

# **OPIOID LITIGATION SUMMIT**

# MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT OF SETTLEMENTS TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

# **MICHAEL C. BARNES**

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Michael C. Barnes is Chairman of the Center for U.S. Policy, a not-for-profit organization advancing solutions to some of our nation's most pressing challenges, including opioid and other substance misuse. He is also Principal Attorney at Sequel Legal,

where he practices health and drug law and policy.

Mr. Barnes previously founded and managed DCBA Law & Policy, a law firm recognized nationally for its work in health care and drug policy. He co-created and successfully exited an international health care and policy consulting firm and a private residential substance use disorder treatment program.

Mr. Barnes has provided legal, political, and issue analysis for national news networks, including CNBC, CNN, and MSNBC. He has been a member of the advisory board for the Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit since 2011, the National Sheriffs' Association's Drug Enforcement Committee since 2014, and the editorial board for the Journal of Opioid Management since 2015.

Mr. Barnes was a political appointee under President George W. Bush, having served as confidential counsel in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Mr. Barnes obtained his Juris Doctor degree from George Mason University School of Law. He earned a master's degree in international economic policy from La Universidad de Belgrano in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Flagler College.

# **ALLAN M. BRANDT**

AMALIE MOSES KASS PROFESSOR OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, PROFESSOR OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE Harvard University



Allan M. Brandt is the Amalie Moses Kass Professor of the History of Medicine and Professor of the History of Science at Harvard University, where he holds a joint appointment between the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Harvard Medical

School. Brandt served as Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences from 2008 to 2012. He earned his undergraduate degree at Brandeis University and a Ph.D. in American History from Columbia University. His work focuses on social and ethical aspects of health, disease, medical practices, and global health in the twentieth century. Brandt is the author of No Magic Bullet: A Social History of Venereal Disease in the United States since 1880 (1987); and co-editor of Morality and Health (1997). He has written on the social history of epidemic disease; the history of public health and health policy; and the history of human experimentation among other topics. His book on the social and cultural history of cigarette smoking in the U.S., The Cigarette Century: The Rise, Fall, and Deadly Persistence of the Product that Defined America, was published by Basic Books in 2007 (paperback, 2009). It received the Bancroft Prize from Columbia University in 2008 and the Welch Medal from the American Association for the History of Medicine in 2011. Brandt has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2015 he was awarded the Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award by the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. In 2019-20, Brandt was a recipient of fellowships from

the American Council of Learned Societies and the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. He is currently writing about the history and ethics of stigma and its impact on patients and health outcomes

#### **ELIZABETH CHAMBLEE BURCH**

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Elizabeth Chamblee Burch is the Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law at the University of Georgia. Her teaching and research interests include mass torts, class actions, and civil procedure. She has been a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School and her

scholarship has won several awards including the American Law Institute's prestigious Early Career Scholars Medal for the potential to improve the law governing class actions and multidistrict litigation; the Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for professional responsibility scholarship; and the Mangano Dispute Resolution Advancement Award for groundbreaking scholarship on multidistrict litigation.

# **OSCAR A. CABRERA**

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at the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, and his LL.M., with concentration in Health Law and Policy, at the University of Toronto. He has worked on projects with the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, among other organizations. Oscar has studied and is interested in various health law related fields, such as public health law, sexual and

reproductive rights, health and human rights, global tobacco litigation, and health systems law and policy.

#### **SERGIO CAMPOS**

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Sergio Campos joined the University of Miami School of Law faculty in 2009. Prior to joining the faculty, he was a Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow at Harvard Law School and was in private practice. He also clerked for the Honorable Juan

R. Torruella of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the Honorable Patti B. Saris of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. His research interests include civil procedure, federal courts, and remedies. His work has focused on complex litigation, particularly class actions and similar collective procedures, and the due process issues that arise in such litigation.

#### MARK P. CHALOS

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The Managing Partner of Lieff Cabraser's Nashville office, Mark P. Chalos is a litigator handling class actions and mass tort cases in courts across the United States.

