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**Title: Mary J. Davis, University of Kentucky J. David College of Law Dean and Professor**

Mary J. Davis has been on the UK Law faculty since 1991. She joined the faculty after six years of a products liability litigation defense practice for the law firms of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and McGuire, Woods, Battle, & Boothe in Richmond, Virginia. Her experience, which involved management of nationwide litigation, has informed her scholarship in the field of products liability.

Professor Davis was selected in 2016 as University Research Professor from the College of Law. She is co-author of the widely adopted law school textbook *Products Liability and Safety: Cases and Materials* (7th ed. 2015) (including the annual case supplement and Teacher's Manual). She is also a co-author of the leading multi-volume products liability treatise, Owen and Davis, *Products Liability Law* (4th ed. 2014) (West Publishing). Her articles have appeared in such journals as the *Hasting Law Journal*, *Boston College Law Review*, the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, the *Wake*

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*Forest Law Review*, and the *Tennessee Law Review*. Her recent work on federal preemption of state products liability laws has been cited by the United States Supreme Court.

She has been a visiting professor of law at the University of Texas School of Law, Boston College Law School, William and Mary College of Law and Wake Forest University School of Law. Professor Davis is quoted in the national press on subjects of products liability and mass tort litigation. She is a 1985 *magna cum laude* graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Law, where she served as Managing Editor of the Law Review, and a 1979 *cum laude* graduate of the University of Virginia. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute where she has served on the Members Consultative Groups for the *Restatement (Third) of Torts and Aggregate Litigation Project*.



Title: Ashlei McPherson is a native of southern California where she attended Victor Valley College and obtained an Associates or Arts degree. She later transferred to San Jose State University completed Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Finally, she has a Master of Arts degree in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies from The University of Iowa.

Ms. McPherson and has worked professionally for University of Rochester in New York and University of Reno in Nevada for Residential Life. Ashlei is in her first year of law school at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. She currently serves on the First Year Elections Supreme Court and is an active member of Black Law Student Association, Student Bar Association, Street Law and Women’s Law Caucus.



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**PANEL 1: SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**



**Title: Attorney Sam Aguiar, Attorney for Breonna Taylor's Family**

Bio: Sam has been a practicing attorney since 2008. His firm handles civil litigation. Sam primarily focuses on catastrophic injury cases, trucking cases, class actions and civil rights. Sam is a prolific trial attorney and goes to trial more than nearly any other plaintiff's attorney in the state. Amongst his accomplishments are the state's first insurance bad faith class action settlement, the largest civil rights settlement in the state, a recent 1.2 million dollar verdict for a wrongful police pursuit, negotiating police reform with the city of Louisville and compelling policy changes within police departments, trucking companies and insurance companies. Sam routinely presents what he's learned to trial lawyer organizations and law students across the country.

Sam is the proud father of a sons in college and elementary school. He owns several thoroughbred racehorses, who he typically names after his best friends and family members. Sam takes tremendous pride in more than 75 percent of his employees owning their own homes. He attributes all of his professional accomplishments to his wife, Janelle, and his amazing team in the office. Without them, he'd be nothing.



**Title: Mitchell F. Crusto, Henry F. Bonura, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Law**

Bio: Professor Mitchell F. Crusto, a native New Orleanian, has a J.D. from the Yale Law School, a M.A. in Jurisprudence from Oxford University, England (Marshall Scholar), and a B.A., Scholar of the House (History), magna cum laude from Yale College. He is a member of the Louisiana, Illinois, and Missouri Bar Associations and the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple in London. He clerked for Judge John Minor Wisdom on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and has served two U. S. Presidents in senior governmental policy positions. He came to the legal academy after extensive legal practice with major corporate and international law firms, investment and chemical manufacturing industries, management consulting, and governmental policy positions.

In addition to his Loyola teaching experiences, he has taught as a Visiting Professor at Washington University (St. Louis), University of Miami (Florida), and the Vermont Law School. He has received several awards for teaching and for student advising.

Professor Crusto's legal scholarship focuses on the inter-disciplinary intersections between law and society, especially business and the environment, the constitution and equality, insurance and fairness, and the law of sole proprietors and unconscious classism. He has recently published three important leading constitutional law articles. He has recently commented on legal issues relative to the BP oil spill on both

television and radio. Crusto's latest book, entitled [Involuntary Heroes: Hurricane Katrina's Impact on Civil Liberties](#), is now available from Carolina Academic Press.



