SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

I. KBA NEWS AND UPDATES

Thomas H. Kerrick

Thomas Kerrick is the current President of the Kentucky Bar Association and has served on the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors since 2013. Mr. Kerrick has remained an active alumnus for the University of Kentucky College of Law, serving as a Director for the College of Law Alumni Board and as President to the Alumni Association for three years, from 1997-2000.

II. CYBERSECURITY FOR LAWYERS: LEGAL ETHICS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR LITIGATORS

A. Tanya Y. Bowman

Tanya Bowman is a member at Frost Brown Todd where she concentrates her practice in commercial litigation, including financial institution, real estate, foreclosure, and trust and estate litigation, as well as general business counseling. She represents a variety of clients, both large and small, as well as individuals, in state and federal courts across the country. Ms. Bowman also works closely with clients to achieve successful results outside the courtroom through alternative dispute resolution alternatives or private settlement negotiations. Ms. Bowman received her J.D. from Indiana Mauer School of Law in 2001.

B. Robert W. Dibert

Robert Dibert received his J.D. from Ohio State Moritz College of Law in 1984. Mr. Dibert has investigated and litigated commercial transactions and business relationships for 30 years, including banking, contracts, joint ventures, securities transactions; employment and trade practices disputes. He also has litigated cases arising under federal and state civil rights laws, and both civil and criminal cases involving the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute. Mr. Dibert also has more than 20 years of experience in the identification, preservation, production and analysis of electronically-stored information (“ESI”) in a variety of investigative and litigation contexts.
III. Disciplinary Process: Dismissal to Disbarment and All Things in Between

A. Jane H. Herrick

Jane Herrick was named the Kentucky Bar Association’s Chief Bar Counsel in November 2017. She has worked for the Kentucky Bar Association for 22 years. Prior to her work at the KBA, Ms. Herrick was a law clerk for Fayette Circuit Judge James E. Keller and was an associate for Brock, Brock, and Bagby in Lexington. An honors graduate of Centre College and the University of Kentucky College of Law, she was a staff member of the Kentucky Law Journal. Her works on attorney ethics have been published in a variety of publications. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Organization of Bar Counsel, and the National Client Protection Organization. In 2017-2018, Ms. Herrick served as the secretary for the National Client Protection Organization.

B. Peter L. Ostermiller

Peter Ostermiller is a Professional Liability Defense attorney working in Louisville. Peter Ostermiller assists clients with General Litigation and Appellate issues. As one of a small number of attorneys selected to Super Lawyers, Peter Ostermiller gained this recognition through professional achievement, peer recognition, and other distinguishing criteria. He graduated from University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in 1980.

IV. EMPLOYMENT LAW ESSENTIALS: DRAFTING ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ADA JURISPRUDENCE

A. P. Stewart Abney

Stewart Abney is a Louisville, Kentucky employment and civil rights attorney and a founding member of the law firm of Abney Law Office, PLLC. Mr. Abney handles a broad range of employment law and employment litigation matters throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Mr. Abney is a graduate of Centre College and the University of Louisville’s Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

B. Matthew Lockaby

Matt Lockaby is the managing partner of Lockaby PLLC, where he represents employees, employers, and management in nearly every aspect of labor and employment law. He provides advice and counsel to clients on the full range of HR issues that arise during the employment lifespan; he oversees and conducts internal investigations; he prosecutes and defends discrimination, retaliation, harassment, and wage and hour actions; and he works with employees and employers on all matters related to employment contracts, including non-compete agreements, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements, consulting and contractor agreements, severance and separation agreements, and breach of
contract litigation. Mr. Lockaby received his bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Centre College and his J.D., *cum laude*, from NKU Chase College of Law, where he was the Executive Editor of the Northern Kentucky Law Review. Previously the Secretary and Vice-Chair of the KBA’s Labor and Employment Law section, he served as the section Chair for the 2019-2020 term. He is also a member of the American Bar Association’s Litigation Section and Labor & Employment Law Committee. Mr. Lockaby was named a Super Lawyers “Rising Star” from 2013 to 2017, and he has been awarded an AV Rating from Martindale Hubbell since 2014.

V. ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS THAT DON’T SUCK

A. Scott E. Collins

Scott Collins helps protect families from the devastatingly high cost of Health Care and safeguard them from the risk of losing all that they own. Mr. Collins has enjoyed a multifaceted career that began after his high school graduation, when he joined the U. S. Army as an Air Traffic Controller stationed in Hawaii and Alabama. Following military service, he served churches in Louisiana, Texas, Michigan, New Hampshire and Tennessee as a Minister where he helped families and became intimately involved in the joys, struggles and turmoil of aging, end of life care, and estate planning issues. After his graduation from Salmon P. Chase School of Law at Northern Kentucky University, Mr. Collins launched his own law firm for Longevity Planning, Elder Law, Special Needs Planning, Estate Planning, Wills and Trusts. He is a Member of National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and of ElderCounsel.

B. Shelly A. Kamei

Shelly Ann Kamei is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law. During her time as a student, she was active in several campus organizations and completed over 100 hours of *pro bono* legal service. Her work on the nursing shortage in California schools, “The Health of California’s School Children: A Case of State Malpractice,” earned her a Child Advocate of the Year Award. Shelly Ann Kamei serves Nelson County on the board of the Legal Aid Society. She is active in the Kentucky Bar Association’s Elder Law Section, serving as Vice Chair for the 2020-2021 term.

C. Shari Polur

Shari Polur is the founder of Polur Elder Law, PLLC, a boutique law firm in Louisville, Kentucky. She concentrates her practice exclusively in the areas of elder law and special needs law. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law. Ms. Polur is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and has also been admitted to practice by the highest courts in Kentucky, Massachusetts, Florida and Washington, D.C. Ms. Polur was appointed by former Governor Steve Beshear to the
Statewide Independent Living Council, serving as its Vice-Chair and by Governor Bevin to serve on the Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation’s Board of Directors, presently as its Chair. In addition, Ms. Polur is accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve as an attorney in assisting veterans and their families. She is also a member of the Kentucky Guardian Association and on the Board of Trustees of Louisville’s JCL.

VI. FAMILY LAW UPDATE

A. Catherine A. Monzingo

Catherine Monzingo graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1998. She is a member of the Fayette County, Kentucky and America Bar Associations. Ms. Monzingo is Chair of the Family Law Section.

B. Sheila M. Donovan

Sheila Donovan concentrates her practice on family law, including divorces, marital and non-marital property, legal and physical custody, maintenance (alimony), timesharing (visitation), child support, grandparent visitation, termination of parental rights, adoptions, jurisdiction issues, post-divorce matters, prenuptial agreements and mediating cases involving all of these issues. She also focuses on estate planning (wills, living wills, powers of attorney) and probate and trust administration. Ms. Donovan graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1998.

VII. FEDERAL COURT UPDATE

A. Madison T. Sewell

Madison Sewell is the Assistant United States Attorney for the US Attorney’s Office in the Western District of Kentucky. His area of practice is federal criminal law. Prior to this position, he taught criminal law at Henderson County High School for 8 years and served part-time as an Assistant County Attorney in Henderson. Before returning to Henderson, Mr. Sewell worked eight years for the federal government as a law clerk, Assistant Federal Defender, Assistant United States Attorney, and trial attorney for the Department of Justice, Environmental Crimes Section. He has tried eleven cases in federal court and has argued nine cases before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Sewell has a B.A. in mathematics and philosophy from Yale University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

B. Marisa J. Ford

Marisa Ford is in her 30th year as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky. Ms. Ford clerked for the Hon. Thomas A. Ballantine, Jr. in U.S. District Court before joining the U.S. Attorney’s office. She has served at various times during my tenure in the office as the section chief for white collar crime prosecutions, the Chief of the Criminal
Division, and the Senior Litigation Counsel. Ms. Ford has handled a wide range of cases including fraud, computer crimes, and murder and arson cases occurring within federal jurisdiction. She received an award in 1996 from the Attorney General for Distinguished Service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and was recognized again in 2010 by the Deputy Attorney General of the Department of Justice’s Criminal Division for her role on the prosecution team in the case, *United States v. Steven Green*, involving the murder of four Iraqi civilians in Iraq by a U.S. soldier.

