

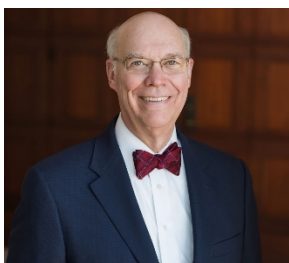
GUEST SPEAKERS

(Listed Alphabetically)



John M. Baker
Partner & Attorney
Greene Espel, PLLP

John M. Baker is a founding partner of Greene Espel PLLP in Minneapolis. His constitutional law practice has included advising cities such as Fargo, Seattle, and Indianapolis on ways to avoid successful First Amendment challenges to their ordinances and policies, defending cities when sued, and pro bono representation of a freelance journalist severely injured by a police projectile while covering protests in 2020.



The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon
U.S. District Judge
District of Nebraska

Judge Joseph F. Bataillon was appointed as U.S. District Judge for the District of Nebraska on October 3, 1997. He was Chief Judge of the district from December 1, 2004, to December 1, 2011, and took Senior Status on Oct. 3, 2014.

Creighton University (B.A.), 1971; Creighton University (J.D.), 1974; Law Review Staff Editor; Moot Court Board. Sodaro, Daly & Sodaro, Omaha, Nebraska, 1980-1997; Deputy Douglas County Public Defender, 1974-1980; Defense Counsel, Judge Advocate General USAR, 1976-1986.

Memberships: American Bar Association, 1981-present; Federal Bar Association, 1997-present; Nebraska Bar Association, 1974-present (Executive Council 1992-93, 2015-2018, House of Delegates 1983-present, Budget Committee, 2015- present,

President 2016-2017, Chair House of Delegates 1992-1993); Omaha Bar Association (1980-present); Creighton University School of Law Advisory Committee (2002-present); Federal Judges Association 1997- present (Board of Directors 2003-2009).

Judicial Offices: U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Budget, 2009-present, (Economy Subcommittee 2009-present, Economy Subcommittee Chair, 2018-present); U. S. Judicial Conference Committee on Space & Facilities, 2005-2009 (Space Standards Subcommittee Chair, 2004-06, Committee Chair, 2006-2009); U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Security and Facilities, 2001-2004; Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee for the Judicial Conference of the United States, 2009-10; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC) Budget and Finance Advisory Council, 2003-2005; AOUSC District Court Advisory Council, 2002-2003; AOUSC District Court Case Management/ Electronic Case Files Project Working Group, 2003-2004; United States Access Board, Courthouse Access Advisory Committee, 2004-2006.



**J. Thomas Beckett
Shareholder
Parsons Behle &
Latimer**

Tom Beckett is a shareholder of Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City and head of the firm's bankruptcy group. He has represented a diverse roster of clients in

chapter 11 cases. Notably, in the Yellowstone Mountain Club bankruptcy, as lead counsel to the Creditors Committee he obtained the equitable subordination of a \$370 million secured loan to enable unsecured creditors to be paid first.

After graduating from Brown University, Mr. Beckett earned J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from N.Y.U. He

was trained as a mediator at the Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. Formerly an associate at Milbank in New York City, his work experience also includes a year on the staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. He recently served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Clark Planetarium and currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Ethics and Discipline Committee. He has maintained a whitewater river guide's license and wilderness first responder certification for 40 years.



**Bree Buchanan, JD,
MSF
Senior Advisor
Krill Strategies**

Bree Buchanan is founding co-chair of the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-being and is a co-author of its groundbreaking 2017 report, *The Path to Well-*

Being: Practical Recommendations for Positive Change. In December 2020, she was appointed Board President of the newly formed Institute for Well-being in Law, a new nonprofit dedicated to bringing about systemic change in the legal profession such that considerations of well-being become central to the practice. Ms. Buchanan served as chair of the ABA Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs (2017-2020) and as director of the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program from 2013 until retirement in 2018. She is now Senior Advisor with Krill Strategies, Inc., providing consultation on issues related to lawyer well-being and impairment for major legal employers. Ms. Buchanan is co-host of the podcast, *The Path to Well-Being Law*, and has shared her own story of recovery as a featured guest on podcasts – as well as articles published – in the United States, Canada and the U.K.



**John J. Bursch
Senior Counsel and
Vice President of
Appellate Advocacy
Alliance Defending
Freedom**

John Bursch is Vice President of Appellate Advocacy for Alliance

Defending Freedom, the world's largest public-interest law firm defending religious liberty, free speech, and the right to life. He is also the founder and owner of Bursch Law PLLC, a Supreme Court and appellate boutique. John has argued 12 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, 35 in state supreme courts, and scores of additional cases in federal and state intermediate appellate courts around the country. The matters he argues frequently involve the most pressing social issues of the day.



**Kami N. Chavis
Vice Provost
Professor of Law and
Director of Criminal
Justice Program
Wake Forest University
School of Law**

Kami Chavis is a Professor of Law and

Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Wake Forest University School of Law. In 2015, she was appointed as a Senior Academic Fellow at the Joint Center for Political And Economic Studies. She has substantial practice experience and writes and teaches in areas related to criminal law, criminal procedure and criminal justice reform. After receiving her J.D. from Harvard Law School, she worked as an associate at private law firms in Washington, D.C., where she participated in various aspects of civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. In 2003, she became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, involving her in a wide range of criminal prosecutions and in arguing and briefing

appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Professor Chavis frequently makes presentations on law-enforcement issues and is a leader in the field of police accountability. Her articles have appeared in the *American Criminal Law Review*, the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, the *University of Alabama Law Review*, the *Catholic University Law Review*, and other legal journals. Her research focuses on using Cooperative Federalism principles and stakeholder participation to implement sustainable reforms in the criminal justice system. She writes in the areas of police and prosecutorial accountability, federal hate crimes legislation and enforcement, and racial profiling. She was elected to the American Law Institute in 2012.

She is a frequent contributor to national and international media outlets and has appeared on CNN, CBS, CTV, and NPR. She has written for the *New York Times* and the *Huffington Post*, and has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *BBC News*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *International Business Times*, *Deutsche Welle*, and other outlets regarding police accountability and the structural reform of law enforcement agencies.



Alan Chen
Thompson G. Marsh
Law Alumni Professor
Sturm College of Law

Alan Chen is the Thompson G. Marsh Law Alumni Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he teaches constitutional law, First Amendment law, federal courts, and public interest law. His research interests are in the areas of free speech theory and doctrine and civil rights remedies, with a focus on the law of qualified immunity. He is the co-author of two books, *Free Speech Beyond Words: The*

Surprising Reach Of The First Amendment (NYU Press 2017) and *Public Interest Lawyering: A Contemporary Perspective* (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business 2013) and has published numerous scholarly articles in many of the nation's leading law reviews. Since joining the Sturm College of Law faculty, Chen has received several awards for his teaching, scholarship, contributions to the law review, and pro bono legal work. Although he is a full-time academic, Professor Chen carries an active litigation docket, representing plaintiffs in high-profile civil rights cases in federal courts around the country. Prior to joining the Denver Law faculty, he was a staff attorney for the Chicago office of the ACLU, where he litigated cases concerning the First Amendment, police misconduct, and privacy rights. He began his legal career as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Marvin E. Aspen in the Northern District of Illinois.



