

## **Speaker Biographies**

### **FCBA In-Person Bench & Bar CLE 2026**

June 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fayette Circuit Courthouse Multi-Purpose Room

Total Hours: 6 (1 Ethics)

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9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

#### **Supreme Court and Ky Ct of Appeals Update - 1 hour**

**Speakers: Justice Pamela R. Goodwine** was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in November 2024 from the 5th Appellate District comprising Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Scott, and Woodford Counties. Upon taking office on January 6, 2025, she became the first woman and fifth Justice to serve at all four levels of the judiciary in Kentucky.

Prior to being elected to the Supreme Court, Justice Goodwine served six years as a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. She was elected in November 2018 and re-elected unopposed in 2022. She chaired the Prehearing Conference and Personnel Committees. In January 2023, Chief Judge Larry E. Thompson named her Deputy Chief Judge.

Prior to her election to the Court of Appeals, Justice Goodwine was the Chief Regional Circuit Judge for Fayette County. She has been a circuit court judge since November 2003 and a district court judge from August 1999 until November 2003.

Justice Goodwine was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. In November 1979, she moved to Lexington, Kentucky, to work as a court stenographer. Despite facing tragedy, obstacles, and a life-threatening illness, Justice Goodwine earned 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 and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in October 1994. She was in private practice with the law firm Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs from 1994 until her appointment to the district court bench in August 1999, focusing primarily on labor and employment law. More recently, Justice Goodwine obtained her Master of Laws degree in Judicial Studies from Duke University School of Law in May 2023.

Before her appointment to the bench, Justice Goodwine chaired the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and served as a commissioner of that agency. In February 2000, Justice Goodwine was inducted into the Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics Alumni Hall of Fame, and in May 2000, she was named the Fayette County Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer. On September 21, 2012, Justice Goodwine received the Henry V. Pennington Trial Judge of the Year Award from the Kentucky Justice Association. Justice Goodwine also served as a Fayette County Drug Court judge from 2011 until her election to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In March 2018, Justice Goodwine received the 2018 "Women Making History" Award from the Kentucky Commission on Women, and in April 2018, she was honored with the Carl Brashear, "Walking by Faith" Award from the Carter G. Woodson Academy. In April 2019, she received the "Fair Administration of Justice" Award from the Kentucky Academy of Defense Lawyers, followed by the "Distinguished Jurist" Award from the UK College of Law Alumni Association in June 2019, and the "Torch of Excellence" Award from the UK College of Law Alumni Association in October 2019 at the 29th Annual Lyman T. Johnson Awards Banquet. She was named one of The Kentucky Gazette's 2020 Most Notable Women in Kentucky Politics and Government. In February 2025, Chief Justice Lambert awarded her the Justice William E. McNulty Award in grateful appreciation for her outstanding service and dedication to the Kentucky Court of Justice. In June 2025, she was awarded the Nathaniel Harper Award from the Kentucky Bar Association's Young Lawyers.

Justice Goodwine is a member of the National Bar Association, the Kentucky Bar Association, and the Fayette County Bar Association. She is a Life Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation. Justice Goodwine is active in the community and is a member of Central Kentucky American Inns of Court, the Lexington Forum, and the Rotary Club of Lexington. She is a frequent motivational speaker and presenter for continuing legal education.

Justice Goodwine is married to Lee A. Padgett, Jr. They share a large family. In June 2012, Justice Goodwine was certified as a Jazzercise fitness instructor. She enjoys motivational speaking, interior design, and health, fitness, and wellness classes.

**Judge Glenn Acree** was first elected judge for the Kentucky Court of Appeals in November 2006 to serve Division 2 of the 5th Appellate District. He was appointed to that position in August 2006 to fill a vacancy created when by the retirement of Judge Julia K. Tackett. He was re-elected for another eight-year term in 2014. He served as chief judge of the Court of Appeals from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016. Judge Glenn Acree is a 1973 Metcalfe County High School alum, a US Army veteran, and a 1980 UK graduate. He received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in the history of science and medicine before returning to the UK College of Law to obtain his Juris Doctorate in 1985.

