

2021 Bench-Bar Conference Faculty Biographies

Jorge Acevedo is an Outpatient Therapist with Pennsylvania Counseling Services. He has been on the Treatment Teams for Mental Health, DUI and Drug Courts since 2011.

John T. Adams, Esquire, is a native of Berks County. He graduated from Conrad Weiser High School in 1979 and from Shippensburg University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in Government. John worked as a Probation Officer in Berks County from 1985 through 1987. In 1990 John graduated from New England School of Law, Boston, MA. From 1990 to 1992 John was an associate at Rhoda, Stoudt & Bradley. From 1992 through 1994 John served as an Assistant District Attorney in Berks County. From 1994 through 2007 John was a member and then a partner at the Law Firm of Linton, Distasio, Adams and Edwards, where he primarily practiced in the area of litigation and criminal defense. In November, 2007 he was elected District Attorney of Berks County and was sworn in as District Attorney in January, 2008. He was re-elected 2011 and 2015. As District Attorney, Mr. Adams supervises a staff of 30 attorneys, 26 support staff and 36 detectives. John has served on the Boards of Berks Connections Pretrial Services and the YMCA of Sinking Spring. He is a member of Lodge 71 Fraternal Order of Police and the Berks County Chief's Association. He is also a member of Crime Alert Berks County's Advisory Board. This year, John was elected to the YMCA Corporate Board of Directors. In 2009, John was elected to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Institute and was subsequently elected to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association in 2010. In 2016, John was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA). In 2017, he was elected to the President of the District Attorneys Association. John is now the Immediate-Past President of the PDAA. John is also a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Board and the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee at PCCD.

Zach Barker has served as the General Manager at Fleet Feet, West Reading, since April of 2017. He believes that running is a gift and has made it his goal to assist other runners wishing to experience this gift. Zach coaches several individuals training for the marathon and the distance athletes at Alvernia University. Zach is still racing competitively and is training to qualify for the 2024 U.S. Olympic Trials in the Marathon after missing qualifying 1 minute, 40 seconds in 2020. He placed 6th place at the 2019 Philadelphia Marathon with a time of 2:20:40 and has posted personal records of 1:05:01 in the half marathon, 30:04 in the 10k and 14:39 in the 5k. A Conrad Weiser High School graduate, Zach earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

Honorable Patrick T. Barrett was elected to the Bench of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas in 2015. A University of Scranton and Temple Law school graduate, he was a former Berks County Assistant District Attorney. After three years in the DA's office, he moved into private practice in both civil and commercial litigation. Judge Barrett, prior to ascending to the Bench, was a certified federal mediator, receiving case appointments from federal judges, and he had tried cases in 14 counties from Philadelphia to Scranton and counties in between.

Alex Bernhard is founder and head trainer of New Age Hoops in West Lawn. Alex founded

New Age Hoops in 2016 with a vision to provide players with the best opportunity to develop the Habits, Knowledge, and Skills to not only be successful on the basketball court but off as well. Alex earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with concentrations on Sports Management, Marketing, and Social Media Marketing at Centenary College in Hackettstown, New Jersey.

Justin D. Bodor, Esquire, is a 1998 graduate of Boyertown Area Senior High and a 2002 graduate of Albright College, where he earned a degree in Economics. In 2005, Justin graduated from The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Since 2010, Justin has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Berks County. He is currently assigned to the Hon. M. Theresa Johnson's courtroom. Additionally, Justin is the A.D.A. assigned to the Drug and Mental Health Treatment Courts. Justin is a board member of Treatment Access and Service Center. He was a member of the board of directors of the Reading Public Library from 2011 through 2015 and Berks Connections/Pretrial Services from 2016 through 2018. Justin is serving as the 88th President of the Berks County Bar Association.

Dena Breslin, MSPAS, CTACC, has 25 years of experience in sales, marketing, leadership, and success coaching and is founder of DenaB coaching. A former physician assistant, Dena is still a passionate advocate for holistic and integrated health and wellness. Her practice incorporates one-on-one coaching, masterminds, workshops and keynotes for entrepreneurs, sales leaders, and business teams. Dana earned a bachelor's degree in Biology at the Pennsylvania State University and a MS in Physician Assistant Studies at Arcadia University.

William R. Blumer, CELA, Esquire, is a shareholder in the law firm of Leisawitz Heller in Spring Township. He focuses his practice on the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law and fiduciary litigation. He is one of only two certified elder law attorneys practicing in Berks County. Bill is a graduate of Bucknell University, the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University and the Villanova University School of Law (LLM in taxation). He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Law Foundation of Berks County and is a past board member of Berks Encore, Reading Symphony Orchestra, Berks County Chapter of the American Red Cross and of the Advisory Board of the Berks County Office of Aging.

