

ALLISON CONNELLY

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Kentucky: Licensed to practice law in all courts of the Commonwealth, November 1983.

United States: Admitted to practice before United States Supreme Court, 1993; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1987; United States District Court, Eastern and Western District of Kentucky, 1984.

EDUCATION:

Legal: University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky, J.D. Degree, May 1983. Callie Award for Civil Procedure and Torts. Graduate of National Criminal Defense College, Mercer Law School, June 1989.

Undergraduate: University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, B.A. Degree, in Political Science, 1980.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

University of Kentucky College of Law

209 Law Building
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0048

H. Wendell Cherry Clinical Professor: Founding director of the U. K. College of Law Legal Clinic and served as the College's first assistant, associate and full clinical professor. Responsible for overseeing the delivery of a variety of legal services by third year law students to low income individuals. Duties include substantive

classroom instruction, development and evaluation of students' legal skills, and direct representation in state court.

January 1997 – Present

Other teaching and advising duties: Criminal Procedure, Criminal Trial Process, Litigation Skills, Legal Writing (since 1986), the Academic Success Program (Director from 1997 through 2010), and Trial Advocacy Board advisor & team coach.

January 1997-Present

University of Kentucky College of Law Trial Advocacy Board Faculty Advisor and National Team Coach, 1996-present:

- **Founder**, Kentucky Mock Trial Championship (a trial tournament among all three Kentucky law schools), 1999;
 - Coach of State Trial Champions, 2006, 2004, 2001, 2000.
 - UK also won the tournament in 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, and 2007
- **Coach & Advisor**, National Institute of Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions Trial Team (an invitational limited to the top 16 trial programs in the nation); Invited in 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2003 and 2002;
 - **Coach**, Tournament of Champions Team that finished 5th in the nation, 2003;
- **Coach**, American College of Trial Lawyers, National Trial Competition (the most prestigious law school tournament in the nation,) (1997-Present);
 - Finished as one of the top eight trial teams in the nation in 2018, 2011, 2010, 2009, and 2002;
 - National Finalist, 2009;
 - National Semi-finalist, 2018;
 - Regional Champions (against 20-27 other law school teams) in 2019, 2018, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 (two teams), 2007, 2003 (two teams), 2002, 1999 and 1998.

Kentucky Supreme Court & Kentucky Justice Cabinet

Chief Justice John D. Minton, Jr.
700 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Director, Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity Institute:

Designed, developed and implemented, through the Kentucky Supreme Court, a ten-day summer residential program for 15 beginning law students from all three Kentucky law schools. The Institute was established as a pre-law preparatory program designed to prepare students from low-income, minority and disadvantaged backgrounds for the rigors of law school.

From 2008 through 2013, wrote grants to continue the funding for the KLEO Summer Institute until the General Assembly funded the Institute and the scholarship program in 2014 & 2015.

August 2003– Present

Fayette County Bar Association Summer Law Institute; “Law Camp”

Judge Sheila Isaac, Executive Director
Fayette County Bar Association
19 North Upper St.
Lexington, KY 40507

Academic Dean & Professor

Designed and developed a week long introduction to law school curriculum, including the materials, for Fayette County High School students; also teach in the program.

June 2014- June 2016.

PAST EMPLOYMENT:

University of Kentucky College of Law

Director, Legal Writing Program

Direct responsibility for the design, implementation and supervision of the College’s Legal Writing Program. Duties included the training, motivating and mentoring of eleven adjuncts, establishment of a required curriculum to insure program uniformity and maintaining an ongoing program of informal training, guidance and professional mentoring for both the adjuncts and all first-year law students.

August 2000 to Spring 2011

Department of Public Advocacy

100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 302
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Public Advocate: Only woman ever appointed as Kentucky Public Advocate. As Public Advocate, I was responsible for the administration of Kentucky's statewide public defender program. Duties included overseeing the delivery of legal services to more than 100,000 indigents accused or convicted of crimes, including capital crimes, and supervision of more than 200 full-time public defenders and staff in 18 field offices across the state and 350 part-time defenders in 74 of Kentucky's 120 counties. Since appointment in 1992, achieved a budgetary increase from \$10.5 million to approximately \$14 million for public defender services through the passage of funding legislation.

