

**Title:** Anticipated Trends in Constitutional Litigation: What's Next for SCOTUS and Appellate Courts

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14th

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. In Person

## **Speaker Bios:**

**Matthew Stinnett** serves as a Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. In that role, Judge Stinnett handles pretrial management in both civil and criminal cases. Prior to joining the Court, Judge Stinnett was a partner at Dickinson Wright and, before that, a partner at Bingham Greenebaum Doll. Judge Stinnett's private practice focused on a wide variety of complex business and commercial litigation matters, with special emphasis on toxic tort liability, products liability, and general corporate governance disputes. He currently lectures at both University of Kentucky J. David Rosenburg College of Law and Transylvania University.

**Judge John K. Bush** is a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. His chambers are in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to joining the court, Judge Bush was a partner in the Louisville office of the firm Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP (now Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP), where he also was co-chair of the firm's litigation department. He began his legal practice in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

Judge Bush served as a law clerk for Judge J. Smith Henley of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He was graduated summa cum laude from Vanderbilt University, and cum laude from Harvard Law School. He is an adjunct lecturer at The George Washington University Law School and the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

**Judge S. Chad Meredith** is a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Prior to taking the bench in November of 2025, he was a partner at the multinational law firm of Squire Patton Boggs. Before that, he served as Kentucky's first Solicitor General, a position in which he oversaw all civil and criminal appellate litigation involving the Commonwealth. He also served as Chief Deputy General Counsel to the Governor of Kentucky and practiced at law firms in Louisville and Lexington. He earned his undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Washington and Lee University and his law degree summa cum laude from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Following law school, he clerked for Judge John Rogers on the Sixth Circuit and Judge Amul Thapar on the U.S. District Court.

**Jack Heyburn** serves as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General for Attorney General Russell Coleman. In this capacity, he and his colleagues in the Office of the Solicitor General represent the Commonwealth in all of its appellate litigation in both state and federal court. A Louisville native, Jack returned home to Kentucky after working as an associate in the Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher from 2019 to 2024. Before joining Gibson Dunn, he clerked on the United States Court of Appeals

for the Third Circuit. Jack earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2018 and his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University in 2013.

**Moderated by: Mary J. Davis** is Dean Emerita and Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. She served as Dean from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024. She is the Ashland, Inc. - Spears Distinguished Research professor and a University Research Professor.

Prof. Davis joined the faculty at UK Rosenberg Law in 1991. She is widely published in the field of Products Liability. She is the co-author of the law school textbook *Products Liability and Safety: Cases and Materials* (9th ed. 2026). She is also a co-author of the leading multi-volume products liability treatise, *Owen and Davis, Products Liability Law* (4th ed. 2014) (West Publishing).

Prof. Davis is a 25-year elected member of the American Law Institute. She served on the Members Consultative Groups for the Torts and Products Liability Restatements. She has taught law at the University of Texas School of Law, Boston College Law School, William and Mary College of Law, and Wake Forest University School of Law. Prof. Davis practiced product liability law for several years at the law firms of Womble Bond Dickinson in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and McGuire, Woods, LLP in Richmond, Virginia. She is a 1985 magna cum laude graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Law and a 1979 cum laude graduate of the University of Virginia.