Brian F. Boland, Esquire is an attorney with Kozloff Stoudt, practicing estate planning/administration, educational/ municipal law and business law. He serves as Solicitor and special counsel for eight Berks, Lebanon and Lancaster County school districts and several townships, boroughs, and authorities. Brian regularly writes and lectures on a variety of issues for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Center for Excellence in Local Government and prepares instructional materials and seminars for school districts and municipalities. In addition, Brian heads the Estate Planning and Administration Department of the firm. He has over thirty years of experience planning and administering estates. A graduate of Gettysburg College, Brian earned a Juris Doctor from Dickinson School of Law. He is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court bar and Pennsylvania Eastern and Middle District Federal Courts of Pennsylvania bar. Brian serves as the President of the Northeast Pennsylvania Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Board of Directors and is a passionate advocate in the race for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. In addition, he has served as a youth coach in basketball and a CCD instructor at St. Ignatius Church. He is a member of the Berk's County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.

Brian J. Boland, Esquire began his career at Kozloff Stoudt in 2019. A Berks County native, Brian completed his law degree at William & Mary Law School. He was a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Team as well as the Environmental Law and Policy Review Journal. Prior to law school, Brian completed his undergraduate degree in Philosophy at Elizabethtown College.

Mark S. Caltagirone, CPA/ABV, MBA is a Senior Consultant in the Transaction Advisory Services group at Herbein + Company, Inc. He has over 40 years of combined experience in corporate finance, public accounting, and commercial banking. Mark is responsible for providing litigation support services and for performing closely-held business valuations. During his career he has performed more than 300 business appraisals for a myriad of purposes, including marital dissolution, gift and estate planning, shareholder buy-sell agreements, financial reporting, and ESOP's. These appraisals were performed for companies in a wide array of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, technology, retail, and service business, among many others. Mark is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Law Foundation of Berks County.

Maria Cintron founded Bikram Yoga, Bethlehem, in 2015 and earned a yoga certification after completing more than 500 hours of training. She earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing at Albright College.

Sara Haines Clipp, Esquire, is an associate with Rowe Law Offices in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania where she practices in the areas of family law, real estate and estate planning. She is a Past President of the Berks County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. Sara graduated from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. There she joined the Children and Families Clinic where she helped low-income clients with their custody, support and divorce issues thereby allowing them equal access to the justice system. Sara earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of South Florida.

Zachary Cross is a full-time recovery support specialist with the Gatehouse in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is a successful graduate of Berks County Treatment Court and is heavily involved in the Treatment Court alumni program.

Matthew R. Fessler, Esquire, joined Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern & Lutz as an associate attorney in 2020, and is a member of the Pennsylvania and Berks County Bar Associations. He obtained both his undergraduate degree and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining the firm, Matthew served as a law clerk to the Hon. James M. Bucci of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas. Matthew concentrates his practice in municipal and corporate law.

Victor M. Frederick IV, Esquire, is the principal of Frederick Law Offices, P.C. He had previously served as a Magisterial District Judge for 12 years. Mr. Frederick earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University and his Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law. He is a former law enforcement officer and safety director in Utility Construction. Mr. Frederick is a former chair of the Berks County Bar Association's Minor Court Practice and Procedure Law Section.

Honorable Madelyn S. Fudeman was elected to the Berks County Court of Common Pleas on November 5, 2013, and was sworn in as Berks County Judge on January 6, 2014. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Fudeman practiced law in Berks County for over 20 years as shareholder and President of the law firm of Essig, Valeriano & Fudeman, P.C. in Wyomissing, PA, where her practice encompassed real estate, zoning and land use, corporations and commercial transactions and litigation, divorce, child custody, estate planning, wills and trusts. Judge Fudeman is a dedicated and active member of the Berks County legal and civic community, and has served as counsel for Our City Reading, on boards and committees of many charitable and non-profit organizations, and as a Court appointed Receiver and Conservator, as well as director on the board of the Berks County Bar Association. From 1997 until she took the bench she served as a Mediator and Arbitrator of the Berks County Bar Association Alternative Civil Dispute Resolution Committee, and for twelve years as the committee Chairperson. She was honored for her role with the ADR Committee with the