Mark has been appointed to leadership roles in numerous complex civil proceedings,

including: Co-Lead MDL Counsel in *In re Evenflo Co., Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation* (child booster seats), MDL 2938 (D.Mass); Co-Lead MDL Counsel and Co-Lead Trial Counsel in *In re Whirlpool Front Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2001 (N.D. Ohio); Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in *Weidman v. Ford* (brake failures), Case No. 2:18-cv-12719 (E.D. MI); Plaintiffs Executive Committee, *Murphy v. Graco Children's Products* (child booster seats), Case No. 1:20-CV-03030-LMM (N. D. Ga.); Plaintiffs Steering Committee, Federal/State Litigation Liaison, in *In re New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. Products* 

Liability Litigation (fungal meningitis/infections), MDL 2419 (D. Mass); Plaintiffs Steering Committee and Co-Chair Plaintiffs Expert Committee in *In re Navistar Diesel Engine Product Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2223 (N.D. III); and Chair of MDL Expert Committee in *In re General Motors Air Conditioning Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL 2818 (E.D. MI). He also represents clients in many centralized litigations across the country.

To help fight the opioids catastrophe that has devastated communities across America, Mark represents a state, large and small counties, cities, sheriffs, Native American tribes, and health benefit providers in litigation that seeks to make our communities safer. In connection with the firm's court-appointed leadership role in the national opioids litigation, Mark has been actively involved in multiple aspects of the litigation, including taking and defending fact and expert witness depositions, and serving on the trial team in upcoming federal bellwether trials in the litigation. Mark represents a client (Broward County, FL) on the Ad Hoc Creditors Committee in the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy. Mark also leads the negotiating team crafting the Tennessee allocation plan for current and future opioids settlements.

Mark and his co-authors recently updated their acclaimed book, *Litigating International Torts in United States Courts* (Thomson Reuters West, 2020 ed.), a practical resource for legal practitioners and judges. Mark is currently working on a book regarding consumer class actions (publication forthcoming).

Mark serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School, teaching The Practice of Aggregate Litigation. He also serves on the Select Committee on Class Actions within Emory University School of Law's Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims.

Mark served as a Drafting Team Leader for "Guidelines And Best Practices For Large And Mass-Tort MDLs," (2d Edition, 2018), Bolch Judicial Institute, Duke Law School, as well as for "Discovery Proportionality Guidelines and Practices," 99 JUDICATURE, No. 3, Winter 2015, at 47–60, Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies.

Mark has been named among The Best Lawyers in America, "Mid-South Super Lawyers," "Nashville's Best Lawyers," and Nashville Business Journal's "Best of the Bar." Mark has been included in The Best Lawyers in America via peer vote nationwide in the fields of "Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Plaintiffs" from 2012 through 2019 and in 2020 was named "Lawyer of the Year" in "Product Liability Litigation—Plaintiffs in Nashville." Mark was named in the Nashville Business Journal's "Best of the Bar" from 2015-2017 and to the "Top 100: 2015 Tennessee Super Lawyers." From 2016—2021, Mark was listed as one of Nashville Post's lawyers "In Charge." Mark was named an American Bar Foundation Fellow in 2016.

Mark is a frequent speaker at legal seminars nationwide on a variety of civil litigation topics. He has also been cited by top-tier media outlets including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Forbes, The Washington Post, NPR's Morning Edition, The Associated Press, CNN, CBS This Morning, and MSNBC.

Mark is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits; the United States District Courts for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of Tennessee; the Northern District of Florida; and the courts of the State of Tennessee.

# EDWIN C. CHAPMAN, MD, DABIM, FASAM

#### **MEMBER**

National Academy of Medicine Committee on Examination of the Integration of Opioid and Infectious Diseases Prevention Efforts in Select Programs

#### **PROFESSOR**

Howard University School of Pharmacy and College of Medicine



Dr. Edwin C. Chapman has practiced in Washington, DC for over 45 years specializing in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. Over the past 21 years, he has investigated the complex mix of addiction, undertreated mental illness, infectious diseases

(AIDS & Hepatitis C), criminal behavior, and chronic diseases in which patients have 20-25 year shorter life expectancies. Dr. Chapman received his B.S. in 1969 and M.D. in 1973 from Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in

internal medicine as well as a fellowship in cardiology from historic Freedmen's and Howard University Hospitals. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM, 1979), the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM grandfathered to ABAM, 2009), a Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He maintains active memberships in the National Medical Association (NMA), Medico Chirurgical Society of Washington, DC (MED CHI of DC), the American Medical Association (AMA), and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC).