He practiced law for nine (9) years at McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland in Lexington before becoming a partner at Thomas, Stidham & Acree. In 1998, he went solo until his appointment and election to the Court of Appeals in 2006, where he has served ever since. In 2007, Judge Acree founded the Appellate Advocacy Section of the KBA, and he was a Founding Fellow of the Fayette County Bar Foundation in 2008. For seven years, beginning in 2012, he served on the Kentucky Bar Foundation Board. The judge's colleagues elected him Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and he served in that capacity from 2012 to 2016. In 2013, Judge Acree was elected a Fellow of the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center in Washington, DC. That same year, he founded the Central Kentucky American Inn of Court and served as its first president until 2016. He has been invited and will attend the American Inn of Court Amity Visit to London, England, on October 1, 2019. A frequent CLE presenter, Judge Acree received the KBA's Thomas B. Spain Award for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in 2014 and, in 2018, the University of Kentucky College of Law named Judge Acree its Distinguished Jurist. On the national level, Judge Acree served on the Board of Directors and chaired several committees of the National Center for State Courts' Council of Chief Judges. He was recently nominated to serve as the national organization's treasurer for 2019-2020. He currently serves on the Judicial Conduct Commission. He authored an inspiring article for the KBA's Bench & Bar entitled, Pro Bono: Getting to the Heart of a Little Latin, (Bench & Bar Vol. 77, No. 5 p.24 (Sept. 2013)), and a more scholarly work, Non-Cooperation Provisions in Settlement Agreements After Kentucky Bar Association v. Unnamed Attorney (Bench & Bar Vol. 79, No. 1, p. 8 (Jan. 2015)). The judge and his wife, the former Lisa Hahn of Versailles, raised two sons: Taylor, a 2017 Centre College graduate who lives in Lexington; and Matthew, a 2017 University of Wisconsin graduate who lives in Baraboo, Wisconsin with his wife, Andrea, and their daughters, Aimee and Ruby.

**Judge Will Moynahan** is a decorated U.S. Navy veteran and a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals, 5th Appellate District, serving since April 2025 Kentucky Court of Justice+1. He is the only combat veteran currently serving on either Kentucky's Court of Appeals or Supreme Court. Born in London, Kentucky, Moynahan grew up in Laurel County with both parents from Jessamine County. He graduated valedictorian from South Laurel High School in 1999. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Harvard University with honors.

Moynahan enlisted in the U.S. Navy through Officer Candidate School and completed advanced flight training in Texas just before the 9/11 attacks. He earned his Wings of Gold in January 2002 as a naval aviator, flying the F-18 Hornet with Strike Fighter Squadron 25. He completed two six-month deployments aboard the USS John C. Stennis (2004) and USS Ronald Reagan

(2006), flying 40 combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded two Air Medals for his service.

After active duty, he served as an instructor pilot and later transitioned to the Navy Reserve, commanding reserve squadrons and the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center.

Using his G.I. Bill, Moynahan attended George Washington University Law School, graduating with high honors in 2013. He clerked for Judge Eugene Siler, Jr. on the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He then joined the U.S. Department of Justice through the Attorney General's Honors Program, prosecuting bid-rigging and price-fixing cases in the Antitrust Division.

In 2016, he was recalled to active duty as Executive Officer of Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti.

Returning in 2018, he became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky, prosecuting financial crimes, healthcare fraud, aggravated identity theft, and public corruption.

On April 14, 2025, Governor Andy Beshear appointed Moynahan to the 5th Appellate District of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, replacing Pamela R. Goodwine. The district covers Fayette, Madison, Franklin, Scott, Jessamine, Woodford, Clark, and Bourbon Counties.

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Judicial Jeopardy: 1 hour**

**Moderator: Judge Lucy VanMeter**

**Contestants: Vince Riggs, Judge Diane Minnifield, Judge Kimberly Bunnell, and additional judges and court officials to be announced.**

**Speaker: Judge Lucy Ferguson VanMeter** a Fayette Circuit Court Judge for the 22nd Circuit Court, 3rd Division. Born in Paris, Kentucky, VanMeter earned a Bachelor of Arts from DePauw University in 1997 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2001, graduating with honors.

VanMeter began her legal career as an attorney with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, where she served as an equity member from 2001 to 2018 [www.lucyvanmeter.com](http://www.lucyvanmeter.com). Over nearly 25 years, she practiced law before all levels of Kentucky's state court system, handling cases in over 50 counties. Her focus was on civil litigation, and she emphasized the importance of fair treatment, consistent application of the law, and predictability in judicial decisions.

