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Opioids

8:30: Opening Remarks

Introduction from Erica Ashton, Editor-in-Chief, *Kentucky Law Journal*

Mary Davis, Dean of the Rosenberg College of Law



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.

Dean 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 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. Dean 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.

Andy Beshear, 63rd Governor of Kentucky



Andy Beshear grew up in Fayette, Franklin, and Clark counties and graduated from Henry Clay High School. He is the son of Steve and Jane Beshear, the 61st Governor and first lady. He graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a Dean's Scholar. After law school, he worked at an international law firm based in Washington, D.C., and eventually

moved back to Kentucky where he continued his legal career at Stites & Harbison. He was recognized as the nation's top consumer lawyer by Lawyer Monthly and received many accolades for his litigation work. The values Andy learned growing up, his experience as a private practice attorney and his commitment to his community led him to run for and become Attorney General of Kentucky in 2016. He was elected as the 63rd Governor of Kentucky in 2019.

Judge Eric L. Clay, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

9:00: Opening Speaker

Sean Tepfer, National Program Manager, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, Department of Justice

Introduction from Kelly Daniel, Staff Editor, *Kentucky Law Journal*



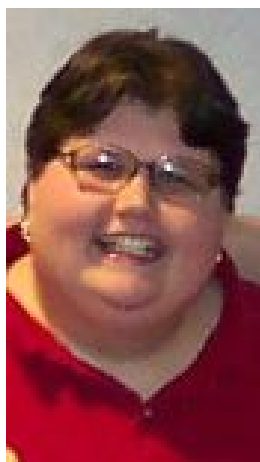
Sean Tepfer serves as the National Program Manager of the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit of the United States Department of Justice. In this role, he coordinates training programs to impart anti-trafficking expertise nationwide and internationally, and plays an integral role in implementing interagency enforcement initiatives. In

2019, he was appointed to Chair the INTERPOL Human Trafficking Expert Group to enhance international law enforcement capacity to counter transnational trafficking threats. Before joining HTPU as its Investigator in 2015, he served as the Law Enforcement Coordinator in the United States Attorney's Offices for the Western District of Virginia and the Western District of Washington, where he played instrumental roles in the District's Human Trafficking Task Force. Before joining the Department of Justice, he served the Police Departments of Norfolk, VA, Scottsdale, AZ, and Farmington, NM in a range of patrol, training and investigation Divisions. He is a veteran of the United States Navy, where his service included six years onboard a Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of New Mexico.

10:00: Meet the Survivors Panel

Moderated by Layne K McDuffie, UK Law Student

Dr. Azurdee Garland, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Programming, Phoenix Rising, Inc.



Dr. Azurdee Garland is the co-founder and Executive Director of Programming for Phoenix Rising, Inc., a nonprofit foundation serving youth impacted by commercial exploitation and domestic sex trafficking. Garland is a graduate of the University of Missouri Rolla, Western Kentucky University, and Argosy University Nashville. She has published trauma recovery workbooks, research on the motivation for helping those who have experienced trafficking, and resource material on trauma informed care. Garland leads Phoenix Rising's various programs and activities educating the community on human trafficking, mentoring youth, and demonstrating how healing from extreme trauma is possible. Additionally, as a survivor leader, Garland consults with other agencies on better ways they can serve victims of trafficking and exploitation.

Maira Gomez, UK Law Student and Phoenix Rising, Inc. Volunteer



Maira Gomez is a third-year law school student at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Maira is a first-generation college student. She knew she wanted to go to law school from a very young age after seeing the injustices and struggles her family and friends faced within the legal system. In 2012, Maira graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Art in Spanish and a minor in Criminology and Legal Studies. Maira prides herself in being compassionate for the underrepresented community and victims and survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking. Maira first felt the calling to help victims of sex trafficking in 2017. After much prayer, Maira was presented with the opportunity to serve with Phoenix Rising, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping victims and survivors of sex trafficking, in Bowling Green, Kentucky when they began renting office space in her local church. Maira has been working with Phoenix Rising ever since. Part of Maira's work with the nonprofit includes bringing awareness to the community regarding sex trafficking and volunteering at their annual conferences and fundraising events. Upon graduating from law school, Maira desires to practice immigration law and to be an advocate for victims and survivors of sex trafficking.