Dr. Chapman is a founding member and secretary of the board of directors of the Leadership Council for Healthy Communities (an inter-faith 501(c)3 organization with 30+ Metro DC institutions) where he is bringing integrated medical care into underserved communities and faith institutions (ACA's "Accountable Health Community") using both onsite care and virtual care thru tele-video consultation for social work, nutritional consulting, pharmaceutical reconciliation, as well as psychiatry and primary care. Using this urban, collaborative care virtual office telemedicine design, he is addressing the needs of opioid-addicted index patients and their entire families recognizing the impact of addiction as a "social determinant of health" and a factor leading to "toxic stress" in both family and community-wide settings. In 2008, Dr. Chapman was featured in the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Month DVD entitled "Medication-Assisted Therapies: Providing a Whole-Patient Approach to Treatment" sponsored and produced by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). He was appointed in January 2019 to the National Academy of Science Engineering and Medicine committee "Examination of the Integration of Opioid and Infectious Diseases Prevention Efforts in Select Programs" and currently collaborates on research protocols with the Howard University School of Pharmacy and College of Medicine.

Dr. Chapman is a widely sought speaker on the impact of historical oppression and anxiety/ depression reactive addiction on the African American community and has been featured in The Washington Post, Addiction Professional Magazine, HIT Consultant.com, NPR, EBONY MAGAZINE, Washington WUSA 9, Behavioral Healthcare

Magazine, and international Spanish TV. He was recognized by the National Medical Association as their 2016 "Practitioner of the Year," Prince George's County Links, Inc 40th Anniversary 1st awardee for "Excellence in Health and Human Services," and the Black Mental Health Alliance for Education and Counseling "2019 Phoenix Arising Behavioral Health Provider of the Year Award."

# H. WESTLEY CLARK, MD, JD, MPH

**DEAN'S EXECUTIVE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**Santa Clara University



H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPH is currently the Dean's Executive Professor of Public Health at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara California. He is formerly the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, U.S. Department of

Health and Human Service. Prior to his SAMHSA experience he was the Director of the Substance Use/PTSD Program and the San Francisco VA.

He contributed to the US Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Health as a Section Editor for Treatment. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. He is on the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Opioid Research Efforts. He is also on the National Advisory Board of Responsibility.Org.

He has received numerous awards for his contributions to the field of substance abuse treatment, including: the 2015 Lisa Mojer-Torres Award from Faces and Voices of Recovery, the 2015 James Ralph Memorial Award for Outstanding Public Service from the Black Psychiatrist of America, A 2015 Annual Award, American Society of Addiction Medicine. He was awarded the 2008 John P. McGovern Award from the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Dr. Clark received a B.A. in Chemistry from Wayne State University; he holds a MD and a MPH from the University of Michigan; where he completed a Psychiatric Residency at University Hospital, Neuropsychiatric Institute. He obtained his Juris Doctorate from Harvard University Law School and completed a two-year Substance Abuse Fellowship at the DVAMC-SF. Dr. Clark received his board

certification from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Psychiatry. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He is ABAM certified in Addiction Medicine. Dr. Clark is licensed to practice medicine in California, Maryland, Massachusetts and Michigan. He is also a member of the Washington, D.C. Bar.

# **BETH CONNOLLY**

DIRECTOR, SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT INITIATIVE

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Beth Connolly directs Pew's substance use prevention and treatment initiative. She leads research and technical assistance efforts across the federal government and states to promote evidence-based transformation of the

treatment system, expand the substance use disorder workforce, optimize coverage and reimbursement for effective treatment, and improve the delivery and coordination of care for underserved populations.

Before joining Pew, Connolly served as the commissioner of New Jersey's Department of Human Services. She has 30 years of state government experience serving people who are often underrepresented and face social challenges such as homelessness and a lack of health care. Throughout her career in New Jersey, she was involved in reforms related to behavioral health, Medicaid and its expansion, public assistance, child welfare, and the adoption of home- and community-based support systems.

Connolly holds a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in public administration from Seton Hall University.

