

Serving Those Who Serve: Speaker Bios

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Professor Paul Bennett

Paul Bennett is a Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Child and Family Law Clinic at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. In addition to clinical education, Professor Bennett regularly teaches the required course in professional responsibility. Professor Bennett is the son of a paraplegic World War II veteran and spent much of his youth shuffling between home and V.A. hospitals. For the last year, he has been working with veteran and active duty law students who volunteer in the City of Tucson Veteran's Court.

Professor Bennett joined the Arizona faculty in 1996 after teaching for several years in the Cornell Law School Clinical Program. He graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine in 1973 and the Cornell Law School in 1976. After receiving his law degree, he practiced with the Orleans Legal Aid Bureau in Albion, NY and then with Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services in Ithaca, NY. From 1983 – 1988, he was an Assistant City Attorney in Ithaca, NY. From 1988 to 1993, he was a partner in the law firm of Holmberg, Galbraith, Holmberg, Orkin & Bennett in Ithaca, NY. He became a grandfather to Hadyn L. King on April 2, 2008.

Brad Bridwell

Mr. Bridwell has over 13 years of experience working with homeless individuals. He has dedicated the past 9 years to specifically assisting homeless veterans to successfully reintegrate back into their communities. Mr. Bridwell is currently the Homeless Veterans Services Coordinator for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and is responsible for coalescing stakeholders to create, implement and evaluate the State's effort to end homelessness among veterans. In his previous employment as the Arizona Director for United States Veterans Initiative, the Nation's largest non-profit dedicated to the successful reintegration of homeless veterans, Mr. Bridwell helped establish over 200 beds of housing and services between its Phoenix and Prescott operations. His employment reintegration programs established in Phoenix have led to "Best Practice" recognition by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Mr. Bridwell holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's of Social Work from Arizona State University. He also serves as the Board Chair of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness.

Patrick Camunez

Patrick Camuñez is currently an attorney-advisor for the Arizona National Guard. A Captain in the Army, Patrick has served 10 years, twice deploying to Iraq as an infantry officer. He is a native of New Mexico, graduating from New Mexico State University with a degree in Government. He graduated from Arizona State University, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law with his JD. He has been married for six years to his wife Megan, and they have two sons Mason (4) and Austin (5 months).

Professor Bob Dauber

Bob Dauber is a Clinical Professor Law in the Civil Justice Clinic. He also teaches courses relating to civil procedure, professionalism and dispute-resolution processes. Professor Dauber helped design the Lodestar Mediation Clinic, a course offering in which law students receive intensive skills training and practical experience in the mediation process, while studying the theoretical foundations of ADR. He is a former director of the mediation clinic and also has served as the interim director of the College's Clinical Program. Professor Dauber's research interests include court-connected mediation and other forms of dispute resolution, and he regularly presents papers and workshops on ADR-related topics. Professor Dauber's most recent articles have related to empirical studies of court-connected mediation and arbitration.

Professor Dauber graduated magna cum laude from the A.S.U. Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in 1983. Before joining the Clinical Faculty in 1990, Professor Dauber practiced commercial litigation at the Phoenix office of Winston & Strawn. Professor Dauber has served on the boards of directors for Community Legal Services, the Arizona Dispute Resolution Association, the Homeless Legal Assistance Project and the Capital Representation Project, and on the ADR Advisory Board to the Supreme Court of Arizona.

Chelsey Golightly

Ms. Golightly is currently a law clerk for Shaw & Lines, LLC and has accepted an associate position as an attorney, pending her licensure to practice in Arizona. Ms. Golightly works directly with the firm's partners in assisting in civil litigation, discovery, and trial support for community associations throughout Arizona. Ms. Golightly attended the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, where she received her Juris Doctor in 2010. Prior to her career in law, Ms. Golightly was licensed as Real Estate Salesperson in Michigan. Ms. Golightly also has experience working for the Honorable Thomas Dunevant III in the Arizona Tax Court, and for the Honorable Bethany J. Hicks in the Arizona Superior Court's Civil Division.