VIII. HOW TO RECOVER YOUR PRACTICE IF THE WORST HAPPENS

Jeffery L. Sallee

Jeff Sallee graduated from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2008. His IT background includes deep technological understanding of the network, project management, application management, operational management, as well as the stewardship and governance of IT solutions and organizations. Mr. Sallee spent four years in the U.S. Army, where he held a Top Secret security clearance and collected intelligence during the cold war.

IX. JUSTICE THROUGH PEACEMAKING

A. Bonnie M. Brown

Bonnie Brown received her J.D. from University of Louisville in 1978 and has been in the private practice of law concentrating in Family Law for over 40 years. She was trained in Family Law Mediation by Just Solutions in 2011 and in General Civil Mediation by the Kentucky Bar Association in 2019. Ms. Brown is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, received the Revell Family Law Practitioner Award in 2011, and the Bruce K. Davis Bar Service Award in 2016. Her memberships include Louisville Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association and American Bar Association. She is also a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

B. William D. Tingley

Bill Tingley is an attorney in Louisville where he focuses his practice exclusively on Family Law including regular practice before the Supreme Court of Kentucky and the Kentucky Court of Appeals, and he is a Court approved Family Law Mediator. Mr. Tingley received a Bachelor of Arts from Asbury University and went on to earn his J.D. from Capital University Law School. He is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Louisville Bar Association, and the Kentucky Bar Association.

X. KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS UPDATE

A. Chief Judge Denise G. Clayton

Chief Judge Denise Clayton began serving as chief judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals on June 1, 2018, after being elected to that position by
her fellow Court of Appeals judges. Judge Clayton became the first black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals in October 2007. She serves the 4th Appellate District, Division 2. Prior to her appointment and election to the Court of Appeals, Judge Clayton was chief circuit judge for Jefferson County. She was the first black woman to be a Kentucky Circuit Court judge. She was also chief regional circuit judge for the Metro Region for several months before serving on the Court of Appeals. Judge Clayton previously served in Jefferson County as a judge for District Court, Family Court and Drug Court. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree from Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio. She earned her juris doctor degree from the University of Louisville’s Brandeis School of Law. Judge Clayton is the chairwoman for the Chief Justice’s Commission on Racial Fairness for Jefferson County’s courts and is a member of the Louisville Bar Association, Louisville Black Lawyers Association and Women Lawyers Association.

B. Judge Irvin G. Maze

Judge Irv Maze was elected judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals on Nov. 6, 2012, serving Division 1 of the 4th Appellate District. Judge Maze was a Circuit Court judge in Jefferson County for nearly five years until his appointment to the Court of Appeals. In 2016, Judge Maze’s colleagues on the Court of Appeals elected him to represent the court on the Judicial Ethics Committee. He established a successful private law practice, specializing in family, employment and municipal law. Judge Maze maintained his private practice for 32 years until his appointment to the bench in 2008. He also served as an Assistant Jefferson County Attorney from 1979 to 1985. Judge Maze also served as a Commissioner on Jefferson County Fiscal Court before serving as Jefferson County Attorney from 1999 to 2008. He is a past state director of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Kentucky County Attorneys Association’s Child Support Committee. He is a member of the Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations, as well as the American Bar Association. Judge Maze holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana University and a J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

C. Wesley B. Deskins

Wes Deskins is Chief Staff Attorney of the Court of Appeals and has worked for the Court since 2005. He has served as staff attorney to Judges Sara Combs and Michael Henry, an opinion writer for the Court’s Senior Judge and Fast Track programs, the Court’s “one-Judge” procedural motions attorney, and Counsel to the Clerk of the Court. Mr. Deskins is a 1999 graduate of the University of Kentucky and a 2002 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law.

D. Rebecca A. Lyon

Becky Lyon became the first woman to serve as clerk of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, and she has served the Court of Appeals in various capacities for more than 30 years. Ms. Lyon graduated magna cum laude with a
bachelor’s degree in politics and a minor in economics/accounting from Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., and a juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she was a member of the Moot Court Board. She is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association’s Appellate Advocacy Division, The Central Kentucky American Inn of Court and the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks.

