



Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Timothy Young, State Public Defender

14th Annual Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit

“Against all Odds: Enduring Advocacy in the Face of High Stakes Consequences”

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May 10 – 11, 2018

Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University
2400 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Thursday, May 10, 2018

- 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast/Registration**
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Ballroom**
Tim Young, Ohio Public Defender
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Keynote Presentation, Ballroom**
De’Jon White
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Beyond Ordinary: Defense for Long-Haul Cases, Ballroom**
Jill Beeler, Deputy Director of Appellate Services, Office of the Ohio Public Defender
David Singleton, Executive Director, Ohio Justice and Policy Center
Kari Bloom, Municipal Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender
Tyra Patterson
LaToya Wall

Although many of our cases have a more traditional timeline from start to finish, some require stamina and perseverance to see justice done for our clients. Plenary panelists will highlight the strategies and advocacy efforts employed in two real-life cases of teens who obtained relief decades after their convictions. Panelists will discuss the various barriers, years of litigation strategy in and outside the courtroom; and attendees will hear from the families impacted by these cases, in their own words.

- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **“Big Brother is Watching: Strategies for Dealing with Police Surveillance Technology,” Ballroom**
Jennifer Kinsley, Professor of Law and Director of Experiential Learning at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law
Alexander Shalom, Senior Supervising Attorney, ACLU New Jersey
Kristina Kersey, Assistant Deputy Defender, Office of the Public Defender, New Jersey
Stephen Goldmeier, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

As surveillance technology advances, police around the country have new and often scary ways of infringing on our client’s privacy and creating piles of evidence we need to know about and learn to challenge. In this session, panelists will explore common technologies, such as body cameras, as well as more questionable investigative techniques, such as stingray cell traps, ShotSpotter, and “brain fingerprinting” technology. Panelists will highlight discovery and admissibility issues as well as civil

liberties concerns, and provide attendees with strategies for identifying and addressing these technologies in their advocacy.

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch** *(and presentation of Noel Kaech awards)*

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

A: “Debunking Bad Science: Strategies for Suppression Practice,” *Ballroom*
Alexander Shalom, Senior Supervising Attorney, ACLU New Jersey
Stephen Goldmeier, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Following a plenary that educates defenders about the various types of technological advances at the disposal of law enforcement, this session will focus on pretrial motion practice, and give attendees a primer on forensics and how to challenge cutting edge technologies in suppression practices, including practice tips, case examples, and strategies for successful exclusion.

B: “Appeals 101: Building a Record for a Perfect Appeal,” *Clinton Room*
Brooke Burns, Chief Counsel, Juvenile Department, Office of the Ohio Public Defender
Kristina Kersey, Assistant Deputy Defender, Office of the Public Defender, New Jersey
Julie Kabrs Nessler, Juvenile Appellate and Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender

This session will give attendees an overview of the appellate process in Ohio and help them learn the best way for laying the groundwork for a properly perfected appeal. The session will also include contemporaneous objections practice, motion practice, and the importance of preservation.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

A: “Stranger Things: Collaborating with Opposing Parties to Reach Best Outcomes,” *Ballroom*
Laura Austen, Deputy Director of Policy and Outreach, Office of the Ohio Public Defender
Amy Ast, Department of Justice, Consultant; Assistant Program Director, Rite of Passage

This session will help defense attorneys identify potential partners in juvenile justice practice and policy and help them recognize the utility of working across the aisle with opposing counsel, or parties with seemingly adverse interests to obtain good outcomes for their clients. The session will include negotiating strategies, working towards common goals, and how to forge partnerships with those who may not otherwise appear to have the same perspective or goals.

B: Records, Requests, and Re-Entry, Oh My!: Navigating Records and Processes for Youth Sent to the Department of Youth Services, *Clinton Room*
Katherine Sato, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender
Matthew Trent, Assistant State Public Defender, Ohio Public Defender

This session will include a basic overview of DYS intake, assessment, movement, and overall program procedures. It will walk attendees through common terminology, how to make records requests for client information, and the best ways to navigate the various channels of communication and personnel for youth committed to the state facilities.