Provided direct representation, including death penalty representation, to needy individuals at all levels of the criminal justice process. Also, directed protection and advocacy efforts on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities and the mentally ill. **July 1992-October 1996**

Assistant Public Advocate Manager: Head of the Post-Conviction Services Branch for the Department of Public Advocacy. Supervisor of four statewide post-conviction and trial field offices. Responsible for overseeing the delivery of legal services to all state prisoners. Also responsible for providing a variety of legal services to indigents accused of crimes, including capital crimes, in the Commonwealth. Duties include trial level representation, appellate advocacy, and post-conviction litigation. Such work entails practice in both state and federal courts and requires development of written, oral and courtroom skills.

January 1989-July 1992

Assistant Public Advocate, Directing Attorney, principal, senior, and staff attorney: Began legal career as a staff attorney at the Northpoint Trial/Post-Conviction Office in Burgin, Ky. Climbed the career ladder to become the Directing Attorney of the Northpoint Office. **January 1984 to December 1988**

OTHER PAST EMPLOYMENT:

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Adjunct Instructor, Legal Writing Program

August 1986 to January 1997

Adjunct Professor, Litigation Skills

January 1991 to January 1997

Visiting Professor, Criminal Procedure and Criminal Trial Process

Spring 1990 and Spring 1996

PUBLIC SERVICE & HONORS:

Honors and Awards:

- 2017: Recipient, Kentucky Supreme Court Liberty Bell Award.
- 2017: UK College of Law Duncan Award for Outstanding Teaching.
- 2017: Recipient, Trinia Clemons Friend of *Pro Bono* Award.
- 2016: Recipient, William E. Lyons Public Service Award, co-sponsored by the University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and the Department of Political Science.
- 2016: Recipient, University of Kentucky College of Education's *Teacher Who Made a Difference Award*
- 2016: Recipient, Kentucky Bar Association's *Donated Legal Services Award*
- 2013: Recipient, Kentucky Bar Association's *Advancing the Right to Counsel Award for the Indigent Accused in Kentucky*
- 2013: Named to the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers
- 2013: Named as a 2013 "Top Rated Lawyer among Kentucky's Legal Leaders"
- 2011: NAACP Empowerment Award
- 2011: Kentucky Bar Association's Service to Young Lawyers Award
- 2010: AV rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- 2009: Great Teacher Award, U.K. Alumni Association
- 2009: U.K. College of Law Community Service Alumni Award
- 2009: Teacher of Impact Award, Black Law Students Association
- 2008: Citizen-Lawyer Award, Fayette County Bar Association

- 2008: Kentucky Court of Justice Law Day Award
 - 2008: Teacher of Impact Award, Black Law Students Association
 - 2007: Teacher of Impact Award, Black Law Students Association
 - 2006: Kentucky Chief Justice's Special Service Award
 - 2006: Faculty member of the Year, BLSA
 - 2005: Person of Promise Award, Family Care Center
 - 2004: Faculty member of the Year, 1st year BLSA students
 - 2002: Public Service Award, Fayette County Bar Association;
 - 2001: Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching, Non-Tenured Faculty;
 - 2000: ACE Magazine "Millennium Model";
 - 1997: Recipient of the "Gideon Award" for advancing the Right to Counsel, from the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy;
 - 1996: First recipient of the Henry R. Heyburn Alumni Public Service Award, University of Kentucky, College of Law June 1996;
- Kentucky Bar Association Donated Legal Services Recognition Award (1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013, 2014 and 2015, 2016, 2017).

Current Boards and Commissions:

- Chair, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Ethics Commission, 2011-present;
- Chair, Kentucky Bar Association Diversity Committee, 2011-2013; co-chair in 2015 to the present.
- Board member, Mediation Center of Kentucky;
- Member, KBA Diversity Working Group and Diversity Fund;
- Appointed Appellate Counsel, Kentucky Supreme Court, 2004- present;
- American Bar Association's Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project, Kentucky Assessment Team, 2009-present; and,
- Member, Fayette County Family Court Advisory Council, 2004-present.

