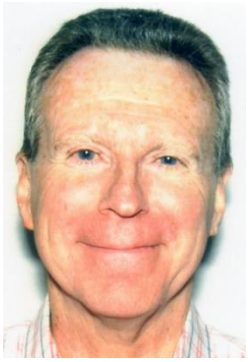
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James J. Grogan is an Illinois lawyer and educator who concentrates his practice in professional responsibility and lawyer ethics law. Mr. Grogan received an undergraduate degree from Lewis University in 1977 and his J.D. degree from the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law in 1980. He retired in 2019 as the Deputy Administrator and the Chief Counsel of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (ARDC) where, for almost 40 years, he investigated and prosecuted hundreds of charges of lawyer misconduct and argued dozens of disciplinary cases in the Supreme Court of Illinois. Mr. Grogan is a Past President of the National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), the bar association of lawyer regulators. For over 36 years he has taught legal ethics, first at the DePaul University College of Law and then at the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, where he is an Adjunct Professor. Over the course of his career, he has presented over twelve-hundred speeches, lectures and workshops to law firms, bar associations, corporations and judicial and governmental groups and agencies on various lawyer regulation topics. He has also served as an ethics consultant and an expert witness regarding a variety of lawyer regulatory concerns.



John Lesko practiced as a litigator for more than a decade, and he is strident in his belief that any attorney courageous enough to seek help for a substance use or mental health condition is deserving of compassion and a second chance. John transitioned to a career as a credentialed addiction clinician in 2008, working exclusively with lawyers and other licensed professionals experiencing substance use and mental health concerns. Serving the clinical needs of licensed professionals nationally while concurrently advocating to their licensing boards, employers and families, John has helped hundreds of individuals across the United States achieve personal recovery and re-establish successful careers.

John holds specialty credentials as a Certified Addiction Professional and an Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. John practiced law in Ohio, primarily in workers' compensation. John received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, after receiving his bachelor's degree in economics from UCLA. Born and raised just a couple miles from the old Municipal Stadium In Cleveland, OH, John remains a long-suffering Browns fan.

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Bill Ramsey is a member of the firm 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.



Sheila Calloway, originally from Louisville, KY, moved to Nashville in 1987 to attend Vanderbilt University, earning her bachelor's in communications in 1991 and her Juris Doctor in 1994. Afterward, she dedicated herself to a career in law, starting at the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office before becoming a Juvenile Court Magistrate in 2004, appointed by Judge Betty Adams Green. Sheila served until November 2013, when she ran for Juvenile Court Judge, winning the election and assuming office in 2014. Recognized for her integrity, she was re-elected in 2022. Alongside her judicial duties, she teaches Trial Advocacy at Vanderbilt University Law School and Juvenile Law at Belmont College of Law, fostering the next generation of legal professionals. Sheila Calloway is known for her innovative approach to justice, blending humor, passion, and wisdom to challenge norms in the legal system, leaving a lasting impact on her community. Sheila Calloway serves the legal community and the juvenile justice community through her service on the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ), where she serves as the Vice-President. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), and on the Judicial Leadership Council of the National CASA/GAL Association. She is also involved in the community, donating her time to organizations such as Leadership Nashville, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Napier Looby Bar Association, Nashville Public Education Foundation, and the Nashville Repertory Theater. Judge Calloway has been recognized by various community agencies for being a leader in her field.

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Dave S. Clark obtained his bachelor's, MBA and law degrees from the University of Tennessee. He practiced law privately in Nashville and opened a firm in his hometown of Oak Ridge – practicing mainly business law and commercial litigation. He was elected the part-time County Attorney in in 1998 and 2002. After 17 years in private practice, he was elected District Attorney General for the 7th District in 2006, 2014 and 2022. During his tenure, the crime rate in Anderson County has been cut in half. He has formed and constructed facilities for a Children's Advocacy Center as well as a Family Justice Center. He also organized a separate independent law enforcement agency consisting of local agents together with the TBI and ATF. This agency handles undercover, violent and complex cases and is funded without taxpayer support.

Dave is married to Magistrate Josephine Clark and they have two adult children. In his spare time he enjoys woodworking, hunting and watching Tennessee Volunteer athletics.



Stacey B. Edmonson is the elected District Attorney General for the 21st Judicial District which encompasses Williamson County, Tennessee. General Edmonson has served the State of Tennessee for over two decades.

General Edmonson is a native Middle Tennessee. She received her bachelor's degree from Belmont University and her law degree from Loyola University in New Orleans.

General Edmonson began her law career in private practice in 2001 and joined the 21st DA's office in 2004. She spent the majority of her career prosecuting cases in Hickman, Lewis, and Perry counties prior to the district split in 2022. In 2022, she returned to her home county of Williamson where she was ultimately elected to serve as District Attorney General in 2024. General Edmonson served on the Board of Professional Responsibility, serves as the chair of the TNDAGC Justice and Professionalism Committee, and serves as the TNDAGC representative on the Tennessee Bar Association.



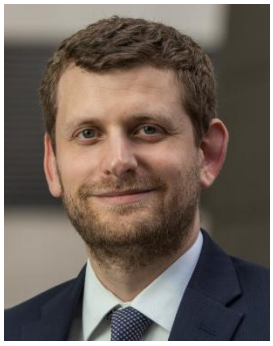
Richard McGee graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1978. He started his career as a criminal defense attorney in the Public Defender's Office in Nashville in 1978. After five years he went into private practice where he has been for more than 25 years. He is also an Adjunct Professor of advanced Criminal Practice & Evidence and the Vanderbilt School of Law.

During his three decades of practice, he has been lead or co-counsel in over one hundred murder cases including death penalty cases. During the

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last two decades he was handled hundreds of drug cases and achieved a large number of dismissals based upon successful challenges to police searches – both with and without search warrant. He has represented numerous citizens accused of robbery, kidnapping, assault, embezzlement and theft.

Richard has been happily married for 51 years and is the father to 2 children and grandfather to 5 grandchildren. His son Kevin is the Training Director for the Public Defenders Conference and a former Public Defender in Nashville and Knoxville, and his daughter is the Program Director for the Davidson County Recovery Court.



Ben Raybin is a partner at Raybin & Weissman, P.C., where he practices primarily criminal defense and civil rights law. He received his B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago and J.D. from Vanderbilt University, where he was a member of the Law Review. He clerked for Judges Jane B. Stranch and Gilbert S. Merritt, both of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He has successfully argued cases in front of the Tennessee Supreme Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.