Ben VanBarr, Law Clerk at Weitz & Luxenberg



Ben VanBarr is a third-year law student at Wayne State University, and a Law Clerk at the Detroit office of Weitz & Luxenberg. He is a member of the firm's sex trafficking litigation team, which represents trafficking survivors in civil cases. Prior to law school, Ben worked in the non-profit sector, where he was tasked with identifying and providing services to trafficking survivors as well as serving on an active anti-trafficking taskforce with law enforcement and social service agencies. Ben also worked with an orphanage in Cambodia, providing employment and life-skills training to survivors of trafficking in order to reduce vulnerability to future trafficking. Ben earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan-Flint.

April Doss, Survivor



April Doss was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She is a survivor of human trafficking and domestic violence. She gave over 20 years to drinking and drugs and also trafficked herself. She started living life on life's terms. April got help through Alternatives For Girls, where she became a Peer Leader and a Seamstress through Sew Great Detroit. She then moved on to Detroit Recovery Project where she is a Recovery Coach Specialist and a Development Case Planner through the State of Michigan. Now she is an advocate for survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence, as well as the LGBT community.

11:00: The View from the Department of Justice

Moderated by Rashmi Khatiwada, UK Law Student

Hydee Hawkins, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Hydee has been an A.U.S.A. in the Eastern District of Kentucky since August of 2002. She currently serves as Senior Litigation Counsel, the Discovery Coordinator, the Criminal E-litigation Coordinator and the Civil Rights Coordinator. She has handled a variety of cases as an A.U.S.A., including drug and firearm offenses, crimes against children offenses and since 2011 has handled cases involving civil rights violations. Hydee previously worked at the Kentucky Attorney General's office & the Kentucky State Police legal office. She moved to Kentucky twenty-three years ago after working as a local prosecutor in Ventura & San Diego California. Hydee is originally from Michigan and graduated from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan in 1988 with a B.A. in Political Science. She received a J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1991. Hydee & her husband Brad have two wonderful boys 16 and 20 who keep her very busy! She enjoys running, hiking, cooking & fishing.

Cassie Young, FBI Victim Specialist

Cassie Young has been with the FBI for 4 years, and has worked with victims and families of crimes for 13 years. Prior to the FBI, Cassie worked for the Kentucky Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) as a Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigative Social Worker. Cassie has a Masters of Science and Social Work (MSSW) and is a Certified Social Worker (CSW) with the KY Board of Social Work.

John Whitehead, FBI Special Agent

Agent Whitehead has been employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for almost 24 years. Throughout his career I has worked several different federal violations but he currently works violent crime/major offender investigations, which include narcotics investigations, kidnappings, bank robberies, fugitives and human trafficking. Prior to the FBI Agent Whitehead was a police officer/investigator for five years at the Atlanta Police Department. Agent Whitehead received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University.

Kelley Hoover, ATF Special Agent

Special Agent Kelley Hoover has been employed with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for 17 years. She has been in her current position, working as a Special Agent, for 13 years, and is currently assigned to the Lexington, KY Field Office. Throughout her career she has worked on a variety of criminal investigations, including but not limited to tobacco cases, Federal Firearms

Licensee thefts, homicide investigations, Hobbs Act investigations, carjacking investigations, narcotics investigations, violent crime/major offender investigations and a human trafficking investigation. Special Agent Hoover's education includes earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Centre College, double majoring in International Affairs and German. After college, Special Agent Hoover continued her education at The Patterson School of Diplomacy, University of Kentucky, where she earned her Master's Degree in National Security.

Jenny Parker, Victim Witness Coordinator, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Erin Roth, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Erin has been an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky since 2005. She currently serves as Deputy Criminal Chief, the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, the Human Trafficking Coordinator, and the Law Student Summer Intern Program Coordinator for the district. She has handled a variety of cases as an A.U.S.A., including crimes against children offenses, complex white-collar fraud, and violent crime. Erin previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable Judge John M. Rogers on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Erin is originally from Hazard, KY and attended the University of Kentucky for both undergraduate and law school.