Presidential award of merit in 2003. As Chair of the ADR Committee, Judge Fudeman was instrumental in the institution of the Family Mediation Program which was implemented in January 2005 by the Berks County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Fudeman attended Finch College in New York City, and graduated from the University of Miami, and the University of Miami School of Law (J.D. 1988). Prior to law school Judge Fudeman attended the IAU in Aix En Provence, France and received her B.A. in Political Science, Communications, and French at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Judge Fudeman served as an Assistant State Attorney to Janet Reno in the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, and left the State Attorney's office to cover the trial of United States vs. Manuel Noriega, and other high profile trials for WSVN-TV in Miami. In 1991 she was awarded by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers for her work on a television news series on domestic violence, "Til Death Do Us Part." The series was instrumental in the creation of the Domestic Violence Criminal Court in Dade County which became a model for the nation. A founding and current member and past President of the Justice William Strong American Inns of Court, and past president of the Endlich Law Club, she has served on the board of directors for Prospectus Berco, and sat as a director on the board of Mary's Shelter for more than ten years. Judge Fudeman has served on the Berks Women of Distinction Committee for the Girl Scouts Great Valley Council, and has lectured for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute regarding land use issues, and for the Center for Community Leadership's local government program.

Keisha Hudson, Esquire, is a Professor at Temple University Beasley School of Law, teaching courses on Legal Research and Writing and Criminal Procedure. She was previously the Managing Director at The Appeal. Prior to the Appeal, she was the Deputy Chief Defender at the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office, Norristown, PA. Prior to joining the Montgomery County Defender's Office, Ms. Hudson spent 10 years as an attorney with the Federal Defender, Capital Habeas Unit (Eastern District of Pennsylvania) where she represented clients sentenced to death in their state post-conviction and federal habeas appeals. She began her public defense career at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. Ms. Hudson received both her undergraduate and law degrees from Cornell University.

Honorable M. Theresa Johnson was elected to the bench in 2013. She is currently assigned to the Criminal Division, including DUI/drug/mental health/veterans' treatment and IPP courts. Attorney Johnson grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Following high school, she attended Penn State University where she was a member of the women's Varsity Swim Team and Captain her senior year. After graduation, she returned to North Carolina and then worked for several years in Washington, D.C. before attending law school. During law school, she joined the Berks County District Attorney's Office in 1993 as an intern and then as an Assistant District Attorney upon graduation. As an Assistant District Attorney she practiced in all areas of the DA's office, including appeals, child abuse, drug cases and homicides. In 1998 she was promoted to Chief of Trials. She left the District Attorney's Office and entered private practice practicing in the area of civil law with the law firm of Rhoda Stoudt and Bradley which then merged to become Kozloff Stoudt. In 2000 Attorney Johnson re-joined the District Attorney's Office as the Supervising Attorney assigned to work with the Reading Area Violent Crimes Task Force and the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program. In January 2004, Attorney Johnson and members of the Weed and Seed Program were selected by the Department of Justice along with six other cities to attend a conference in Washington, DC to discuss the success of Task Force and the Weed and Seed program. In October 2006 Attorney Johnson joined the law practice of Linton, Distasio, Adams & Edwards where she practiced family law. In January 2008, following the election of District Attorney John Adams she re-joined the District Attorney's office and served as the First Assistant District Attorney until her election as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Richard A. Joyce, Jr., Esquire, is a Supervising Attorney at the Berks County Public Defender's Office where he has worked for 23 years. He attempts to supervise all appellate work and carries a caseload with President Judge Thomas G. Parisi. Richard is a graduate of

Hartwick College where he studied Philosophy and the Classics, earning a Juris Doctor from The University of San Francisco Kendrick School of Law.

Beth M. Kohl, Esquire, is a partner at Beth M. Kohl is a partner at Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern & Lutz, where she practices primarily in the areas of municipal law, land use and real estate law, and civil litigation. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Penn State University Schreyer Honors College, and earned her law degree from the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University. Beth is co-chair of the Municipal/Environmental/Real Estate/Education Law Section of the Berks County Bar Association. Prior to law school, Beth worked in the land development industry, and has experience with stormwater management, sewage facilities planning, zoning, and other regulatory permitting. She also worked for a large pipeline company handling various real estate and right-of-way matters. Beth is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is admitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Pennsylvania and Berks County Bar Associations.

