

Speaker Biographies

FCBA In-Person Bench & Bar CLE 2023

June 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Fayette Circuit Courthouse Multi-Purpose Room

Supreme Court \ Court of Appeals Update 1 Hour 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Speakers: Justice Robert B. Conley and Judge Pamela Goodwine

Bios: Justice Robert B. Conley was elected in November 2020 to serve the 7th Supreme Court District, which comprises 32 Eastern Kentucky counties. Justice Conley joined the state's highest court after 26 years as a trial court judge for Greenup and Lewis counties.

In 1994, Justice Conley was appointed by Governor Brereton Jones to fill a vacancy in the 20th Judicial District Court and then was elected to that seat for three successive terms. In 2006, he was elected to the 20th Judicial Circuit Bench, where he served until his election to the Supreme Court. While a circuit judge, he also presided over the Greenup/Lewis Drug Court, which was recognized by the National Drug Court Institute in 2010 as a mentor court to help train Drug Court personnel from all over the Eastern United States.

Prior to taking the bench, he worked in Ashland, KY as an associate in the law firm of McKenzie, Woolery & Emrick PSC, a corporate attorney with Addington Mining/Addington Environmental Inc., and as attorney for the Greenup County School Board.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business from the University of Kentucky in 1981 and a juris doctor from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1984. He worked his way through UK and his first year of law school as a steelworker for ARMCO Steel Inc.

Justice Conley is married to Melanie Simpson-Conley of Lexington, KY. Simpson has a daughter, the late Alexandra H. Simpson. He was married to the late Melanie Stephens Conley for 28 years and they have two children, Katlyn Ann Conley, and Robert B. Conley II. He has been active in his community as a coach for youth baseball, football, softball, and soccer teams. He has also been involved in Bridges Christian Church in Russell, KY as a Sunday school teacher, adult Bible study leader, deacon and elder.

Judge Pamela R. Goodwine was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in November 2018 to serve Division 1 of the 5th Appellate District. Before her election to the Court of Appeals, Judge Goodwine was Chief Regional Circuit Judge for Fayette County. She served as a circuit court judge since November of 2003. She served as a district court judge from August of 1999 until November of 2003.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky, Carol Martin Gatton College of Business in 1991. She graduated from the University of Kentucky, College of Law in 1994. She was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in October 1994. She was in private practice with the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs from 1994 until her appointment to the district court bench in August of 1999. Her primary practice area was labor and employment law.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Goodwine chaired the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. She also served as a commissioner of that agency. Judge Goodwine was inducted into the Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics Alumni Hall of Fame in February 2000. She was named the Fayette County Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer in May 2001. On September 21, 2012, Judge Goodwine received the Henry V. Pennington Trial Judge of the Year Award from the Kentucky Justice Association. Judge Goodwine also served as a Fayette County Drug Court judge from 2011 until her election to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In March of 2018, Judge Goodwine received the 2018 "Women Making History" Award from the Kentucky Commission on Women, and in April of 2018, she received the Carl Beshear, "Walking by Faith" Award from the Carter G. Woodson Academy. Judge Goodwine is married to Lee A. Padgett, Jr. They have two children, six grandchildren, and a 12-year-old German Shepherd named Kobe. In June 2012, Judge Goodwine was certified as a Jazzercise fitness instructor. She enjoys interior design, watching sports, and teaching fitness classes.

Circuit Court Rules/Clerk Update 1-hour 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Speakers: Judge Kimberly N. Bunnell and Vincent Riggs

Bios: **Judge Kimberly N. Bunnell** graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1985 with a degree in Business Administration, and the College of Law in 1988. She began her legal career as an Assistant Fayette County Attorney and then an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. After being a prosecutor for eleven years, Governor Patton appointed her to the District Court bench in January 2000. She was later elected Chief Judge in January 2002. In December 2002, she became one of Fayette County's first Family Court Judges. In January 2007, Judge Bunnell left Family Court to become a general jurisdiction judge. She is currently Chief Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court and Past President of the State Circuit Judges' Association.

Besides her regular court activities, Judge Bunnell serves as president of the board for The Canaan House, a home for mentally ill adults, and an Advisory Board Member for Sullivan University Legal Studies.

Besides her legal duties, she also looks forward every year to the Christmas holidays when she plays the trumpet in the UK Alumni Pep Band for the UK Men's and Women's Basketball games. If you don't find her in court these days, you will probably find her on the Pickle Ball Court, her newest obsession.