4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

“What’s Happening in Juvenile Justice?” Caselaw and Legislative Update,
Ballroom

Victoria Bader, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Nicole Clum, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

This session will inform attendees about juvenile decisions released from the U.S. Supreme Court, Ohio Supreme Court, and courts of appeals throughout the previous year and on newly-enacted and pending legislation that impacts juveniles in the justice system. The session will provide a description of each case/piece of legislation and give defenders ideas about using the new precedent and legislation in their work, including how to incorporate new law into their motion practice, policy practice, and courtroom advocacy.



Friday, May 11, 2018

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast/Registration**

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **“To Be or Not to Be: the Ins and Outs of Juvenile Competency,” Ballroom**

Brooke Burns, Chief Counsel, Juvenile Department, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Charlyn Bobland, Supervising Attorney, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Rachel Román-Lagunas, Indiana Public Defender Council

Angela Chang, Juvenile Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender

Ali Hatheway, Senior Juvenile Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender

What does it mean for a child to be competent to stand trial in juvenile court? And, what should happen when a child is incapable of assisting in his or her defense? This plenary session will explore the concept of competency—what it is and what it is not, under the federal standard along with the rigors of the competency standard under R.C. 2152.58, competency attainment, and how to set yourself up for success in competency proceedings.

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**

A: “Out of the Box: Creative Motions Practice,” Clinton Room

Michael Deffet, Assistant Public Defender, Montgomery County Public Defender

Jeremy Gatta, Assistant Public Defender, Cuyaboga County Public Defender

Rebecca Steele, Juvenile Unit Chief, Franklin County Public Defender

Victoria Bader, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

What strange problems are happening in your jurisdiction that you can't quite figure out how to address? A single table for defense counsel and the state? The court getting advised on the law by probation staff? This session will highlight ways in which defenders can engage in creative problem solving to address unique issues happening in their juvenile court.

B: “Competency: Experts, Reports, and More,” Ballroom

Angela Chang, Hamilton County Public Defender

Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, Board Certified Forensic Psychologist

Small Group JTip Leaders:

Angela Chang, Brooke Burns, Jeff Liston, Rachel Román-Lagunas, Charlyn Bobland, Katherine Sato, and Alison Hatheway

In this session, attendees will focus on gathering background information in preparation for a competency evaluation, utilizing a defense expert for the hearing, interpreting competency assessments, challenging attainment reports, and preparing for the hearing and witness examination. Attendees will brainstorm in small groups using case examples following large group instruction.

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Break**



11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

A: “At our Writs End: Using Nontraditional Litigation to Impact Systemic Reform,” *Clinton Room*

Charlyn Bobland, Supervising Attorney, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Rickell Howard, Ohio Policy and Litigation Director, Children’s Law Center

Jennifer Kinsley, Professor of Law and Director of Experiential Learning at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law

This session will give defenders the basic tools to get started on developing a writ practice, including the types of writs available to address specific problems, the standard for granting a writ, and strategies for successful writ litigation. The session will provide examples by the panelists of cases where they identified a problem and successfully addressed it through writ practice.

B: “Competency in Action: Forensic Group Work,” *Ballroom*

Small Group JTip Leaders:

Angela Chang, Brooke Burns, Jeff Liston, Rachel Román-Lagunas, Katherine Sato, and Alison Hatheway

Building on the previous two competency sessions, participants will use a fact pattern to practice the skills of evaluating need for a competency evaluation/hearing in their client’s case, brainstorming the information necessary to prepare for a competency evaluation and hearing, and practicing the arguments pertaining to their client’s competence at a hearing.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Spotlights, Ballroom

Kim Welter, Equality Ohio

John Rush, Clean Turn

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. “A Wrinkle in Time: Resilience and the Adolescent Brain’s Ability to Change,” *Ballroom*

Katherine Sato, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, Board Certified Forensic Psychologist

This session will provide attendees with a refresh on adolescent brain development science and why a juvenile defender’s understanding of that is imperative for modern-day juvenile defenders. Defenders will learn about the various ways in which adolescent development can be used in juvenile court proceedings and how defenders can take that information and put it into motion and oral advocacy practice.