**Title: Michael Mannheimer, Professor, Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law**

Bio: Michael Mannheimer is a Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, where he teaches Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. His scholarship has appeared or is forthcoming in such journals as the *Columbia Law Review*, *Texas Law Review*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, *Indiana Law Journal*, and *Iowa Law Review*. He received his J.D. in 1994 from Columbia Law School. Following law school, he clerked for the Hon. Sidney H. Stein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Hon. Robert E. Cowen of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Before entering academia, he practiced for five years at the Center for Appellate Litigation in New York representing indigent defendants on appeal from their criminal convictions. Prior to that, he practiced general commercial litigation for two years at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, also in New York.



**Title: Samuel A. Marcossan, Professor, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law**

Bio: Professor Marcossan graduated from Yale Law School in 1986. After clerking for Judge George C. Pratt on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, he joined the appellate staff at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C., where he spent the next eight years briefing and arguing cases in the federal courts of appeals. During that time, Professor Marcossan also helped to design and conduct the EEOC's training program for its employees after enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act before it went into effect in 1992.

Since joining the faculty, Professor Marcossan's research and writing has concentrated on constitutional law (especially the Fourteenth Amendment), and the civil rights issues facing lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered people. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Lesbian and Gay Legal Association, and was the programming coordinator for its annual conference in 1998. From 2008-2014, Professor Marcossan served on the Coordinating Committee of the Fairness Campaign, Louisville's long-standing LGBT civil rights organization. In 2013, he began service on the Kentucky State Advisory Committee for the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

In 2002, Professor Marcossan published the book, *Original Sin: Clarence Thomas and the Failure of the Constitutional Conservatives*. It takes a critical look at the record of the Supreme Court's most conservative members, examining whether they have been consistent in applying their "originalist" method of constitutional interpretation, especially in the landmark case deciding the presidential election of 2000.

From 2004-2006, he served as the School of Law's Associate Dean for Student Life. From 2005 through 2011-12, Professor Marcosson chaired the law school's Admissions Committee. Professor Marcosson teaches Constitutional Law, Sexual Orientation and the Law, Employment Discrimination and Criminal Law.



**Title: Leslie Scott, Assistant Professor, Detroit Mercy School of Law**

**Bio:** Leslie Scott joins Detroit Mercy Law after nearly seven years as a criminal defense attorney with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Western District of New York. There, Scott gained extensive litigation experience at the federal pretrial, trial, sentencing, and appellate stages, and won countless victories for her clients, including release on bail, diversion, dismissals of charges, charge reductions, and sentence reductions. Prior to that, Scott completed judicial clerkships for the Honorable Victoria A. Roberts of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the Honorable Senior Judges of the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Scott's expertise and research interests lie at the intersection of race, mental illness, and criminal justice; they include the mass incarceration of communities of color, the impact of drug addiction and mental illness on the commission of crime and how the federal justice system could better respond, federal prosecutorial overreach, and the excessiveness of the federal sentencing guidelines, among others.

Currently, Scott serves on the ACLU of Michigan’s Lawyer’s Committee where she assists the ACLU’s legal department to identify cases and issues to pursue. Previously, she provided Detroit-area high school students mentorship through the Just the Beginning Foundation’s Summer Legal Institute, regularly spoke to Buffalo-area high school students about the role of public defenders in the criminal justice system, and helped found and was a board member of a Buffalo inner-city charter school that primarily served low-income, minority elementary school students.



**Title: Chabre Woods, Moderator, 1L Law Student, University of Kentucky’s Rosenberg College of Law**

Bio: Born with an empathetic soul, Chabre Woods has lived with intention since she learned to read at the age of 4. She owes this early intellectual introduction to her genuine gift of compassion passed down from her late grandmother. She soared as a Georgia Southern Eagle with a degree in Accounting and continued to spread her wings, while always bringing young girls with her. She is always sure to leave feathers behind for them to fly. After a successful career in Audit & Compliance across the industries of Big Data, Fashion, and Insurance including a Big 4 Accounting Firm, she made peace with her injustices so she could study law and seek justice for the most vulnerable. She found truth in couture and anecdotes in detail, while logic assisted her through highs and

laws. Her favorite career memory is performing regulatory reviews in China involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which led her to compliance and advocacy. She hopes to study women's rights internationally and return to China.