In December 2018, VanMeter was sworn in as a Fayette Circuit Court Judge for the 22nd Circuit Court, 3rd Division Ballotpedia. She has presided over both criminal and civil cases, bringing her trial court experience to appellate work.

VanMeter is a nonpartisan candidate for the Kentucky Court of Appeals, 5th Division, 1st District, running in the 2026 general election. She has stated that her nearly two-and-a-half decades of trial court experience make her well-suited to serve on the appellate bench

**Judge Thomas Travis** serves on the Kentucky 22nd Circuit Court, Division 8, with a term ending January 6, 2031. He was elected to the bench in 2022 following prior service as a practicing attorney. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he earned both his bachelor's degree in history and his Juris Doctor before practicing law with Ward, Hocker & Thornton. 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.

**11:05 – 12:05 p.m.**

**The Importance of an Independent Judiciary – 1 hour**

**Speaker: James C. Duff** is currently serving as interim dean of the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. He has served as Executive Director of the Supreme Court Historical Society since February 2021. He previously served as Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO), by appointment of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., from January 2015 through January 2021. He served an earlier term as AO Director from July 2006 to September 2011. As AO Director, Duff was the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States and a member of the board of the Federal Judicial Center.

In between his two periods of service as Director of the AO, Duff served as president and chief executive officer of the Freedom Forum and the Newseum from 2011 through 2014.

Duff is former chairman of the U.S. Supreme Court Fellows Commission and has been a board member of the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society since 1996. He was an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University for 16 years where he was the inaugural professor in the Walter Giles Endowed Department Seminar in Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties in 2010 and was named the Peter Mullen Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown for 2014. He has also lectured in the "Courts and Congress" seminar at Georgetown Law School in 2022 and 2023.

Previously, Duff was managing partner of the Washington office of Baker Donelson which was founded by Howard Baker Jr., former majority leader of the U.S. Senate. At the firm, Duff represented the University of Kentucky's federal interests, served as counsel to the Federal Judges Association, and was counsel and secretary to the Freedom Forum and its affiliates, the Newseum, First Amendment Center and Diversity Institute. He was also appointed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to review and advise it on its procedures while at Baker Donelson.

From 1996 to 2000, Duff served as Counselor to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and was his liaison with Congress, the executive branch, and various state and federal organizations involved with the administration of justice. He served as counsel to the Chief Justice in his role as presiding officer of the presidential impeachment trial in 1999. Duff also assisted Chief Justice Rehnquist in his duties as Chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution.

Earlier in his career, Duff was a partner at Clifford & Warnke, where he worked for 12 years until many in the firm merged with Howrey & Simon where he was a litigation partner for five years. While attending Georgetown Law, he worked in Chief Justice Warren E. Burger's chambers for four years.

As an undergraduate at the University of Kentucky, he was a walk-on member of the

basketball team. He graduated from Kentucky in 1975 magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree, Phi Beta Kappa, and with High Distinction in its Honors Program. He attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in 1973. He received his law degree at Georgetown University Law School in 1981.

Duff was elected to The American Law Institute in 2016 and appointed to the Georgetown Law School's Board of Visitors in 2014. He served as the first Chair of the University of Kentucky Arts & Sciences Advisory Board and currently serves on the UK Lewis Honors College Advisory Board. In 2021, he was inducted into the University of Kentucky's Hall of Distinguished Alumni and in 2012 he was named to the UK Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame. He was given the Georgetown Entertainment and Media Law Achievement Award also in 2012.

Duff is married to Kathleen Gallagher-Duff, a lawyer at Covington & Burling. They have three children and two grandchildren.

**1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**The Transy Book Heist: Inside Lexington's Most Infamous Rare Book Theft – 2 Hours**  
**Speakers: Fred Peters, Pat Nash, Adele Burt Brown, Mike Mazzoli, US Attorney David Marye, and Ed Dove**

**Fred Peters:** 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 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.

**Patrick F. Nash** represented defendants in criminal matters for two decades before teaming with Brandon W. Marshall and forming Nash Marshall, PLLC in 2012. Now with 30-plus years of legal experience, his practice focuses on complex criminal defense, with particular emphasis on federal matters.