Past Boards and Commissions:

Chair, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Ethics Commission, 1999-2007; Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Redistricting Committee, 2011-present; Board Member, Fayette County Bar Association, 2015-2017; Chair, Kentucky Bar Association Elder Law Committee, 1998-2004; Board Member, Kentucky Bar Foundation, 2009; Task Force on the Delivery of Civil Legal Services in Kentucky, 1999-2007; Board Member, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, 2001-2007. Board Member, Member, Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory

Committee, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, 1995-1996; Member, Kentucky Council on Domestic Violence, 1996; Member, Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, 1996; Member, Kentucky Supreme Court Improvement Advisory Board, 1995-1996; Advisory Board Member, American Prosecutor's Institute, Adjudication Partnership Program, 1996; Board Member, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, 1992-1996; Member, University of Kentucky College of Law Visiting Committee; Member, Sanders-Brown Advisory Council, 1997-2000; Member, Kentucky Crime Commission, 1994-1996; Member, Attorney General's Task Force on Child Sexual Abuse, 1994; Member, Governor's Task Force on the Delivery and Funding of Quality Public Defender Services, 1993-1995; Board Member, Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, 1997-2001; Board Member, Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, 1992-1998.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

PUBLISHED APPELLATE DECISIONS:

Spees v. Kentucky Legal Aid, 274 S.W.3d 447 (Ky. 2009)(pro bono counsel)

Dept. of Corrections v. Chestnut, 250 S.W.3d 655 (Ky. 2008)(pro bono counsel)(a major Open Records case)

Million v. Raymer, 139 S.W.3d 914 (Ky.2004)(pro bono counsel)

Land v. Com., 986 S.W.2d 440 (Ky., 1999)(pro bono counsel)

Haight v. Com., 938 S.W.2d 243 (Ky., 1996)

Fryrear v. Parker, 920 S.W.2d 519 (Ky., 1996)

Haight v. Williamson, 833 S.W.2d 821 (Ky., 1992)

Cooley v. Com., 821 S.W.2d 90 (Ky., 1991)

Shaffer v. Morgan, 815 S.W.2d 402 (Ky., 1991)

Sanders v. Com., 801 S.W.2d 665 (Ky., 1990)

Campbell County v. Com., Kentucky Corrections Cabinet, 762 S.W.2d 6 (Ky. 1988)

Huddleston v. Jennings, 723 S.W.2d 381 (Ky. App. 1986)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Contributing author and editor since 1995, BALDWIN'S KENTUCKY LAWYER'S HANDBOOK, VOL. 2, CRIMINAL PRACTICE, (Thompson/West 2019).

Contributing author and editor since 1995, CRIMINAL LAW OF KENTUCKY, 2015, (Thompson/ West 2019).

Tips and Traps When Consulting the Elderly Client, 159-169, ESTATE, FINANCIAL and HEALTH CARE PLANNING for ELDER CLIENTS, (Eau Claire, WI, NBI, Inc.), 2007.

Contributing author and editor, LAWS AND PROGRAMS FOR OLDER KENTUCKIANS, (2000-2001 ed.)

"A Refresher on Constitutional Criminal Procedure Issues Surrounding a DUI Stop and Arrest," UK/CLE, September 2001.

Drafter, amendment to Kentucky Supreme Court Rule 2.540, The Limited Student Practice Rule (2000).

Ethical Considerations When Representing the Elderly Client, 105-122, KENTUCKY ELDER LAW, (Eau Claire, WI, NBI, Inc.), 1998.

A Sleeping Giant: §2 of the Kentucky Constitution, THE ADVOCATE, June, 1992.

Confronting Rape Shield, 9 THE ADVOCATE, April, 1987.

Silencing Gideon's Trumpet: The Plight of the Indigent Prisoner, 8 THE ADVOCATE, April, 1986.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations are too numerous to list. Frequent lecturer and presenter on criminal law, trial advocacy, elder law and poverty law issues. A complete list of presentations is available on request.