She now dances blue at UK law to the melodies she recites in her poetry continuing her passionate dance with justice while honoring Langston Hughes. When she is not listening to the sounds of Terrence Blanchard, imagining Harriett Tubman back on the move, she is rotating between her audiobooks of Malcolm X and Ruth Bader Ginsburg on her walks UK's beautiful campus.

Chabre uses art as activism and her forthcoming poetry series guides the minority woman through injustice, racial trauma, and identity through lovely librettos. With Justice, Empowerment, and Truth at the forefront, she aspires to be a well-rounded lawyer. Passionate about accessibility, equality, health literacy, and prisoner reentry she is most interested in intersectionality and how impacts minorities.

She is a volunteer for the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, a member of the Georgia Lawyers for Arts, Black Law Students Association Member, and a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

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**PANEL TWO: PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS**

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**Title: Leslie W. Abramson, Frost Brown Todd Professor of Law, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law**

Professor Abramson's primary teaching areas are criminal procedure and civil procedure. His research is known nationally in the areas of judicial ethics and criminal detainers for prisoners. He has authored many law review articles and books, including several law school casebooks and several volumes in the Kentucky Practice series for practicing attorneys. His other research interests have ranged from constitutional issues to legal education.

Much of Professor Abramson's service to the profession and the community focuses on legal reform. He has served as Reporter for the Western District of Kentucky work groups which implemented the federal Speedy Trial Act and the Civil Justice Reform Act.

Before joining the faculty at Brandeis School of Law, Professor Abramson practiced law with Frank and Robert Haddad in Louisville. He holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. In 1979, he earned his doctorate in juridical science from the University of Wisconsin Law School.



**Title: Raleigh Dixon, Student, University of Kentucky, J. David Rosenberg College of Law**

Raleigh Dixon is from Louisville, Kentucky, where he attended the James Graham Brown School before graduating from the Journalism and Communications magnet at duPont Manual High School.

Raleigh attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, where he double-majored in Political Science and Religion and graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. While a student at Georgetown, Raleigh served as the Editor-in-Chief of *The Georgetownian* and studied abroad at Oxford University's Regent's Park College.

Raleigh is a third year student at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, where he is a member of the Moot Court Board and the former president of the University of Kentucky Chapter of the American Constitution Society. Last summer, Raleigh was an intern at the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy's Georgetown Office. This year, Raleigh is a Certified Legal Intern for the University of Kentucky J. David

Rosenberg College of Law Legal Clinic and works as a Research Assistant for Professor Blanche Cook.



**Title: Cortney E. Lollar, James & Mary Lassiter Associate Professor, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law**

Professor Cortney Lollar teaches and researches in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, and evidence, with a particular focus on the intersections among criminal law, remedies, race, gender, sexuality, and social science. Her work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court as well as other federal and state courts.

Professor Lollar's expertise in criminal law and procedure was invited to testify before the Department of Defense Judicial Proceedings Panel on sexual assault in the military and Chief Justice Roberts's Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Criminal Justice Act Program (also known as the Cardone Commission). She has provided argument preview and case analysis for SCOTUSBlog, and been quoted by major media outlets, such as the New York Times, Al-Jazeera America and People magazine. Professor Lollar's publications have appeared in top scholarly journals, including the Virginia Law Review, Iowa Law Review, Indiana Law Journal, North Carolina Law Review, and Alabama Law Review, among others.

She previously represented adult and juvenile defendants at the trial and appellate level at the Federal Defender Program in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.



**Title: Njeri Mathis Rutledge, Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law Houston**

Njeri Mathis Rutledge is an author, attorney, law professor, wife and mother. She has served as a member of the faculty at South Texas College of Law Houston for over fifteen years, specializing in criminal law and procedure, forensic evidence and legal writing. A Tennessee native, she graduated from Spelman College and Harvard Law School, where she served as the technical editor for the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. Following her graduation from law school, she clerked for the Hon. John T. Nixon with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. Following her clerkship, she worked at Baker Botts, where she

represented clients in the areas of labor and employment, toxic tort and complex civil litigation. As a former prosecutor for the Harris County District Attorney's Office, she worked in the family violence, juvenile, misdemeanor and felony divisions. She has served as a municipal court judge for over ten years. She has testified before the Judicial Proceedings Panel on Sexual Assault in the Military and has been published in Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy, Maryland Law Review, Loyola L.A. Law Review and New Mexico Law Review. Her legal scholarship focuses on constitutional law, criminal law, domestic violence, crime victim compensation, and race. Her opinion essays have been published in The Hill and USA Today and she is a member of the USA Today Board of Contributors.



