# [LAW & ORDER’s Rick Eid: Mehcad Brooks’ Detective Shaw ‘Brings a Different Perspective to Law Enforcement’](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/08/26/law-and-order-detective-jalen-shaw-mehcad-brooks-rick-eid/)

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***LAW & ORDER: PREMIERE — “Gimme Shelter” — Pictured: (l-r) Jeffrey Donovan as Detective Frank Cosgrove, Mariska Hargitay as Captain Olivia Benson, Mehcad Brooks as Detective Jalen Shaw — (Photo by: Will Hart/NBC)***

There’s a new detective on the case when LAW & ORDER returns for its 22nd season on Thursday, September 22.

But when viewers meet [Mehcad Brooks](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/06/13/law-and-order-mehcad-brooks-season-22/)‘ Detective Jalen Shaw—who is replacing [Anthony Anderson’s Detective Bernard](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/05/26/law-and-order-anthony-anderson-exit-season-22/) on the squad, and will make his debut in the [massive LAW & ORDER franchise crossover](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/08/24/law-and-order-svu-organized-crime-crossover-event/)—they’ll learn his character technically has a tie to *both* of the show’s worlds.

“He’s a former lawyer,” LAW & ORDER showrunner [Rick Eid](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/05/18/law-and-order-season-21-finale-preview-rick-eid-eriq-la-salle/) tells [Give Me My Remote](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/). “And he is a former narcotics detective, who is new to homicide…he probably went to NYU [for] law school, got a job at a law firm in the city. And after a year or two of being disillusioned, he was like, ‘I want to do something that excites me.’ [So then] he went to the police academy.”

And while Shaw doesn’t have any history with any of the L&O characters from his time practicing law, his history will impact how he approaches his new job—and his newfound partnership with Detective Cosgrove ([Jeffrey Donovan](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2021/11/01/law-and-order-jeffrey-donovan-cast-season-21/)).

“He brings a different perspective to law enforcement, and certainly to being a police officer, a detective,” Eid previews. “And he’s got a modern point of view on a lot of things. So I think he’s an interesting partner for Cosgrove, as well. He’s younger, different point of view, sees the world a little differently; different upbringing.”

“[His past as a lawyer] more informs the way he thinks—he’s a really smart, intellectual guy,” he continues. “So he comes at things a little from a more cerebral perspective; Cosgrove’s a little more sort of visceral and instinctive and I think Shaw’s a little more cerebral…But they have a common objective: they’re both dedicated to finding that [bad] guy.”

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