Seth Fraizer, Human Trafficking Detective, Lexington Police Department

Detective Seth Frazier has worked for the Lexington Police Department for 15 years. He has been in his current assignment for 4 years, working as the designated Human Trafficking Detective and is assigned to the departments Intelligence Unit. Throughout his career he has worked in different capacities to include patrol and the training unit. Detective Frazier is a certified instructor through the state of Kentucky, trained in multiple facets such as Defensive Tactics, Driving, Special Investigations, and Firearms. Detective Frazier studied and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at Eastern Kentucky University.

Matthew Grady, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit Attorney, Department of Justice

Matt Grady is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Finance. He is also a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law. Matt Grady began his legal career as an Army attorney with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, and he practiced law in several locations including Fort Lewis, Washington, Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Iraq, Kuwait, Thailand, Japan, and South Korea. As an Army attorney, Matt Grady served in several different capacities, such as a legal assistance attorney, an operational law attorney, a prosecutor, an appellate defense attorney, and as a judicial law clerk for the Army Court of Criminal Appeals. Matt Grady's

primary focus while serving in the military was criminal law, and he served as the lead prosecutor or lead appellate defense attorney in cases involving murder, involuntary manslaughter, sexual assault, aggravated assault, child exploitation, larceny, drug distribution, obstruction of justice, and numerous other offenses.

Matt Grady joined the Department of Justice as a trial attorney with the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU) in February 2013. HTPU falls within the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division. HTPU primarily specializes in advising on, investigating, and prosecuting human trafficking offenses such as peonage, involuntary servitude, forced labor, sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion, and document servitude in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1581, 1584, 1589, 1591, and 1592. HTPU also advises on sentencing and restitution issues related to human trafficking convictions.

12:00: Keynote Speaker

Shea M. Rhodes, Co-Founder & Director of the Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Villanova Law

Introduction from M. Elizabeth Goss, *Kentucky Law Journal* Staff Editor



Shea M. Rhodes, Esq. has dedicated her career to combating gender-based violence. As Co-Founder and Director of the Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE Institute) at Villanova Law, Ms. Rhodes works with and for victims and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. She is the statewide expert on Pennsylvania laws related to sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Ms. Rhodes is a member of several local and national antitrafficking initiatives, including Philadelphia’s Anti-Trafficking Coalition, the Pennsylvania Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Work Group, and Shared Hope International’s JuST Response Council. She also sits on the Executive Committees for World Without Exploitation and Dawn’s Place. Her dedication resulted in Legal Intelligencer naming her a 2019 “Power Player.” She was awarded a Fulbright-Shuman European Union Affairs Program Scholarship to conduct research in Austria and Sweden

during the 2020-21 academic year. Ms. Rhodes conducts trainings and presentations locally, nationally, and internationally. Her written materials can be found on the CSE Institute website. She is a graduate of Villanova Law and the University of Kansas.

1:00 - Awareness Panel, Part I

Moderated by Chase Thomas, UK Law Student

Vanessa Bouche, Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas Christian University



Dr. Vanessa Bouché is an Associate Professor of Political Science at TCU. She has been a principal investigator on several federally-funded human trafficking projects from the Department of Justice and USAID totaling over \$800,000. She is the principle investigator of HumanTraffickingData.org, a searchable database of federally-prosecuted human trafficking cases in the U.S. Dr. Bouché has also conducted public opinion research on human trafficking in the U.S., Moldova, and Albania, and designed and deployed trauma informed surveys with survivors of human trafficking in the U.S. and Honduras. She consults with a variety of organizations, and has been an invited speaker by dozens of agencies, including the United States Consulates in Mumbai and Kolkata, the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica, and the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime. She is the co-founder of Savhera, a wellness company that employs sex trafficking survivors. She was the 2018 recipient of the Young Leader Award (Texas Women’s Foundation), the 2019 recipient of the Hero Award (Unlikely Heroes) and the 2019 recipient of the Great Woman of Texas Award (Fort Worth Business Press).

