



# ERIC WASHINGTON

**ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/  
DEFENSIVE LINE**

## FIRST-AND-10

**ERIC WASHINGTON** joined the Bills in 2020 as the team's defensive line coach. After serving as the senior defensive assistant/defensive line coach in 2022, Washington was promoted to assistant head coach/defensive line coach. Previously, he was the defensive line coach (2011-17) and defensive coordinator for the Panthers (2018-19).

## COACHING SHOUTOUTS

### 2020-present: (Buffalo Bills)

- The Bills defense finished 2022 ranked first in the AFC with 17.8 points allowed per game and ranked second in the NFL with 286 points allowed.
- DT Ed Oliver earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week after recording 6 tackles, 2 TFLs, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a sack ending in a safety (11/24/22). Oliver marked the eighth player Washington has coached to that honor.
- The Bills 2021 defense ranked first in the NFL in fewest points allowed per game (17.0) for the first time in franchise history and also finished first in fewest yards allowed per game (272.8) and the fewest passing yards per game (163.0). With 19 sacks, Buffalo's defense also fueled a 4-game win streak to finish the regular season.
- Rookie DE Greg Rousseau earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week after logging the first interception of his career and also finished with five tackles and a sack at Kansas City (10/10/21).
- DE Jerry Hughes earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week after he tallied 2.0 sacks, one interception, a forced fumble, a pass defended and six total tackles (10/26/20).

### 2011-19: (Carolina Panthers)

- Served as the defensive coordinator from 2018-19 and helped LB Luke Kuechly to a first-team All-Pro season in 2018 and second-team All-Pro honors in 2019.

## COACHING SHOUTOUTS (CONT.)

### 2011-19: (Carolina Panthers)

- Under Washington's watch in 2019, the Panthers defense ranked second in the NFL in sacks (53).
- With Washington leading the defense in 2018, Carolina's secondary improved from 28th to 12th in interceptions, 32nd to 13th in passes defended and 18th to 9th in tackles for loss.
- As a defensive line coach from 2011-17, he led one of the most productive defensive lines in the NFL. Since 2012, no group of defensive linemen produced more sacks than Carolina's 219, part of Carolina's NFL-leading 280 total sacks. Carolina ranked in the top 10 in sacks in five of his seven seasons as defensive line coach, including a No. 1 ranking in 2013, a No. 2 in 2016 and a No. 3 in 2017.

### 2008-10: (Chicago Bears)

- Served as the defensive line coach in 2010 and defensive assistant in 2008-09.
- Washington presided over a group that accounted for 25 sacks and helped the Bears rank ninth in the NFL in total defense, second in rushing defense and fourth in scoring defense in 2010.

### 2004-07: (Northwestern)

- Washington presided over a group that accounted for 25 sacks and helped the Bears rank ninth in the NFL in total defense, second in rushing defense and fourth in scoring defense in 2010.

## PLAYING SHOUTOUTS

- Played tight end at Grambling State from 1989-90 and graduated with a degree in education from Grambling State in 1993.

## PERSONAL/OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Washington and his wife, Amy, have a son named Ellis.



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## WASHINGTON'S COACHING HISTORY

### NFL

Buffalo Bills	2023-present	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line
Buffalo Bills	2022	Senior Defensive Asst./Defensive Line
Buffalo Bills	2020-21	Defensive Line
Carolina Panthers	2018-19	Defensive Coordinator
Carolina Panthers	2011-17	Defensive Line
Chicago Bears	2010	Defensive Line
Chicago Bears	2008-09	Defensive Assistant

### COLLEGE

Northwestern	2004-07	Defensive Line
Ohio	2001-03	Defensive Line
Texas A&M	1997	Graduate Assistant