Professor Steve Gonzales

Steve Gonzales is the Director of Experiential Learning at Phoenix School of Law. He teaches Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Federal Indian Law, ADR, and Property. He served five times as an accredited consultant at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (2004-09). He was a Commissioner on the ABA Commission on Race and Ethnic Diversity, chaired the Arizona State Bar Committee on Women and Minorities, serves on the Maricopa County Bar Association Diversity Committee, and is a member of Los Abogados, Arizona's Hispanic bar association.

Professor Gonzales has over 30 years experience in ADR. He is 2009-10 President of the Arizona Association of Conflict Resolution. He is the current liaison of the ABA Section of State and Local Government to the Section of Dispute Resolution, and served on the editorial board of the ABA's *Dispute Resolution Magazine*. He was a lead negotiations trainer for the U. S. Air Force (2005-06). Professor Gonzales was Chief Judge of the Mohegan Tribe; Director of Legal Aid, Fort McDowell Yavapai Indian Community; and Assistant Attorney General for the Navajo Nation. He co-founded the California Indian Law Association and is a member of the Arizona Native American Bar Association.

Honorable Michael Hawkins

A graduate of Arizona State University (B.A., J.D.) and the University of Virginia (LL.M.), Judge Hawkins was appointed a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton and commenced service on September 15, 1994. Judge Hawkins served to the rank of Captain in the United States Marine Corps (1970-73). He engaged in the private practice of law from 1973 to 1977 and again from 1980 to 1994, interrupted by service as United States Attorney for the District of Arizona (1977-80). While in private practice, he frequently served as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Arizona Court of Appeals. A 1995 recipient of ASU's Alumni Achievement Award, he also was honored in 2003 by the State Bar of Arizona with its James Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award. In 2006, ASU's College of Law presented him with the John S. Lancy Award, recognizing him as an outstanding law journal alumnus. He maintains his chambers in Phoenix and San Francisco.

Ted Jarvi

Ted Jarvi has practiced law in Arizona for 36 years. Before that he spent over nine years on active duty with the US Air Force, starting as an E-1 in 1961, and ending as an O-3 aircraft maintenance officer in Thailand in 1970. During his law practice he was in the Air Force Reserves and Air National Guard, retiring as a JAG in 1997. His civilian practice has included general civil law and a lot of criminal defense. In 1991 he represented his first veteran. The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) had just been established and attorney representation was a new thing. He has now been named counsel in over 200 cases at the Court. In 2002 he limited his practice to representing veterans who are having problems with disability claims at the VA. He has been a member of the National Organization of Veterans Advocates [NOVA] since 1994 and was its president from 2004 to 2006. He has also been on the Board of Directors of the CAVC Bar Association.

Ted has given presentations on VA law and VA claims to such varied groups as the Judge Advocate Association, the Vietnam Helicopter Crewman Association, the National Organization for Veterans Advocates, the National Organization of Social Security Claims Representatives and the American Association for Justice (formerly the American Trial Lawyers Association). He still is representing veterans from all services, including vets from WWII to OEF/OIF, at all levels of the VA claims process.

Professor Marcy Karin

Marcy Karin is an Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Work-Life Policy Unit of the Civil Justice Clinic. Her research interests include workplace law, policy, and practice, civil law for military families, and women's legal history. Professor Karin previously served as Legislative Counsel for Workplace Flexibility 2010 and as an Adjunct Professor of Law, Teaching Fellow, and Supervising Attorney at Georgetown University Law Center's Federal Legislation and Administrative Clinic. Before Georgetown, she worked for Arent Fox PLLC in Washington, D.C., where she received the Albert E. Arent Pro Bono Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Public Interest.

Professor Karin received her JD from Stanford Law School and her LL.M in Advocacy with Honors from Georgetown University Law Center. In 2003, she won the Burton Award for Legal Achievement in Writing. Her most recent articles involve proposals to amend and analysis of statutory protections for time off for military families and victims of domestic violence. Professor Karin is an active member of the national work-life law and policy community, and is listed in the Sloan Network's Who's Who in Work and Family.

Micah Larripa

Micah Larripa is a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. He is assigned to the Corps' Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP), and is currently a 3L at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Prior to his selection to the FLEP, Captain Larripa completed two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He commanded a rifle platoon in the Al Anbar Province from 2004-05, and an assault amphibian vehicle (AAV) platoon in Fallujah during 2006. Captain Larripa also served as an AAV company commander, and as the executive officer for Recruiting Station Phoenix. As a law student, Captain Larripa has been active in the Homeless Legal Assistance Project (HLAP). He currently serves as the coordinator for HLAP efforts in support of Victory Place, a homeless veterans' shelter in Phoenix, AZ.