# MIRIAM E. DELPHIN-RITTMON, PH.D.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Dr. Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon is currently Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

She previously served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and served in this role for six years. Prior positions held at DMHAS include Deputy Commissioner, Senior Policy Advisor and Director of the department's Office of Multicultural Healthcare Equity. In her role as Commissioner, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon was committed to promoting recovery oriented, integrated, and culturally responsive services and systems that foster dignity, respect, and meaningful community inclusion.

Prior to her current appointment, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon was an Adjunct Associate Professor at Yale University where she served on faculty for the past 20 years. While at Yale Dr. Delphin-Rittmon served as the Director of Cultural Competence and Research Consultation with the Yale University Program for Recovery and Community Health.

In May 2014, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon completed a twoyear White House appointment working as a Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While at SAMHSA, she worked on a range of policy initiatives addressing behavioral health equity, workforce development, and healthcare reform.

Through her 20 year career in the behavioral health field Dr. Delphin-Rittmon has extensive experience in the design, evaluation, and administration of mental health, substance use and prevention services and systems and has received several awards for advancing policy in these areas. Most recently, she received the 2019 State Service Award from the National Association of State Drug and Alcohol Directors and the 2016 Mental Health Award for Excellence from the United Nations Committee on Mental Health.

She received her B.A. in Social Science from Hofstra University in 1989, her M.S. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Purdue University 1992 and 2001, respectively, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical community psychology at Yale University in 2002

# **ALEXANDRA DUNCAN**

**SENIOR OFFICER**The Pew Charitable Trusts



Alexandra Duncan works on Pew's federal and state initiatives to reduce the inappropriate use of prescription opioids and increase access to evidencebased treatment for substance use disorders.

Before joining Pew, Duncan

was a research associate at IMPAQ International LLC, where she supported the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight on issues related to Affordable Care Act compliance with prescription drug and nondiscrimination regulations for high-cost medical conditions, including opioid use disorder, as well as evaluation of health programs. Previously, she was a senior analyst for Abt Associates, working on several projects related to HIV testing and the integration of treatments for HIV and substance abuse.

Duncan holds a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College, a master's in public health from Tulane University, and a doctorate in public health from Columbia University.

# **JOSÉ ESQUIBE**

DIRECTOR, COLORADO CONSORTIUM FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, COLORADO CENTER FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION University of Colorado



José Esquibel is the Director of the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Associate Director of the Colorado Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention at the University of

Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

The Colorado Consortium coordinates the statewide response to mitigating and reversing the opioid crisis in Colorado, consisting of a large network of partners and stakeholders at the community level, as well as across multiple disciplines, across professional associations, across state departments, and local and state elected officials.

From 2015 until this April 2019, he served as the Director of Community Engagement in the Colorado Office of the Attorney General as an appointee of Attorney General Cynthia Coffman and then of Attorney General Phil Weiser, and advised the attorney general on strategies for opioid crisis abatement.

From June 2013 to June 2019, he served by appointment of the President of the Colorado Senate as the vice chair of prevention for the Colorado Statewide Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force, a legislatively mandated task force chaired by the Colorado Attorney General. He continues to serve on this task force, which uses a cross-discipline approach for determining strategic responses for assisting local communities in addressing the impacts of drug abuse.

In 2016, he was part of the faculty of the National Association of Attorneys General Training and Research Institute's Opioid Abuse Consumer Protection Enforcement trainings for attorneys general legal staff, investigators, and consumer advocates on issues related to the opioid crisis.

#### **DAVID C. FREDERICK**

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David Frederick is a partner with the firm of Kellogg Hansen Todd Figel & Frederick. He has argued more than 50 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, and in courts throughout the U.S. Before the Supreme Court he has represented individuals, investors, immigrants,

classes of consumers, farmers, Native Americans, small corporations, trade associations, large companies, several states, the United States, foreign governments, and the European Union. Most recently, he successfully represented iPhone owners in upholding their right to sue Apple for its monopoly control over iPhone applications. He also is lead counsel for Florida in litigation arising out of the opioids epidemic.