XI. KENTUCKY CRIMINAL LAW UPDATE

B. Scott West

Scott West is Deputy Public Advocate for the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy in Frankfort, Kentucky. Prior to that, he was General Counsel for the agency for six years. Mr. West has also served as the Bluegrass Regional Manager in the Richmond field office, the Directing Attorney for the Murray field office, and a staff attorney in the Hazard field office. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of Kentucky Law School and 1985 graduate of Vanderbilt University. He is the editor of the Kentucky Pretrial Release Manual and leads the agency’s efforts in pretrial release advocacy. Currently, he is a member of the KBA’s Ethics Committee and is Education Chair and Vice-President of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a past Chair and current member of the KBA Criminal Law Section. In 2017, he received the KBA Thomas B. Spain CLE Award for presenting the Criminal Law Update in several Kentucky Law Update seminars and in 2015, he received the Bruce K. Davis Bar Service Award for representing the KBA against the United States in the Kentucky Supreme Court.

XII. KENTUCKY NONPROFITS—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TAXES

Rachael Chamberlain

Rachael Chamberlain practices in the area of tax law, with an emphasis on state and local taxation. Ms. Chamberlain has assisted clients with issues involving property tax, sales and use tax, and income tax, assisting in both tax planning and controversy work. She has represented clients throughout the audit and administrative appeals process and into the court system and has also assisted with various requests for rulings and guidance on tax issues from state taxing authorities. Ms. Chamberlain has also assisted clients with federal and state tax credits, economic incentive deals, and voluntary disclosure program applications. Ms. Chamberlain graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2014.

XIII. KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT UPDATE

Justice Laurance B. VanMeter

Justice Laurance B. VanMeter was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in November 2016 from the 5th Appellate District. He became just the third Justice to have served at all four levels of Kentucky unified court system. Prior to being elected to the Supreme Court, Justice VanMeter served 13 years as a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, having been elected in November 2003, and being re-elected unopposed in 2006 and 2014. Justice VanMeter currently serves as
chairman of the Kentucky Evidence Rules Review Commission, Co-Chair of the Supreme Court’s Civil Rules Committee, and is the Supreme Court’s liaison to the Kentucky Bar Association’s Continuing Legal Education Commission. He received his undergraduate degree with a major in history in 1980 from Vanderbilt University, and his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Kentucky Law Journal.

XIV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Whitney H. Westerfield

Senator Whitney Westerfield represents the 3rd District including Christian, Logan, and Todd counties. He is the chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Westerfield also serves as a member on the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee; the Agriculture Committee; the Capital Planning Advisory Board; the Natural Resources and Energy Committee; the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee; the Program Review and Investigations Committee; the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary; and serves as Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council and the 2020 Jail and Corrections Reform Task Force, and as a member of the Judicial Structuring and Redistricting Task Force.

Senator Westerfield received his B.S. in Communication at the University of Kentucky in 2003, and his J.D. in the spring of 2006 from Southern Illinois University School of Law. He has been an active member of the Kentucky Bar since October 2006 and the Tennessee Bar since 2012.

XV. MANAGING RISK WHILE PROTECTING YOUR BRAND

A. J. Allan Cobb

Allan Cobb has a B.S. in Political Science and Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville. He focuses his law practice on federal and state legal malpractice defense, personal injury, business litigation, technology law, and identity theft recovery. Prior to engaging in the civil practice of law, Mr. Cobb was an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney in Jefferson County, Kentucky, where he prosecuted computer crimes, public integrity crimes, and white-collar crimes. While an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney, he wrote Kentucky’s present computer crime statutes (KRS 434.840—434.860 “Unlawful Access to a Computer”). Mr. Cobb has been on faculty at both Boston University and the University of Louisville.

B. Jane Broadwater Long

Jane Broadwater Long is Vice President and Claims Counsel of Lawyers Mutual of Kentucky. Prior to joining Lawyers Mutual, she was in private practice in Atlanta, Georgia for 8 years and worked in-house as corporate counsel of litigation and employment law for AFC Enterprises for 8 years. Ms. Long received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in History with honors. She received her law degree from the University of Kentucky where she was a member of the Kentucky
Law Journal and Order of the Coif. She is admitted to practice in Kentucky and Georgia. She is a member of the ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section. She was appointed as Special Advisor by the ABA President to the Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability. She is an active member of NABRICO, the National Association of Bar Related Insurance Companies. Ms. Long serves on the Board of Trustees of KEA, the Kentucky Workers’ Compensation Fund, and is a conference committee member of the Women Leaders in Insurance & Financial Services.