Maddie Bailey, Associate Attorney, Husch Blackwell, LLP



Madeleine Bailey is an associate attorney at Husch Blackwell LLP in Dallas, Texas. She also works as a Research Coordinator for HumanTraffickingData.org, an open source database for data related to federal human trafficking prosecutions. She conducts research in the area of anti-human trafficking compliance mechanisms and federal criminal anti-trafficking laws.

Isy India Thusi, Professor, Widener University Delaware School of Law



Professor Thusi is an Associate Professor of Law at Delaware Law School. Her research examines racial and sexual hierarchies as they relate to policing, race, and gender. Her articles and essays have been published or are forthcoming in the Harvard Law Review, NYU Law Review, Northwestern Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, Cornell Law Review Online, and Utah Law Review.

Thusi's research is inextricably connected to her previous legal experience at organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union, Human Rights Watch, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and—most recently—The Opportunity Agenda, a social justice communication lab that collaborates to effect lasting policy and culture change. She served as a federal law clerk to two social justice giants: the Honorable Robert L. Carter, who sat on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and was the lead counsel for the NAACP in *Brown v. Board of Education*; and the Honorable Damon J. Keith, who sits on the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and is lauded for his prominent civil rights jurisprudence. She also clerked for Justice van der Westhuizen at the Constitutional Court of South Africa, the country's highest court.

Among other acknowledgements throughout her career, Thusi was selected as a Fulbright U.S. Global Scholar for 2020-2022. Her paper "Reality Porn" was selected for the 2020 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, and she was recognized as a Top 40 Rising Young Lawyer by the American Bar Association in 2019. Thusi has received a W.E.B. Dubois Fellowship at Harvard University, the Andrew W. Mellon Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, and was named a Next Generation African Scholar by the Social Science Research Council. She recently drafted a discussion guide for the "American Son" play, starring Kerry Washington, which was featured on the Tonight Show and provides guidance for talking about race and policing; and her criminal justice policy report *Transforming the System* was recognized as a must-read about policing by the Obama Foundation.

Shelly Cavalieri, Professor, University of Toledo College of Law



Professor Shelley Cavalieri, University of Toledo College of Law, is a feminist legal scholar whose work focuses on the construction of women's legal agency under the constraints of patriarchy. She has explored these themes in the contexts of the United States and Ecuador, and in the field of human trafficking. Prior to entering the legal field, Professor Cavalieri lived in Palermo, Italy, where she worked with Nigerian women who had been trafficked into sex work.

During law school, she worked on California's Trafficking Victim Protection Act through the UC Berkeley International Human Rights Law Clinic, and after law school, she interned with Colorado Legal Aid, working with trafficked agricultural workers. More broadly, her scholarship engages questions of the role of law in advancing equality and justice, which she has taken up in the field of property law through her scholarship on land reform and land banking in struggling midwestern cities. An expert in property law, Professor Cavalieri is co-author of a property law casebook with Toledo Law Dean D. Benjamin Barros and Anna Hemingway.

Professor Cavalieri's work has a global reach. In 2018-19, she was named a Fulbright Faculty Scholar in Quito, Ecuador. She taught Feminist Legal Theories at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, which is Ecuador's top law school. She has likewise conducted research on land reform in Guatemala and taught courses in Mexico and Poland as well.

2:45 - Awareness Panel, Part II

Moderated by Kendra Craft, Staff Editor, *Kentucky Law Journal*

Richard Ausness, Professor, Rosenberg College of Law



Richard Ausness is the Stites & Harbison Professor of Law at Rosenberg College of Law. Professor Ausness received his B.A. degree in English from the University of Florida in 1966 and his J.D. degree with honors from that institution in 1968. He also received an LL.M. degree from Yale Law School in 1973. Professor Ausness has been a member of the University of Kentucky College of Law faculty since 1973, where he currently teaches courses in Property, Trusts & Estates and Products Liability. He has published several books and more than 70 law review articles, along with numerous shorter pieces. Professor Ausness is currently focusing on opioid litigation. He has been interviewed on this subject by many newspapers and magazines and appeared on numerous radio and television programs. In addition, he has spoken at various conferences about opioid litigation.