**Title: Jonathan P. Witmer-Rich, Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment, Cleveland Marshall College of Law**

Professor Witmer-Rich's research focuses on criminal procedure and criminal law theory, covering areas such as warrants for covert searches, affirmative consent in rape and sexual assault law, the provocation doctrine, and pretextual traffic stops. His articles have appeared in journals such as American Criminal Law Review, Florida Law Review, Criminal Law and Philosophy, Pepperdine Law Review, Case Western Reserve Law Review, and Texas Tech Law Review. He teaches courses in criminal law, criminal procedure, and law and terrorism.

Professor Witmer-Rich is active in ongoing criminal justice reform efforts. He served as a member of the Cuyahoga County Bail Task Force, examining bail and pretrial release practices within the county, and was the principal drafter of the Task Force's "Report and Recommendations" in March 2018. Since 2010, he has served as counsel to the Criminal Rules Committee of the Ohio Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, the body charged with drafting amendments to the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Following law school, Professor Witmer-Rich clerked for Judge M. Blane Michael on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for Judge Joseph R. Goodwin on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. He then worked as a litigation associate for three years at Jones Day in Cleveland.

Before joining the faculty of Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 2009, Professor Witmer-Rich practiced at the Federal Public Defender's Office, where he represented defendants charged with a wide range of federal crimes, including a three-month terrorism trial in Toledo, Ohio. He also represented several detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility in habeas corpus proceedings.



**Title: Kirstin Handshoe, Moderator, Student, University of Kentucky, J. David Rosenberg College of Law**

Kirstin Handshoe is a third year law student at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. She is a native of Hindman, Kentucky and obtained her undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice, English, and Psychology from the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*. She also is a member of both U.K. Law's Moot Court Board, serving on the executive board as Writing Chair, and the Appalachian Law Caucus, previously serving on the executive board as Treasurer.

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**Attica Scott,**  
**State Representative, Kentucky House District 41**

State Representative Attica Scott is on the Education; Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs; and Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committees in the Kentucky House of Representatives. She served as an English immersion teacher in Taining County, Fujian Province, China (2015), was an Adjunct Faculty member at Jefferson Community and Technical College (2013-15), and an Adjunct Faculty member at Bellarmine University (2009-11).

In 2010, Representative Scott graduated from the first class of Emerge Kentucky which

prepares Democratic women to run for office and was recognized as a Connector by Leadership Louisville as a civic and non-profit community leader. She was awarded the 2011 national “Woman of Vision” Award by the Ms. Foundation for Women. Representative Scott was a 2013 member of the Bingham Fellows of Leadership Louisville and was a featured Daughter of Greatness at the Muhammad Ali Center. In 2014, she helped to pass pivotal legislation on Louisville Metro Council including a Ban the Box ordinance and the historic minimum wage ordinance, as well as a resolution to restore voting rights to Kentuckians who have served their debt to society. In 2015, she was named a West Louisville Connector by the Leadership Louisville Center.

In 2016, Representative Scott defeated a 34-year incumbent to become the first Black woman in nearly 20 years to serve in the state legislature. In 2017, Representative Scott was named to Essence Magazine’s list of #Woke100 women in the U.S., became a Rise to Run Trailblazer and began serving on the Emerge Kentucky Board of Advisors. In 2018, she graduated from the national Women in Government Leadership Program.

Representative Scott provided leadership to a number of non-profit Board of Directors including Building Hope Kentucky, Women’s Network Commonwealth Institute for Policy Issues and Civic Engagement Board of Fellows, La Casita Center, Highlander Center for Research and Education “We Shall Overcome” Fund Advisory Board, New Directions Housing Corporation, Seven Counties Services, Looking for Lilith Theatre Company, Restorative Justice Louisville, National Organizers Alliance, Community Development Corporation at Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Hispanic/Latino Coalition of Louisville, and more.

Representative Scott is a certified anti-racism trainer through Crossroads Ministry and the Commission on Religion in Appalachia. Her proudest accomplishment is being a mom to Advocate and Ashanti.