John S. Cooke
Director
Federal Judicial Center

John Cooke is the Director of the Federal Judicial Center. Before his appointment in September 2018 as the Center's eleventh director, he served as director of the Center's Judicial Education Division from 1998-2004, director of the consolidated Education Division, 2004-2005, and as Deputy Director, 2005-2018.

From 1972 to 1998, he served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, from which he retired as a brigadier general. His last assignment was as Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals and Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency. During his career he served as a prosecutor, defense counsel, and trial judge, and as an instructor in criminal law and later Deputy Commandant at The Judge Advocate General's School.

He holds a B.A. from Carleton College, a J.D. from the University of Southern California, and an LL.M. from the University of Virginia.



Peter E. Deegan
Partner
Taft Stettinius &
Hollister, LLP

Pete Deegan is a partner in the Chicago office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP. Pete's primary areas of practice are corporate compliance, internal investigations and white collar criminal defense. Prior to joining

Taft, Pete served in the U.S. Department of Justice for nearly 23 years as a criminal prosecutor and, most recently, the presidentially-appointed U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. For the majority of his career, Pete has specialized in white collar matters and business investigations. He has also personally handled a full variety of federal criminal matters including those involving narcotics, firearms, violent crime, child sexual exploitation, public corruption, and police misconduct. During his time as U.S. Attorney, Pete served as the Chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee for Management, People and Performance and as a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee for White Collar Fraud. Prior to his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Pete was the Criminal Chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa.

Pete is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Wayne State University Law School. Following law school Pete clerked for U.S. District Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff in the Eastern District of Michigan.



Sybil L. Dunlop
Attorney
Greene Espel, PLLP

Sybil Dunlop (she/her/hers) is a national thought leader on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion issues. She designs and teaches award-winning Diversity & Inclusion programming and co-founded her law firm's DEI practice. Her

research on the topic of law firm diversity has been published, most recently in *Mitchell Hamline's law review* (in an article co-authored with Jenny Gassman-Pines). In recognition of her efforts, *Minnesota Lawyer* selected Sybil as a Diversity & Inclusion Honoree in 2018, and the Hennepin County Bar Association awarded her its Excellence Award for Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in 2019.

Sybil attended Smith College and Vanderbilt University Law School where she graduated Order of the Coif. After law school she clerked for The Honorable James M. Rosenbaum before beginning her practice at Greene Espel.



Jason P. Edwards
Chief
Court Services Office
Administrative Office of
the U.S. Courts

Jason Edwards was appointed as the Chief of the Department of Program Services' Court Services Office (CSO) in October 2020. He previously held the position of Deputy Chief

of CSO, which he assumed in May 2018. Jason has more than 19 years of experience in the judiciary, including almost eight years at the Administrative

Office. Before his appointment as CSO Deputy Chief, Jason worked as a regional administrator in CSO and as a management analyst in the Court Human Resources Office, with a focus on the work measurement studies and other analytical initiatives.

Prior to his service at the AO, Jason held various positions with the Northern District of Texas Bankruptcy Court. Jason earned his bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Texas at Dallas and a master's degree in human resources from Amberton University.



**The Honorable Jeremy Fogel (Ret.)
Executive Director
Berkeley Judicial
Institute**

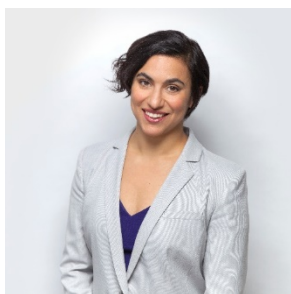
On September 17, 2018, Judge Jeremy Fogel became the first Executive Director of the Berkeley Judicial Institute, a center at Berkeley Law School whose mission is to build bridges between judges and academics and to promote an ethical,

resilient and independent judiciary. Prior to his appointment at Berkeley, he served as Director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, DC (2011-2018), as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California (1998-2011), and as a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior (1986-1998) and Municipal (1981-1986) Courts. He was the founding Directing Attorney of the Mental Health Advocacy Project from 1978 to 1981.

Judge Fogel has served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center since 2002 and was a lecturer at Stanford Law School from 2003 until his relocation to Washington. He taught for the California Continuing Judicial Studies Program and California Judicial College from 1987 to 2010 and has served as a faculty member for legal exchanges

in more than a dozen foreign countries. He received his B.A. from Stanford University in 1971 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1974.

Judge Fogel has received numerous accolades, including the President's Award for Outstanding Service to the California Judiciary from the California Judges Association and the Vanguard Award for notable contributions to intellectual property law from the State Bar of California. In 2002, he received special recognition from the Santa Clara County Bar Association for exemplifying the highest standards of professionalism in the judiciary.



**Jenny Gassman-Pines
Attorney
Greene Espel, PLLP**

Jenny Gassman-Pines (she/her/hers) is a trial lawyer and founding member of Greene Espel's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practice.

Jenny helps clients develop proactive and incisive strategies about how to avoid litigation and disputes in employment relationships. She specializes in helping organizations provide non-biased feedback to help improve the retention and development of diverse talent. Jenny also regularly conducts internal investigations for employers to assess allegations of discrimination, sexual harassment, and other misconduct. Many of Jenny's cases involve the defense of employment claims in court and agency settings, including claims of wrongful termination, discrimination, whistleblower violations, retaliation, and violation of non-competition and non-solicitation agreements. She has successfully first-chaired several trials and arbitrations across the country. Jenny was recently included on *Minnesota Lawyer's* POWER 30: Employment Law and has been recognized as a Labor & Employment Star – Minnesota by *Benchmark Litigation* for the past two years.



Laura Graham
Professor of Legal
Writing
Director of Legal
Analysis, Writing, and
Research
Wake Forest University
School of Law

Winner of the first Graham Award for Excellence in Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Laura Graham has been teaching Legal Analysis, Writing, & Research and Appellate Advocacy at Wake Forest since 1999. Her research and speaking interests center on how to maximize beginning law students' early success in legal writing. She is a regular contributor to various state and national bar journals, where she provides writing refreshers for practicing attorneys. Prior to joining the faculty, Laura served as judicial clerk for Judge Ralph Walker of the North Carolina Court of Appeals and was in private practice in Jacksonville, North Carolina, specializing in domestic law and appellate practice. She is a graduate of the Wake Forest Law School, where she received the 1994 Outstanding Woman Law Graduate Award. She and her husband, Joseph, a retired Naval officer, are the parents of Ellen. Laura is active in her church ministries, especially the children's music program, and enjoys singing, reading, and spending time with her family.



