

Speaker Biographies – 2019 Ethics Workshop

Rob Briley is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. He attended the University of Colorado in Boulder from which he graduated in 1991 with a degree in Political Science. Rob received his J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School in 1997 and then completed a judicial clerkship with Judge Thomas Brothers.

In 1998, Rob was elected to represent the 52nd Legislative District in the House of Representatives of the 101st Tennessee General Assembly. He was re-elected to the 102nd – 105th General Assemblies. He served in several leadership positions during his 10 years in the House, including Majority Floor Leader and Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

In addition to serving in the Legislature, Rob has practiced law in Nashville for the past 20 years. In 2009, he joined the law firm of Shuttleworth PLLC with a focus on civil litigation as part of a general trial practice.

Brigid M. Carpenter is the managing shareholder of Baker Donelson's largest office, which is in Nashville, and is the first woman to hold that position. She is a trial attorney who focuses on high stakes commercial litigation as well as defense of product liability and other catastrophic personal injury cases. She has practiced 22 years, all of them at Baker Donelson. Brigid has been named as the Best of the Bar by the Nashville Business Journal several times, and in 2018 was named one of the Women of Influence by the same publication. Brigid was pleased to serve as a hearing panel member for the Board of Professional Responsibility from 2012 through 2018.

Steven J. Christopher is the Interim Deputy Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. He is responsible for managing disciplinary counsel and staff in the investigative section of the Board of Professional Responsibility. Steve frequently speaks at seminars on topics related to legal ethics. Steve earned his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 2002, and also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Prior to being hired at the Board in 2016, Steve was an attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, a private non-profit law firm that provides free legal representation to indigent persons in civil and administrative legal matters. Steve handled a wide range of legal matters as a legal services attorney, including landlord tenant, domestic relations, and public benefits cases.

Jonathan Cole focuses his practice on civil trial work, representing clients on all levels of state and federal court, administrative procedures, and in mediation/arbitration. He is listed by the Tennessee Supreme Court as a Rule 31 mediator. Mr. Cole has significant experience representing national financial institutions and businesses in a wide variety of cases, including, lender liability/consumer financial litigation, contract dispute, bad faith/fraud and creditors'

rights. He routinely represents broker-dealers and investment advisers in FINRA arbitrations and in state and federal court proceedings, and defends them against regulatory compliance allegations from state, FINRA and SEC officials. He also handles enforcement proceedings and investigations by the SEC. In addition, Mr. Cole has extensive experience in safety and health, products liability and personal injury/wrongful death.

To complement his practice, Mr. Cole is committed to the legal profession and his community. Among his current activities, Mr. Cole founded and currently serves as the chair of Baker Donelson's award winning Pro Bono program, was president of the Nashville Bar Association, was president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, serves as a director of the American Bar Endowment, was awarded the Young Leader of the Year Award by the Young Leaders Council and the 2008 NELA (Nashville Emerging Leader Award), and was selected to Leadership Nashville's Class of 2010.

Sandy Garrett is Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Sandy has been with the Board of Professional Responsibility since October, 1992. She is also Executive Director of Tennessee Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. She earned her J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. She is an emeritus member of the Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, a current member of the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) Committee on Ethics, the TBA Committee on the Evolving Legal Market and Supreme Court Task Force Member for the Tennessee Law Course and Bridge the Gap. She is also an honorary TBA Young Lawyers Fellow.

Phillip Hampton is the founder and Chairman of LogicForce Consulting, LLC, a legal technology services firm. He has over 25 years of experience in the field of information technology and since 1995 has consulted with numerous law firms and government agencies in the areas of practice management systems, litigation technology, computer forensics, electronic data discovery, and trial presentation technologies. Mr. Hampton received his B.S. degree in computer science from Lambuth College and his M.S. degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University. He has testified in state and federal court as an expert witness in computer forensics.

Stephen Ross Johnson is a trial and appellate attorney whose practice is focused on the defense of persons and companies accused of white-collar crimes, major felonies, and other serious matters in federal and state courts. He has argued or briefed cases before the Supreme Court of the United States; the Supreme Court of Tennessee; the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Sixth, and Seventh Circuits; all federal district courts in Tennessee; the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals and Tennessee Court of Appeals. He has been admitted to practice on a pro hac vice basis in a number of other federal and state courts.

Mr. Johnson serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), co-chairs NACDL's Sixth Circuit amicus committee, and is a past President of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL). For three consecutive years he served as chair of the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) Criminal Justice Section, and he also served as the Associate General Counsel for the TBA. Mr. Johnson is on faculty with the Tennessee Criminal Defense College (TCDC), and is a member of the white-collar defense, sentencing, investment, forfeiture, and membership committees of NACDL. He serves as chair of the law office technology and management committee of the Knoxville Bar Association (KBA) and is both an officer and a Master of the Bench with the Hamilton Burnett Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is a fellow of both the American Bar Foundation and the Knoxville Bar Foundation. For his volunteer efforts, the Tennessee Bar Association honored Mr. Johnson with its Access to Justice Award. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America in the area of white-collar criminal defense and has achieved an AV rating for preeminent legal ability and ethical standards from Martindale-Hubbell.

Justice Holly Kirby is a Tennessee Supreme Court Justice. Sworn in by Governor Bill Haslam in September 2014, Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Holly Kirby is the first graduate of the University of Memphis ever to sit on Tennessee's highest court. A career jurist, Justice Kirby has authored well over a thousand opinions from appeals all across the state.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Kirby served for almost 19 years on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Tennessee's intermediate appellate court for civil cases. She represented a gender milestone on the Court of Appeals—when she was appointed in 1995, she became the first woman ever to sit on that Court.