You can follow her on Instagram and twitter at [@atticascott4ky](#).



### **Dwight Haggard III, Student, UKYRCL**

Dwight Haggard III is a member of the University of Kentucky J.D. Rosenberg College of Law, Class of 2021. Mr. Haggard is an experienced law student with an expanding professional background. He received his B.A. in Political Science and History from UK. Mr. Haggard is a former legal clerk for Chief Judge Brian C. Edwards of the Jefferson County Circuit Court. He is currently a legal clerk at Morgan & Morgan.

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PANEL 3: DAMAGES**



**Title: Attorney Sam Aguiar Lawyer for Breonna Taylors Family**

Bio: Sam has been a practicing attorney since 2008. His firm handles civil litigation. Sam primarily focuses on catastrophic injury cases, trucking cases, class actions and civil rights. Sam is a prolific trial attorney and goes to trial more than nearly any other plaintiff's attorney in the state. Amongst his accomplishments are the state's first insurance bad faith class action settlement, the largest civil rights settlement in the state, a recent 1.2 million dollar verdict for a wrongful police pursuit, negotiating police reform with the city of Louisville and compelling policy changes within police departments, trucking companies and insurance companies. Sam routinely presents what he's learned to trial lawyer organizations and law students across the country.

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**Title: Daniel J. Canon is a is a civil rights lawyer, teacher, writer, speaker, consultant and activist based primarily in Indiana and Kentucky**

Dan is consistently voted one of the region's top lawyers in the area of individual/constitutional rights. He has argued before the 6th and 7th circuit courts of appeals, the Kentucky Court of Appeals, and the Kentucky Supreme Court, and he is counsel of record on several published cases from those courts.

Canon is best known as lead counsel for the Kentucky plaintiffs in the landmark Supreme Court case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, counsel for the plaintiffs in the pioneering Kentucky and Indiana marriage equality cases of *Bourke v. Beshear*, *Love v. Beshear*, and *Love v. Pence*, counsel for *Miller v. Davis*, the highly publicized case in which plaintiffs were refused marriage licenses in Rowan County, Kentucky, and counsel for the protesters in *Nwanguma v. Trump*. He is also counsel in a number of high-profile civil and constitutional rights cases involving wrongful convictions, inmates' rights, abuse and overreach by law enforcement, and academic freedom.

Canon's writing has been featured in numerous publications, including *The National Law Journal*, *Salon*, *Slate*, *Louisville's LEO Weekly* and *Indianapolis's NUVO*. He has been quoted and profiled extensively in *Time*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Nightline*, *The New York Times* and many other national and international news sources. He is currently producing a series of short documentaries called *Midwesticism*, which profiles activists in Indiana and surrounding areas. His book about the American criminal justice system, entitled *PLEADING OUT: How Backroom Deals Broke Our Justice System and What We Can Do to Fix It*, is scheduled to be published by Basic/Hachette in early 2021.

In addition to his teaching duties at the University of Louisville School of Law, he also manages the School's externship program.



Title: Attorney Jon Fleischaker

Jon brings more than 40 years of experience in media law and First Amendment cases to the firm. Over that time, Jon has served as lead counsel on many of the most important First Amendment cases throughout the commonwealth. He also has been the most prominent attorney handling disputes under the Kentucky Open Records Act and Open Meetings Act—laws which he helped to draft. Jon also has extensive commercial and employment litigation experience.

Jon has experience litigating in a wide range of federal and state courts. He has argued dozens of appellate cases in Kentucky and federal appellate courts, including numerous appearances before the Supreme Court of Kentucky and multiple different U.S. Courts of Appeals. He also has substantial experience in state and federal trial courts around the country.

In addition to his law practice, Jon remains active in the community. Jon currently chairs the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community of Louisville. He has received numerous community awards, including the National Council of Jewish Women's David Richart Award for outstanding service to the welfare of Kentucky's children, as well as a Department of Public Advocacy and the Louisville-Jefferson County Public Defender Corporation's pro bono service award for his support of the constitutional rights of the poor and needy of Kentucky. He also is the only non-journalist to have been inducted into the Kentucky journalism Hall of Fame.