Rebecca Green
Professor of the
Practice of Law
William & Mary Law
School

Rebecca Green is Professor of the Practice of Law and Co-Directs the Election Law Program, a joint project of the William & Mary Law School and the National Center for State Courts. In that role, Green oversees its annual symposia and speaker series and undertakes a series of projects designed

to educate judges about election law topics, including producing a webinar series for judges in advance of the 2020 election and a set of Election War Games offered at state judicial conferences in Virginia, Colorado, and Wisconsin. With generous funding from the Democracy Fund, Green oversees the State Election Law eBenchbook project, a pilot project to annotate state election codes. In 2013, Green co-founded Revive My Vote with a student to assist Virginians with prior felony convictions regain the right to vote. Green has supervised students on a variety of projects for groups like the ABA Standing Committee on Election Law, the League of Women Voters, the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, and Protect Democracy. Professor Green serves as the faculty advisor to the student-run State of Elections blog. In the years leading up to and during the 2020 election, Professor Green served as a member of the National Task Force on Election Crises. Also prior to the 2020 election, Green helped students co-found the Alliance of Students at the Polls (ASAP), a national network of law students mobilized to recruit student poll workers for the 2020 election and beyond. Professor Green is regularly quoted in national media including the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Forbes*, the *New Yorker*, the *Washington Post*, *Politico*, and others, and has provided commentary on voting and elections on C-SPAN, the BBC, and elsewhere.

Prior to attending Harvard Law School, Professor Green earned a master's degree in Chinese legal history from Harvard University and assisted with U.S.-China trade negotiations at the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, DC during the Clinton Administration.



**Dr. Kenston J. Griffin
Founder and CEO
Dream Builders
Communication, Inc.**

Keynote speaker, best-selling author and a top performing trainer and coach, Dr. Kenston J. Griffin continues to push the boundaries of conformity. His award-winning presentations are

renowned throughout the corporate, education, federal and non-profit spaces. He received his bachelor's degree from Livingstone College and a master's degree, in just one year, from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Griffin is the Founder and CEO of Dream Builders Communication, Inc., which provides training and development in the areas of Leadership Development, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Training, Academic Enhancement, and Executive Coaching.



**The Honorable
Raymond W. Gruender
U.S. Circuit Judge
Eighth Circuit Court of
Appeals**

Judge Raymond W. Gruender was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 2004. Between 2012 and 2014, he served on the Judicial Conference Committee on

Criminal Law. In 2001, he became the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, serving on the Attorney General's Advisory Council during 2001 and 2002. Before that, he practiced civil and criminal law first as an associate at Lewis, Rice & Fingersh LLC and later as a partner at Thompson Coburn LLP. After graduating from St. Louis University High School in 1981, he received a

BSBA in 1984, and both an MBA and JD (Order of the Coif) in 1987, all from Washington University in St. Louis. Among his civic and charitable affiliations, Judge Gruender was president and member of the board of directors of Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments (A.L.I.V.E.); served on the board of trustees of William Woods University; and is on the board of directors of Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis, from which he received the 2003 Have a Heart, Lend a Hand volunteer award. Judge Gruender was a founding director of the Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis and also received the Washington University Law School's Distinguished Young Alumni Award in 2006 as well as a Professional Mentorship Award from its Black Law Students Association.



The Honorable Shon Hastings
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
District of North Dakota

Shon Hastings was appointed Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of North Dakota in September 2011. Judge Hastings is also designated to preside over bankruptcy cases in the District of Nebraska and the District of Minnesota. She serves as a mediator for civil cases in the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota and bankruptcy cases in the District of Minnesota. She has also mediated bankruptcy cases in the Northern and Southern District of Iowa. Prior to her appointment, Judge Hastings served as a federal judicial law clerk for two years, associate attorney for a civil litigation firm in Minneapolis for several years and Assistant United States Attorney in Fargo for almost 14 years. She was appointed Chief of the Civil Division in January 2009. While working as an AUSA, Judge Hastings served on several Department of Justice working groups, and she frequently spoke on financial litigation issues as

a faculty member at the DOJ National Advocacy Center.



**John D. Inazu
Sally D. Danforth
Distinguished Professor
of Law & Religion and
Professor of Political
Science (by courtesy)
Washington University
in St. Louis School of
Law**

John Inazu teaches criminal law, law and religion, and various First Amendment seminars. His scholarship focuses on the First Amendment freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion, and related questions of legal and political theory. He is the author of *Liberty's Refuge: The Forgotten Freedom of Assembly* (Yale University Press, 2012) and *Confident Pluralism: Surviving and Thriving Through Deep Difference* (University of Chicago Press, 2016), and co-editor (with Tim Keller) of *Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference* (Thomas Nelson, 2020). Inazu has written broadly for mainstream audiences in publications including *USA Today*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *CNN*, *The Atlantic* and *The Washington Post*.

Inazu holds a B.S.E. and J.D. from Duke University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He clerked for Judge Roger L. Wollman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and served for four years as an associate general counsel with the Department of the Air Force at the Pentagon.



John F. Kautzman
Partner
Ruckelshaus Kautzman
Blackwell Bemis
Duncan & Merchant,
LLP

John F. Kautzman has served as lead counsel on several high-profile Indiana State and Federal jury trials and appeals. John represents individuals and organizations on a broad range of legal matters, and focuses primarily on general litigation, law enforcement liability and disciplinary defense, personal injury and criminal law. Mr. Kautzman served as the 2005 President of the Indianapolis Bar Association and is an Executive Council member of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. Mr. Kautzman is also a former Chair of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Board of Visitors.

Listed in *Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, John is also a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, limited by invitation to only one percent of Indiana attorneys.



The Honorable Jane
Kelly
U.S. Circuit Judge
Eighth Circuit Court of
Appeals

Judge Kelly received her Bachelor of Arts degree *summa cum laude* in 1987 from Duke University. She received her Juris Doctorate *cum laude* in 1991 from Harvard Law School. In 1991, she was a law clerk to Judge Donald J. Porter of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota. She then was a clerk to Judge David R. Hansen of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. After working as a visiting instructor at the University of Illinois College of Law, she

became an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Northern District of Iowa in 1994, serving as Supervising Attorney in the Cedar Rapids office from 1999 to 2013.

President Barack Obama signed her commission as Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on April 25, 2013.