Vincent Riggs was elected as the Fayette Circuit Court Clerk in November 2012 and re-elected for a second term in 2018. Prior to taking office as Circuit Court Clerk, Vince was a practicing attorney in the areas of family, domestic violence, immigration, and estate law. He is a member of the Fayette County Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Vincent holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Kentucky and a Juris Doctor degree from the Appalachian School of Law, Virginia.

Additionally, Vince is past president of Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks—the first Circuit Clerk ever elected from Fayette County. Vince serves on the Chief Justice's E-Courts Program Management Committee, the Chief Justice's Drug Court Certification Board, Domestic Violence Prevention Board, and the Circuit Court Clerk's Conduction Commission.

Distinguished Practitioners – 1.5 Hours 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Speakers: Anita M. Britton, William L. Davis, Barbara Edelman, Robert (“Bobby”) Houlihan, Jr., James Lowry IV, Lou Anna Red Corn, Thomas L. Clark

Bios: **ANITA M. BRITTON** was born and raised in Woodford County where she lives on a small farm with her husband, Stuart Bennett, and their fur kids, Teddy, Sophie, Sunshine, and Buddy. After nearly 30 years with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, she is a founding member of Britton Johnson PLLC.

A 1972 graduate of Woodford County High School, Anita went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Centre College of Kentucky in 1976. While at Centre, Anita served as co-editor of the Cento, the student newspaper. She was also Sweetheart of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and a cheerleader. After a year at the college as a Lilly Fellow, Anita came to Lexington where she worked in local government before entering the Rosenberg College of Law at the University of Kentucky in the fall of 1979. Anita received her Juris Doctorate with Distinction from the University of Kentucky in 1982. She is a member of the Family Law Sections of the American, Kentucky, and Fayette County Bar Associations and served as the Chair of the Family Law Practice Section of the Kentucky Bar. Anita has served as the Chair of the Kentucky Bar Convention twice and has on numerous occasions served on the CLE Planning Committee for the Bar Convention. She served as a member of the Continuing Legal Education Commission for the Kentucky Bar Association for six years including a year as Chairman from 2007-2008. In 2008, she was elected to the Kentucky Board of Bar Governors for the 5th Supreme Court District in which position she served until 2014. For the last many years, Anita has lectured twice a year to new lawyers on the ethics of litigation and has lectured extensively on evidence law in Kentucky.

William L. Davis, from Lexington, KY, was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court as an Attorney and Counselor at Law on January 12, 1981.

He was the first African American to serve as Director of Administrative Law and Civil Litigation Branch of the Division of General Legal Services of the Attorney General's Office.

He served as the Assistant Deputy Attorney General/Director in the Kentucky Attorney General's Office (AG), 1985-1987.

William L. Davis was the first African American to serve as a United States Air Force Captain/Assistant Staff Judge Advocate of the 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 1978-1979, which included being the first African American Trial Prosecutor and Chief of Civil Law. He was admitted to practice law as an attorney & counselor in the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces on May 5, 1978.

In 1981, Davis was sworn in as an Assistant Attorney General in the Supreme Court of Kentucky. He also served as the attorney for the Kentucky Board of Barbering up to 1985.

Davis has been in private practice as a civil rights attorney since 1987 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Davis earned his Master of Theological Studies in 2008 from Asbury Theological Seminary. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1974 from Berea College and his Juris Doctor in 1977 from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He was the first African American graduate of the UK College of Law to receive the Reginald Huber Smith Fellowship for Lawyers sponsored by Howard University, Washington, D.C. in May 1977; and the first to be listed in Marquis Who's Who in American Law (2nd Edition 1979).

Barbara Edelman has extensive complex litigation experience and focuses on commercial litigation and many types of business disputes. Her litigation experience includes contract disputes, fiduciary duty claims, lender liability, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, trade secrecy, and financial class actions in state and federal courts.

Over the course of her career, Barbara has appeared in all of the federal district courts in Kentucky, numerous Kentucky circuit courts throughout the state and courts of other jurisdictions. She has tried more than 50 jury trials in state and federal courts and handled more than 30 appeals to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, Kentucky Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Barbara was recently inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame, which recognizes distinguished alumni.

She is the 2012 recipient of the Fayette County Bar Association's highest honor - the Henry T. Duncan Award. This award recognizes a member of the bar whose integrity, leadership, and professional conduct exemplifies the highest ethical and professional standards that benefit the community.

