collection of famous trial attorneys and major players including, noted bankruptcy attorney Harvey Miller, famed trial lawyer Ted Wells and real estate exec. John Zuccotti. Williams has covered the trials of Martha Stewart, John DeLorean, Preppie Murderer, Robert Chambers, the Central Park Jogger, Leona Helmsley. She also drew all the court appearances of the infamous Bernard Madoff, Dominique Strauss Kahn and Faisal Shahzad, the Times Square Bomber. She drew mobsters like John Gotti and Paul Castellano of the Gambino Crime Family. She also covered the cases of the USFL (prime mover Donald Trump) v. the NFL, and L.A. Raiders and Al Davis v. the NFL. Clients include NBC News (L.A. & N.Y.), CBS News N.Y., Associated Press, WCBS, WNBC, KABC, KNBC, ESPN, CNBC, *New York Newsday* and *Newsweek*.

Collection note:

The artwork covering the Sean Bell trial in Queens Criminal Court from February 25, 2008 to April 25, 2008 totals 61 drawings and illustrations of the trial. The medium is colored pencil, oil paint stick, turpentine w black brush pen. The reporter who worked with Williams was NJ Burkett and the artwork and illustrations were done for WABC News. The day would start at 7am waiting outside the courthouse until it opened at 8. Then after security more waiting until the courtroom opened around 8:30. The judge took the bench (this was a bench trial and no jury) promptly at 9am and the schedule was rigorous moving the trial at a quick pace.

The additional drawings were donated by Elizabeth Williams when she was co-curator for an exhibit at the Shiva Gallery at John Jay College in 2017.

See also:

[Courtroom Sketches by Elizabeth Williams Collection](#) in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress.

Sullivan, L. E., Kenny, A. W., Williams, E., & Kroessler, J. A. (2017). *Rogues gallery : forty year retrospective of courtroom art from Son of Sam to El Chapo*. John Jay Press, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Stacks ; NC953.5 .U6 R63 2017

Williams, E., & Russell, S. (2014). *The illustrated courtroom : 50 + years of court art (2nd edition)*. Redwood Publishing. Stacks ; NC953.5.U6 W54 2022

Illustrated Courtroom Blog. <http://www.illustratedcourtroom.blogspot.com/>

Elizabeth Williams' website: <http://www.elizabethwilliamstudio.com/>

List of drawings

Sean Bell Trial : Court Illustrations

*illustrations were of key moments in trial

1. *NICOLE BELL Feb 26 2008
2. SEAN SPENCER Club Kalua Bouncer ~Feb 26 2008
3. EMILCEN ANGULO Club Kalua Bartender ~ Feb 26 2008
4. WILLIAM BELL, Sean Bell's father Feb 26 2008
5. MARSEILLES PAYNE, strip dancer (Trinny) @ Club Kalua Feb 27 2008
6. *MARSEILLES PAYNE, breaks down on stand as she describes seeing the shooting
 - a. HUGH JENSEN Sean Bell friend on direct examination
 - b. HUGH JENSEN tight shot on stand
7. LARENZO KINRED, Sean Bell friend at Club Kalua
8. HAROLD REED aka Bones
9. JAMES KOLLORE friend of Sean Bell ~ March 20 2006
10. JOHNNELL HANKERSON friend of Sean Bell w prosecutor ~ March 23/24
11. JOHNNELL HANKERSON on cross examination by Anthony Ricco
12. Defense table, L-R DET. MARC COOPER, DET. GESCARD ISNORA, DET. MICHAEL OLIVER seated during the early stage of the trial
13. Defense table later in the case, ISNORA started rocking and the stress was noticeable
14. LT GARY NAPOLI CO of the officers that night
15. *DET HIPPOLITO SANCHEZ on direct., was undercover in Club Kalua unarmed
16. FABIO COICOU on direct w ADA Charles Testagrossa, Ciocou owned the much discussed Black SUV outside the club
17. *FABIO COICOU on cross examination by Anthony Ricco
18. JEAN NELSON on direct w ADA Charles Testagrossa
19. TRENT BENEFIELD who was also in the car that Sean Bell was driving when he was shot, on stand
20. TRENT BENEFIELD showing how he hid from the gun shots while seated in the back of the car
21. TRENT BENEFIELD during direct examination by Charles Testagrossa ~ March 31, 2008
22. TRENT BENEFIELD on cross by Anthony Ricco
23. TRENT BENEFIELD on cross by James Culleton: Det Michael Oliver's defense atty
24. TRENT BENEFIELD on cross by Paul Martin : Det Marc Cooper's defense atty

