



**THIRD ANNUAL TREATMENT COURT CONFERENCE**  
**VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**  
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**PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES**

**David Cahill**

David Cahill is the State's Attorney for Windsor County, Vermont. Previously, he served as a Deputy State's Attorney and Chief Deputy State's Attorney for Windsor County and as the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys in Montpelier, Vermont. Mr. Cahill serves as one of the faculty members in Vermont Law School's Criminal Law Clinic and he is a frequent guest presenter at VLS. He has prosecuted approximately 2,000 cases, focusing on serious felonies ranging from embezzlement to homicide. He specializes in the collection, gathering, and presentation of cellular network-based location evidence and digital communication content evidence (e.g., social media postings, instant message chats, Skype, etc.). He graduated from Dartmouth College, Highest Honors in 2001, and received his JD from the University of Minnesota, Cum Laude in 2005.

**Stephanie Clark**

Stephanie Clark grew up in New Mexico and moved to Vermont during her college years. After graduating from Lyndon State College, Stephanie attended law school at Western New England College School of Law and The Ohio State University. In 1997, Stephanie was appointed the first general division magistrate for the Court of Common Pleas in Licking County, Ohio. As magistrate, Stephanie presided over her own civil docket, conducted felony arraignments and bond hearings, drafted judicial opinions, and mediated civil cases pending before the Judges.

In 2004, Stephanie returned to New England and was admitted to the Vermont bar. She has been active in her community by serving on the Lyme Planning Board and the Lyme School Board, as chair of the Pearl Dimick Fund Grant Committee, and as a board member of the Lyme Foundation. In 2013, Stephanie began working as coordinator for the Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket. A board member of the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals, Stephanie resides in Lyme, New Hampshire with her husband and two children.

**Hon. Geoffrey Crawford**

Judge Geoffrey Crawford is a United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, a former Associate Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, and a former Superior Court judge in Vermont. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. Judge Crawford presides at the Rutland Federal Drug Court Program which began in April 2015.

**Hon. Amy Davenport**

Judge Davenport was appointed as a Superior Court judge in October of 1990. During her twenty-four years on the bench, she has presided in the civil, criminal and family divisions of Vermont's trial courts. In 2005, the Vermont Supreme Court appointed her to serve as the Chief Administrative Judge of the Trial Courts in Vermont and she served in that capacity until her retirement at the end of 2014.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1985 to 1990. During her last term in the Legislature, she chaired the House Judiciary Committee and was instrumental in the passage of legislation that created Vermont's family court.

She is the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for State Courts. She served as a trustee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges from 2008-2014. She is currently a trustee for the Vermont Law School and vice-chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. Judge Davenport received a B.A. from Stanford University in 1969. She was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1982 after a four year law office study.

### **Hon. Theresa DiMauro**

Judge Theresa DiMauro was a Deputy State's Attorney and Assistant Attorney General prior to being appointed a Vermont trial judge in 1993. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and the Western New England College of Law. Judge DiMauro is currently sitting on the bench for the Windsor Criminal Division where she presides at Vermont's only DUI Treatment Court.

### **Patricia Gabel**

Patricia Gabel, as Vermont's State Court Administrator and the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Vermont, is the chief executive officer of the Vermont Judiciary. In this role, she has oversight over all non-judicial employees of Vermont's courts, as well as oversight of the administrative infrastructure of the Judiciary, including budget and finance, planning, appellate court administration, human resources and labor relations, information technology, court services and programs, court facilities and security, legal counsel, and education and organizational development. The Chief Superior Judge and the Court Administrator cooperate to ensure that the trial court system operates as efficiently as possible and work toward uniform and improved procedures in the trial courts.

Prior to entering public service, Ms. Gabel worked as an international business lawyer in New York, Montreal, and Vermont. She is a Fellow of Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and a graduate of Vassar College and the Albany Law School of Union University. Ms. Gabel is the author or co-author of several law review articles, as well as the writer, researcher, and co-producer of a CBC/*Radio-Canada* documentary film. While living in Montreal, she taught courses in international relations, negotiation, and conflict resolution at Concordia University.