Jon and his wife, Kim Greene, also created the Fleischaker-Greene Fund for Excellence in First Amendment Issues at Western Kentucky University. This program gives journalism students the opportunity to take an advanced special topics class once a year and bring nationally recognized speakers in journalism and First Amendment issues to WKU.



**Title: Ramsi Woodcock Assistant Professor of Law in the UK Rosenberg College of Law, with a Secondary Appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Management of UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics.**

**Bio:** Ramsi Woodcock writes on law and economics, primarily in the context of the antitrust laws, from a wealth-distributive perspective. Prior to coming to the Rosenberg College of Law, he taught at the business school at Georgia State in Atlanta, and before that practice antitrust law in Washington, DC, at WilmerHale, among other firms.



Erik McCarley is a 3L at the University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law. Erik currently serves as an Extern for United State District Court Judge Claria Boom of the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. Before attending law school, Erik worked for the U.S. House of Representatives where he served as District Aide.

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**Roy L. Austin, Jr.**

Partner

*Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP*

Mr. Austin began his career as an Honors Trial Attorney with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division investigating and prosecuting hate crime and police brutality cases around the country. In 2000, he joined Keker & Van Nest LLP in San Francisco, as an associate working on complex civil and white-collar criminal cases, including a successful pro-bono civil lawsuit aimed at preventing racial profiling by the California Highway Patrol. In 2002, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

where he prosecuted domestic violence, adult and child sexual assault, human trafficking, homicide and fraud and public corruption cases. He left in 2007 to become a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery. In 2009, Mr. Austin returned to the D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office as a Senior AUSA and Coordinator of the D.C. Human Trafficking Task Force.

In January 2010, Mr. Austin was appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice where he supervised the Criminal Section, and the Special Litigation Section's law enforcement portfolio. In March 2014, Mr. Austin joined the White House Domestic Policy Council as Deputy Assistant to the President for the Office of Urban Affairs, Justice and Opportunity. In this position, Mr. Austin co-authored a report on Big Data and Civil Rights, worked with the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, helped develop the Police Data Initiative, worked on the expansion of reentry assistance, and was a member of President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Task Force. Over his career, Mr. Austin has tried thirty jury trials. Mr. Austin received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from The University of Chicago.



**Cynthia M. Deitle**

Director of Civil Rights Reform  
*Matthew Shepard Foundation*

Deitle retired as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2017 after serving for 22 years specializing in the fields of police brutality, hate crimes, public corruption, and community outreach. She currently works for the Matthew Shepard Foundation as their Director of Civil Rights Reform and primarily provides hate crime training to state, local, and federal law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

After entering on duty with the FBI, she spent ten years in the New York Division and served as the lead investigative agent for many high-profile police brutality and hate crime investigations. In 2007, Deitle assumed a Supervisory Special Agent position in the Civil Rights Unit in FBI Headquarters and was promoted to Civil Rights Unit Chief in 2008. In 2011, Deitle transferred to the Boston Division to supervise the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Programs in Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Deitle earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University, a juris doctor degree from New England Law Boston, a Master of Laws degree in Criminal Law from New York University School of Law and a Master of Laws degree in Constitutional Law from the George Washington University National Law Center. She is licensed to practice law in Florida, Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, and Tennessee. She published several law review articles and was featured in a February 2011 episode of 60 Minutes dealing with an unsolved Civil Rights Cold Case investigation in Mississippi. Deitle is an Adjunct Professor at Roane State Community College in Tennessee and served as a standing guest lecturer at Northeastern University School of Law's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Clinic. Deitle has granted interviews to the Washington Post, New York Times, The Boston Globe, National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Corporation.



**Benjamin C. Glassman**

Partner

*Squire Patton Boggs*

Ben served as the US Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio from 2016 to 2019, working in both Democratic and Republican administrations. As the chief federal law enforcement official for the more than 5 million residents of Ohio's southern 48 counties, he oversaw the work of approximately 65 civil, criminal and appellate Assistant US Attorneys, addressing the full spectrum of matters concerning the US. Under his leadership, the office pursued

cases of national and international significance involving economic espionage and national security, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, financial fraud, antitrust, public corruption, hate crimes, controlled substances, the False Claims Act, the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. As US Attorney, Ben worked closely with state and federal officials around the country and throughout Ohio.

