



# REGIONAL WOMEN IN THE LAW SUMMIT

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1PM THURSDAY - NOON FRIDAY



The Women in the Law Committees from Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana have teamed up to support, educate and advance women in civil defense litigation. This two-day seminar will combine speakers and panels to discuss ways to assist lawyers in their practices.

**Hotel Information:** *The Westin Hotel Cincinnati, 21 East 5th Street* \* **Block Rate: \$159** \* **Block Rate Expires: May 19, 2022**

**Book on-line:** <https://book.passkey.com/event/50319824/owner/2605/home>

\* **Call:** 513-621-7700

**CLE:** 450 Minutes / 7.5 Hours (includes 2.0 ethics pending approval)

**Registration Fee:** \$250 - Member State & Local Defense Organizations (SLDO)  
\$395 - Non-Member \* \$50 Law Student

**On-Line Registration:** <https://oacta.memberclicks.net/regional-women-in-the-law-summit>

# THURSDAY AGENDA

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**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

- 12:30-12:55 pm      **Registration**
- 12:55-1:00 pm      **Welcome from SLDO Immediate Past-Presidents**  
**Kori L. Chambers, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana**  
**Claire E. Parsons, Kentucky Defense Counsel**  
**Natalie M. E. Wais, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys**
- 1:00-1:45 pm      ***Tactics for Negotiations: Are You Ready?***      **45mins.**  
**John C. Trimble, Esq., Lewis Wagner & Jazzmin L. Gordon, Esq., Quarles & Brady (Indiana)**
- 1:45-2:45 pm      ***Making Work from Home Work***      **60mins.**  
**Claire E. Parsons, Esq., Adams Law & Claire K. Reed (Kentucky)**
- 2:45-3:00 pm      **Networking Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:00-4:00 pm      ***Think Like a Lawyer: How we Address Implicit Bias, Confirmation Bias, and other Cognitive Biases that Shape the Legal Profession***      **60mins. (ethics)**  
**Kathy Seward Northern, Associate Dean for Diversity & Inclusion; Robert M. Duncan/Jones Day Designated, Associate Professor of Law, The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law**
- 4:00-5:00 pm      ***Journey to Justice***      **60mins.**  
**Justice Panel:**  
**Justice Michelle M. Keller, Supreme Court of Kentucky**  
**Judge Melissa S. May, Court of Appeals of Indiana**  
**Justice Melody J. Stewart – Supreme Court of Ohio**  
**Moderator: Beth Schneider Naylor, Esq., Frost Brown Todd (Ohio)**
- 5:00-6:00 pm      **Networking Reception**
- 6:30 pm      **Dine-A-Rounds** - Restaurant choices will be sent to attendees in advance of the event.

# FRIDAY AGENDA

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### Friday, June 10, 2022

- 7:00-7:30am **Yoga Class** (*optional / additional \$25 fee - bring your own mat*)  
**Kristine Camron, Certified Yoga Instructor**
- 7:30-8:00 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:45 am **Pause Your Practice for More Powerful Results** **45mins.**  
**Kristine Camron, Esq., General Counsel & Senior VP, Formstack (Indiana)**
- 8:45-9:45 am **Business Development - From Intake to Client and Back!** **60mins. (ethics)**  
**Jamie Kohls, Esq. GNGF, Cincinnati, Ohio**
- 9:45-10:00 am **Networking Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:00-11:00 am **How to Avoid the Virtual Flop - Making the Most of Virtual Litigation** **60mins.**  
**Ashley K. Brown, Esq., Ward, Hocker & Thornton, PLLC (Kentucky)**  
**Hon. Elizabeth A. "Libby" Callan, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP (Ohio)**  
**Lacee Townsend, CER, Kentuckiana Reporters (Kentucky)**  
**Langdon Worley, Esq., Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC (Kentucky)**  
**Moderator: Christine Stanley, Esq., Quintairos, Prieto, Wood and Boyer, P.A. (Kentucky)**
- 11:00 am-Noon **Love to Lead: Lessons from a Leadership Fanatic** **60 mins.**  
**Lana Olson, Esq., Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC (Alabama), Current Present-Elect of DRI**

# SPEAKERS

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**Jazzmin Gordon** is a product liability attorney who focuses her practice on manufacturing, toxic tort, and personal injury matters. Her experience includes defending domestic and international companies in product litigation, including: Serving as national counsel for a major motorcycle manufacturer in product liability matters; Serving as national counsel for a large medical device company in product liability matters; and Defense of product manufacturers against alleged product defect claims, warnings claims, and complex multiparty toxic exposure claims. In addition to her product liability work, Jazzmin has extensive experience representing clients in the automotive industry. Specifically, she provides counsel to a large motor vehicle manufacturing company regarding distribution network operating standards, policies, and regulations. Jazzmin also defends companies in general business litigation matters.