The Honorable Robert J. Kressel
Retired United States Bankruptcy Judge
District of Minnesota

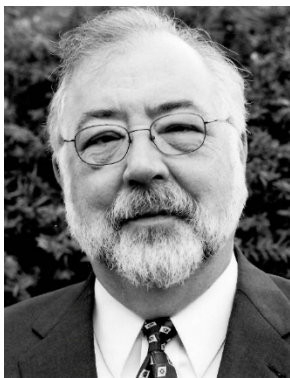
Robert J. Kressel was a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota from 1982 until 2021 and was chief judge from 1986 to 1993. He retired in 2012, but was

on recall from then until June 20, 2021. He was a judge of the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit from its creation in 1996 until 2017, serving as its chief judge from 2003 to 2013. Before his appointment, Judge Kressel was in private practice for seven years and with the Department of Justice for three years in the United States Trustee's Office.

Judge Kressel has served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Judges Education Committee and the Eighth Circuit's Gender Fairness Task Force. He served on the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, for four years representing the Eighth Circuit and six representing recalled judges. In the past, he has been an adjunct professor at Hamline University School of Law, William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law and a Contributing Author of *Collier on Bankruptcy*.

He is a frequent speaker, including an annual presentation for the Federal Judicial Center on bankruptcy law decisions by the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals and the Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Judge Kressel received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.



Lee T. Lawless
Federal Public Defender
(ret.)
Eastern District of
Missouri

Mr. Lawless worked for the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri from 1984 until his retirement in July 2021. He served as the

Defender from 2006 until retirement. After graduating from Saint Louis University School of Law he was a law clerk for The Honorable Edward L. Philippine, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. He was in private practice and worked in the Missouri State Public Defender system from 1978 until 1984. He currently co-teaches a class in Sentencing Advocacy at St. Louis University School of Law.



Brigadier General Linell
A. Letendre
Dean of the Faculty
U.S. Air Force Academy,
Colorado

Brig. Gen. Linell A. Letendre is Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado. She commands the 750-member Dean of Faculty

mission element and oversees the annual design and instruction of more than 500 undergraduate courses for 4,000 cadets across 32 academic disciplines. She also directs the operation of five support staff agencies and faculty resources involving more than \$350 million.

The general graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1996 as a distinguished graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronautical Engineering. After serving as an Acquisition Officer, Brig. Gen. Letendre became a Judge Advocate through the Funded Legal Education Program. She graduated from the University of Washington School of Law with high honors and was named to the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Barristers. She is barred at the U.S. Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Washington, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. Prior to this assignment, she served as the Permanent Professor and Head of the Air Force Academy's Department of Law.

Brig. Gen. Letendre previously served as a Staff Judge Advocate at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and also represented the Air Force in appellate review of all courts-martial as the Deputy Chief Trial and Appellate Counsel. Additionally, she previously served as the Legal Advisor for the DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group, where she advised on legal and policy issues surrounding repeal of "don't ask, don't tell." She also defended the Air Force in a range of federal civil litigation involving military personnel, served as Chief of Strategic Communication for the Judge Advocate General and defended Airmen as an area defense counsel.



Eric J. Magnuson
Partner
Robins Kaplan, LLP

After serving as Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court from 2008-2010 and focusing almost exclusively in state and federal appellate courts, Eric is regarded as one of the most effective appellate lawyers in

Minnesota and the Eighth Circuit. In more than 45 years of practice, he has handled hundreds of appeals involving a wide range of issues including the constitutionality of the public school finance system, employment law, trust and probate matters, trade secrets, business contracts, corporate fraud, insurance law, and professional liability. Eric speaks regularly on appellate topics, as well as matters of public interest. He has served as an associate professor of law at William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law, and has taught at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He is a Fellow and Past President of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Eric regularly writes and teaches on matters of appellate law. His publications include *Federal Appeals: Jurisdiction and Practice* (Thomson Reuters 2021) and *Minnesota Practice: Appellate Rules Annot.* (Minnesota CLE 2021). He is a co-editor of the *Eighth Circuit Appellate Practice Manual 9th Ed.* (Minnesota CLE 2020).



Terry A. Maroney
Robert S. and Theresa
L. Reder Chair in Law
Professor of Medicine,
Health and Society
Vanderbilt University
Law School

Terry Maroney investigates the intersection of law and emotion. She is also a scholar of criminal law, with specializations in wrongful convictions and

in juvenile justice. Professor Maroney's work on the role of emotion in judicial behavior and decision-making forms the backbone of her scholarly focus. Weaving legal analysis together with the psychology, sociology and philosophy of emotion, her work illuminates how emotional experiences, dynamics, and their management interact with the constraints and demands of varied judicial roles, with deep implications for judges and the public they serve. Maroney's many publications in this area—which include "(What We Talk About When We Talk About) Judicial Temperament," "Angry Judges," "Emotional Regulation and Judicial Behavior" and "The Persistent Cultural Script of Judicial Dispassion"—have been widely read among the U.S. judiciary. She frequently consults with and presents to judicial audiences in both the United States and abroad. With Judge Jeremy Fogel (now retired) and the Federal Judicial Center, she co-founded a novel intensive seminar focused on the human side of judging, now offered regularly to mid-career federal judges.

Before becoming a law professor, Maroney was a litigator with WilmerHale and a Skadden Fellow at the Urban Justice Center, both in New York City; she draws on that practice experience—which included a high-profile triple exoneration, U.S. Supreme Court advocacy, and direct representation of children—in her teaching and writing. A 1998 *summa cum laude* graduate of New York University School of Law,

Maroney clerked for Judge Amalya L. Kearse on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, has held academic fellowships at the law schools of NYU and the University of Southern California, and from 2016-17 was the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. At Vanderbilt she was a 2017-19 Chancellor Faculty Fellow and received a 2019-21 Discovery Grant. She joined the Vanderbilt Law faculty in 2006 and was appointed to the Robert S. and Theresa L. Reder Chair in Law in 2021.



**The Honorable Roslynn
R. Mauskopf
Director
Administrative Office of
the U.S. Courts**

Judge Roslynn R. Mauskopf is the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. She was appointed by Chief Justice John G.

Roberts, Jr., and began serving on February 1, 2021. As Director, Judge Mauskopf also serves as Secretary to the Judicial Conference of the United States (JCUS) and as a board member of the Federal Judicial Center.

Most recently, Judge Mauskopf was Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. She joined the court on October 19, 2007 and became Chief Judge on January 27, 2020.

Judge Mauskopf's entire career has been in public service. Before joining the bench, she served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York starting in September 2002.

From October 1995 to September 2002, Judge Mauskopf served as the New York State Inspector General, leading the office responsible for investigating allegations of corruption, fraud, criminal

activity, conflicts of interest, waste, and abuse in all executive branch agencies. Prior to her service as State Inspector General, beginning in 1982, Judge Mauskopf was an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, and served as Deputy Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau and Chief of the Frauds Bureau.