Christopher S. Kunkle, CPA, CFE, CITP, is a Senior Manager in Herbein's Accounting and Auditing Department. His primary areas of expertise are related to software and manufacturing clients, as well as employee benefit plan audits. Chris is responsible for managing audits of all sizes, ranging from large software developers to small, local manufacturing, construction, and professional service clients. He is heavily involved within the firm's cyber security area niche, being one of two employees with the Certified Information Technology Professional certification. Chris also is the Herbein lead in the area of Revenue Recognition. He is a Kutztown University graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Honorable James M. Lillis has served as a Berks County Common Pleas Court judge since January 2016. Prior to his election as judge, he was a shareholder in the firm Kozloff Stoudt for 25 years.

Judge Lillis was born and raised in Reading. He graduated from Reading High in 1970, and from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1974. He served five years active duty, primarily as a Minuteman Missile Crew Commander assigned to the 44th Strategic Missile Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. In 1979, Judge Lillis left active duty as a Captain to begin his legal career. In 1982, Judge Lillis was awarded his Juris Doctor by the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. After a clerkship for the late Judge Arthur Ed. Saylor, Jim practiced law for 32 years with the firms of Rhoda, Stoudt, and Bradley, Bingaman, Hess, Coblenz and Bell, and Kozloff Stoudt. Parallel to his legal career, Judge Lillis also served for 23 years as an officer in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. During his Air Guard career, he served as a Tactical Air Controller with the 112th Tactical Control Squadron, State College; as Commander of the 271st Combat Communications Squadron and Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Headquarters, P.A. Air National Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap, and as Vice Commander, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Harrisburg International Airport, Middletown. During his career, Jim deployed as a NATO Commander for Operation Allied Force during the Kosovo Conflict, and for Operation Decisive Endeavor, providing Flight Denial Support for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He retired with the rank of Brigadier General, Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 2004. Judge Lillis and wife Lori are parents of three grown children: Matthew, Kelsy, and Margaret. Jim and Lori reside in Spring Township, as empty-nesters; more or less.

Amy Litvinov, Esquire, is a supervising attorney with the Berks County Public Defender's Office. She has represented clients in Berks County Drug Treatment Court for three years. Amy also serves on the Berks County Bar Association Board of Directors.

Joan E. London, Esquire, is a Shareholder with the firm of Kozloff Stoudt, practicing in the areas of municipal law, land use, employment law, and appellate practice. Born in Philadelphia, she is a graduate of Villanova University, with a BA and MA in Political Science, and a J.D. from

The Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle. Joan is a member of the Berks County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations (PBA). She is past Chair of the Municipal Law Section of the PBA, and served as a member of the PBA House of Delegates. Joan served as President of the Berks County Bar Association in 2018, served as its Treasurer from 2003 to 2006, and now serves as Co-Chair of its Municipal/Education/Environmental/Real Estate Section. Joan has planned and taught seminars offered by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, the Albright College Center for Excellence in Local Government, the Berks County Bar Association, the Society for Human Resources Management, the PA Association of Sewage Enforcement Officers, the Pennsylvania Planning Association, and the Pennsylvania Housing Alliance. These programs have addressed topics including validity challenges to land use ordinances, zoning for agricultural preservation, the Sunshine Act, the Right to Know Law, wage and hour law, employment discrimination, ethics for professional land use planners, administrative search warrants, and blighted property remediation. Joan authored the chapter titled "Meetings and Records" for the Solicitor's Handbook published by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and co-authored a cover article for the May-June 2013 issue of The Pennsylvania Lawyer magazine titled "Emerging from the Red: What to do About Municipalities In Financial Trouble." She is a regular contributor to the Berks County Bar Association quarterly magazine, The Berks Barrister. Joan is a resident of Wyomissing.

Margaret "Meg" McCallum, Esquire, is a Supervising Assistant District Attorney in charge of Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Violence. She has been with the Berks County District Attorney's Office for more than 14 years. She has been prosecuting child abuse cases for the last seven years. Prior to working in the District Attorney's Office, she was a law clerk for Judge Linda K.M. Ludgate. She is a graduate of Alvernia College and earned a law degree at the Dickinson School of Law.

Daniel Nevins, Esquire, is a partner in the Reading firm Ebner, Nevins & McCallister, practicing criminal defense law. He has argued before the Pennsylvania Superior Court multiple times on behalf of clients on novel legal issues concerning Rules of Evidence and Criminal Procedure. Additionally, Daniel is certified under PA Rule of Criminal Procedure 801 to serve as Capital Counsel in Death Penalty cases, a qualification held by less than 2 percent of all attorneys licensed to practice in Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law in 2005. He is a member of the Berks County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the National College for DUI Defense. He served as a Director of the Berks County Bar Association. For more than a decade, Daniel was the instructor for the mandatory ethics course for new Berks County lawyers known as "Bridge the Gap." He has appeared as a legal commentator on local television and has led or participated in numerous panel discussions on Criminal Justice issues.