A first chair trial lawyer, Ben has significant experience in all aspects of advocacy at the federal trial and appellate levels. He has argued more than 10 federal appeals, including two en banc arguments, and has tried multiple case to jury verdict. Ben was a federal prosecutor for more than a decade before becoming US Attorney, serving as the First Assistant, Appellate Chief, Acting Criminal Chief, Professional Responsibility Officer, and Prevention and Reentry Coordinator, among other roles.



**Harold McDonough**

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney

*Middle District of Tennessee*

Mr. McDonough was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee from 1982-2016. Prior to coming to the U.S. Attorney's Office, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Nashville for approximately 10 years from 1971 to 1982. During that time, he served as an Assistant in Criminal Court where he prosecuted a wide array of felony cases, including murder, drug trafficking, burglary and robbery. Mr. McDonough was licensed to practice law in 1971 after receiving his Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee School of Law.



**Patrick Molloy**

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney  
*Eastern District of Kentucky*

As a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Molloy successfully prosecuted cases involving coal mine officials, insurance executives, doctors, sheriffs and mayors in eastern Kentucky, Texas and Idaho. Molloy began as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of in 1967. He served as U.S. Attorney from 1977 to 1981 During that time, the office prosecuted several sheriffs for extortion and mail fraud.

Molloy was the commonwealth's attorney in Fayette County from 1972 to 1977 and he briefly served as interim U.S. Attorney in Idaho in 1993. He also was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Houston for approximately five years and was engaged in the private practice of law for a few years as well. Molloy educated authorities in several eastern European countries on ways to improve their judicial system. On those international trips, he and others encouraged authorities to develop money-laundering laws and create methods for law enforcement to legally seize assets obtained by criminals through unlawful means.



Title: Miranda B. Roberts, Moderator

Miranda Roberts is a third year law student at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Roberts serves as Team Captain of the National Moot Court Team and Production Editor of Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Law. She was also chosen to serve as a Teaching Assistant for Criminal Law and has served as Research Assistant for Professor Blanche Cook since last fall. Additionally, Roberts is the Social Chair and member of the Ethics Committee of the Moot Court Executive Board, Clerk of Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity, an appointed member of the Mental Health Committee, and a mentor for both Women's Law Caucus and the College of Law. After graduation, Roberts will be clerking for a federal judge in the Central District of California and then she intends on practicing transactional law in a major city. Roberts obtained her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Georgetown College and is a native of Frankfort, Kentucky.

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**PANEL 5: RACE, RACE, AND POLICE SHOOTINGS**

**Lonita Baker**



**Title: Lonita Baker, Attorney for Breonna Taylor’s Family**

Lonita Baker is an attorney at Sam Aguiar Injury Lawyers. Prior to joining the firm, Attorney Baker served as an Assistant Jefferson County Attorney in the Legislative Services Branch of the Civil Division and as a supervising prosecutor in the Criminal Division for over six years.

A lifelong Louisvillian, she graduated from Ballard High School in 1999 and attended the University of Louisville on a Porter Achiever Presidential Scholarship. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with minors in sociology and Pan-African studies, Attorney Baker continued her studies at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. In 2017, she earned a master’s degree in business administration, with distinction, from the University of Louisville College of Business.

Attorney Baker is the current president of the Charles W. Anderson, Jr. Bar Association and serves on the National Executive Committee and Board of Governors for the National Bar Association (NBA), the nation’s oldest and largest association of African-American lawyers and judges. She also served as Chief of Communications for the NBA, under the

leadership of past president Benjamin L. Crump, Esquire. Attorney Baker is currently on the Board of Directors for the Louisville Bar Association, and she serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

Attorney Baker has received several awards for her service to the legal profession, including being named a Top 40 Under 40 Attorney by the National Bar Association (2015) and The National Black Lawyers (2017), and two National Bar Association Presidential Awards.