3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

A: “Not so Serious: How to Litigate SYO Cases on the Front End,” *Clinton Room*

Katherine Sato, Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Dr. Bob Stinson, Board Certified Forensic Psychologist and Attorney at Law, Stinson and Associates

This session will focus on strategies for litigating serious youthful offender cases from the onset – at imposition. Presenters will review the imposition statute and help defenders prepare for litigating and preserving their client’s rights on the front end. The session will also give creative strategies for thinking about the long-term impact of serious youthful offender proceedings, plea deals, and protecting against invocation in the future.

B: “Presumed Amenable: Why Retention Must be the Norm in Transfer Proceedings,” *Ballroom*

Charlyn Bobland, Supervising Attorney, Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, Board Certified Forensic Psychologist

This session will help defenders gain a working knowledge of what amenability and risk actually mean and how Ohio’s discretionary transfer statute lends itself to challenges, based on the plain language of R.C. 2152.12(B) and adolescent development norms. With a focus on amenability, the session will involve a discussion between defenders and experts and how to utilize an expert’s opinion in support of the factors for retention.



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Laura Austen, *Deputy Director of Policy and Outreach, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Laura Austen is the Director of Policy and Outreach for the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Wittenberg University, and a J.D. from Capital University Law School, where she was a Child Welfare and Adoption Law Fellow. Laura joined OPD in 2009 and has served as a law clerk, staff attorney, and supervising attorney in the Juvenile Department. Prior to entering the practice of law, Laura worked in the mental health field as a mental health worker on an acute care psychiatric unit for adults, a youth leader in a residential treatment facility for adolescents, and as a case manager for children at a community behavioral health center. She is co-author of the article, "Advocacy for Young or Expectant Parents in Foster Care," published in the American Bar Association's *Child Law Practice Journal*, Vol. 28 No. 7.

Victoria Bader, *Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Victoria Bader is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Juvenile Department at the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. Victoria earned a J.D. from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. At the Office of the Ohio Public Defender, Victoria represents youth in appeals, post-conviction actions, and release proceedings. She is also a member of OPD's "Kids in Adult Prison" working group. Prior to joining OPD, Victoria served as the 2015-2016 Greif Fellow in Juvenile Human Trafficking, representing juvenile victims of human trafficking in delinquency and dependency proceedings throughout Central Ohio.

Jill Beeler, *Appellate Services Director, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Jill Beeler is the Director of Appellate Services for the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. Jill earned her undergraduate degree in criminology/criminal justice from The Ohio State University and her law degree from Capital University. Jill has worked for OPD since 1998, and served as Chief Counsel of the Juvenile Department from 2008 to 2015. Along with managing the Appellate Division, Jill collaborates with stakeholders on system reform, advocates on legislation, and participates on various task forces and committees. Jill began a Kids in Adult Prison working group at OPD. This working group of attorneys and investigators discusses litigation strategy and legislative reform that may impact kids who are tried as adults, sentencing issues, and juvenile life without parole (JLWOP) sentences.

Kari Bloom, *Municipal Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender's Office*

Kari Bloom is a trial attorney at the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office. She previously worked as the legislative liaison at the Ohio Public Defender, where she advocated for legislative and policy changes to improve the criminal justice system. Part of her work included participating on the Ohio Supreme Court Criminal Sentencing Commission and Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee, editing and drafting Ohio's criminal code. While at OPD, she prepared cases and presented them to the Ohio Parole Board. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, College of Law. During law school, Kari worked at the Children's Law Center where she advocated for improved conditions for children in the Department of Youth Services.