Barbara is listed in Best Lawyers® in appellate practice, Bet-the-Company, litigation, and commercial litigation. She has also been selected by Chambers & Partners - Chambers USA® in commercial litigation, Kentucky's Super Lawyers®, Kentucky's Super Lawyers® Top 25 Women and Top 50 Lawyers in the State, and Benchmark Litigation as a "Local Litigation Star," as well as a Top 250 Women in Litigation in the nation.

In 2009, she was selected as a "Leading Woman in Central Kentucky" by Business Lexington and the Lane Report's "Top Women in Business." She is a frequent speaker on litigation and evidentiary issues. She has previously served on the Joint Rules Committee for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and on the Merit Selection Panel for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to recommend nominees for the Bankruptcy Court of the Eastern District of Kentucky and on the Merit Selection Panel to select a federal magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. She previously served as an assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the Department of Justice's Economic Fraud Commission.

Robert ("Bobby") Houlihan, Jr. UK Law 1974, 50 years FCBA member, 4yrs. -- Gess, Mattingly, Saunier & Atchison, 3 yrs. -- Assistant U.S. Attorney, 24 yrs. -- Stoll, Keenon & Park, 10 yrs. -- Plaintiff Practice -- 10 years (Joe Savage, Bobby Elliott, Kif Skidmore, Trey Moore, Kris Mullins, Corey Erdman), 9 yrs. -- Houlihan Dispute Resolution

James Lowry, IV has practiced criminal law for over 40 years. He was a four-year varsity basketball player for Davidson College. Upon his graduation from Davidson in 1975, Jim played professional basketball in Europe. He graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1979, where he focused his studies and clerkships on criminal practice.

Over his many decades of practice, Jim has built a reputation as a thoughtful, trusted force in Kentucky's criminal justice system. He has handled thousands of cases in state and federal court running the gamut from death penalty murders, sex offenses, vehicular homicides, major property crimes and frauds, and

drug trafficking all the way down to DUI's and sundry misdemeanors. Whatever the criminal concern, Mr. Lowry has always zealously and faithfully served his clients' interests.

He has also developed a passion for representing undergraduate and graduate students in their times of need. Whether it is defending a student in a Title IX sexual assault hearing, providing advice about NCAA compliance concerns to high-profile student-athletes, or helping a student with academic affairs or code of conduct issues, Jim has never shied away from taking care of a student during tough times.

As part of his role as a longtime student advocate, Jim has been an instrumental advisor to university officials who, with his help, identified the need to revamp protocols and student procedural rights during adversarial hearings. Those efforts resulted in major shifts in how Title IX allegations are investigated and resolved in significant portions of Kentucky. Thanks in no small part to Mr. Lowry's efforts, students who were once not permitted to have active counsel at all now enjoy robust protections, including the right to attorney representation and confrontation of witnesses at important stages of Title IX investigations.

Jim has given advice to numerous NCAA student-athletes about compliance and has been a recurrent lecturer at ethics-focused CLE programs sponsored by the Kentucky Bar Association and the Fayette County Bar Association. He has served on several committees, both formal and informal, geared toward local practice issues in Central Kentucky.

He has notable experience in the areas of State Criminal Defense, Federal Criminal Defense, White-Collar Defense, Defense of Professionals, Defense of Public Officials, Title IX Investigations, and Expungements.

Jim is admitted to practice before all Kentucky courts, including the Kentucky Supreme Court, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. He serves as Of Counsel for Nash Marshall, PLLC.

Lou Anna Red Corn is a career prosecutor with 35 years of courtroom experience. She joined the Commonwealth's Attorney Office in 1987, was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney in 2016, and in 2018 was elected to a 6-year term. Red Corn is the first female Commonwealth's Attorney for Lexington, and as member of the Osage Nation, she is the first Native American to serve as a Commonwealth's Attorney in Kentucky. Before becoming a prosecutor, Red Corn was a public defender and worked briefly in civil practice.

Red Corn has tried more than 230 felony cases to juries, including 55 homicides. She is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, an organization recognized as the preeminent organization of trial lawyers in North America, dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice. She serves on the 21st Century Advocacy Task Force, established to develop interim guidelines for practitioners during the global pandemic. Red Corn is a frequent faculty member for the Kentucky Prosecutors Institute, a week-long trial skills course for new Kentucky prosecutors.

