

Speaker Bios for the 2022 NCPO Workshop

Ashleigh Bailey began working as Deputy Bar Counsel with the Kentucky Bar Association in January 2014. She currently serves as the Intake Manager of the Office of Bar Counsel. Ms. Bailey received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Kentucky in 2004. She earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2007. Upon graduation, she was the Staff Attorney for the Honorable Douglas George, Chief Circuit Judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit. Prior to joining the Office of Bar Counsel, Ms. Bailey served as a Staff Attorney II with the LaGrange Trial Office of the Department of Public Advocacy. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), and the National Client Protection Organization (NCPO), where she currently serves as the VP of the Southeast Region.

Douglas Burry, Senior Counsel, joined the New Jersey Fund in 2018. He was previously in private practice at Saponaro Law group, handling civil litigation. He Investigates and prepares claims for presentation to the Fund's Trustees and litigates against respondents and collateral sources.

John Cesario is Senior Counsel for the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, and he is responsible for representing the Administrator in proceedings in which the ARDC is appointed Receiver pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 776. Mr. Cesario also assists private attorneys who act as receiver by court order. Mr. Cesario has investigated thousands of charges of lawyer misconduct over the course of his career as attorney in the Intake Group, and he has represented the Administrator as receiver in several receiverships. In 2017, the Illinois State Bar Association selected Mr. Cesario to serve on a Special Committee to study Succession and Transition Planning for attorneys, and Mr. Cesario has had articles published by the *Illinois Bar Journal* and other publications. Mr. Cesario obtained an undergraduate degree from the *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, and he received his law degree from *Tulane University* in New Orleans, Louisiana. Before becoming Counsel for the Administrator, Mr. Cesario had worked as a Special Public Defender in Jefferson County, and as an Assistant State's Attorney in Kane County. Mr. Cesario lives in Aurora, Illinois with his wife and enjoys spending time with his adult children and extended family.

Robbie Owen Clements currently serves as the Administrative Manager and Deputy Bar Counsel for the Office of Bar Counsel of the Kentucky Bar Association. She joined the office as Deputy Bar Counsel in April 2006. She served as Consumer Assistance Program Manager from 2014-2017. Ms. Clements earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1993. She graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College, *Summa Cum Laude*, in 1990. After law school graduation, Ms. Clements worked in private practice for five years, maintaining a general practice, with some emphasis on domestic relations, real estate and civil litigation. She moved to Houston, Texas in 1999 and practiced with the Harris County Attorney's Office until December 2005, handling civil litigation in a variety of enforcement areas, including animal cruelty, deceptive trade practices, and termination of parental rights in child abuse cases.

Ms. Clements has served on the faculty of the NOBC Trial Skills course and will be coordinating the upcoming program. She was recently elected NOBC President-Elect and will serve as Program Committee Chair. She is a member of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. She has served as a speaker at the Kentucky Law Update, the American Academy of Matrimonial Law/Louisville Bar Association Family Law Seminar, the State Government Bar Association, and the Kentucky Association of Administrative Adjudicators. Ms. Clements is a member of the Kentucky, Texas (inactive), and American Bar Associations and the National Organization of Bar Counsel.

Ruby Cochran, Deputy Counsel, joined the New Jersey Fund in 1997. She was previously a payroll manager for over 1,350 employees. Ruby passed the CPA examination and is a graduate of Rutgers University School of Law, Camden (J.D. 1998). She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar. Ruby combines law and accounting. She handles collections for the Fund and specializes in defending matters in bankruptcy court. She also handles comprehensive enforcement and the routine collection of debts.

Jennifer DiSanza, JD, MS, is the Executive Director of the Institute for Well-Being in Law (IWIL). She has spent the last two decades working with law students as a student affairs administrator and financial educator. She has worked at three different ABA-Approved law schools and is passionate about well-being in the legal profession. Most recently, Jennifer worked for AccessLex Institute, a non-profit dedicated to improving access to and the affordability of legal education. Jennifer has served as the Chair of the Student Services Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and on the board of the National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP). She has presented on student and staff well-being topics at NALSAP annual conferences and National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA)/ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service Equal Justice Conference.