Patrick is the current coordinator of all attorneys in the Eastern District of Kentucky who contract with the Court to provide defense services for indigent defendants. Over the years, he has served on a wide variety of criminal law-related committees, such as the United States Courts' Defender Services Advisory Group, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit's Advisory Committee on Local Rules, and the Sixth Circuit's Committee on Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions. He has also served as the Vice-Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission's Practitioner's Advisory Group.

Although Patrick has represented an array of high-profile defendants, like public officials, attorneys, physicians, and professionals of all types, he represents with equal vigor anyone who finds themselves charged with a criminal offense. Mr. Nash has notable experience in a wide

variety of cases, like death penalty murder, drug and firearm prosecutions, child pornography cases, criminal conspiracies, fraud crimes of all types, mining cases, gang prosecutions, and international extradition, among a host of others. He focuses his practice on Federal Criminal Defense, State Criminal Defense, Defense of Public Officials, White Collar Defense, Defense of Professionals, and Appellate Practice.

He frequently organizes and presents continuing legal education seminars for federal criminal practitioners. Patrick is also a recurrent speaker at the University of Kentucky College of Law, lecturing on criminal law topics.

He is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Kentucky College of Law. Before going into private practice, Mr. Nash was a law clerk for the Honorable Henry R. Wilhoit, Jr., United States District Court Judge.

Patrick is admitted to practice before all Kentucky courts, including the Kentucky Supreme Court. He is also admitted to the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Second Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.

**Adele Burt Brown** was born in Frankfort, Kentucky. She received both her B.A. and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky. After judicial clerkships with the Kentucky Supreme Court and U.S. District Judge Edward Johnstone in Paducah, she practiced law for two years in Owensboro, Kentucky. She returned to Lexington in 1982 and worked for Shuffett, Kenton, Curry, and Karem for two years before beginning a solo practice here. Ms. Brown has practiced primarily criminal and family law as a sole practitioner.

She joined the federal Criminal Justice Act attorney panel in 1982 and has accepted criminal appointments regularly since then. She currently resides in Versailles, Kentucky.

**Michael R. Mazzoli** is a prominent federal criminal defense attorney based in Louisville, Kentucky, and a partner at Cox & Mazzoli, PLLC, a leading criminal defense firm in the state. He is a former federal prosecutor and has built a reputation as one of Kentucky's top criminal defense lawyers, recognized by Best Lawyers in America, Kentucky Super Lawyers, and Louisville Magazine.

Mazzoli was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law, first in his class, in 1992.

Mazzoli served as Assistant United States Attorney from 1994 to 1999, where he was a trial attorney in the prosecution of the Belle of Louisville sinking, chief of the forfeiture division, and worked in all sections of the criminal division. He co-founded Cox & Mazzoli, PLLC in 2001 with fellow former federal prosecutor Scott C. Cox. The firm specializes in federal and state criminal defense, white-collar crimes, narcotics offenses, securities fraud, and complex prosecutions.

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**David A. Marye** is an attorney and former Assistant United States Attorney in Lexington, Kentucky, specializing in Criminal Law. He currently serves as the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator in the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District.

Marye was born in Lexington, Kentucky. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Centre College of Kentucky in 1974 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1977.

Marye was admitted to the Kentucky Bar in 1977. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky, focusing on criminal matters. His career spans over four decades, with more than 49 years of legal practice as of recent listings.

**Edward S. Dove**, a Lexington attorney with more than 30 years of experience protecting clients' rights and provides superior service, is currently the Commission Attorney to the LFUC Human Rights Commission. When Ed is not working with the Human Rights Commission, he represents clients in Education Law, Civil Litigation and Criminal Law. Ed owns his own private practice which is located in Lexington and serves Central and Eastern Kentucky, including, but not limited to, Fayette, Scott, Bourbon, Madison, Jessamine and Woodford Counties.

Ed has over 40 years of legal experience and is recognized for his dedication to protecting clients' rights in civil litigation, civil rights, employment, disability, and educational law matters. He earned his B.A. from the University of Maryland and has been licensed to practice law for more than four decades. Ed has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals, the Kentucky Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Title: Limited Scope Representation (LSR): Learning from LSR Pro Bono to Create a New Way to Deliver Civil Legal Services 1 hour ETHICS**

**Speaker: Sylvia Lovely** Graduated from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. She previously served as the Chair of the Morehead State University Board of Regents, the CEO/Executive Director of Kentucky League of Cities, and is currently the President of Sylvia Lovely & Associates.