Richard (Gregg) Maxon

Brigadier General Richard Gregg Maxon retired on July 1, 2008; culminating military and state service careers as the Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. Appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano, he assumed duties as the Director on March 28, 2007.

Gregg enlisted in the Army in May 1972 serving as a linguist for the Army Security Agency. Separating from active duty in July 1975, he attended Arizona State University where he earned Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration, and Juris Doctor degrees.

In October 1980, Gregg re-entered active duty as a Judge Advocate with the U.S. Navy. He joined the Arizona Army National Guard as a Judge Advocate in August 1984. In June, 1999, he was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General and promoted to Brigadier General on December 12, 2000. Gregg retired from military service on July 9, 2007.

Currently he is working with a number of Veterans Organizations and practices law in the area of Veterans' Disability Claims Appeals.

He is married to the former Janine Elizabeth Lucas. They have two sons, Bradley and Jeffrey.

Tom Reade

Thomas (Tom) Reade has been with the Office of the Arizona Attorney General for five years. He is the Unit Chief for the Crime, Fraud & Victim Resource Center. The Resource Center's mission is that of crime prevention and education. The major initiatives being consumer fraud, identity theft, internet crimes, methamphetamine, foreclosure rescue scams and elder abuse. Previously, he was a coordinator within the same unit. He has his B.A. from Arizona State University.

Nicola M. Winkel

Nicola Winkel is a Program Consultant and Community Liaison for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families (ACMF), a public/private partnership focused on building Arizona's statewide capacity to serve and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities. Ms. Winkel was part of the original implementation team for the development of the ACMF in partnership with the Arizona National Guard and other key stakeholders from the public and private sector. She has a background in nonprofit program development & implementation, consulting and publishing, and earned her Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois. Ms. Winkel is the spouse of a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Lawrence (Butch) Wise

Lawrence (Butch) A. Wise IV assumed his duties as the Executive Director for the Arizona Office for Employer Support Guard and Reserve (ESGR) on November 3, 2005. Mr. Wise has served on active duty in the Arizona Army National Guard for 22 years, with a total of 24 years of service to the Army National Guard. He has received numerous military awards including the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Mr. Wise is currently working on several local ESGR issues including the development of an Access database that will enable his office to better manipulate the CEI data that will include tracking of employer awards, SOS's, boss lift participation and other outreach events. He is also actively working expanding his committee media contacts to drive the ESGR message across the state of Arizona. Mr. Wise is heavily involved with the military units assigned in Arizona and the result was the AZ ESGR Office opening up a new AZ ESGR office in Tucson, Arizona in the fall of 2008. He is also directly involved with the Family Programs Division, Yellow Ribbon Program, and several other service member support groups.

Some of Mr. Wise's recent accomplishments with AZ ESGR include his involvement with winning two Freedom Awards in the last three years, high profile Statement of Support signing including the National Rifle Association, the Arizona Cardinals, the Arizona Diamondbacks, and several other high profile organizations. He was also instrumental in the rebuilding of the AZ ESGR Office over past four years which has resulted in his committee meeting all strategic objectives the past two years, improvement in recruiting and retention of committee members, and direct assistance in improving event planning and execution.

Mr. Wise's education and training related to ESGR includes PSS training, Ombudsman certification, and Executive Director training. Mr. Wise is called upon on a routine basis to conduct USERRA training for employers and is known as a subject matter expert regarding USERRA issues. Mr. Wise and the AZ ESGR Committee work closely with their local Department of Labor representatives to resolve issues or concerns at the lowest level.

Mr. Wise has also been working for Career Training Concepts instructing the Advanced Ombudsman USERRA Course the past year training over 100 ESGR Ombudsman throughout the country.

Mr. Wise is married to Julia L. Wise, and has three children, Kyla, Brenna, and Arika. He resides in Phoenix, Arizona and is a lifetime resident of 47 years. Mr. Wise has completed 120 credit hours towards his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management at the University of Phoenix and is scheduled to graduate in the summer of 2011.