Judge Mauskopf has been active in judiciary governance, including membership on the JCUS Committee on Judicial Resources beginning in 2011, and serving as Chair from 2018 until her appointment as Director. The committee is responsible for making recommendations on all staffing requirements; assessing the need for new Article III judgeships; coordinating the Judiciary's diversity and inclusion efforts; and proposing Judiciary human resources policies.

Judge Mauskopf graduated from Brandeis University in 1979 and earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1982.



Todd M. McGuire
Partner
Stueve Siegel Hanson
LLP

Todd McGuire is an experienced trial and appellate attorney at Kansas City-based Stueve Siegel Hanson

LLP. Todd has been with the Firm since its founding in 2001. He excels in the strategic development and management of complex litigation on behalf of individuals and companies in matters involving business torts, contract disputes, employment matters and other civil claims. Todd often applies the Firm's business litigation contingency model to successfully obtain damages and relief for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and economic underdogs.

Prior to joining Stueve Siegel Hanson, Todd was a defense attorney at a top 5 Global 200 firm, where

he focused his practice on antitrust, white-collar criminal defense and complex business and commercial litigation. He is a frequent speaker and presenter on litigation-related issues.

Todd is an active supporter of Drake University, his alma mater for both undergraduate ('96 – Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and law school ('99 – Highest Honors, Order of the Coif, Law Review Editor-in-Chief). He is a member of the Law School's Board of Counselors, a group of distinguished alumni that promotes the school and advises the dean. He is also a member of Drake's President's Circle for philanthropic giving and has served on the National Advisory Council for the Donald V. Adams Leadership Institute.



**William Frederick
Meinecke, Jr.
Historian
United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum**

William Frederick Meinecke Jr. is a historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He received his undergraduate degree in German and History from

the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in 1983. He attended the universities of Bonn and Berlin in Germany and received his M.A. (1988) and Ph.D. (1998) in history from the University of Maryland at College Park. The title of his dissertation was *Conflicting Loyalties: The Supreme Court in Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1945*. In 1992 Meinecke joined the staff of the Museum's Wexner Learning Center to help design a multimedia program on the Holocaust, the *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust* (book and CD-ROM), and a website for students. Since 2000, Meinecke has worked with law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and attorneys in the Museum's Law, Justice, and the Holocaust training program. His book, *Nazi Ideology*

and the Holocaust, was published by the Museum in December 2007.



Adine S. Momoh
Partner
Stinson LLP

A dedicated, trailblazing trial attorney, Adine S. Momoh is an equity partner at Stinson LLP where she co-chairs its Estates and Trusts

Litigation Practice Group, defends complex litigation matters for securities, banking, estates and trusts clients, and resolves creditors' rights and bankruptcy cases in state and federal courts nationwide. She frequently writes and lectures on these practice areas, and most recently presented on the "Main Street Bankruptcies: How to Navigate a Retailer's Reorganization" panel for the Federal Bar Association's 2021 Fashion Law Conference.

Adine is widely recognized for her community involvement, public service, and professional achievement. In 2021, Adine received the Top 40 Under 40 - Nation's Best Advocates Award from the National Bar Association. With respect to her bankruptcy practice specifically, in 2021, Adine was named among the 2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers. Adine has a LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center, *with distinction*; J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law, *magna cum laude*; and B.A. from the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business, *summa cum laude*. Adine clerked for the Honorable Jeanne J. Graham (ret.) of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.



**The Honorable James
Maxwell Moody, Jr.
United States District
Judge
Eastern District of
Arkansas**

Judge James "Jay"
Maxwell Moody, Jr.
received his Bachelor of
Science in Business
Administration degree in

1986 from the University of Arkansas. He received his Juris Doctor in 1989 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. He became an associate in 1989 at the law firm of Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP and became a partner at that firm in 1994. His focus at that firm was on general litigation, including product liability and heavy trucking defense. He tried cases in federal and state courts throughout Arkansas. In 2003, he became a Circuit Judge for the Third Division of the Sixth Judicial District of Arkansas, a position he held until he received his commission as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas in 2014.

Judge Moody's professional memberships include the America Board of Trial Advocates, the Arkansas and Pulaski County Bar Associations, graduate of the National Judicial College General Jurisdiction, and graduate of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.



**Derek T. Muller
Professor of Law
The University of Iowa
College of Law**

Professor Derek Muller
joined Iowa Law in the
Fall of 2020. His research
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states in the administration of federal elections. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School and worked as a judicial clerk for The

Honorable Raymond W. Gruender of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis, Missouri. He then practiced litigation with Kirkland & Ellis LLP of Chicago, Illinois. Professor Muller has taught at Penn State Law, Notre Dame Law School, and Pepperdine Caruso Law. Professor Muller teaches Election Law, Federal Courts, Civil Procedure, Administrative Law, and Evidence.



Todd A. Noteboom
Partner
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For more than 25 years, Todd has defended major U.S. corporations against hundreds of threatened class actions and other key litigation matters

throughout the United States, with particular emphasis on matters for financial services and insurance clients. He also represents clients in complex securities litigation, arbitration and regulatory investigations and proceedings involving the SEC, FINRA, state regulators and state attorneys general. Todd is a member of the firm's Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, and co-chair of its Financial Services and Insurance Industry group.



Ann M. O'Rourke
Program Coordinator
United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum

Ann O'Rourke is a program coordinator for the Museum's Law and Justice Initiatives, facilitating leadership programs for law enforcement officers and

members of the judiciary, and developing program resources, including translations of historical legal documents and a banner exhibition on the Holocaust

used in off-site judicial programs. Previously she worked in the Museum's Division of the Senior Historian, helping develop content for Museum programming, serving as a docent, and responding to public inquiries about Holocaust history. She received a BA in history and theology from the University of Notre Dame and spent a year on a Fulbright scholarship to the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in Austria, where she completed a diploma (a one-year post-graduate program) in international studies. Ann also holds an MA in Democracy and Governance from Georgetown University.



**Yashira M. Patton
Supervisory United
States Probation Officer
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Yashira Patton was originally appointed as a United States Probation Officer in the Middle District of North Carolina

in 2010. Currently, she serves as a Supervisory United States Probation Officer in the Middle District of Tennessee's presentence unit. Yashira Patton has experience in all three disciplines and has served as a mentor, a Stress First Aid Trainer, a Training Coordinator, an author of the Court Services Manual, a member of the Administrative Office's National Presentence Investigations Focus Group, and more. Yashira Patton earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Boston University, Boston, MA. Prior to being employed with federal probation, she was employed with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety as a youth counselor technician and a juvenile court counselor.