# **PAUL GELLER**

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Paul Geller, managing partner of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's Boca Raton, Florida office, is a founding partner of the Firm, a member of its Executive and Management Committees, and head of the Firm's Consumer Practice Group. Paul's 27 years

of litigation experience is broad, and he has handled cases in each of the Firm's practice areas. Notably, before devoting his practice to the representation of consumers and investors, he defended companies in high-stakes class action litigation, providing him an invaluable perspective. Paul has tried bench and jury trials on both the plaintiffs' and defendants' sides, and has argued before numerous state, federal, and appellate courts throughout the country.

Paul currently serves in a leadership position on behalf of governmental entities and other plaintiffs in the sprawling litigation concerning the nationwide prescription opioid epidemic. In reporting on the selection of the lawyers to lead the case, *The National Law Journal* reported that "[t]he team reads like a 'Who's Who' in mass torts." Paul was also part of the leadership team representing consumers in the massive Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Emissions case. The San Francisco legal newspaper The Recorder labeled the group that was appointed in that case, which settled for more than \$17 billion, a "class action dream team."

Paul is also currently serving as Co-Lead Counsel in In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Antitrust Litig., a nationwide class action that alleges that pharmaceutical companies Mylan N.V. and Pfizer engaged in anticompetitive and unfair business conduct in the sale and marketing of the EpiPen Auto-Injector device.

Some of Paul's other recent noteworthy successes include a \$650 million recovery in a cutting-edge class action in *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.*, concerning Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of users' biometric identifiers without informed consent; and a \$265 million recovery in a securities class action against Massey Energy in In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig., after

Massey Energy was found accountable for a tragic explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia. He also secured a \$146.25 million recovery against Duke Energy in *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, the largest recovery in North Carolina for a case involving securities fraud, and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.

Paul serves on the Advisory Board of Emory University School of Law and the separate Board of The Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims at Emory. He is a member of the Trial Law Institute and the Diversity Law Institute of the Litigation Counsel of America. Paul is also a member of the Supreme Court Historical Society. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Advisors for The Center on Civil Justice at the New York University School of Law. In these roles and others, Paul frequently lectures on class action and MDL issues at judicial seminars, bar conferences, and academic programs. Paul is a member of the faculty of the inaugural Mass Torts MDL Certificate Program at the Bolch Judicial Institute of Duke Law School (March 2019). Other presentations include The Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies' Class Action Settlement Conference ("Compensation of Objectors," San Diego, California; October 2016), and the Emory Institute's Complex Settlements Conference co-sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center and the JPML ("Fairness Determinations: Pitfalls and Challenges in Class Settlement," Atlanta, Georgia; December 2016).

Paul has been rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell (the highest rating available), twice named one of the nation's top "40 Under 40" by The National Law Journal, and has been named one of "Florida's Top Lawyers" by Law & Politics and South Florida Business Journal. He has also been named a Legend, a Leading Lawyer in America, and a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by Lawdragon, a Leading Lawyer by Chambers USA, a Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer by The National Law Journal, one of Florida's "Legal Elite" by Florida Trend magazine, and one of "Florida's Most Effective Lawyers" by American Law Media's Daily Business Review. Additionally, Best Lawyers® named Paul a Best Lawyer in America and a Florida Best Lawyer in the area of "Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Plaintiffs," and he was additionally chosen as Lawyer of the Year in that same category. Super Lawyers Magazine has also named Paul a Florida Super Lawyer for 15 consecutive years.

Paul earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Florida, where he was a member of the University Honors Program. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Emory University School of Law, with Highest Distinction, where he was an editor of the Emory Law Journal, a member of the Order of the Coif Legal Honor Society and was awarded multiple American Jurisprudence Book Awards for earning the highest grade in class.

#### **BRANDON GEORGE**

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Brandon George is the Vice President for recovery, advocacy and programs for Mental Health America Indiana and the Director of Indiana Addiction Issues Coalition, which advocates for recovery through public policy and education. As a person

in long-term recovery, Brandon dedicates his time personally and professionally to fighting addiction and promoting recovery.

While advocacy and policy are the areas that Brandon spends most of his efforts, he also has implemented a new statewide service delivery method. Brandon helped create a recovery ecosystem in Indiana that consists of over 20 recovery organizations that serve 92 counties. With a focus on reaching all communities, the network includes BIPOC focused organizations, rural communities, and harm reduction agencies. Brandon has consulted throughout the country on both policy and recovery infrastructure. His effort around increasing access to medications for opioid used disorder have been acknowledged widely having contributed to Johns Hopkins School of Public Health's publication on this topic and Georgetown Law O'Neill Institute's toolkit on MOUD in corrections.

