

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

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**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.            Lawyer Wellbeing: Enhancing Resilience While Maintaining An Ethical Practice**

**Laura Day DelCotto** is the founding member of DelCotto Law Group, a boutique firm with its primary location in Lexington, KY. She has a broad base of experience in representation of debtors-in-possession, borrowers in distressed financial situations, secured and unsecured lenders, committees, trustees, DIP lenders, lessors and asset purchasers. Ms. DelCotto's primary practice is in Chapter 11 commercial bankruptcy as well as state court and out-of-court debtor/creditor related litigation, negotiations and workouts. She is nationally certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Certification, a member of the American College of Bankruptcy, and rated A-V by Martindale – Hubbell.

**Yvette Hourigan** was born and raised in Louisville, KY. She graduated from Murray State University and then the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1988. After a clerkship with the (former) Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, she began her litigation career in product liability defense. She opened her own firm in 1998 where she practiced in all areas of civil litigation, including plaintiff's personal injury work. She has been the director of KYLAP since 2011. KYLAP's work on lawyer and law student depression and suicide prevention has been featured nationally in The Huffington Post, USA Today, and on television on CNN's Legal View with Ashleigh Banfield. In 2014, Yvette was awarded the Dave Nee Foundation's national Uncommon Counselor Award at Lincoln Center. The Uncommon Counselor Award is given annually to one member of the legal profession who exhibits extraordinary compassion and concern for co-workers, family, friends, and community. Yvette is married and lives with her family in Lexington, Kentucky.

**10:10 – 11:10 p.m.            Assessing and Addressing the Hidden Crime of Stalking**

**TK Logan, Ph.D.** is a professor at the University of Kentucky, Department of Behavioral Science. Her research focuses on gender-based violence including coercive control, sexual assault and stalking, firearm-related risks, personal safety planning, effectiveness of protective orders, substance abuse disorder treatment program outcomes and client recovery, and health disparities. Dr. Logan is an author on over 175 research articles and book chapters and serves on the editorial board of four journals. Dr. Logan's books include: *Women and Victimization: Contributing Factors, Interventions, and Implications* (American Psychological Association Press) and *Partner Stalking: How Women Respond, Cope, and Survive* (Springer Publisher). Dr. Logan is also involved with a several community boards and national organizations working to prevent gender-based violence.

**11:10 – 12:10 p.m.            Court of Appeals Update**

**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.

**1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Local Rules of Court**

**Chief Fayette Circuit Judge Kimberly Bunnell** is the chief circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which presides over Fayette County in Kentucky. She began serving on the court in 2000.

**Judge Libby Messer** is a judge of the Kentucky 22nd Circuit Court 1st Division. She assumed office in 2018. Her current term ends on January 2, 2023. Libby Messer earned a J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Messer's career experience includes working as an attorney with the Fayette County Attorney's Office.

**Judge Lucy VanMeter** is the Fayette Circuit Judge for the Third Division. Prior to her election in 2018, VanMeter was a partner with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC for 17 years where she had a litigation practice. She is a 1997 graduate of DePauw University, a 2001 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and has served as the President of the Fayette County Bar Association. In her free time, she loves to walk and listen to true crime podcasts.

**2:45 – 3:15 p.m. e-Filing**

**Vince Riggs** is the Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk in Kentucky. Riggs ran for re-election for Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk in Kentucky.

**3:25 – 4:25 p.m. What Happened During the Pandemic – Ethics Update**

**Larry Deener** is a partner of the law firm of Landrum & Shouse, LLP in Lexington, Kentucky where he concentrates his practice in the areas of railroad litigation and products liability. He was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1971, before serving on active duty as a Captain in the United States Air Force from 1972-76. He received his J.D. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University in 1979, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Northern Kentucky Law Review and was named a Distinguished Graduate. He served as Law Clerk to the late Robert O. Lukowsky, Supreme Court of Kentucky, before joining Landrum & Shouse. A retired Lt Col in the United States Air Force Reserves, Mr. Deener has practiced civil trial law since 1980 and serves as an Ethics Hotline member of the KBA Ethics Committee.

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## **Wednesday, June 29, 2022**

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Legislative Update**

**Senator Reginald Thomas** was elected to the Kentucky State Senate to represent the 13th District of Fayette County in a special election in 2013. He took his oath of office and began service in January 2014. He was elected to Senate Democratic Leadership as Caucus Chair by his democratic colleagues in 2020. An attorney, he serves as an assistant professor at Kentucky State University. He was general counsel for KSU from 1984-1995. He also served as an assistant professor of law at the University of Kentucky Law School from 1980-84 and was with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from 1978-80. An active member of his community, Senator Thomas serves or has served on the board of the Lexington Actors Guild since (2009-2014), the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau (2007-12), the Kentucky Conference of Community and Justice (now the Plantory) since 2003, Bluegrass Community and Technical College (2002-07), and Commerce Lexington (2001-03). He was elected to the Fayette County Superintendent Search Committee in 2003. He is a member of the 1985 Inaugural Class of Leadership Kentucky. Senator Thomas resides in Lexington with his wife, Vela Thomas. He and his late wife, Lynda Morris Thomas, have a daughter, Johanna; two sons, Leonard and William Phillip, and three grandchildren. He remarried in 2019 to Vela Thomas. He is a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, where he serves on the board of trustees.