Christine Raino, Senior Director of Public Policy, Shared Hope, International



Christine Raino joined Shared Hope International in 2011 as part of a new domestic policy initiative, and helped draft the legal analysis of the 50 states and District of Columbia that laid the foundation for the annual Protected Innocence Challenge Report Cards. Following 9 years of state grades under that project, Christine led the development of a new framework which will guide grading for the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking. Currently, as Senior Director of Public Policy, Christine directs legislative advocacy efforts to advance protections and services for child sex trafficking victims. She also authors and leads research initiatives on emerging topics related to child sex trafficking. To ensure that policy efforts advanced by Shared Hope's Institute for Justice & Advocacy are shaped and informed by survivors and on-the-ground implementation, Christine convenes the JuST (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) Response Council, a group of over 30 experts from the areas of policy development, survivor leadership, federal and state child serving agencies and service provision, to examine the nuanced and complex challenges that advocates encounter when working to connect exploited youth to qualified and appropriate services.

Christine is a licensed attorney and obtained her J.D. from American University. Prior to obtaining her law degree, she worked with refugees, asylees and victims of trafficking through federal and

state resettlement programs at the International Institute of Boston (now the International Institute of New England)

Jenn Brinkley, Professor, University of West Florida



Jennifer L. Brinkley is an Assistant Professor of Legal Studies at the University of West Florida and a licensed attorney in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She has been published in *South Carolina Law Review*, *Quinnipiac Law Review*, *Kentucky Bench & Bar*, *The Legal Educator*, *The Young Lawyer*, *Kentucky Herald-Leader*, and online at *Lincoln Memorial University Law Review*, *Jurist.org*, and *InsideHigherEd.com*. She has forthcoming articles this spring in *Kentucky Law Journal* and *Northern Illinois University Law Review*. Brinkley is a graduate of the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law.

Dr. Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, Professor, UNC Chapel Hill



Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Social Medicine at UNC—Chapel Hill, as well as a core faculty member in the UNC Center for Health Equity Research. She received her PhD in Community, Research, and Action at Vanderbilt University and completed a NIDA T32 postdoctoral fellowship at the Brown University Warren Alpert Medical School. Dr. Brinkley-Rubinstein's research focuses on how incarceration can impact health outcomes. She is the PI of a recently funded NIMHD R01 cohort

study relevant to pre-exposure prophylaxis among people on probation and parole and the MPI of a NIDA Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network Clinical Research Center grant that will include the implementation and evaluation of opioid overdose prevention programs in community supervision settings in Rhode Island, Philadelphia, and Brunswick County North Carolina.

Jennifer Cole, Professor, University of Kentucky



Dr. Jennifer Cole is a research associate professor in the Department of Behavioral Science and the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research at the University of Kentucky. Her primary research interests are the intersection of interpersonal victimization and substance as well as community responses to these complex social problems. Dr. Cole was Principal Investigator of an NIJ-funded project (2015-2018) examining the impact of Kentucky's safe harbor law and judicial decision-making related to sex trafficking of minors. She is the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator of several statewide evaluations of substance abuse treatment including adolescents and adults in publicly-funded programs, opioid treatment programs, and recovery centers.

Serena Kaul, Graduate Student, University of Cincinnati



Serena Kaul recently graduated from The Ohio State University in May 2020 with a BS in Neuroscience and is currently pursuing an MPH at the University of Cincinnati. She was highly involved in anti-human trafficking efforts during her undergraduate career. For example, she volunteered at a respite center that serves women who are trafficked, she was a leader of an anti-trafficking student organization, and she pursued her undergraduate honors research thesis on the relationship between sex trafficking and the opioid epidemic in Central Ohio.

4:00 - Advocacy Panel

Moderated by Kaci Christopher, Staff Editor, *Kentucky Law Journal*

Barbara Maines Whaley, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Kentucky Attorney General



Barbara Maines Whaley has served as an Assistant Attorney General for nearly 37 years, prosecuting cases in over 100 counties across the Commonwealth during the tenure of nine Kentucky Attorneys General. She has prosecuted cases of: homicide, child abuse, human trafficking, public corruption, environmental crime, financial crime, corporate nursing home neglect, and election fraud; and has served on a number of task forces, including the first statewide Multi-Disciplinary Team on Child Sexual Abuse. She helped draft legislation in the areas of child and elder abuse, was a contributing author for the Sexual Assault Medical Protocol, the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Medical Protocol, and the Prosecutors Manual on Domestic Violence. Ms. Whaley has presented at statewide trainings on child abuse, domestic violence, and Human Trafficking. She received an award from Catholic Charities of Kentucky for the conviction of a former Kentucky judge on charges of Human Trafficking against over 20 victims, and most recently received the Career Staff of the Year Award from the National Association of Attorneys General. Ms. Whaley holds a J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky, and a Master of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary.