Brandon has been used as a consultant for SAMHSA's Opioid Response Network, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and is a contributor to Harvard's Law Blog. He served as a trusted advisor to the National Judicial Opioid Task Force, on the leader's council for Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and recently spoke

at the White House for the Office of National Drug Control Policy regarding addiction workforce issues and recovery messaging.

#### MARIA GLOVER

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Maria Glover is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. Professor Glover is an expert in complex litigation, civil procedure, civil settlements, and the intersection between private and public regulation. Professor

Glover's work in these areas has been published in numerous leading law journals, including The Yale Law Journal, The Stanford Law Review, The N.Y.U. Law Review, The University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and The Vanderbilt Law Review, among others. She is the author of a textbook on Civil Procedure and a forthcoming textbook on Complex Litigation. Professor Glover's work has been cited in numerous court opinions, including by the United States Supreme Court. Both Professor Glover and her work are frequently guoted by leading media publications, including The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Reuters, Consumer Reports, The Hill, Bloomberg Law, Law. com, and Law360. Professor Glover grew up in East Tennessee, one of the areas of the country hit hardest by the opioid crisis, and where Professor Glover works with and provides consultation to evidence-based treatment centers on the front lines of the epidemic.

### **COURTNEY HUNTER**

VICE PRESIDENT, STATE POLICY Shatterproof



Courtney Hunter is the Vice President, State Policy at Shatterproof. Shatterproof is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reversing the addiction crisis. In this role, Courtney is responsible for engaging state policymakers

to eliminate barriers to addiction treatment access and increase training and education of healthcare professionals.

Prior to joining Shatterproof, Courtney spent 11 years at the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. During her time there, she worked in media relations, program management, and government affairs. Courtney was responsible for developing the Partnership's advocacy program and instrumental in the introduction of the bicameral and bipartisan Family Support Services for Addiction Act in early 2020. Courtney has led campaigns and high-level partnerships with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Major League Baseball, and The Meth Project.

Courtney graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Political Science from the University of Minnesota and earned a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University- School of International and Public Affairs.

# CHAN KEMPER, ESQ.

**SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY**Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association



Chan Kemper, Esq. is a Senior Legislative Attorney for the Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association (LAPPA). Based in Washington D.C., and led by and comprised of experienced attorneys, LAPPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, funded

through the Office of National Drug Control Policy, whose mission is to conduct legal and legislative research and analysis and draft legislation on effective law and policy in the areas of public safety and health, substance use disorders, and the criminal justice system. As a legislative attorney, Ms. Kemper produces up-to-the-minute comparative analyses, publications, educational brochures, and other tools ranging from podcasts to model laws and policies that can be used by national, state, and local criminal justice and substance use disorder practitioners who want the latest comprehensive information on law and policy. Prior to her work with LAPPA, Ms. Kemper was a legislative analyst for the Kentucky General Assembly, where she worked with legislators, stakeholders, and staff to draft legislation to address a wide variety of issues, including substance use disorders and the opioid crisis. Ms. Kemper has also clerked for the presiding judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. Ms. Kemper received her Juris

Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and her B.A. from Fisk University. She is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association.

#### **ROBERT A. KENT**

**GENERAL COUNSEL** 

Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President



Robert A. Kent is the General Counsel with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). In this role Mr. Kent provides overall legal support to all components of ONDCP.

Mr. Kent most recently served as

the Vice President of Advocacy and General Counsel for the American Association of Orthodontists, a national healthcare organization. Prior to that he served as the General Counsel for the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). In this role, Robert provided overall legal support, policy guidance, and direction to the OASAS Executive Office and all divisions of the agency. Robert led the OASAS efforts to implement New York State's Heroin and Opioid Task Force recommendations, including the Combat Addiction/ Heroin Campaign, the Federal Opioid Targeted Grant program, and Medicaid Redesign Team initiatives including implementation of historic legislation to increase access to treatment, including harm reduction services. Robert has co-authored articles on patient confidentiality and sober homes and has presented nationally and throughout New York State on the addiction system of care.