Charlyn Bohland, *Supervising Attorney, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Charlyn Bohland is a Supervising Attorney in the Juvenile Department. Charlyn represents youth in appeals, post-conviction actions, and release proceedings. Charlyn is especially interested in juvenile competency, children in adult court, juvenile life without parole sentences, and sealing/expungement proceedings. At the OPD, Charlyn supervises the department's appellate section, and is a member of the kids in adult prison and



racial justice working groups. Charlyn is also a member of the Juvenile Law Center's National Working Group on Juvenile Records and is the vice chair of the OSBA juvenile law committee. Charlyn earned an Honors B.A. in Political Science from The University of Akron; and a J.D. from Capital University Law School, receiving the Dean's Public Service Award and Pro Bono Legal Honors. During law school, Charlyn was a member of the National Moot Court Team and Executive Research Editor of the Law Review. She is the author of *No Longer a Child: Juvenile Incarceration in America*, published in Capital's Law Review.

Brooke M. Burns, *Chief Counsel, Juvenile Department, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Brooke Burns is Chief Counsel of the Juvenile Department at the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. She joined the agency in 2006 as an appellate staff attorney, following her earning of a B.A. in English and a J.D. and Certificate in Children's Studies from The Ohio State University. She now manages a team of juvenile justice advocates who represent youth throughout Ohio's juvenile and criminal justice systems in trial level proceedings, state and federal appeals and post-conviction actions, and in conditions of confinement. Brooke is a member of a number of statewide juvenile justice initiatives, including the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative's State Executive Steering Committee, the Juvenile Justice Subcommittees of the Criminal Sentencing Commission and the Governor's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness. She also serves as a member of the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice and is a Commissioner on the Mayor's Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission. Brooke is a certified JTIP Trainer, member of the National Juvenile Defender Center's Central Region Advisory Board, and Adjunct Professor of Law at Capital University Law School, where she teaches Juvenile Law.

Angela Chang, *Juvenile Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender*

Angela is a 2008 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. After graduation, she represented hundreds of the criminally accused in misdemeanor and felony cases as a Deputy State Public Defender for the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender. In 2010, Angela returned to Cincinnati to focus on juvenile justice issues at the Children's Law Center, Inc. She coordinated juvenile defense trainings for hundreds of juvenile defense attorneys, worked on policy reforms, and provided technical assistance and support to juvenile defense attorneys in the region. She has presented on a wide variety of juvenile defense topics across the country and is a certified Juvenile Training Immersion Program trainer. Angela has represented children on a variety of legal issues, including delinquency, education, school discipline, custody and criminal cases. In December of 2015, Angela joined the Juvenile Division, where she continues to pursue her passion for representing children as a public defender. She is a member of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Cincinnati Bar Association (CBA), and is a founding board member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Southwest Ohio. She is also the Chair of the Juvenile Law Practice Group of the CBA.

Niki Clum, *Legislative Liaison, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Niki Clum is the Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from The Ohio State University, and a J.D. from George Mason University. Prior to law school, Niki worked in policy as the Director of Constituent Action for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Prior to joining OPD, Niki worked as a prosecutor for the City of Delaware and Union County. In September of 2017, Niki joined OPD's Policy and Outreach Division. At OPD, Niki is a member of the Kids in Adult Prison Working Group.

Michael Deffet, *Assistant Public Defender, Montgomery County*

Michael has been at the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office since 2001. He has practiced in most courts in Montgomery County but has been permitted to mostly practice in juvenile court during that time. Prior to the position opening up at the Mont. Co. Public Defender he worked briefly with Cincinnati



Legal Aid, working on housing and education cases. Before working in Cincinnati, Michael was in NY in private practice on Long Island. There he focused mostly on school law, including special education/disability law. Before going into private practice Michael was a staff attorney with the Long Island Advocacy Center, representing parents and students in school related matters including disciplinary matters as well as special education/disability matters.