Kelly Carter, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Michigan Attorney General



Kelly Carter has been an Assistant Attorney General for over 20 years, primarily in the Criminal Division of the Michigan Department of Attorney General with past assignments including the High Tech Crime Unit, Child Protection Unit and the Mortgage Fraud Unit.

In 2011 she was tapped to join the new Human Trafficking unit where she prosecutes human traffickers. She has convicted over 2 dozen people under the state's human trafficking statute. She was appointed by the Governor as Chair of the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, and works on behalf of the Attorney General with several human trafficking task forces throughout the state. She regularly contributes to the Attorney General's efforts to improve Michigan's criminal law, testifying on over a dozen occasions before Michigan House and Senate subcommittees considering legislation involving child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. She also frequently trains on human trafficking throughout Michigan.

Brittany Scordo, Director of Victim Services, Office of the Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney



Brittany Scordo is the Director of Victim Services at the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. She is from Paducah, Kentucky and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Spanish from Murray State University and a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville. Brittany taught high school Spanish and English for several years as a Teach for America corps member in the Mississippi Delta and in Louisville, KY before transitioning to social work. She currently specializes in adult sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

Jenna Cassidy, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney Office



Jenna's work in crime victim advocacy began in 2008 when she was an undergraduate in UK's social work program. She worked with various agencies, including the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center (now, Ampersand), UK's VIP Center, and Lexington's police department and prosecutor's office.

She obtained her Bachelor's in Social Work in 2011 and began a career in criminal justice victim advocacy. She worked for the sheriff's office and felony prosecutor's office. She headed a multi-disciplinary team focused on the identification and intervention of high-risk domestic violence cases.

Jenna graduated from the UK College of Law in 2016. Throughout law school, she continued working in prosecution-based victim advocacy and worked at the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General, where she became involved in legislative reform. Following law school, Jenna worked as a prosecutor of domestic violence crimes at the Miami-Dade State's Attorney's Office. She is currently an SVU prosecutor in Lexington, specializing in sexual assault and child abuse. She is a licensed attorney in Florida and Kentucky.

5:30 - Activism Panel

Moderated by Raleigh Dixon, UK Law Student

Margie Quin, End Slavery Now



Margie Quin is the Chief Executive Officer at the Human Trafficking Direct Service nonprofit End Slavery Tennessee. She has a Masters in Public Service Management and over twenty five years of law enforcement experience. For the last ten years, Quin has concentrated on innovative human trafficking policies in Tennessee and throughout the United States. Quin has testified or consulted on over 50 pieces of legislation to the Tennessee General Assembly as well as delivered a special briefing to the United States Congress in 2014 on "demand" as a critical issue in domestic minor sex trafficking. She is a founding member of Shared Hope's JuST Council (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) and as such, Quin lent her expertise to numerous white papers developed and published by the nonprofit.

Quin is considered a national subject matter expert in domestic minor sex trafficking, missing and abducted children and Child Abduction Response Teams (CART). She has served on numerous boards and councils throughout the United States as a subject matter expert on child safety issues and juvenile sex

crimes. Quin spent over ten years in management and leadership positions for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in the Tennessee State Fusion Center managing personnel and programs: Human Trafficking, AMBER Alert, Gang Intelligence, Fugitives, Sex Offender Registry and technology based solutions for intelligence management.

Prior to her work in the Tennessee state fusion center, Quin was a special agent in the Drug Investigation Division at the TBI. She was considered an expert in the exploitation of signals intelligence and began investigating heroin distribution networks in 2002 through digital interceptions.