### **Jeannine Bell**



**Title: Jeannine Bell, Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law, Indiana University  
Bloomington, Maurer School of Law**

Jeannine Bell is the Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Bell is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. A nationally recognized speaker addressing both academics and lay audiences, she has spoken for the last 20 years in cities around the country and outside of the United States on issues that relate to hate crime, hate speech and policing. Her lectures are based on her wide-ranging interdisciplinary scholarship in the area of policing and hate crime. Bell has written extensively on criminal justice issues. Her book *Hate Thy Neighbor: Move-in Violence and the Persistence of Racial Segregation in American Housing* (New York University Press, 2013) explores the contemporary phenomenon of hate crimes committed against racial minorities who are integrating predominantly white neighborhoods. Bell's other books include *Policing*

*Hatred: Law Enforcement, Civil Rights, and Hate Crime* (2002), *Police and Policing Law* (2006), and (with Martha Feldman and Michele Berger) *Gaining Access: A Practical and Theoretical Guide for Qualitative Researchers* (2003). Her scholarship has appeared in the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, *The Law and Society Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, the *Boston University Law Review*, the *Journal of Legal Education* and many other publications. Bell has co-edited the *Law and Society Review*, and has served as a trustee of the Law and Society Association (LSA), and as treasurer of LSA. She received her A.B. (cum laude) from Harvard University and both her J.D. and her Ph.D. (in Political Science) from the University of Michigan.

### **Jalila Jefferson-Bullock**



**Title: Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, Associate Professor, Duquesne University**

Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, a native of New Orleans, La., is an associate professor at Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh, where she teaches constitutional law courses. Professor Jefferson-Bullock received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and American literature and language from Harvard College, Master of Arts in the humanities from the University of Chicago, and Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. Prior to this appointment, Professor Jefferson-Bullock taught criminal law and criminal procedure in Phoenix, Ariz., where she was an active member of the law school community.

Professor Jefferson-Bullock's research interests include constitutional law, criminal law, criminal procedure, federal sentencing, legislation, and civil rights. She has published scholarly articles on the politics of disaster in post-Katrina New Orleans, the effects of

excessively long federal criminal sentences on families and communities, and compassionate release of terminally ill offenders. Her most current work refocuses the discussion of various aspects of sentencing law and policy reform on the need to de-emphasize traditional incarceration, while exploring, establishing, and maintaining meaningful, guiding purposes in federal sentencing. She has presented scholarly research at several conferences, and served on numerous research panels.

Before embarking on her career in academia, Professor Jefferson-Bullock enjoyed a varied law practice for 10 years. She represented plaintiffs at a litigation boutique firm in California, and in large, national class action cases in Louisiana. In 2005, she opened a successful practice with her sister, specializing in personal injury and general business advices matters. She also served as a public defender in Orleans Parish Municipal Court, where she represented indigent criminal defendants, in matters ranging from simple misdemeanors to domestic violence.

**Jelani Jefferson Exum**



**Title: Jelani Jefferson Exum, Professor, University Detroit Mercy**

Jelani Jefferson Exum, the Philip J. McElroy Professor of Law at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, is a nationally recognized expert in sentencing law and procedure. Professor Exum is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Federal Sentencing Reporter*. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College. Prior to joining the Detroit Mercy Law faculty, she was a Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Toledo College of Law, an associate professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, and a visiting associate professor at the University of Michigan Law School. Professor Exum has also been a Forrester Fellow and Instructor in Legal Writing at Tulane Law School.

Before joining academia, Professor Exum served as a law clerk for the Honorable James L. Dennis, United States Circuit Judge for the for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Honorable Eldon E. Fallon, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She has taught Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Comparative Criminal Procedure, Federal Sentencing, and Race and American Law. Professor Exum mainly writes in the area of sentencing law and policy, but her research interests also include comparative criminal law and procedure, policing, and the impact of race on criminal justice.

**Maya S. Marshall** (moderator)



Maya S. Marshall is a third year law student at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Ms. Marshall currently serves as a Research Assistant for Professor of Law Blanche Cook, Judicial Extern for Fayette County Circuit Court Judge Ernesto Scorsone, and is a Senior Staffer for the *Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Law*. Ms. Marshall also serves a member of the following College of Law organizations: StreetLaw (Vice President); UK Law Honor Council; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Advisory Board; and Black Law Student Association.

Ms. Marshall's summer employment experience includes working as a Summer Associate at Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers in Atlanta, GA (2020), and as a Summer Law Clerk at Kopka Pinkus Dolin in Lexington, KY (2019).

Prior to arriving at the College of Law, Ms. Marshall graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications, minoring in political science. While at Boston University, Ms. Marshall was a NCAA Division I student-athlete on the Women's Track & Field Team, a leader in the Peer Athletic Leaders Program, Co-leader of the Umoja Bible Study, and member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Ms. Marshall has a passion for helping others and hopes to eventually use her education and personal experiences to assist those in underserved communities.