A lifelong Tennessean, Justice Kirby was born in Memphis and graduated from high school in Columbia, Tennessee. As an undergraduate at the University of Memphis, she held a number of student leadership positions and graduated in 1979 with high honors, with a B.S. in mechanical engineering.

In 1982, Justice Kirby graduated from the University of Memphis School of Law with high honors. Upon graduation, she served as a judicial law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

After her clerkship, Justice Kirby joined the Memphis law firm of Burch, Porter & Johnson, where she was active in politics and community service. When she was selected as partner in 1990, she became the firm's first female partner.

From the time of her appointment to the Court of Appeals in 1995 to the present, Justice Kirby has won 5 statewide elections, in 1996, 1998, 2006, 2014, and 2016.

Justice Kirby was chosen as Outstanding Young Alumna for the University of Memphis in 1996, Outstanding Alumna for the University of Memphis College of Engineering in 2002, and Special Distinguished Alumna for the School of Law in 2016. She is married to Memphis businessman Russell Ingram and has two grown children. The family belongs to Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

Mark Lanterman is the Chief Technology Officer of Computer Forensic Services. Before entering the private sector, Mark was a member of the U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Taskforce. Mark has 28 years of security and forensic experience and has testified in over 2000 cases.

Mark is faculty for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, the University of Minnesota and the Mitchell Hamline Law School. Mark is a professor in the cybersecurity program at the St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mark has provided training in digital evidence, computer forensics and cyber security to the United States Supreme Court. He has also presented to the 8th and 11th Circuit Federal Judicial Conferences as well as numerous State and Federal Judicial Conferences across the United States.

Mark completed his postgrad studies in cybersecurity at Harvard University and is certified as a Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist (SCERS) by the Department of Homeland Security.

Mark is a member of the Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board and serves on its Opinions Committee.

Justice Roger A. Page was sworn in as the newest member of the Tennessee Supreme Court in February 2016 after he was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam and unanimously confirmed by the Tennessee General Assembly. He is the first appellate judge to be selected pursuant to the Constitutional amendment approved by the voters of Tennessee in 2014. Prior to assuming a seat on the Supreme Court, he served as an appellate judge on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals from December 2011 to February 2016. Justice Page wrote more than 330 appellate opinions. In 1998, he was elected circuit court judge. He presided over both civil and criminal trials in the 26th Judicial District, which includes Chester, Henderson and Madison counties, from August 1998 to December 2011.

Previous to his experience on the bench, he was an assistant attorney general for the State of Tennessee in Jackson from 1991-1998. He practiced at Holmes, Rich, Sigler & Page in Jackson from 1987-1991. He was an associate at Peterson, Young, Self & Asselin in Atlanta from 1985-1987 and was a law clerk for then-U.S. District Court Judge Julia Smith Gibbons from 1984-1985.

He received his law degree with high honors in 1984 from the University of Memphis, where he ranked 4th in his class.

Before his legal career, Page was a chief pharmacist and assistant store manager for Walgreens in Memphis, where he worked from 1977-1984. He received a bachelor's degree in 1978 from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin from 1973-1975 after graduating from Chester County High School in Henderson.

Justice Page is President-Elect of the Howell Edmunds Jackson American Inn of Court and has been honored as a Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow. He has also chaired the joint Tennessee Bar Association/Tennessee Judicial Conference (TJC) Bench-Bar Committee. Justice Page has served on the TJC Executive Committee, the TJC Compensation and Retirement Committee and co-chaired the TJC Legislative Committee. As a trial judge, Justice Page served on the Tennessee Performance Evaluation Commission which evaluated all Tennessee appellate judges.

William "Bill" Ramsey is a member of the firm of Neal & Harwell. The primary focus of Mr. Ramsey's professional practice is complex civil and criminal litigation. He attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he graduated with high honors in Mechanical Engineering. He received his law degree from the University of Tennessee where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and the University of Tennessee Law Review. He has represented a wide variety of defendants in federal white collar prosecutions and investigations. He has extensive civil jury trial experience in a wide variety of cases, including personal injury, business torts, computer and technology litigation and complex commercial transactions.

Beverly P. Sharpe is the Director of Consumer Assistance (CAP) for the Board of Professional Responsibility. Ms. Sharpe was previously in private practice for 18 years in Knoxville Tennessee. Ms. Sharpe holds a Bachelor's Degree in music from the University of North Texas and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee. Ms. Sharpe developed the Consumer Assistance Program from its beginning in 2002. A public service of the Board, the Consumer Assistance Program informally mediates problems which do not rise to the level of serious ethical violations between legal consumers and attorneys. CAP also informs legal consumers about the legal system and makes referrals to other appropriate agencies.

Gary C. Shockley is a former leader of Baker Donelson's Government Regulatory Actions Group (2008 – 2014) and has tried a wide variety of complex cases to judges and juries in more than 25 state and federal courts, as well as before administrative agencies and arbitrators.

Gary has been certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. His experience includes environmental, personal injury, class action, antitrust, health care and construction cases. In addition, he has represented businesses and individuals in white collar criminal investigations and prosecutions and conducted numerous internal investigations.

His extensive pro bono practice has included representation of inmates on Tennessee's death row, veterans, battered women, children and immigrants. He has served in various leadership positions in the Tennessee Bar Association, including on its Board of Governors and as chair of its Litigation and Environmental Law Sections, and as a character and fitness investigator for the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners and a District Hearing Committee officer for the Board of Professional Responsibility. A frequent speaker and author, Gary has published more than 35 articles on evidence, civil and criminal procedure, legal history and related topics.