

## Faculty Biographies

### Producer

#### **Kristen Shields**

Is a Partner with Cotney Construction Law and has significant litigation experience in a wide variety of governmental matters and complex litigation, excelling in construction, commercial, healthcare, automotive, and opioid litigation. Previously in Alabama, Shields served as a prosecutor for many years where she was involved in complex investigations, seizures, and civil forfeitures, tried over 100 jury trials, and ran the Grand Jury, among other things. Her advocacy is deeply rooted in that for law enforcement and victims, which continues through nonprofit efforts for First Responders and serving as Chair for the Criminal Justice Section of the Tennessee Bar Association.

### Speakers

#### **Andrew Harris**

Is an Assistant Post-Conviction Defender with the Office of the Post-Conviction Defender in Nashville. He has more than 18 years of capital litigation experience, providing direct representation and consultation to capital defendants and death-sentenced inmates in trial, direct appeal, state post-conviction, federal habeas corpus, and clemency proceedings. This includes representing the first and only Delaware death row inmate to have their sentence commuted in modern history and freeing two men from Pennsylvania's death row. He hopes to live long enough to see the Knicks win an NBA Championship.

#### **Christopher Slobogin**

Is the director of Vanderbilt Law School's Criminal Justice Program and has authored more than 100 articles, books and chapters on topics relating to criminal law and procedure, mental health law and evidence. He is one of the five most cited criminal law and procedure law professors in the country over the past five years, according to the Leiter Report. Particularly influential has been his work on the Fourth Amendment and technology and his writing on mental disability and criminal law, appearing in books published by the University of Chicago, Harvard University and Oxford University presses and in journals such as the Chicago Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, Northwestern Law Review, Pennsylvania Law Review, Stanford Law Review and Virginia Law Review. Professor Slobogin has also served as reporter for three American Bar Association task forces (on Law Enforcement and Technology; the Insanity Defense; and Mental Disability and the Death Penalty) and as chair of both the ABA's task force charged with revising the Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards and the ABA's Florida Assessment team for the Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

**David Watkins**

Is an attorney with the Tennessee Office of the Post-Conviction Defender. As an Assistant Post-Conviction Defender, he represents death-sentenced individuals in their post-conviction proceedings, error coram nobis proceedings, and related appeals. Watkins is a graduate of the University of North Carolina (B.A.) and the University of Tennessee College of Law (J.D.). He is a member of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the Nashville Bar Association.

**John Morris**

Has extensive expertise in computer and device technologies as well as current Cloud technology and strategies, which he now incorporates into his law practice. A skilled negotiator, Morris leverages his experience in corporate intercedence, sales and customer engagement in the courtroom when working with the state and interacting with judges and court staff. In addition to his law practice, Morris is the CEO and Chief Legal Strategist at Cybertruth LLC, a national provider of leading multi-disciplinary digital forensic consulting services that provides services such as the extraction of digital evidence, interpretation and assistance in legal strategy as it pertains to the use and admissibility of digital data and provide expert in-court testimony. He has more than 20 years of experience delivering technical and professional skills training and public speaking engagements.

**Karen Litwin**

Has been an attorney with the Department of Safety for seven years, specializing in civil asset forfeiture and representing the Department in seizure hearings and Chancery/Circuit Court Appeals. Prior to joining Safety, she was a DUI Court Coordinator and grant writer for three years and practiced law with her husband who is also an attorney. She is a graduate of Bowling Green (Ohio) State University (B.S. in Journalism) and earned her law degree at the University of Toledo College of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Tennessee and the U.S. Federal Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

**Marquie Young**

Is an Associate Attorney for the State of Tennessee with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security's Asset Forfeiture Division. Young is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's in marketing and Nashville School of Law with her JD. She is licensed to practice in all Tennessee State Courts as well as the Middle District of Tennessee. Coming from a long line of Law Enforcement, including both parents, her younger brother and her husband; Young is passionate about her work with the State's Forfeiture cases.

**Judge Robert L. Holloway Jr.**

Is a judge on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Middle Section. Judge Holloway was appointed to this position by Republican Governor Bill Haslam in 2014 to succeed Justice Jeffrey Bivins, who was elevated to the Tennessee Supreme Court. He won retention by voters in 2016 in order to remain on the bench for the unexpired term of his predecessor. Before becoming an Appellate judge, he served as Circuit Judge for 22nd Judicial District for 16 years, and was in private practice with the firm Fleming, Holloway, Flynn and Sands for

19 years. Judge Holloway holds degrees from The University of Tennessee and The University of Tennessee College of Law.

**Robert "Bobby" Young**

Has served for more than a decade in many capacities within the Metro Nashville Police Department, including patrol, flex, crime suppression unit, countywide narcotics, and the 20th Drug Task Force. He has been awarded dozens of accommodations and awards for his dedication to serve the community and was the lead Agent on the largest wiretap case and cocaine haul in Nashville history. He estimates that he has completed hundreds of forfeitures to include cars, trucks, trailers, boats, ATV's, cash, and even houses. This amounts to roughly \$5 million in US Currency and assets taken directly from large drug trafficking organization in an effort to disrupt the flow of narcotics into Nashville Music City. Young later founded Covert Results, a private investigations, security, and training firm operating in Middle Tennessee. He has been certified in state and federal courts as an expert in narcotics, and recently published his second book, *The Good Line*, which details his efforts as a detective on Nashville's Drug Task Force.