

Faculty Biographies

Producer

Frank Johnstone

Is a Shareholder at the law firm Wilson Worley PC. He is a graduate of MIT and Duke University Law School. Johnstone has practiced law in Kingsport, Tennessee since 1978. He was a member of the Tennessee Bar Association's Board of Governors for six years and as chairman of its operations committee for two years.

Speakers

Chancellor Elizabeth Asbury

Is a judge in the Eighth District Chancery Court. Prior to this position, she was an attorney in private practice; served as an Assistant District Attorney; and was a Judge in Caryville Municipal Court. Chancellor Asbury received both her undergraduate and her law degree from the University of Tennessee.

Karl Warden

Is an experienced and accomplished lawyer who's been recognized many times for his estate planning work, specifically with wills & trusts. He's been awarded a four-time National Presenter distinction from the National Business Institute and a Continuing Legal Education Excellence Award from the Nashville Bar Association. Warden earned his BA in anthropology from Vanderbilt University; West Virginia University College of Law and his LLM from George Washington University.

Judge Rhynette Hurd

Is a Circuit Court Judge in Shelby Co. Prior to becoming a judge, she served as a Law Clerk to Judge Bailey Brown - U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit; was an Associate with Armstrong, Allen, Gentry, et al.; Chief Counsel at International Paper Company; Assistant General Counsel at Accredo Health, Inc.; Vice President, Corporate Counsel at Sedgwick Claims Management Service, Inc.; and is a Founder/Mediator of Blair Ridder Hurd PLLC. Judge Hurd holds degrees

from Mount Holyoke College, B.A; Harvard Graduate School of Education, M.A.T.; George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Ph.D. and Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, J.D.

Justice Sharon Lee

Was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2008 and re-elected in 2010 and 2014. From 2004 to 2008, she served on the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Justice Lee practiced law in her hometown of Madisonville from 1978 until 2004. She also served as the Madisonville municipal judge from 2002 to 2004. Lee has served on the Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors, as President of East Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, as a Board member for the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, and as a Board member of the Monroe County Boys and Girls Club. Justice Lee received both her undergraduate and her law degree from the University of Tennessee.

Judge Shayne Sexton

Is a criminal court judge for the Eighth Judicial District Criminal Court in Jacksboro. The court presides over Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott, and Union counties. He has served as a judge since 1998 and was most recently re-elected on August 7, 2014, for a term expiring in 2022.

Tiffany Johnson

Majored in Literature and worked as an English teacher before following in her father's footsteps to become an attorney. After practicing personal injury law at a national firm, she soon found her niche and ventured out on her own as a freelance brief writer. Johnson offers CLE seminars on legal research and writing, document design, and effective argumentation. She also teaches Torts and Legal Writing and coordinates the undergraduate Legal Studies program at the University of Memphis.

William Gill

Joined LMU Law as a visiting professor in 2015. In 2016 he became an assistant professor and teaches in the Academic Success and Legal Writing programs. From 2012 until 2015, he served as a Judicial Law Clerk for Justice Gary R. Wade in the Tennessee Supreme Court. Gill also spent two years clerking for U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Leon Barfield in the Southern District of Georgia. Gill graduated cum laude from the Emory School of Law, where he served as a

managing editor on the Emory Law Journal; completed an externship with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and worked as a research assistant for Dean David Partlett, conducting research for and editing the 12th edition of Prosser, Wade, and Schwartz's Torts.