25. JOSEPH GUZMAN , Sean Bell's friend who was in the car and shot multiple times
on direct by ADA Chas Testagrossa ~ April 2, 2008
26. Prelim sketch for Guzman showing wounds
27. *JOSEPH GUZMAN showing Judge Cooperman wounds from gun shots
28. *JOSEPH GUZMAN on cross examination by Isnora's defense atty Anthony Ricco,
w Gescard Isnora standing
 - a. JOSEPH GUZMAN cross examined by James Culleton

Crime Scene witnesses

29. LT ELISE HANLON FDNY Paramedic on scene tried to revive Bell
30. MARK MASSA FDNY EMT on scene
31. LT MICHAEL WHEELER
32. ANTHONY SOUTH free lance videographer who shot footage of the crime scene
33. PO ROBERT MALONEY
34. EMT WILLIAM RUDNICK also tried to revive Bell
35. CRIME SCENE DET DAVID RIVERA
36. PORT AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER JOHN CEA
37. Pix of video of shots hitting Air train Terminal
38. Crime Scene Detective DAVID RIVERA wide shot w photo of Sean Bell's car
39. Photos of Sean Bells car showing bullet holes
40. Photos of Sean Bell's car showing trajectory of bullets
41. Director of NYPD Forensic Lab PETER PIZZOLA
42. Crime Scene Det GREG ANZELONE w photo of Sean Bell's bloodied boxer shorts
43. Detective CHARLES REISS wide shot
44. Detective CHARLES REISS
45. PETER PIZZOLA tight shot

Defense witnesses

46. ALEXANDER JASON crime scene analyst for defense
47. NELSON RAFAEL lived near Club Kalua and heard yelling shortly before shooting
48. Final witness PO MICHAEL CAREY on direct by defense lawyer James Culleton ~
April 9 2008
49. PO MICHAEL CAREY on direct w Anthony Ricco
50. PO MICHAEL CAREY on cross examination by ADA Charles Testagrossa

Verdict

51. Audience incl Bell family, Al Sharpton and friends awaiting verdict April 25 2008
52. Parents of Sean Bell during verdict , mother weeping
53. Judge Cooperman reading verdict

54. Officers after verdict hugging their lawyers

Asst defense/audience shots

55. Defendants Marc Cooper, Gescard Isnora, Michael Oliver

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57. Parents of Sean Bell

58. Audience during trial w Det Stephen McDonald seated near Nicole Bell and her mother. Thought that the contrast of this scene was worth noting

59. – 61. Additional unidentified drawings from the trial

Additional materials

- DVD of [*Inside the Sean Bell Trial*](#) as well as
- clippings and printouts of news stories on the Bell trial, which feature these drawings.

Other Trials - Courtroom Drawings – 2017 Gift

Framed drawings

- EW_1 USFL v NFL Trial, Donald Trump on witness stand [copy of original], 1987
- EW_2 Richard Tomlinson drawing Chambers pretrial hearing. 1987
- EW_3 Martha Stewart closing statements, 3/20042004
- EW_4 Robert Chambers drug arrest arraignment 2007
- EW_5 Sean Bell Trial / Joseph Guzman on stand 2008
- EW_6 Bernard Madoff seated during sentencing, 6/2009
- EW_7 Times Sq Bomber Faisal Shahzad plea, 6/22/2010
- EW_8 Abu Hamza sentencing, 1/2015
- EW_9 Arraignment of Sheldon Silver, 2015
- EW_10 Etan Patz trial, viewing Pedro Hernandez Confession, 2015
- EW_11 Martin Shkreli Pre-Trial Hearing, 2016
- EW_12 El Chapo formal arraignment. 2/3/2017
- EW_13 Arraignment of Sayfullo Saipov, 2017

Drawings in folders

1. Sheldon Silver – arraignment 2/2015
2. Ahmad Rahimi (alleged Chelsea bomber) hearing (2017)
3. Abu Graib Trial – Preet Bharara (2013??)
4. Trial—murder of Russel Timoshenko, 2008
5. Timoshenko murder trial defendants

6. Timoshenko defendant
7. Timoshenko defendant Robert Ellis (signed)
8. Timoshenko—Police officer Yan, Nov. 12, 2008
9. Timoshenko—Police officer Yan showing jury wound, Nov. 12, 2008
10. Zaccaro trial, Queens court, 1987
11. Zaccaro verdict
12. Zaccaro verdict w/ G. Ferraro
13. 45 min.—hands up
14. Daniel Halloran, White Plains Federal Court, 4/4/2013