**10:10 – 11:10 p.m. Mental Health Court**

**Judge John Tackett** is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Kentucky College of Law. Judge Tackett, admitted to the bar in 2003, was a practicing attorney who most recently owned and operated his own law firm. He was elected to the Fayette District Court bench in 2018 and succeeded Judge Kim Wilkie as Fayette Mental Health Court Judge in 2019.

Assistant Fayette County Attorney **Heather Matics** has been in public service for over twenty years, first as public defender, then as a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals. She became a prosecutor in 2011, and joined the Mental Health Court at its beginning in 2014. In addition, she handles juvenile criminal cases and serves as a CIT instructor for area law enforcement agencies.

**Connie Milligan**, LCSW is a Clinical Consultant for the Fayette County Mental Health Court. She has 35 years of clinical and executive management experience in Community Mental Health, working with people who have complex dual diagnosis issues and developed statewide programs in suicide prevention, crisis management, and the Mental Health Crisis Network for Jails. Along with her work with the court, Connie has a private practice, serves as Clinical Director at Shepherd House and is a Senior Consultant for SAMSHA GAINS Center providing consultation and training around trauma informed care and the diversion of people with mental illness from corrections.

**Kelly Gunning** has a master's degree in Community Psychology and has worked the past 12 years for NAMI Lexington. Kelly splits her time as the Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for NAMI Lexington and the Director of the Fayette Mental Health Court. Kelly is also a family member who brings her professional and lived experience to the court, ensuring the program adheres to its mission while addressing the ever-changing needs of the community.

**Lateisha Ousley Atkinson** has worked for the last 10 years with various jobs building community partnerships and public health outreach, most recently for the University of Kentucky. Lateisha brings her professional experience in community relations and lived experience as a family member of someone living with mental illness to the court team as the Community Navigator, orienting referrals and connecting clients to needed resources.

**Jennifer Van Ort-Hazzard** has bachelor's degrees in Social Work and Criminal Justice, as well as a certification as an Adult Peer Support Specialist. She spent her early career in corrections as a sheriff's deputy and in case management for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as well as for adults with Serious Mental Illness. She brings her professional experience in community mental health outreach, as well as her lived experience as a person living with a serious mental illness to the role of Coordinator for the FMHC..

#### **11:10 – 12:10 p.m. Supreme Court Update**

**Justice Laurance B. VanMeter** was elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November 2016 from the 5th Appellate District, comprising Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, Scott, and Woodford Counties. Upon taking office on January 2, 2017, he became just the third Justice to have served at all four levels of Kentucky unified court system. Prior to being elected to the Supreme Court, Justice VanMeter served thirteen years as a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, having been elected in November 2003, and being re-elected unopposed in 2006 and 2014..

#### **1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Felony Mediation**

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#### **2:15-3:15 p.m. Murder Police Podcast**

**Wendy Lyon** was born in Lexington Kentucky and raised in Paris Kentucky. After graduating high school from Bourbon County High School, she moved to Lexington where she completed college. She now resides in Nicholasville Kentucky on a 6 acre farm, complete with miniature horses!

She has one son, age 14 who is a straight A student and awesome lacrosse player. Wendy is married to a former Lexington Police Commander who recently retired after nearly 30 years. David currently teaches leadership classes for FBI LEEDA. David also served many years as a homicide detective.

Wendy attended and completed the Police Academy with Lexington Police Department in March 2005. Due to unforeseen health problems, she left the police department and opened child care centers in 2006. She now owns four child care centers, three of them in Paris Kentucky and one in Cynthiana Kentucky. Her heart, soul and passion is working with children. Most days, when she's not binge watching true crime shows, you will find her in a preschool room, which is her very favorite room of all!

Her husband, **David Lyon**, had the idea of a true crime podcast and thus became The Murder Police Podcast. The podcast initially began as something fun for us to do and is now charting in the top 1% in the world! We pride ourselves in being different from most true crime podcast, in that we interview the detective that actually worked the case. Our cases are told from the very beginning of the case, all the way to prosecution. While the majority of our cases took place in Lexington Kentucky, several of them are from other states.

**3:25 – 4:25 p.m.            The Ethics of Representing Eric Conn**

**Scott White** Scott practices general litigation, criminal defense, family law, and state and federal constitutional law involving issues including civil rights, voting rights and 1983 state action litigation. Scott also is regularly engaged by political and judicial candidates and political parties both in and out of Kentucky for election and campaign law issues. He also writes and speaks on election law, legal issues that arise in electoral politics, best practices for election monitoring, and trial media. He served as the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Kentucky between 1996-2003.