Mikala Purdy-Steenholdt
Assistant United States
Attorney
Asset Forfeiture
Coordinator
District of Nebraska

Mikala Purdy-Steenholdt began her legal career in the Appeals Section of the Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former

Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands. Following her stint abroad, Purdy-Steenholdt clerked for: The Honorable Karen K. Klein of the U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota; The Honorable Judge Daniel L. Hovland of the U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota; The Honorable Kermitt E. Bye of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; and The Honorable Ralph R. Erickson while U.S. District Court Judge for the District of North Dakota, now of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. In 2017, she joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Iowa as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting drug trafficking and firearm cases under the HIDTA program. In 2018, she became an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Northern District of Iowa and expanded her practice to include child exploitation cases. In 2021, she joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Nebraska as the Asset Forfeiture Coordinator while continuing to maintain a criminal caseload.

Purdy-Steenholdt received a B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin and a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law.



**Steven W. Quattlebaum
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Quattlebaum, Grooms &
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Mr. Quattlebaum is a founding member of Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC, in Little Rock, Arkansas, practicing in the areas of products liability and business

litigation, and has served as lead counsel in over 100 trials, including several multi-district bellwether trials. He is a graduate of Western State Colorado University and the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Mr. Quattlebaum has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates since 1995 and is the current National Vice President. He also served as the Chair of the ABOTA Covid-19 Task Force which authored a white paper entitled, *Guidance for Conducting Civil Jury Trials During the Covid-19 Pandemic*, utilized by courts throughout the country. Mr. Quattlebaum is a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served in various leadership roles in the Arkansas Bar Association, including Chair of the Board of Governors and President of the Arkansas Bar Foundation. He is also frequently a speaker on various trial practice topics throughout the country.



**Marcus W.
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Director of Court
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Arizona Supreme Court**

Marcus W. Reinkensmeyer is the director of court services for the Administrative

Office of the Courts, Supreme Court of Arizona. Previously, he served as the court administrator, chief deputy court administrator and director of judicial information systems for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. In the State of Illinois, Marcus served as assistant director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (Court Services Division), court administrator (17th Judicial Circuit), assistant superintendent of juvenile detention and probation officer. He is the past president of the National Association for Court Management and the Arizona Courts Association, former editor of the *Court Manager* and a member of the Editorial Board for the International Association for Court Administration. His articles appear in *Judicature*, *The Court Manager*, *Justice System Journal*, *Future Trends in State Courts* and *The Retrospective of Courthouse Design*. Marcus holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. He is the recipient of Arizona Supreme Court's Distinguished Service Award, The ICM Award of Merit, the NCSC Warren E. Burger Award and the JMI Ernest C. Friesen Award. He joined the faculty of The National Judicial College in 2021.



Pamela R. Reiter
Managing Partner
Johnson Janklow
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Pamela Reiter is an equity partner at Johnson, Janklow, Abdallah & Reiter, LLP in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Her practice focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on trust and estate

litigation, business disputes and other complex civil litigation.

Born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Pamela earned a bachelor's degree from Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota, in Accounting and

Management in 1991. She earned a juris doctorate degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1994. For 14 years after law school, Pamela clerked for three South Dakota federal district court judges, namely Judge John B. Jones, Judge Charles B. Kornmann, and Judge Lawrence L. Piersol. She has been a member of the State Bar of South Dakota since 1995. In 2008, she joined the firm where she is the managing partner and continues to practice law today. Pamela has volunteered for the State Bar of South Dakota for twenty-plus years and served as its President in 2017-2018. She also sat on the State Bar's Disciplinary Board from 2013 to 2017 where she became acutely aware of the impact of stress and mental health issues on practicing lawyers.

The federal court has appointed Pamela to investigate and prosecute potential ethical complaints by members of the federal bar. Pamela serves on South Dakota's Federal Practice Committee and was appointed by Chief Judge Roberto Lange to serve on the Planning Committee for the 2021 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference.



The Honorable Patrick J. Schiltz
U.S. District Judge
District of Minnesota

Patrick J. Schiltz graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of St. Scholastica and *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. After serving as a law

clerk to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Schiltz practiced law at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis. Schiltz left private practice in 1995 to join the faculty of Notre Dame Law School, where he taught Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Sports Law. While at Notre Dame, Schiltz wrote "On Being a Happy, Healthy, and Ethical Member of an Unhappy,

Unhealthy, and Unethical Profession,” one of the most widely read law-review articles ever published. The *Vanderbilt Law Review* made the article the focus of a symposium, and the *Washington Post* identified the article as one of nine works that every law student should read. In 2000, Schiltz left Notre Dame to become the founding associate dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Schiltz had primary responsibility for almost every significant aspect of creating the new law school, from hiring the faculty to designing the building. In 2002, Schiltz was named the St. Thomas More Chair in Law, the first endowed chair at the School of Law.

Schiltz was nominated to the federal bench by President George W. Bush on December 14, 2005, and his nomination was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on April 26, 2006. From 1997 to 2006, Schiltz served as the Reporter to the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. Among those who served on the Committee during Schiltz’s tenure were then-Judge John G. Roberts, Jr. and then-Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr. In 2010, Chief Justice Roberts appointed Schiltz and then-Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to the Judicial Conference’s Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. In 2020, Chief Justice Roberts appointed Schiltz to serve as Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence.



Joshua S. Sellers
Associate Professor of
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Joshua S. Sellers joined the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law in 2017. He holds an Honors B.A. in political science and afroamerican and african

studies from the University of Michigan, along with a J.D. and a Ph.D. in political science from the

University of Chicago. At Chicago, Professor Sellers served as an articles editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

Before joining the faculty at ASU, he was an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, and a Postdoctoral Fellow in Law and Politics at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Before entering teaching, he was a law clerk to Judge Rosemary Barkett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and a litigation associate at Jenner & Block LLP in Washington, DC.

His principal areas of research and teaching are election law, legislation and regulation, constitutional law, and civil procedure. His scholarship has been published or is forthcoming in the *NYU Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and *Stanford Law Review*, among others.



Pratik A. Shah
Partner
Akin Gump Strauss
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Pratik Shah is head of Akin Gump's Supreme Court and appellate practice. Pratik, who previously served as Assistant to the Solicitor General in the U.S.

Department of Justice,

has argued 15 cases (prevailing in all but three) before the U.S. Supreme Court and over 50 more in the federal courts of appeals (including in every circuit). Pratik is ranked among the country's top appellate litigators by a number of leading publications. He has been noted as "practicing before the highest court in the land on some of the most groundbreaking cases of the 21st century" (*Washington Business Journal*), described as "absolutely brilliant" and "supremely talented" (*Legal 500*), and recognized as "the complete package: an extremely gifted writer and an extremely effective

oral advocate” (*Chambers USA*). Pratik has also taught constitutional law, and clerked for Justice Stephen G. Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge William A. Fletcher on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.