### **Hon. Brian Grearson**

Chief Judge Brian J. Grearson, a native of Barre, Vermont, was appointed to the District Court in 2004 and appointed Chief Superior Judge in January 2015. He has presided in the Chittenden and Washington Adult Drug Treatment Courts, the Chittenden Family Treatment Court, the Chittenden Mental Health Court, and a graduation at the Windsor County DUI Treatment Court. In 2009-2010, he was a member of the Vermont Commission on Judicial Operations which led to the most significant reorganization of the judicial system in recent history. He has been a member of the Judicial Advisory Council since 2013. He is currently a member of the board of the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals and in September 2015 was awarded the first Hon. Matthew Katz Award for his work with the Drug Treatment Courts in Vermont.

### **Hon. Kevin Griffin**

Judge Kevin Griffin was appointed a Vermont Superior Court judge in 2012, following a long career providing public defense services in Windsor and Orange Counties and statewide through the serious

felony unit. Judge Griffin has presided over the Washington County Drug Court. He is a long time member of the faculty at Vermont Law School where he teaches trial practice. Judge Griffin was one of the original founding faculty members for the Vermont Law School Criminal Law Clinic.

### **Michael Kennedy**

Michael Kennedy grew up in South Burlington and graduated from the University of Vermont and the George Washington University Law School. After law school, Michael worked for five years as a Special Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Vermont Department of Corrections. In 1998, he took a job as an Assistant Attorney General with the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services. Later that year, he accepted a position as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel. He became Disciplinary Counsel in 2000. In 2012, Michael was named Bar Counsel.

Michael has been a member of the Vermont Bar Association Board of Manager since 2009 and is currently President-Elect of the VBA. He was on the Board of Bar Examiners from 2009-2013. Michael is an avid marathoner and devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox and Pittsburgh Steelers. In 2014, Michael retired after spending fifteen seasons as the head coach of the varsity boys' basketball team at his alma mater, South Burlington High School.

### **Jose Maldonado, Jr.**

Jose Maldonado Jr is a retired police officer with the New York City Police Department (NYPD). Officer Maldonado served approximately ten years and received numerous medals for Courage Above the Line of Duty and Meritorious Police Duty. He is an alumnus of St. John's University, graduating summa cum laude with honors with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and an M.A. in Government and Politics. Jose is in his second year at Vermont Law School and is a co-chair of the Criminal Law Society.

### **Joseph Perella**

Joseph Perella graduated from the Vermont Law School in 1988. After law school he worked for the Department of Justice in the Environmental Division in Washington, D.C. from 1992-1997. Joseph is currently an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Vermont. He has held this position since 1997. He is the Federal Drug Court Prosecutor for the Federal Drug Court in Rutland that was formed in April of 2015.

### **Vanessa Price**

Vanessa Price was employed as a police officer with the City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of Inspector and was assigned to Operations Administration as the Interim Executive Director for Weed and Seed Programs. Ms. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012. Her prior assignment from May of 1998 to September 2009 was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of the Oklahoma County Drug Court Program, including policy manual development, budgeting, and staff training. Training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the signs of mental illness, identification of a subject under the influence of drugs, effectively communicating with consumers, strengths-based interviewing, team building, drug testing, program planning and development, grant writing, community supervision, cultural proficiency for consumers served, ethics and confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders, community resource identification and development.

In May 2014, Ms. Price was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In January 2015 she was reappointed to a four-year term and elected to serve as Chair of the organization. In August 2016 she accepted a position with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as the Division Director for NDCI (National Drug Court Institute). Ms. Price has an Associate's Degree from Oklahoma State University in Applied Police Science and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, in Criminal Justice.

### **Matthew Prouty**

Matthew Prouty has served seventeen years at the Rutland Police Department. Before that he was a Deputy Sheriff in Rutland County and spent six years in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. He is currently the Commander of the Patrol Division for the Rutland City Police. He served as a police canine handler for 13 years and was the 19th inductee into the Vermont Police Canine Association Hall of Fame in 2014. He started the Community Response Team at RPD in September 2014 with then Chief James Baker and implemented the Drug Market Intervention Strategy for the department. He joined the Rutland County Drug Court Team in 2014.

