

## Speaker Biographies



**William Haltom** is a lawyer, award-winning newspaper columnist and writer. He is a past President of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

A columnist for the Tennessee USA Today Network, he is author of nine books ranging in topics from seersucker to civility.



**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.



**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.



**William C. Koch, Jr.** is currently the President and Dean of the Nashville School of Law. Before his appointment, Dean Koch served as a Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court and as a Judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals. During his 30-year judicial career, Dean Koch was recognized as Tennessee's Appellate Judge of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates and was also listed as one of the 500 Leading Judges in America. Prior to his appointment to the appellate bench, Dean Koch served as Counsel to Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander, Commissioner of Personnel, and Deputy Attorney General of the State of Tennessee.

Dean Koch received his undergraduate degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He earned a J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law and an LL.M. in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law. Dean Koch teaches United States Constitutional Law and Tennessee Constitutional Law at the Nashville School of Law. He has also received appointments as an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University School of Law and Belmont University College of Law.

Dean Koch serves President of the Harry Phillips American Inns of Court and served as President of the American Inns of Court from 2018-2020. He is currently the chair of the Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission and has chaired the Tennessee Supreme Court's Indigent Representation Task Force. Dean Koch serves on the Board of Judicial Conduct. He also serves

on the Board of Trustees of Cumberland University, the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.



**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 as Chairman of its Opinions Committee.



**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.



**Buddy Stockwell** was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court on July 1, 2020, as the new Executive Director of the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP). Stockwell comes from south Louisiana where he has been a volunteer and program monitor for the state's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse since 1993, and the Executive Director of Louisiana's comprehensive Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP) peer professionals' program for the last ten years. He is a Certified Clinical Interventionist through "Love First" training at the Betty Ford Center and has personally been in recovery from alcoholism for over 37 years. Over the years he has supported hundreds of bar members, bar applicants, and family members of the bar with a wide range of substance use disorders and mental health issues. Stockwell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Louisiana State

University in 1989 and a Juris Doctor degree from LSU Law School in 1993. Post-law school, he practiced in both large and small firm settings, but ultimately opened a solo practice in Baton Rouge where he focused heavily on domestic litigation until 2004 when he sold his Baton Rouge law office, home, and vehicles and he and his wife, Melissa, moved aboard a large catamaran and sailed the seas for six years, covering 19,000 nautical miles. Stockwell is a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Captain and seasoned ocean mariner. He also served in the Navy prior to college. He is dedicated to TLAP's mission and very excited to serve the Tennessee Supreme Court, the TLAP Commission, and stakeholders in the profession as the new TLAP Executive Director.