**John Trimble** maintains a practice that is dominated by catastrophic, complex, and class action litigation in the State and Federal Courts. He focuses much of his time on insurance coverage disputes, bad faith defense, lawyer and insurance agent malpractice, business litigation, and catastrophic damages caused by all types of casualty risks, including transportation, construction, product liability, fires, and governmental liability, to name a few. He has also argued numerous appeals in the State and Federal appellate courts as counsel for a party and as amicus counsel for lawyer and trade associations. Through the years, he has been admitted pro hac vice in more than 30 jurisdictions, and is frequently hired by out-of-state firms to serve as local counsel in Indiana.

**Claire E. Parsons** is a Member at Adams Law, PLLC in Covington, Kentucky. For the last ten years, she has focused her practice in the areas of civil litigation, local government practice, school law, and domestic relations. She has represented numerous local government entities, including cities, counties, school districts, and their officials in litigation and in a general counsel capacity. Claire is a frequent speaker and author, having published articles and spoken for a number of local, state, and national organizations on legal issues and law practice. In 2018, Claire founded the Sixth Circuit School Law Blog which analyzes emerging issues in education law in the Sixth Circuit and its included states, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. Claire is also active in her community and has served her region and the state and various leadership and volunteer positions throughout her years of practice.

**Claire Reed** is a Litigation Paralegal at Adams Law. She is responsible for researching local rules of various courts, investigating facts and preparing documents to assist with legal matters, which include: Preparing correspondence and reports as needed; Acting as a liaison with designated outside counsel; Contacting court administrators and regulatory bodies as needed to fulfill job assignments; and drafting various legal documents. Claire has direct client interaction via email, telephone and personal contact. She assists attorneys with the issuance of subpoenas and with witness and hearing preparation. She prepares documents for discovery requests; Obtains and summarizes medical (and other) records; Assists attorney during settlement, mediation, arbitration and trial; Requests records from outside counsel or administrative agencies; Assists in trial preparation and maintains exhibits and binders. She has knowledge of state and federal rules and regulations as well as case management from initial filing through trial and appeal. She is responsible for running exhibits at trial.

**Professor Kathy Seward Northern** served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert M. Duncan, Southern District of Ohio, following graduation from law school, and then became an associate with the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris, & Arthur in Columbus. In 1990, she joined the law faculty of Ohio Northern University, moving to Ohio State in 1991. She served as chair of the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and was a member of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Her research areas include the use of tort law in social policy formation, the application of traditional tort principles to mitigate the effects of environmental racism, and products liability. She teaches Advanced Topics in Tort Law, Environmental Justice, Law & Technology, Products Liability, and Torts.

**Beth Schneider Naylor** has over 30 years of experience advising businesses on the risks associated with the products they manufacture and distribute throughout the world. Using each individual client's business goals as the guide, Beth is strategic, proactive, and innovative in her approach to addressing mitigation of risk, brand integrity, litigation avoidance, and compliance issues. She provides national litigation management, representation before regulatory bodies, crisis management response, risk assessment/management, and preventive product safety counseling to U.S. and foreign manufacturers and distributors in diverse industry sectors, from consumer products to industrial equipment. She has worked with U.S., Canadian and European health and safety officials to develop, defend, and harmonize worldwide safety standards. She presents on product safety and liability issues globally.

**Judge Melissa S. May** was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Frank O'Bannon in April of 1998. She was born in Elkhart, Indiana. She received a B.S. in criminal justice from Indiana University-South Bend and, in 1984, a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. She is also a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges. Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge May practiced law for fourteen years in Evansville, Indiana, where she focused on insurance defense and personal injury litigation. Judge May has been active in local, state, and national bar associations and bar foundations. She served the Indiana Bar Association on the Board of Managers from 1992-1994, as Chair of the Litigation Section from 1998-1999, as Counsel to the President from 2000-2001, as Chair of the Appellate Practice Section from 2008-2009, and as Secretary to the Board of Governors in 2008-2009. She is also a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Evansville Bar Association. She is a fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation and is currently serving on their Board of Directors. Judge May is a fellow for the American Bar Association, and a Master Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

**Justice Melody Stewart** was elected in November 2018 to a full term as the 161st Justice to serve on the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Justice Stewart served on the Eighth District Court of Appeals –elected to an unexpired term in 2006 and twice reelected to full terms. She served as the court's Administrative Judge in 2013. Justice Stewart has more than 30 years of combined administrative, legal, and academic experience. She was an administrator for a health care management company, a music teacher, a civil defense litigator, and a law school administrator and professor before being elected to the Court of Appeals. While on the Eighth District Court of Appeals, Justice Stewart was assigned to hear cases in other appellate districts and in the Ohio Supreme Court.