Honorable J. Benjamin Nevius grew up in Rockland Township, graduating from Brandywine Heights High School in 1997. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Elizabethtown College in 2001, and his Juris Doctor degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2004. Judge Nevius began his legal career as Law Clerk to the Honorable Jeffrey L. Schmehl of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas. After completing his clerkship, Judge Nevius worked for a regional insurance firm, a small general practice firm, and a multinational insurance company before joining AmLaw 100 law firm, Fox Rothschild LLP, in 2010. At Fox Rothschild, Judge Nevius became partner and worked as a litigator until his election in 2017. In private practice, Judge Nevius was a member of a busy civil litigation practice representing individuals, families, and businesses of all stripes in a wide range of complex civil/commercial litigation matters before federal and state courts, administrative bodies, and appellate courts. In addition to his litigation practice, Judge Nevius represented public school districts and municipalities. Judge Nevius maintains an active presence in his community. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Oley

Township with their two daughters. He enjoys playing guitar and piano at open mic nights, hiking, camping in his 17' travel trailer, and playing ice hockey in a local 35-and-over league

Honorable Thomas G. Parisi is a graduate of Holy Name High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Villanova University in 1980 and his JD from the Villanova University School of Law 1983. He was admitted to the Berks County Court of Common Pleas (1983); The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1983); The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1983); The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1988); and The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania (1989). He was a Berks County Assistant District Attorney from 1984 to 1987, before joining the Law Offices of O'Pake, Malsnee & Orwig, later O'Pake, Malsnee & Parisi as a general practitioner. Judge Parisi was elected to the Bench in November of 2001 and retained in 2011. He became President Judge of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas in January of 2018. Judge Parisi has been married to the former Danelle Ciervo since 1981 and they have six children.

Adrian P. Quinn, Psy.D., is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and founder of HearthFire Psychology in Wyomissing. He obtained his doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Immaculata University. Dr. Quinn specializes in co-parenting counseling and reunification family Therapy and is experienced working to provide thorough, comprehensive, court-focused psychological evaluations. Dr. Quinn has extensive experience providing counseling and therapy to individuals, couples, and families. Dr. Quinn is a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

Timothy E. Ring, Ed.D., is a clinical psychologist whose career has included the full spectrum of clinical psychology in private practice, hospital/medical center settings, university settings and university health settings. He is also widely recognized as an expert in forensic psychology, qualified as an expert in civil and criminal litigation in both state and Federal court in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, and Iowa. Dr. Ring has participated in a significant number of criminal and civil cases involving every aspect of forensic psychology and testified on behalf of the plaintiff, defendant and special appointment by the Court. Has been qualified as an expert in divorce, child custody, parent alienation, reunification, competency to stand trial, sex offender evaluation, violence potential, substance abuse, death penalty mitigation and prison suicide. Outside the regular bounds of his practice, Dr. Ring is committed humanitarian, having served refugees, disaster victims, first responders and healthcare professionals around the world. He is also a recognized expert on a wide variety of topics related to psychology and mental health, including trauma treatment and the identification and psychological characteristics of active shooters, regularly consulting and presenting on those topics.

Corey S. Robinson, CVA is a Manager in the Management Advisory Services Department at Herbein. Corey has experience helping small to medium-sized businesses focus on financial statement preparation, corporate tax services, and individual taxation. He works with a variety of corporate clients in industries such as real estate, retail, construction, franchises, and wholesale and manufacturing. He specializes in providing consulting services and helps business owners solve financial management issues by providing guidance and everyday business advice. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, earning a bachelors degree in Accounting.

Gina Sage is an Account Executive with USI Affinity in the Philadelphia office where she has been a dedicated member of the USI Affinity Professional Solutions team since 1999. Specializing in the lawyers liability insurance program endorsed by the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and the Allegheny Bar Association, she brings more than two decades of experience and expertise to her professional clients' insurance and risk management programs.

Latisha Bernard Schuenemann, Esquire, is a shareholder at the law firm Leisawitz Heller in Spring Township. Latisha's practice focuses on a wide variety of estate and trust law topics, including estate planning, estate administration, special needs planning, and fiduciary litigation. She routinely handles guardianship cases throughout eastern Pennsylvania. She also works extensively with families and corporate fiduciaries to establish first party special needs trusts and third-party supplemental needs trusts. Latisha is chair of the Berks County Bar Association Orphans Court Rules Committee.