Fred Smith, Jr.
Associate Professor of Law
Emory University School of Law

Fred Smith Jr. is associate professor at Emory University School of Law. He is a scholar of the federal judiciary, constitutional law, and local government. In

2019, he was named the law school’s Outstanding Professor of the Year. Smith clerked for Judge Myron Thompson of the Middle District of Alabama; Judge Barrington D. Parker Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the United States Supreme Court. Prior to teaching, he also worked for Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore LLP in Atlanta.

In a range of volunteer capacities, Smith promotes equity and social justice. He serves on the board of Invest Atlanta, which serves as the economic and community development authority of City of Atlanta. He also serves the national board of Lambda Legal; the national board of Civil Rights Corps; and the LGBT Advisory Board of Historic Atlanta. He served as an inaugural member of Atlanta’s Mayoral LGBTQ Advisory Board. He also served as an inaugural advisory board member for the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project, which annually trains black Atlanta youth in critical thinking and public speaking.

Smith received a B.A. degree (with honors) from Harvard College and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.



**The Honorable Lavenski
R. Smith
Chief Judge
Eighth Circuit**

Chief Judge Lavenski R. Smith was nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit by President George W. Bush on September 4, 2001, to a seat vacated by Richard S. Arnold. He was confirmed by the

Senate on July 15, 2002 and received his commission on July 19, 2002.

Chief Judge Smith is a lifelong Arkansan. He was born and raised in Hope, Arkansas, and graduated from Hope High School in 1977. Chief Judge Smith earned his bachelor and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1981 and 1987, respectively. He is the son of Cayce B. (deceased) and Olee M. Smith (deceased). He is married to Trendle Smith from Camden, Arkansas, and they have two children, Stacia and Gabriel.

Before joining the federal bench, Chief Judge Smith worked in both private practice and public service. From 1987 to 1991, he served as a staff attorney for Ozark Legal Services. In 1991, he opened a law office in Springdale, Arkansas. He practiced primarily civil law, including domestic relations, probate, workers' compensation, commercial transactions, and real estate. While in private practice, Chief Judge Smith also did civil liberties work through the Rutherford Institute. Additionally, he taught business law as an adjunct professor and later as a full-time assistant professor at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, from 1994 to 1996.

Chief Judge Smith entered public service in the mid-1990s. In 1996, Governor Mike Huckabee selected Chief Judge Smith to serve as his Regulatory Liaison. Then, in 1997, Governor Huckabee

appointed Chief Judge Smith as Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission. From January 1999 until the beginning of 2001, Chief Judge Smith served as an Associate Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court, completing the term of retired Justice David Newbern. In 2001, Governor Huckabee again appointed Chief Judge Smith to the Arkansas Public Service Commission as a commissioner. He served as commissioner until his confirmation to the federal bench. He was appointed Chief Judge in March of 2017 and now serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.



**Kristina M. Stanger
Attorney/Shareholder
Nyemaster Goode, P.C.**

Kristina is an attorney and shareholder at Iowa's largest law firm, Nyemaster Goode, where she practices in creditors' rights and bankruptcy law. Her experience spans such industries as retail, grocery, agriculture, health care, construction,

transportation and manufacturing. She appears in both federal and state courts for secured and unsecured creditors in a variety of contexts.

In addition to her legal practice, Kristina is a combat-experienced Lieutenant Colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard. She has served more than 23 years as an enlisted Soldier, commander, and planner for state, national, and international operations. She now serves as one of the state's highest-ranking females and recently took command of the 109th Multifunctional Medical Battalion – the Hawkeye Medics. She has held a number of committee positions with the Iowa State Bar Association, is an author and speaker on bankruptcy and commercial law topics and provides pro bono services on behalf of veterans and their families. She also was a member of the 2016 Next

Generation Class for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), a 2018 American Bankruptcy Institute 40 Under 40 Honoree, and is the IWIRC Midwest Network Chair. Kristina earned her bachelor's degree at Central College and her law degree at Drake University.



The Honorable David R. Stras
U.S. Circuit Judge
Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

David Stras became a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on January 31, 2018. Before serving on the Eighth Circuit, Judge Stras was

an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Prior to becoming a judge, Stras was a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School from 2004 through 2010. Judge Stras received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with highest distinction, in 1995 and his Master of Business Administration in 1999, both from the University of Kansas. He also received his law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1999. Following law school, Stras clerked for The Honorable Melvin Brunetti of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then for The Honorable J. Michael Luttig of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. From 2001 to 2002, he practiced white-collar criminal and appellate litigation with the Washington, D.C. office of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood. Following his year in practice, he clerked for The Honorable Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court of the United States.



John Suthers
Mayor
Colorado Springs, CO

John Suthers was re-elected to a second term as mayor by an overwhelming majority in April of 2019. The 41st mayor of Colorado Springs, Suthers' first term began in May 2015.

Before being elected Mayor, Suthers served as Attorney General of Colorado from 2005 to 2015. Under Suthers' leadership, the Colorado Attorney General's office earned a national reputation for excellence. In 2012, he was awarded the Kelly-Wyman Award, the highest honor given by the National Association of Attorneys General.

Prior to being Attorney General, he was named by President George W. Bush in 2001 to be United States Attorney for Colorado and he was unanimously confirmed by the US Senate. In 1999, Suthers was appointed by Governor Bill Owens as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections, based in Colorado Springs. In that position, he managed an organization with 6,000 employees and a budget in excess of \$500 million.

In 1988, he was elected District Attorney of the 4th Judicial District, which includes El Paso and Teller Counties. For the next eight years, he managed the largest and most productive prosecution office in the state of Colorado. During that time, he also served as President of the Colorado District Attorney's Association and President of the El Paso County Bar Association.

A lifelong resident of Colorado Springs, Suthers attended grade school here and graduated from St. Mary's High School. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame, and in the top quarter of his law school class at the University of Colorado. After graduation, he returned home and became a Deputy District Attorney in Colorado

Springs before spending ten years at the law firm of Sparks, Dix and Enoch.

John's wife Janet also grew up in Colorado Springs, earned her MBA from UCCS and is retired from Agilent Technologies. John and Janet have two accomplished daughters and two beautiful grandchildren.