Jeremy Gatta, *Assistant Public Defender, Cuyahoga County Public Defender Office*

Jeremy Gatta is an attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office. In addition to handling delinquency proceedings, he also represents parents in abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. He is the Policy Advocate for the Office and sits on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Committee and the Alternatives to Detention Committee at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. He earned his J.D. from Cleveland State University, Cleveland – Marshall College of Law. At Cleveland – Marshall, Jeremy served as Editor-In-Chief of the *Journal of Law and Health*. During law school, Jeremy worked for the ACLU of Ohio, and was an extern in the Federal Public Defender Office, Northern District of Ohio, in the Capital Habeas Unit. Prior to law school, Jeremy served as Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach at Endicott College, in Beverly, Massachusetts, where he also earned his B.A. in History.

Stephen Goldmeier, *Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Stephen Goldmeier is a Public Information Attorney in the Policy and Outreach Department of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender (OPD). He received his bachelor's degree in education, with minors in chemistry and physics, from Otterbein University, and he graduated from DePaul University's College of Law with a certificate in intellectual property law. He joined OPD seven years ago. He has represented clients in state and federal court, from county common pleas courts up to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He has litigated cases involving ballistics and cell-phone-forensics issues. In addition to his work as an attorney, Stephen has taught about the law and about indigent defense on many occasions, addressing diverse audiences ranging from a middle school mock trial team to a group of appellate advocates at a training organized by the Second District Court of Appeals. Stephen has also served as faculty at the National Legal Aid & Defender Association's week-long appellate-writing seminar in New Orleans, and he is a trainer with OPD's Forensic Training Unit.

Ali Hatheway, *Senior Juvenile Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender*

Ali Hatheway is a supervising attorney at the Law Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender. She has been defending children in Hamilton County since 2007. Ali also has experience advocating for clients in both the Municipal and Felony Common Pleas Courts. In addition to defending youth, Ali has worked to end the practice of the indiscriminate shackling of children in courtrooms and has advocated for victims of human trafficking in juvenile court. Ali also has extensive experience presenting to groups in the legal community on various topics such as human trafficking, juvenile practice and procedure, juvenile transfer procedure and reverse transfer procedure, adolescent development as it relates to juvenile delinquency, competency, and creative motion practice. Ali graduated with honors from Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. While in law school, she wrote and edited for the Northern Kentucky Law Review, she was a recipient of the Cincinnati Bar Association Auxiliary Award, the AAA Robert Dennis Scholarship, and Chase Alumni Merit Scholarship. Currently, she is member of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati. A native of Westerville, Ohio, Ali graduated from Muskingum University, earning her B.A. in Speech Communication. While at Muskingum, she was a



member of the women's basketball and track teams, as well as the Beta Delta Chapter of the Theta Phi Alpha women's sorority.

Rickell Howard, *Ohio Policy and Litigation Director, Children's Law Center*

Rickell Howard is the Ohio Policy and Litigation Director for the Children's Law Center. Rickell is a civil rights and public interest law attorney, specializing in Federal civil rights litigation, appeals and policy reform. Rickell received her Juris Doctor from Temple University's Beasley School of Law in 2006 and her B.B.A. in International Business from Howard University in 2002, where she graduated magna cum laude. She has dedicated her career to providing legal representation to persons that are underrepresented in the legal system and has built a successful track record of impactful civil rights litigation. Rickell began her legal career at the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, where she represented over 300 low-income clients in lawsuits and administrative hearings. Before joining Children's Law Center, Rickell served as the Director for the Human Rights in Prison Litigation project at the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, where she represented state prisoners in Ohio's largest prison healthcare class action suit, *Fussell v. Wilkinson*, in addition to representing individual prisoners in prison condition cases. Rickell is also a volunteer board member of the Central Community Health Board and the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, both located in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also founded the Wise Counsel legal ministry at her church, Light of the World Ministries, where she provides legal resources to persons who are unable to afford an attorney.

Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, *Board Certified Forensic Psychologist*

Antoinette Kavanaugh, Ph.D., ABPP is Board Certified in Forensic Psychology, is the former Clinical Director of the Juvenile Justice Division — Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic, served as a clinical professor at Northwestern University's School of Law for ten years, is a Lecturer at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL and is an alumnus of the American Psychological Association's Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology. She has authored several peer-reviewed articles and routinely educates lawyers and psychologists on issues related to adolescent development and obtaining and conducting forensic evaluations. In private practice since 1999, she evaluates juveniles and adults for civil cases, criminal state and federal court cases, has been retained in multiple *Miller v. Alabama* cases and testifies regularly in state and federal courts.

Kristina Kersey, *Assistant Deputy Defender, Office of the Public Defender, New Jersey*

Kristina Kersey received a B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers College, NJ, in 1998. She went on to receive her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2001. From 2001-2002, She was a judicial law clerk to Lawrence M. Lawson, A.J.S.C. (retired). Following her clerkship, Kristina answered her calling to the Office of the Public Defender. Kristina has specialized in Juvenile Delinquency representation for 15 years. In addition to countless bench trial successes, she has recently thwarted attempts by the State to waive clients to Adult Court through motion practice. Kristina was the trial attorney on *State in the Interest of N.H.* in which the New Jersey Supreme Court held that Juveniles are entitled to full and complete discovery prior to a waiver hearing. In her free time, she enjoys the Jersey Shore and She speaks to anyone who will listen about her rewarding career and how to avoid becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.



Jennifer Kinsley, *Professor of Law and Director of Experiential Learning at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law*

Jennifer M. Kinsley is a Professor of Law and Director of Experiential Learning at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law, where she teaches Client Centered Practice, Legal Analysis and Problem Solving, Trial Advocacy, and directs the law school's externship program. Prior to joining the Chase faculty, she was the managing partner of Cincinnati-based Sirkin Kinsley, Co. LPA and was also previously a partner in the boutique firm Sirkin Pinales & Schwartz LLP. For nearly two decades, her practice has been concentrated in fighting governmental abuse of civil and constitutional rights and has included First Amendment law, civil rights, criminal defense and appeals, post-conviction, and death penalty habeas. Prof. Kinsley also previously served as a public defender, where she primarily handled juvenile delinquency cases.

Prof. Kinsley was named a Rising Star by SuperLawyers on four occasions and has also been listed in Best Lawyers in America for her First Amendment work. She recently served as the President and National Chair of the First Amendment Lawyers Association and is an active lecturer with the Ohio and Greater Cincinnati Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is admitted to practice in Ohio, Florida, the United States Supreme Court, and numerous federal circuit and district courts across the country.

Jefferson E. Liston, *Law Offices of Jefferson Liston, LLC*

Jefferson E. Liston is a sole practitioner in Columbus, Ohio. He is a former Chairman of the Ohio Public Defender Commission. He is a former board member and board president of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is lead counsel qualified in Death Penalty cases, having most recently served as lead counsel in *State v. Rutledge*, a Franklin County Death Penalty trial resulting in a life verdict. In private practice he has represented hundreds of children, parents, grandparents and foster parents in all aspects of juvenile and family law. He has been a speaker on juvenile law for the National Juvenile Defender Center, the Ohio Judicial College, Ohio CLE Institute, Columbus Bar Association, Ohio State Public Defender's, Ohio State University Law School, Capital Law School, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Ohio Juvenile Law Symposium. He was a member of the Governor's Task Force on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse. He is a former Magistrate of the Franklin County Juvenile Court and was the founding President of the Ohio Association of Magistrates and the Central Ohio Association of Juvenile Lawyers. He has been certified by NJDC as a JTIP trainer. He was named OACDL Attorney of the Year in 2016. He has been recognized in Who's Who in American Law, Best Lawyer in America and Ohio Super Lawyers. He is a 1978 graduate of Case Western Reserve University.