XVI. MINDFULNESS, RESILIENCE, ETHICS AND CIVILITY IN THE LAW

Zachary A. Horn

Mr. Horn’s areas of practice include business law, civil litigation, banking, creditors’ rights, and bankruptcy. He is a graduate of Transylvania University, where he graduated with honors, and of the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he served on both the Moot Court Board and Bankruptcy Moot Court Board. Mr. Horn has extensive experience representing businesses and financial institutions both in-house and in private practice. Upon graduating law school, he accepted a position as associate general counsel to a community bank in his hometown of Inez, Kentucky. In 2013, he accepted a position with the firm’s Frankfort office, where he represents creditors and businesses throughout the state in civil litigation, foreclosure and security enforcement actions, and in federal bankruptcy proceedings. He has served on the Kentucky Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Executive Board since 2011.

XVII. REASONABLE EFFORTS IN DNA CASES: REVIVAL AND REFOCUS UNDER THE FFPSA

A. Justice Debra Hembree Lambert

Justice Lambert was elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November 2018. She came to the Supreme Court after four years on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Her election to the 3rd Appellate District, Division 1, in November 2014 made her the first woman from the 3rd District to serve on the Court of Appeals. Likewise, Justice Lambert is the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court from the 3rd District. Prior to taking the appellate bench, she was a Circuit Judge/Family Court Division for the 28th Judicial Circuit. She was appointed to that seat in 1999 by then-Governor Paul E. Patton.

While a Family Court judge, Justice Lambert created the first Drug Court in the area. She was recognized for her efforts in 2002 when the National Association of Drug Court Professionals inducted her into the Stanley M. Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame. Justice Lambert also volunteered in area middle schools, working 10 weeks each semester with at-risk children and families in an effort to help them avoid truancy charges. She currently volunteers as a certified suicide prevention trainer, training others to properly intervene to prevent suicide. Justice Lambert earned a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law.
B. Judge Larry E. Thompson

After 23 years as a trial court judge, Judge Larry Thompson was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in November 2018 where he serves Division 2 of the 7th Appellate District. He came to the Court of Appeals from Pike Circuit Court where he was a circuit judge for the Family Court Division from his election in 1999 until December 2018. During that period, he served as chief circuit judge for a time and was president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association for two years.

In 1995, Judge Thompson was appointed to fill a vacancy on Pike District Court and held that position until he was elected to Circuit Court in 1999. While on the district bench, he served for a period as chief district judge. Judge Thompson earned a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1983 and a juris doctor degree from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1986. He is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and West Virginia Bar Association.

XVIII. SMALL FIRM PRACTICE MANAGEMENT IN A BRAVE NEW WORLD

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Jeff Sallee graduated from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2008. His IT background includes deep technological understanding of the network, project management, application management, operational management, as well as the stewardship and governance of IT solutions and organizations. Mr. Sallee spent four years in the U.S. Army, where he held a Top Secret security clearance and collected intelligence during the cold war.

IXX.  THE VARYING ROLES OF A LEGAL INTERPRETER IN JUDICIAL SETTINGS IN KENTUCKY

Joshua C. Elliott

Joshua Elliott is a Federally and State Certified Court Interpreter with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from Murray State University and a Master of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Louisville. He has also been certified as a medical interpreter through the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters. After serving a stint in the United States Border Patrol in Southern California, Mr. Elliott returned to his home state of Kentucky and joined Humana Insurance Company, where he spent several years working with Humana’s Spanish-speaking clientele in a variety of capacities. Mr. Elliott then joined the Kentucky Court of Justice, where he spent nearly eleven years working as a Spanish staff interpreter, division supervisor, and manager within Kentucky’s Office of Language Access. In 2018, he and his family moved to Miami, Florida after he accepted the position of Supervisory Staff Interpreter with the federal courts in the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Elliott now serves the Kentucky courts as the Executive Officer of the Office of Language Access.