**Paul E. Traynor
Attorney at Law
Visiting Assistant
Professor of Law
University of North
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A native of Devils Lake, ND, Professor Traynor worked for 29 years as in-house counsel for various insurance companies in the United States, including handling mass damage events such as Hurricanes Hugo and Katrina. He is a special appointment faculty member at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Law where he teaches Civil Procedure, Insurance Law, Business Associations, Advanced Torts and Health Law. Professor Traynor holds a Juris Doctor from the University of North Dakota School of Law and a Masters (LLM) of Insurance Laws from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He has published works on insurance matters in the “Connecticut Insurance Law Journal” and the “DePaul University School of Law Business and Commercial Law Journal.” He has been admitted to the bar in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota and the federal district courts of Minnesota and North Dakota.



**The Honorable John R. Tunheim
Chief U.S. District Judge
District of Minnesota**

Chief Judge John R. Tunheim has served as a United States District Judge in the District of Minnesota since being nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1995. He has served as Chief Judge since 2015. From

1994-1998, Judge Tunheim served as Chair of the U.S. Assassination Records Review Board, a federal agency that declassified the remaining secret records of the assassination of President Kennedy. Before his appointment as a judge, he served as Minnesota's Chief Deputy Attorney General, where he argued three cases at the U.S. Supreme Court, and earlier, as Staff Assistant to U.S. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Law Clerk for U.S. District Judge Earl Larson. He has devoted much of his judicial career to helping develop the rule of law in new democracies, working in over 40 countries, including drafting the Kosovo Constitution and helping to develop a much-improved legal system in Uzbekistan. Judge Tunheim served for four years as the Chair and ten years as a Member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management. He is currently a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States and a member of the IT Security Task Force.

He is a graduate of Concordia College and the University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as President of the Law Review. He has served as Chair of the Concordia College Board of Regents and Chair of Advisory Council at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota honored Judge Tunheim in 2010 with its Outstanding Achievement Award. He is a member of the Board

of Directors of the CEELI Institute in Prague and a member of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association.

He is a third generation descendant of Norwegian immigrants and was raised in the northwestern Minnesota farming village of Newfolden. He is married to Kathy Tunheim, CEO of Tunheim, a communications firm in the Twin Cities, father to Liz Tunheim Sheets, a Vice President at Tunheim, and Sam Tunheim, a lawyer in Minneapolis, and grandfather to Isabel Starr Sheets.



**Lola Velazquez-Aguilu
Lead Counsel for Brain
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Medtronic**

Lola Velazquez-Aguilu (she/her/hers) serves as lead counsel for Brain Modulation at Medtronic. In addition to this role,

Minnesota’s Attorney General also appointed her to serve as a Special Assistant Attorney General (in a pro bono capacity) to prosecute four former Minneapolis police officers charged with the murder of George Floyd. Prior to joining Medtronic, Lola served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Major Crimes section of the Criminal Division prosecuting crimes including bank robbery, postal theft, child exploitation offenses, aggravated identity theft, and federal benefits fraud. She also served as the Commission Chair for the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection where she oversaw the evaluation and recommendation of applicants for judicial selection. She clerked for The Honorable Alan C. Page on the Minnesota Supreme Court and The Honorable Ann D. Montgomery on the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.



Robert K. Vischer
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Rob Vischer is the dean and holds the Mengler Chair in Law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis. He has a BA from the University of New Orleans and a JD from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He clerked for three United States federal judges and practiced corporate litigation at Kirkland & Ellis before entering the legal academy. His area of research is law, religion, and professional ethics. He has published two books with Cambridge University Press – *Conscience and the Common Good: Reclaiming the Space Between Person and State* and *Martin Luther King Jr. and the Morality of Legal Practice: Lessons in Love & Justice* – as well as more than three dozen law review articles and book chapters.



Christopher J. Walker
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Christopher J. Walker is the John W. Bricker Professor of Law at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Prior to joining the law faculty, Professor Walker clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and worked on the Civil Appellate Staff at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he represented federal agencies in a variety of regulatory contexts. His publications have appeared in the *California Law Review*, *Duke Law Journal*, *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, and *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, among others. His book, *Constraining*

Bureaucracy Beyond Judicial Review, is forthcoming with Cambridge University Press. Outside the law school, he serves as Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice and as one of forty Public Members of the Administrative Conference of the United States. He blogs regularly at the *Yale Journal on Regulation*.



Jeffrey B. Wall
Partner
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Jeff Wall is a partner in Sullivan & Cromwell's Litigation Group and the head of the firm's Supreme Court and Appellate Practice. He

has argued 30 cases in the Supreme Court in a number of areas, including securities, class actions, arbitration, intellectual property, taxation, labor and employment, bankruptcy, preemption, the False Claims Act, the First Amendment, and criminal law and procedure. His recent arguments for the government and in private practice include *Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico v. Aurelius Investment, LLC* (fiscal oversight of Puerto Rico), *Frank v. Gaos* (class actions), *Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis* (arbitration), and *Halo Electronics v. Pulse Electronics Inc.* (patent damages). Mr. Wall has briefed and argued numerous cases before federal and state courts of appeals and administrative agencies. In addition to his appellate experience, Mr. Wall has represented clients in a range of complex civil and criminal matters at the trial level, including as lead counsel in a successful federal criminal trial.

Before rejoining Sullivan & Cromwell, Mr. Wall served in the Office of the Solicitor General as the Principal Deputy for four years, twice leading the office as the Acting Solicitor General from March to September 2017 and again from July 2020 to January 2021. In that role, he was responsible for

overseeing appellate litigation by the United States in the Supreme Court and the courts of appeals, which required coordinating with and counseling agencies throughout the federal government on their regulatory objectives. He successfully argued several major Supreme Court cases on the separation of powers, constitutional rights, executive authority, and religious liberty. Mr. Wall also served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General from 2008 to 2013.

After receiving a B.A. from Georgetown University and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, Mr. Wall clerked for Associate Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.



**William Todd Watson
Attorney Advisor
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William Todd Watson (“Todd”) is the Data Analytics and Training Attorney Advisor for the Defender Services Office. Prior to joining DSO, Todd

was a practicing attorney for over twenty years, with sixteen years of federal criminal defense experience as a CJA panel attorney then as an Assistant Federal Defender in two offices, the Federal Public Defender’s Office in Alexandria, VA, then the Federal Defender Program in Chicago, IL. Todd is a graduate of the University of Richmond (B.A.) and the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.).

Todd is married, dotes on his dogs, tinkers with computers and audio gear, and is an avid cyclist, drummer, and sporadic golfer.



**Hope Wood
Attorney at Law
Hope Wood JD, PLLC**

Hope Wood is an attorney and problem solver. When her son was 8-weeks old, she left her career in exercise and

health promotion to go to law school. Hope is intimately aware of the challenge of caring for mental health in tandem with having a demanding career. She has operated a solo law practice in Des Moines since passing the bar in 2013. Hope enjoys mentoring other professionals and being a support system for those with mental health challenges.