As a law school dean of students, Jennifer worked with various constituencies to improve student well-being. She has partnered with the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions, the Dave Nee Foundation, and institutional offices to provide enhanced programming and resources to students.

Jennifer has her J.D. from the University of Maryland, M.S. in Organization Development and Strategic Human Resources from Johns Hopkins University, and B.S. in Business from Miami University. She is also an Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC), a Certified Career Services Provider (CCSP), and a Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF).

Eileen Donahue is the Director of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Client Protection Program. She is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine, and the DePaul University College of Law. She has served as a law clerk for the Illinois Appellate Court, and she has been in private practice with a civil litigation firm. In 1991 she joined the staff of the ARDC where she worked as disciplinary counsel before being appointed as Director of the Client Protection Program in 1994.

Lindsey D. Draper, J.D. had a legal career that spanned 30 years and included work as a Court Commissioner; Assistant State Public Defender; and Assistant District Attorney with primary assignments being at Milwaukee County's Children's Court Center. Following his 2006 retirement from service as a Circuit Court Commissioner for Milwaukee County, he oversaw Wisconsin's adherence to the mandates of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) as the state's Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator and Compliance Monitor through the Wisconsin Department of Justice until his retirement in 2014. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee County Historical Society, the St. Charles Youth and Family Services, and the Alma Center in Milwaukee; a Director-at-Large of the National Client Protection Organization (NCPO); the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the Institute for Well-Being in Law (IWIL); and a member of the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility Continuing Legal Education Committee. Draper was the recipient of the NCPO 2021 Isaac Hecht Award for Client Protection.

Angela Logan Edwards, Esq., is President and CEO of Lawyers Mutual of Kentucky. Prior to joining Lawyers Mutual, she was partner at Dinsmore & Shohl where she practiced in the areas of ERISA/benefits litigation, commercial litigation law and attorney malpractice defense. She also clerked for Hon. Jennifer B. Coffman. In addition, she is actively involved in a number of civic and community organizations, including but not limited to, the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, the Transylvania University Board of Regents, and the Lincoln Foundation Board of Trustees.

Jane H. Herrick is Chief Bar Counsel for the Kentucky Bar Association, where she has worked since 1996 in a variety of positions, including assistant CLE director and deputy bar counsel. She is an honors graduate of Centre College and the University of Kentucky College of Law, and served as a staff member of the *Kentucky Law Journal*. Her works on attorney ethics have been published in a variety of publications and she has spoken on professional conduct issues at numerous continuing legal education programs. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), and the National Client Protection Organization (NCPO). Ms. Herrick has served as NCPO secretary since 2017.

Michael J. Knight, Sr. is the Executive Director and Counsel of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York. Mr. Knight is a 1987 magna cum laude graduate of Niagara University and 1990 graduate from the Albany Law School of Union University. Mr. Knight is presently a member of the ABA Standing Committee for the Protection of the Public in the Provision of Legal Services and has served as Counsel and President for the National Client Protection Organization, Inc. Mr. Knight is also the co-author of the Appendix of CLE Materials (1999), and Client Protection Funds: A Bibliography of Selected Materials (1995, 1999, 2012). He resides in Delmar, New York with his wife and four sons.

Michael T. McCormick joined the New Jersey Fund in 1990 as a law clerk and served as Deputy Counsel and Secretary to the Board after he graduated from Seton Hall University

School of Law (J.D. 1993). In 1999, he accepted a position with the NJ Division of Criminal Justice and coordinated that office's Asset Forfeiture Unit. Mike returned to the Fund in 2012, became Deputy Director in 2018, and was appointed Director & Counsel in 2022.

Courtney Risk, Esq. is employed with Lawyers Mutual of Kentucky after beginning her career in litigation. In addition to her role in client relationship management, she is focused on providing relevant risk management resources. Courtney's experience includes litigation, both criminal and civil, as well as transactional work. She has also worked in the insurance industry, training attorneys and other officials in various legal issues.