

In re Gault: 50 Years Later
Panelist Bios

Timothy G. Arnold graduated from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois in 1993, and the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1996. Arnold started his legal career as an attorney in the Juvenile Post-Disposition Branch of the Department of Public Advocacy in 1996, eventually becoming the manager of that branch in 2004. He has been the Director of DPA's Post-Trial Division since 2008. Arnold has argued cases before the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the Kentucky Supreme Court, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as assisting with the briefing in the landmark United States Supreme Court case of *Padilla v. Kentucky*. He has received the Furman Award for excellence in capital representation and the *In re Gault* Award for excellence in juvenile representation from the DPA. He has also received the Juvenile Justice Award from the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for excellence in immigrant rights litigation from the American Immigration Lawyers Association for his work on the *Padilla* case.

Hasan Davis has been recognized for his professional and personal efforts serving the needs of our young people in education, juvenile justice, and the arts. He is a Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellow, an inductee into the Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellowship program, and an Annie E. Casey Children and Family Fellow.

In 2008, Davis joined the executive leadership team of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice. In 2012, Davis became Kentucky's fifth Commissioner of Juvenile Justice. During his tenure as Commissioner, he fought for SB200, which was signed into Law in April of 2014 and is now transforming Kentucky's juvenile justice and other youth-serving systems. Currently, Davis is a youth advocate and Champion for the Inclusion of special needs population in education environments. He is also a national speaker and trainer supporting youth serving organizations across the country. In the fall of 2014 Davis published, "Written Off: How One Man's Journey through Disability, Poverty and Delinquency Are Transforming the Juvenile Justice System." He lives in Berea, Kentucky with his wife and two sons.

Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto graduated Magna Cum Laude, Amherst College, Amherst Massachusetts and earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law. She has represented clients across Kentucky at the trial, appeal and post-conviction level, during her over thirty year career. She launched the Kentucky public defender juvenile post disposition program to represent children committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and then served as the director of appeals and post-conviction for the Kentucky public defender system for ten years. She supervised the transition of the Lexington Public Defender Office as it became part of the Kentucky Public Defender system. Since 2008, DiLoreto has supervised litigation, policy and grant writing work for 501(c) (3) organizations. She currently serves as Chair of the KBA Children's Rights, Child Protection and Domestic Violence Study Committee, having held that post for over ten years. She is a member of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and acts as their legislative agent with the Kentucky legislature. DiLoreto has done extensive training and wrote the public defender's first juvenile law manual.

Josh Gupta-Kagan is an Assistant Professor of Law and specializes in legal issues affecting children and families, especially child welfare and juvenile justice issues. He teaches a juvenile justice clinic and Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation. Prior to joining the University of South Carolina faculty, he practiced as a Senior Attorney at the Children's Law Center, a legal services organization in the District of Columbia devoted to a wide range of children's legal issues. He worked at the DC Children's Law Center for six years, representing children and family members in District of Columbia Family Court cases, and successfully advocating for legislative reforms. He has contributed to the District of Columbia's 2007 statute governing custody actions filed by third parties, the re-establishment of a housing program for families of children at risk of entering foster care, the expansion of guardianship subsidies to non-kin and extension of subsidies to age 21, and various District statutes and regulations related to abuse and neglect law and education law.

Professor Gupta-Kagan's scholarship has addressed topics including the Fourth Amendment rights of children and families during child protection investigations and at school, improved juvenile and family court procedures, and policy reforms to improve the child welfare system, better enable children to leave foster care for permanent families, and better govern custody disputes between parents and third parties who have raised children. His scholarship has appeared in the *Tulane Law Review*, *Missouri Law Review* (forthcoming), and the *N.Y.U. Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*, among other publications.

Professor Gupta-Kagan previously taught as a lecturer-in-law in the Washington University in St. Louis Law School's Civil Justice Clinic, and as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He received his bachelor's degree from Yale College and his J.D. from the New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholar. He clerked for the Hon. Marsha S. Berzon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Elizabeth McMahon has served as Chief of the Juvenile Trial Division at the Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office since 2013. She is a graduate of Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky School of Law. She began her career at the Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office in 1994 and has served as a staff attorney in the Juvenile, Mental Health, and Appellate Divisions.

McMahon received the Department of Public Advocacy's *In re Gault Award* in 2014 and the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' *Gail Robinson Juvenile Justice Award* in 2015.

McMahon serves as co-chair of the Jefferson County Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and as co-chair of the Jefferson County steering committee for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. She was also a member of the Kentucky Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Juvenile Court Rules of Procedure and Practice, and is a current member of the Restorative Justice Louisville Program Advisory Committee, the KBA Committee on Child Protection and Domestic Violence, and the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Robin Walker Sterling is an Associate Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Professor Walker Sterling is a graduate of Yale College and New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, and Georgetown University Law Center, where she earned an L.L.M. in Clinical Advocacy. Following law school, she clerked for Judge Emmet G. Sullivan of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She then served as the Stuart-Stiller Teaching Fellow in the E. Barrett Prettyman Fellows program at Georgetown University Law Center, representing adults and children charged with criminal offenses in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia while supervising third-year law students in the Juvenile Justice Clinic. Professor Walker Sterling then worked as a staff attorney in the trial division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), representing adults and children charged with criminal and delinquency offenses. She followed her tenure at PDS with a position as a Supervising Attorney at the Children's Law Center, where she trained and supervised guardians ad litem handling dependency, adoption, and guardianship cases. For the last three years, Professor Walker Sterling has worked as the Special Counsel with the National Juvenile Defender Center, a juvenile defense policy advocacy organization in Washington, D.C.

Professor Walker Sterling's research and teaching interests include clinical advocacy, criminal law, and juvenile justice. Her current work in progress explores extending the right to a jury trial to juveniles facing delinquency proceedings.