In 2011, Robert was recognized by the Caron Foundation with their Legal Professional Public Service Award. In 2013, Robert was recognized by the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies with their Leadership Award. In 2016, Robert was recognized by the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence with their Nyswander/Dole "Marie" award; the Long Island Recovery Association Friend of Recovery Award; and the Northern Tier Providers Coalition Public Service Award. In 2018, Robert was honored by the Friends of Recovery New York with the Charles Devlin Recovery Advocate Award and by Christopher's Reason with the Outstanding Leader in the Recovery Community Award. In 2019, Robert was

honored by NYAPRS with its Public Policy Leadership Award and by the MHANYS with their CEO Award. In 2020, Robert was honored by the NYS Justice Center with their Champion Award.

Mr. Kent is a graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law.

# **REGINA LABELLE**

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Director of National Drug Control
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LaBelle leads a component
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President whose mission is to reduce substance use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the nation's national drug control strategy.

Acting Director LaBelle was sworn in on the evening of Inauguration Day and is regarded as an expert in drug policy. Prior to joining ONDCP, Ms. LaBelle served as a Distinguished Scholar and Program Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. At The O'Neill Institute, Ms. LaBelle's work focused on the addiction epidemic, public health approaches to drug policy, and using the law to promote access to treatment and support recovery. Ms. LaBelle also founded and directed the Master of Science in Addiction Policy and Practice program at Georgetown University.

During the Obama Administration, Ms. LaBelle served as ONDPC Chief of Staff, where she oversaw the Agency's efforts to address the opioid epidemic and other drug policy issues, including the implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy.

Ms. LaBelle also served as legal counsel to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, providing legal and policy advice to the Mayor on high-profile city initiatives. From 1998 – 2005, Ms. LaBelle was an adjunct professor of policy and ethics at Seattle University's Institute for Policy Studies.

Ms. LaBelle received her JD from Georgetown University Law Center and has an undergraduate degree from Boston College. She is an active member of the Washington State Bar.

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Ms. Migdal also has experience handling high-stakes, sensitive matters on behalf of individual clients. She is lead counsel on a pro bono matter representing an unaccompanied minor seeking relief from deportation proceedings. She also has represented individuals in litigation involving high-profile and complex family trusts and private businesses.

Before joining Kellogg Hansen as Of Counsel, Ms. Migdal litigated civil rights and women's rights cases as a senior attorney at the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union. In that role, she represented four military servicewomen in a successful constitutional challenge to the Pentagon's rule barring women from serving in ground combat units, litigated cases challenging pregnancy discrimination and other workplace discrimination, and brought cases on behalf of public housing residents subject to discriminatory policies. She also led complex multi-party cases involving women working in non-traditional occupations and migrant workers, including a case in which she argued before the Second Circuit on behalf of a group of custodians in a case concerning discrimination on the basis of sex and race in the New York City public

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In 2015, Zac founded and operated outpatient opioid treatment programs (OTPs) in Georgia and North Carolina before being awarded a Certificate of Need to establish a new opioid treatment program in his hometown of Maryville, Tennessee. Although the assets of two of his treatment programs were acquired by BayMark Health Services, Zac continues to serve as President and CEO of Talbott Legacy Centers, operating comprehensive opioid treatment programs in Eastern Tennessee and North Georgia.

Zac serves as the current President of the National Alliance for Medication Assisted Recovery (NAMA Recovery), the oldest and largest national advocacy organization specifically focused on the rights of and advocacy for buprenorphine and methadone patients. Zac also currently serves as the President & Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia (ADACBGA), the Georgia IC&RC affiliate and statewide credentialing board for addiction and recovery professionals. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia (OTPG), the Georgia opioid treatment providers association and state chapter of the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD). Zac has provided operational, policy, compliance, and clinical consulting for office based opioid treatment (OBOT) providers and opioid treatment programs (OTPs) across six U.S. states and is proficient in the behavioral health accreditation standards of The Joint Commission and CARF International. He has been sought after as a speaker for a variety of national, regional, and state-level conferences, and he has served as a Recovery Month Planning Partner since 2014.

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