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**Justice Michelle M. Keller** was appointed to the Kentucky Supreme Court in April 2013 by Governor Steven Beshear and was subsequently elected to a full eight-year term on the Court in November 2014. Prior to her service on the Supreme Court, Justice Keller was elected as Judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals in November 2006. Justice Keller has served as the Court of Appeals representative on the Judicial Conduct Commission, Chairperson of the Court of Justice's Technology Governance Committee, and is currently serving as Chairperson of the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission and Criminal Rules Committee. Prior to her service on the bench, Justice Keller practiced law for 17 years. She served as an assistant county attorney for her home county of Kenton. Her private practice concentrated in the areas of medical negligence and product liability defense, personal injury and family law, and criminal defense.

**Kristine Camron** is an experienced transactional lawyer who is charged with building Formstack's in-house legal department, managing complex legal and business risks, and overseeing the company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Before joining Formstack, Camron spent more than 20 years at Ice Miller LLP, where she was a partner since 2004, counseling early-stage technology companies. In that position, she helped her clients build strong businesses and provided practical and strategic advice on issues such as initial formation, capitalization, capital raising and issuance of securities, licensing agreements, employee incentive plans, shareholder agreements, customer agreements and mergers and acquisition transactions.

**Jamie Kohls** applies her degrees in both Law and Marketing daily in her project manager role with GNGF. Her dedication to education and the ethical practice of law makes for the perfect blend of knowledge, teaching ability, and legal acumen. Her passion for education is constantly on display as a trainer with The Legal Marketing Academy by GNGF. Jamie's well-rounded knowledge of the legal profession comes from her time working in the offices of law firms large and small. Now as a project manager, Jamie acts as an essential bridge between marketing and the law practices GNGF works with. She is passionate about teaching law firm owners that it takes more than being a good attorney to run a successful firm. Jamie enjoys speaking with attorneys to help them to realize the potential of their firm's customer base and revenue.

**Ashley Brown** was recognized as Kentucky Defense Counsel's 2017 Defense Lawyer of the Year for her exceptional results and defense verdicts at the trial court level. She is a Member in the Lexington office, focusing solely on civil litigation defense. Her experience includes successfully handling the defense of personal injury claims at trial and on appeal, and summary judgment dismissals of suits prior to trial in both state and federal courts. She regularly works with insurance companies and self-insured clients in all aspects of civil litigation and pre-suit investigation.

**Christine Stanley** is a partner in the Lexington, Kentucky office of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Ms. Stanley focuses her practice in the areas of medical malpractice defense and the representation of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals, and includes general liability and appeals. In addition, her practice encompasses the areas of regulatory and corporate compliance, fraud and abuse, state regulatory matters including certificate of need and licensing. Ms. Stanley's professional achievements in the legal field have been recognized by her peers: She is distinguished as one of the top-rated health care attorneys in the nation, selected to Kentucky and Ohio Rising Stars by Thomson's Reuters Super Lawyers® 2019-2022. In 2021, she was named "Outstanding Young Lawyer" by the Kentucky Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, in recognition of exceptional and dedicated civic service, community involvement, and legal accomplishment and received the 2020 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Fayette County Bar Association.

**Hon. Libby Callahan** is of counsel in the Vorys Cincinnati office and a member of the labor and employment group. She has more than a decade of experience counseling employers and her practice is focused on a broad range of employment law matters, investigations and mediations. Libby completed her mediation training with the Pepperdine Caruso Law Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution. Prior to joining Vorys, Libby served as a judge on the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. During her time on the court, she presided over a variety of business matters and matters in equity. In that role, Libby often served as a mediator in the cases before her—helping parties to find agreed resolutions to their disputes, prior to trial. Libby also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney early in her career successfully trying multiple felony matters.

**Lacey Townsend**, CER, is the Director of Court Reporting & Nationwide Trainer at Kentuckiana Court Reporters, LLC, where she also serves as a Court Reporter and Legal Videographer. She is a graduate of Indiana University Southeast.

**Langdon Worley** is experienced in civil litigation has taken her to more than 60 Kentucky counties, where she has defended a wide variety of cases, ranging from motor vehicle accidents and premises liability matters to commercial trucking, products liability, fire loss, subrogation, and blasting cases. She has tried cases, taken extensive discovery and evidentiary depositions, and handled numerous mediations, reaching favorable and fair resolutions on behalf of her clients. Her practice has taken her to the appellate level where she has filed successful briefs before both the Kentucky Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Kentucky. Most importantly, Langdon's litigation experience has taken her to courtrooms across the Commonwealth where she has successfully handled dispositive issues, discovery matters, summary judgment, evidentiary disputes, and trials before Kentucky judges, attorneys, and jurors.

**Lana Olson** is a tough trial lawyer who understands the pressures faced by in-house counsel. Don't let the red hair fool you. When it comes to defending her clients, this redhead has never been afraid of a challenge. Whether she is trying a complex, high-stakes case, providing day-to-day risk management advice or leading an internal investigation, Lana has the experience and judgment needed to guide clients through even the most daunting situations. Maintaining a varied litigation practice, she handles matters involving environmental, toxic tort, product liability, catastrophic injury and employment claims.