Julie Kahrs Nessler, *Juvenile Appellate and Trial Counsel, Hamilton County Public Defender*

Julie Kahrs Nessler is the Appellate Counsel for the Juvenile Division of the Law Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender. Julie primarily represents youth on appeal, as well as in objection proceedings, and sealing and expungement proceedings. Prior to joining the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office, Julie worked as a law clerk for the Twelfth District Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio. Julie also worked as an associate attorney in a small civil litigation firm in Columbus, Ohio. In 2005, Julie interned with the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association in Washington, D.C. Julie graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2006 with a degree in Political Science. In 2009, Julie earned her Juris Doctor with a concentration in criminal litigation from Capital University Law School. During law school, Julie was an Associate Editor of the Capital University Law Review. Julie has also presented on a variety of juvenile law topics at local and statewide juvenile defender trainings.



Rachel Román-Lagunas, *Indiana Public Defender Council*

Rachel Román-Lagunas is the Assistant Division Chief of the Juvenile Division at the Marion County Public Defender Agency. She has been employed there since graduating from the Maurer School of Law: Indiana University in 2009. Rachel also works as a staff attorney for the Indiana Public Defense Council's Juvenile Defense Project facilitating training and technical assistance to attorneys throughout Indiana. Rachel became a certified trainer for the Juvenile Training Immersion Program in 2015. She has worked with others to pass legislation that positively effects juveniles in our community. She lives with her husband and two young boys in Indianapolis, IN.

Katherine Sato, *Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Ohio Public Defender*

Katherine Sato is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Juvenile Department of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. Katherine earned a B.A. in Sociology from McGill University and a J.D. from New York Law School. Katherine joined the OPD in 2013 and represents youth in trial and post-disposition proceedings. During her time at the OPD, Katherine has attended the Juvenile Training Immersion Program Summer Academy and the NACDL and Cardozo School of Law National Forensic College. At the OPD, Katherine is the chair of the Expert Working Group and a member of the Forensic Training Unit.

Alexander Shalom, *Senior Supervising Attorney, ACLU New Jersey*

Alexander Shalom is Senior Supervising Attorney at the ACLU-NJ. In that role, Alex primarily litigates cases on issues that disproportionately impact people of color. He appears in state and federal trial and appellate courts on cases addressing important criminal justice issues. In the last few years he has appeared more than thirty-five times before the New Jersey Supreme Court on cases focusing on issues including the pretrial justice, right to counsel, sentencing, and search and seizure. Before joining the ACLU-NJ, Alex worked as an Assistant Deputy Public Defender in Essex County. In 2017, the New Jersey Law Journal named him the Attorney of the Year.

David Singleton, *Executive Director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center*

Mr. Singleton received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy, cum laude, from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Singleton received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After moving to Cincinnati in the summer of 2001, Mr. Singleton practiced at Thompson Hine before joining OJPC as its Executive Director in July 2002. David is also an Assistant Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Rebecca Steele, *Juvenile Unit Chief, Franklin County Public Defender*

Rebecca Steele is juvenile unit chief at the Franklin County Public Defender's Office with twenty-nine years practice in juvenile court. She serves as the current chair of the Juvenile Court Advisory Board and is a longtime board member and past president of the Central Ohio Association of Juvenile Lawyers. As an adjunct faculty member for Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, she teaches classes in Courts and Criminal Procedure and Juvenile Delinquency for students in the Criminal Justice degree program. She also serves on the Franklin University Criminal Justice degree program advisory board and on the Franklin County Juvenile Reception Center advisory committee. Active in juvenile court reform efforts, Ms. Steele serves on several Franklin County



Juvenile Court committees, including the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) subcommittee which developed a Risk Assessment Instrument for Franklin County Juvenile Court. In 2014 Tim Young, Ohio Public Defender, presented Ms. Steele with the Noel E. Kaech Juvenile Defender Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy at the Ohio Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit. She graduated from OSU law school in 1989.

Dr. Bob Stinson, *Board Certified Forensic Psychologist and Attorney at Law, Stinson and Associates*

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