

Faculty Biographies

Producer

Jennifer Noe

Is a partner with the Law Offices of Balthrop, Perry, and Noe, PLLC in Ashland City where she maintains a private practice including the general practice of law, government law, domestic law, real estate, criminal, probate and civil law. She became City Attorney for the Town of Ashland City in 1998 where she has continued to serve in this capacity for 23 years. She also serves as city attorney for the Town of Kingston Springs as well as the Town of Pleasant View with her law partner. She serves on the House of Delegates for the Tennessee Bar Association for the 23rd judicial district and is chairman for government affairs section of the Tennessee Bar Association. Noe is also a member of Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association where she has served as a past president, and is a Rule 31 mediator.

Speakers

Joe Jaret

Is an attorney and a federal and state mediator who has been practicing law for over 30 years. He has practiced law before the Tennessee Supreme Court, and lower state and federal courts and before the Florida Governor and his Cabinet. He has served three different government entities as chief legal counsel the most recent being Knox County. Jarret is the past chair of the TBA Local Government Section and is a former active-duty United States Army Combat Arms Officer and former United States Air Force Special Agent with service overseas. He is a full-time lecturer for UT's Graduate School of Public Policy and Administration and frequently lectures at the UT Law School. He is an award-winning writer who has published over 85 articles in various professional journals including the Tennessee Bar Journal. Jarret holds a Bachelor of Science Degree, a master's in public administration degree, a Juris Doctorate degree, a post-Graduate Certificate in Public Management and is pursuing the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at UT. He is the 2009 recipient of the Gordon Johnston Award for Excellence in the practice of Local Government Law.

John Eskew

Is a municipal court specialist with the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service Institute for Public Service (MTAS). Prior to joining MTAS, John was a risk manager and assistant human resources director in the city of Clarksville, where he managed the city's property and casualty insurance policies, self-insured claims, employee health and workplace safety programs and On-the-Job Injury program. Eskew holds degrees from the University of Tennessee and the University of Tennessee College of Law.

Jon Michael

Is the Zoning Administrator for Metro Nashville. After nearly a decade practicing in Metro's Legal Department, he has led the staff that issues building permits for well over \$4 billion in construction for each of the past five booming years. And since the 2015 start of Metro's Short Term Rental regulation, Michael has overseen regulation of an industry that includes thousands of operators, millions of dollars, and more appeals and lawsuits that he can remember.

Rebecca Ketchie

Practices in the litigation section at Wilson Worley in Kingsport. Before coming to Wilson Worley, she worked as a land use planner for a Tennessee government agency, advising local governments in planning, zoning, and subdivision matters. Ketchie has also worked as a municipal attorney, advising local governments in general matters and defending them in civil rights lawsuits. Now she focuses her practice on land use and development, government law, family law (including divorce and child custody), and general civil litigation (including commercial and personal injury dispute). Ketchie serves on the board of directors for the Greater Kingsport YMCA and is on the Executive Committee for the local government section of the Tennessee Bar Association.