

About the Editors

George B. Huff, Jr.

George B. Huff, Jr., is the Senior Business Continuity Manager at the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), leading Amtrak's Business Continuity Management Program. In 2019, he was recognized as a Fellow of the Business Continuity Institute (FBCI), which is the world's leading institute for business continuity and resilience professionals located in more than 100 countries.

Prior to joining Amtrak, Mr. Huff delivered business continuity solutions to clients from his own consulting practice, The Continuity Project, LLC. In that capacity, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) selected Mr. Huff as NIST Disaster Resilience Fellow for Business Continuity, serving from 2015 to 2016. NIST's program developed the Community Resilience Planning Guide.

Mr. Huff is a graduate of the Park-Tudor School of Indianapolis and Hanover College (BA, English proficiency in the humanities), Hanover, Indiana. As an undergraduate, Mr. Huff attended the Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom. Prior to entering law school, he attended the Graduate School in Forensic Studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, where he was a graduate teaching assistant. While attending law school, Mr. Huff was selected as a U.S. Department of Justice law intern for Criminal Receiving and Appellate Section of the Office of U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois. He was selected as a deputy clerk for the Clerk's Office of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Mr. Huff is a 1979 graduate of Northern Illinois University College of Law (JD).

A qualified U.S. Army airborne-ranger, and a qualified Foreign Area Officer for Western Europe, Mr. Huff earned the Green Beret. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry School, Basic

and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the British Territorial Army Staff College Course, and the U.S. Air War College, Associates Course. Mr. Huff served in rated assignments as infantry platoon leader, executive officer, staff judge advocate, aide-de-camp, infantry company commander, special forces operations officer, chief, public administration team, civil affairs operations officer, and assistant chief of staff for civil-military operations. He received numerous U.S. military medals, including the Legion of Merit, as well as the German Armed Forces' basic parachutist badge.

Formerly a deputy attorney general of the state of Indiana and an attorney-advisor for the Space and Facilities Division and Judiciary Emergency Preparedness Office at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, he served as a law clerk to Judge Moody R. Tidwell III of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. At the Administrative Office, Mr. Huff was responsible for conducting management audits of district courts and probation offices for chief U.S. judges, and staffing the U.S. Judicial Conference Committees on Judicial Security and Space and Facilities, which oversee administration of U.S. courthouses and leased facilities in 94 judicial districts and 13 circuit courts of appeals.

Following 9/11 events, Mr. Huff became active in legal and administrative issues relating to homeland security, emergency management, and operational continuity, especially those relating to the U.S. Courts and ancillary organizations. On a day-to-day basis, Mr. Huff was responsible for the operational continuity management systems of the U.S. Courts nationwide. Mr. Huff is the author of numerous publications, programs, and webinars. He is a member of professional associations, boards of directors, and standards-development organizations.

Beginning in 2009, Mr. Huff was nominated each year by the presidents of the American Bar Association (ABA) to be a member of, or a special advisor to, the ABA's Standing Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness. A contributing author of book chapters to the first two editions of *The ABA Cybersecurity Handbook: A Resource for Attorneys, Law Firms, and Business Professionals, Second Edition* (ABA Press 2017), he also contributed a

book chapter to *A Legal Guide to Homeland Security and Emergency Management for State and Local Governments, Third Edition* (ABA Press 2018).

Mr. Huff is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and the bars of the state of Indiana and related federal, district, and appeals courts. He is currently a special advisor to the ABA's Standing Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness.

Nancy McNabb

Nancy McNabb holds a master's in architecture (structures) and a bachelor of science in architectural studies from the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana (UIUC). She is a registered architect in New York and Pennsylvania.

After graduation from architecture school, Ms. McNabb was a visiting assistant professor in the UIUC School of Architecture and a project architect in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Upon moving to upstate New York, she served as assistant director for Code Development and Code Interpretation, and was acting director for the New York State Department of State, Codes Division. Ms. McNabb moved to a staff architect position at Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA) where her duties included facilitating code adoptions, conducting trainings on code interpretations, and representing the organization at legislative hearings.

Ms. McNabb joined the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in September 2001 as Regional Manager, Building Code Central Field Office, in Dallas, Texas. In 2005, she was named the director at NFPA's Government Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., where she was responsible for working with congressional and federal agencies as well as allied organizations to promote the NFPA mission about fire and life safety.

In 2010, Ms. McNabb became the manager, Building and Fire Codes and Standards of the Engineering Laboratory (EL) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Her responsibilities there including developing and implementing a NIST-wide strategy, including needed supporting research, to provide the technical basis resulting in improvements to U.S.

model building and fire codes and standards, as well as relevant international standards, to support strategic goals in areas of critical national need, such as sustainability, energy efficiency, safety, security, and community resilience.

Ms. McNabb formed McNabb & Associates in 2017 and joined The Continuity Project where she continues to utilize her expertise in resilience planning and represent requests before agencies and organizations tied to the building and safety community. She currently serves on the board as secretary on the National Institute of Building Science (NIBS) Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council, and is active in developing, implementing, and maintaining strategic partnerships and strong working relationships at the local, state, and national levels.

Edward A. Thomas

Ed Thomas is an expert on working with communities and people to help prevent the foreseeable processes of nature becoming disasters. He has worked on response and recovery operations from about 200 disasters, assisting individuals, businesses, farms, and communities to carefully craft acceptable efforts to recover as quickly as possible, while striving to elevate, modify, or relocate damaged properties and develop environmentally acceptable development.

Mr. Thomas, a widely published author and frequent lecturer, is the president emeritus of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association. He is an elected fellow of the American Bar Association (ABA) Foundation, a member of the ABA Disaster Response and Preparedness Committee, and chairs the ABA State and Local Government Law Section's Resilience Task Force. In addition, Mr. Thomas serves on the Steering Committee of the Climigration Network. He is a member of the National Institute of Building Sciences and the Association of State Wetland Managers. He also serves as the senior legal liaison to the Association of State Floodplain Manager's No Adverse Impact Committee. During his career at HUD and FEMA, Mr. Thomas worked closely with individuals, companies, nonprofit organizations, and local communities developing safe and affordable

housing, results-oriented floodplain management, and hazard mitigation. He also worked closely with disaster survivors on about 200 disasters and emergencies, serving as the president's representative, the Federal Coordinating Officer, dozens of times.

Mr. Thomas is currently working with many dedicated volunteers to further refine and promulgate the Natural Hazard Mitigation Associations Disaster Risk Reduction curriculum. This book on resilience will become an important addition to that curriculum.

He manages a private practice of law, Edward A. Thomas Esq., LLC, and just relocated with his wife from the floodplain of beautiful Marina Bay, Massachusetts, to live in lovely [and Earthquake prone] Rancho Mirage, California.