Red Corn is a strong advocate for victims, especially child sexual abuse and exploitation victims. Following her appointment in 2016, Red Corn established the first special victims' unit in the office – prosecutors especially trained and experienced in the prosecution of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, child sexual abuse and exploitation, and elder abuse. In 2019 she testified before the Kentucky General Assembly about the need for a felony strangulation law in Commonwealth. The law passed and the Kentucky Gazette's named Red Corn among the 2019 Notable Women in Kentucky Politics and Government.

Red Corn is the incoming president of the National Children's Alliance, the organization that accredits the nations' child advocacy centers, and a current and founding board member of the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass. She helped establish the Fayette County Child Sexual Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team in 1989, which has remained a model for other teams statewide. She also helped write the Kentucky Model Protocol for Child Sexual Abuse Multi-disciplinary teams and the first Kentucky Attorney General's Child Sexual Abuse Manual (2006). She serves on the board of directors of the National District Attorneys Association, active on the diversity and inclusion committee, well-being task force, and the women's law section.

In 2020 Red Corn was awarded Commonwealth's Attorney of the Year by her peers and is the 2020-21 President for the association. In 2018 the Kentucky Association of Children's Advocacy Centers recognized her as one of their Legendary Partners, awarding her the "Hero's Blue Cape" for her work on behalf of children and with the Children's Advocacy Center. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and serves on the college's Visiting Committee. Red Corn was the College of Law 2018 Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

Red Corn is an involved member of the Osage Nation. She dances in the annual ceremonial dances, the In-lon-schka, and the recently established Osage Women's Dance Wak'on Owatsi and the Osage Women's Conference. Red Corn retired from the Commonwealth's Office in September 2022.

Thomas L. Clark is a former circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which presides over Fayette County of Kentucky. Clark was appointed to the court in 1997 and retired on November 26, 2016. Clark received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

Oh No You Di-int! Shocking Stories of Lawyer Misconduct ETHICS

1 Hour, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Speaker and Bio:

Courtney Risk Courtney joined the Lawyers Mutual team after beginning her career handling litigation—both criminal and civil—as well as transactional work. In addition to her role in relationship management, she is focused on providing relevant risk management resources and training. She is passionate about advancing wellness in the profession and has spoken across Kentucky and nationally about the connection between burnout, wellness, and our ethical obligations. She continues to handle pro bono appellate matters on behalf of victims of intimate partner violence and trains law enforcement on trauma-informed investigations. Courtney currently serves as the Communications Chair for the Fayette County Bar Association Women's Law Association and is a member of the Professional Liability Defense Federation Diversity & Inclusivity Committee.

The Bluegrass Conspiracy: The Other Side of the Story - 2-Hours, 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Moderated by Fred Peters, Pat Molloy, & Barbara Edelman – Panel Discussion

Born and raised in Lexington, **Fred Peters** graduated from Transylvania University in 1977 where he was a 3-year letterman for the tennis team. Graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1980 and passed the Kentucky Bar Exam in the same year. Sat for and passed the Florida Bar Exam in 1982. From 1980 to 1987 he was Staff Attorney for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, working for the Honorable James F. Cook, United States Magistrate Judge.

From 1987 to 1990, worked as an associate for the law firm of McCoy, Baker, and Newcomer, where he was the lead attorney in the infamous Kentucky Basketball Recruiting Scandal of Dwane Casey v. Emery Air Freight. From 1990 to current date, he has had his own personal law practice, with numerous different associates. Fred is licensed to practice in all courts in Kentucky and Florida, all federal courts in Kentucky, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, as well as the United States Supreme Court.

Fred has argued numerous published cases in front of the Kentucky Supreme Court, establishing new case law in the areas of DUI prosecutions. Fred has also had a published opinion by the Kentucky Supreme Court regarding searches of fraternity and sorority houses by police.

Fred has had the precedent-setting case of the measure of damages in personal injury cases involving the issue of calculation of damages where the insurance company/Medicare is allowed a substantial discount on medical bills.

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Bios: Patrick Molloy began as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the USAO-EDKY in 1967 and served as U.S. Attorney from 1977 to 1981. During that time, the office prosecuted several sheriffs for extortion and mail fraud. Molloy was the Commonwealth's Attorney in Fayette County from 1972 to 1977 and he briefly

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Panelists Include:

John Bizzack, Justice cabinet commissioner (ret.)

James Huggins, FBI supervisor (ret.)

Drexel Neal, Assistant Chief of Police (ret.)