Mikaela Pflueger, UK Law Student

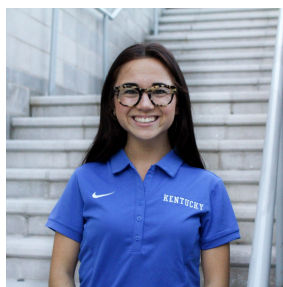


Mikaela Pflueger is from Long Beach, California, where she was in the magnet program PACE at Long Beach Polytechnic High School. She then attended University of California, Davis, where she double majored in International Relations and Sociology. There, she volunteered her time as a Campus Volunteer advocating for action against sexual assault and a volunteer at Answered Prayers Therapeutic Riding Program.

Mikaela took a gap year after her undergraduate career and began working at The Simon Law Group, advocating and giving a voice to those who have been injured. Mikaela has now worked for The Simon Law Group for 3 years.

Mikaela is a 3L at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law and is expected to graduate in May 2021. For three years, she has been an Ambassador for the College of Law and volunteered with Court Appointment Special Advocates. The last two summers, Mikaela was a Law Clerk at the Department of Public Advocacy's Nicholasville Trial Office and Danville Trial Office. Mikaela also completed an Externship with the Department of Public Advocacy's Innocence Project. There, she advocated for wrongly convicted individuals. This past fall, Mikaela was a Certified Legal Intern for the University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law Legal Clinic, where she advised, counseled, and represented indigent clients. She also works as a Research Assistant for Professor Blanche B. Cook.

Tiana The, Graduate Student, University of Kentucky



Tiana Thé graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2019 with bachelor degrees in Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Political Science, and Philosophy. In 2019, she was selected as UK's Breathitt Lecturer. Tiana works in the University's Office of the President and is taking classes toward a master's in Geography. When she is not working or studying, Tiana enjoys reading with her geriatric beagle, Penny, by her side.

Gretchen Hunt, Human Trafficking Consultant



Gretchen Hunt, JD, has twenty years of experience working in the field of victim advocacy, including human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and related crimes. These include serving as the Director of the Office of Victim Advocacy for the Kentucky Attorney General (KYOAG), staff attorney for the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Immigration Attorney and work with non-profits and state government. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Emerge Kentucky, where she recruits and trains women to run for office. Hunt has represented victims of labor and sex trafficking in immigration cases and coordinated and initiated human trafficking task forces, including starting the first local task force and first Statewide Task Force in Kentucky. She led the team at the KYOAG in securing an Enhanced Collaborative Model Human Trafficking Task Force grant to position the KYOAG as the first federally funded government agency working on trafficking in Kentucky. She also helped create the first Survivors Council at the KYOAG to bring a survivor informed perspective to policy, training and resource efforts and led efforts to end Kentucky's rape kit backlog. She was a leader in advocating for Kentucky's Human Trafficking Victims Rights Act of 2013, safe harbor legislation that has been touted as a model nationwide and many other bills impacting survivors of trafficking and sexual assault. Hunt has trained nationally on human trafficking and has participated in research articles on human trafficking for legal, psychology and medical publications.

Heather Wagers, Executive Director of the Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution (TAPP), Office of the Kentucky Attorney General



Heather Wagers serves as the Executive Director of the Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution (TAPP) within the Kentucky Office of Attorney General. Last year, TAPP collaborated with the Kentucky General Assembly to make human trafficking policy reforms designed to increase awareness of human trafficking, align Kentucky’s statutes with existing federal laws, and arm law enforcement and prosecutors with new ways to combat human trafficking. She also spearheaded TAPP’s work to procure a \$100,000 Department of Justice grant, which funds the Attorney General’s statewide human trafficking awareness campaign, Your Eyes Save Lives. Prior to her position with TAPP, Wagers served as Deputy General Counsel and Legislative Director of the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. In that capacity, Wagers provided legal counsel to four major departments, including State Police, Criminal Justice Training, Corrections, and Juvenile Justice. She started her career with the Department of Kentucky State Police, where she trained, represented, and provided counsel to Troopers, Officers, and civilians. Wagers earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Kentucky and her Juris Doctorate from Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Wagers is a native of Clay County, but currently resides with her family in Franklin County.

6:45 - Closing Remarks

Kami Griffith, Special Features Editor, *Kentucky Law Journal*