Honorable Jeffrey K. Sprecher is a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County. He is a graduate of Kutztown University, Marywood College with a Master's degree in Public Administration and Delaware Law School. Judge Sprecher has taught eleven different law and judicial management courses, both undergraduate and graduate, at Albright College, Alvernia University, Reading Area Community College and St. Joseph's University from 1975 to 2000. In 2011, the Judge authored a book entitled *Justice or Just This? A Constitutional Trespass*. He is married with three children and four grandchildren.

Peter F. Schuchman, Jr., Esquire is a shareholder and director of Kozloff Stoudt. Over the course of more than 25 years of practice, he has tried to verdict or award, for both plaintiffs and defendants, a multitude of wrongful death, personal injury and property damage cases primarily in Berks County and its contiguous counties but also in the Susquehanna Valley and the coal region. The early years of Pete's career featured a steady stream of insurance defense cases. Today, Pete still defends self-insureds, including utility companies. His plaintiff's practice includes subrogated insurers and victims in wrongful death and significant personal injury cases. Pete has also tried to verdict commercial, construction and orphan's court cases. Pete is a member of Berks County Bar Association where he has chaired several committees, served on the Board of Directors and as President of the Young Lawyers Section and has received the President's award for service to the association. He is a frequent lecturer at seminars sponsored by the Berks County Bar Association including an annual CLE update on developments in personal injury law. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association where he serves on the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and has lectured numerous times on Berks County practice and procedure for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Pete is a life member of both the Million Dollar and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania as well as the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Pete is a graduate of Ithaca College and The Dickinson School of Law, where he served on the editorial staff of the Dickinson Law Review and as President of the Student Bar Association.

Stuart B. Suss, Esquire, is now retired after 18 years as a Deputy District Attorney in Chester County and after 8 years as a Senior Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is the primary drafter of a bench book for the Pennsylvania Judiciary regarding the prevention of witness intimidation in Pennsylvania courtrooms. The bench book was published by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. He is the co-author of "Mandatory Sentencing: A Different Perspective", "The Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly, issue of January 1987. He has taught at the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Criminal Law Symposium and at numerous other CLE certified criminal law courses. He has briefed or argued more than 250 cases, either as lead counsel or as *Amicus Curiae*, before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals. Mr. Suss was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve on the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee from 1996 to 2002. He served from 2005 to 2015 on the PBI committee responsible for drafting the Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions. Mr. Suss currently serves on the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission course development committee, and he is an instructor for

the Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board. Mr. Suss received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

Paul C. Troy, Esquire, is a shareholder in the Norristown firm of Kane, Pugh, Knoell, Troy & Kramer, LLP, where his practice focuses on professional liability; commercial, auto and general liability; and medical malpractice litigation. Mr. Troy has taught well over 100 seminars in professional liability risk management. Most of these seminars have been for attorneys, physicians, nurses, and other professionals. He served as president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and is past chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's House of Delegates, of which he remains a member. He had also served as chair of the PBA Young Lawyers Division, as well as serving several terms on the PBA's Board of Governors. He is presently Chair of the PBA Leadership Development and Recruitment Committee. Mr. Troy served as President of the Montgomery Bar Association in 2013. He is a past President of the Montgomery County Trial Lawyers Association, and received the distinguished James P. Fox Trial Lawyer of The Year Award for professionalism in the art of trial advocacy from the Montgomery County Trial Lawyers Association in 2011. He is a former chair of Gaudeamus Music Ministry, Inc. and is on the Board of Trustees of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library. A 1987 graduate of Lehigh University and 1990 graduate of the Dickinson School of Law, Mr. Troy and his wife, Liz, and three daughters live in Blue Bell.

Mimi VanPelt has been working for the Berks County Adult Probation Office for 24 years. She has been supervising clients in the Berks County Drug Court for the last seven years.

Honorable Paul M. Yatron has been a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County since 2006, serving as President Judge from 2013 through 2017. Prior to joining the bench, he was in private practice as a partner in the Reading law firm Mogel, Speidel, Bobb & Kershner, beginning in 1996. He previously served as First Deputy Attorney General and Director of Attorney General's Criminal Division for former Pennsylvania Attorney General LeRoy S. Zimmerman, and as Chief Legal Counsel to Pennsylvania Auditor General Barbara Hafer. He is a graduate of Dickinson College (B.A. 1973) and Creighton University School of Law (J.D. 1976).