He is a Rutland native who has been married 23 years and has four children ages 22, 20, 18 and 16.

### **Sarah Reed**

Sarah Reed grew up in Northern Vermont, the oldest of seven siblings. She received a BA in Political Science from St. Michael's College in 2001 and a JD from Albany Law School in 2005. She joined the Chittenden County Public Defender's Office in January 2007 and has been a member of the Chittenden County Treatment Courts for 6 years.

### **Robert Sand**

Robert Sand is a professor at Vermont Law School, the former elected State's Attorney for Windsor County, Vermont, a position he held for 16 years, and more recently, the Governor's Liaison to Criminal Justice Programs. He is a 1980 graduate of Hamilton College and a 1987 graduate of Vermont Law School, magna cum laude, where he served as a managing editor of the Vermont Law Review. He is a past member of the Vermont Law School Board of Trustees. Mr. Sand has extensive trial and appellate experience and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Sand serves on the Vermont Supreme Court's Rules of Evidence Committee and on the Boards of the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals and SPEAK, a Vermont-based debate organization. He is on the faculty of the National Center for DWI Courts. Mr. Sand is "President-for-Life" of a local ping pong club.

### **Anna Saxman**

Anna Saxman graduated magna cum laude from Vermont Law School, where she was the Articles Editor of the Law Review. She clerked for Justice Louis Peck at the Vermont Supreme Court and was an associate with Langrock Sperry before she came to public defense. She joined the Vermont Defender General's office in 1989, where she serves as the Deputy Defender General, Director of Training and Appellate Defender. Ms. Saxman has also served as an adjunct professor at Vermont Law School for over 20 years, teaching mental health law, criminal law, criminal practice and procedure and in the Criminal Law Clinic.

Anna has long been an advocate for access to justice for the indigent, the mentally ill, and those suffering from addiction. She was the Chair of the Vermont Supreme Court's Access to Justice Committee, and is a member of the Justice for Children Task Force. In 2004, as president of the Vermont Bar Association, she organized the first Vermont seminar on the War on Drugs, which

included local and national law enforcement, the judiciary, prosecutors, legislators, substance abuse treatment providers, lawyers, advocates, and addicted persons. At the time, the Commissioner of Public Safety made national news when he told the group that Vermont could not enforce its way out of the drug problem.

To help lawyers better understand the issues and advocate for their clients Anna has provided training to public defenders and assigned counsel by presenting experts on the scientific and medical issues surrounding alcoholism, drug addiction, and treatment. While much of the concern for providing an alternative court response for the mentally ill and substance abusers began in the criminal courts, these issues are also found within Vermont's Family Court. In response to the increasing recognition by Vermont courts of the effects of mental illness, alcohol and substance abuse on family members, Anna was instrumental in establishing the Family Support Program, providing social work assistance to parents in Family Court to obtain treatment, housing, jobs, and parenting education.

### **Alyson Shute**

Alyson Shute is an alumna of Biola University, graduating with a B.S. in International Business. She is in her second year at Vermont Law School and is currently a member of the Vermont Law Review and the co-chair of the Criminal Law Society.

### **Keith Tallon**

Keith Tallon is the District Manager of Rutland Probation and Parole which is responsible for the supervision of clients who were convicted of crimes in either Rutland or Addison Counties. The office supervises approximately fourteen hundred clients who are on probation, parole, or reintegration furlough supervision. Keith is a graduate of the College of Saint Joseph in Rutland, Vermont with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services.

Prior to becoming the District Manager of the Rutland office of Probation and Parole, Keith was the Field Services Executive for the department with oversight for the ten Probation and Parole field offices. Keith has spent the majority of his thirty-nine year career in the department serving in a multitude of correctional facility positions and was the Superintendent of the Marble Valley Correctional facility for ten years and opened the Springfield Correctional Facility as Superintendent in 2003. Since joining the staff at the Rutland office as District Manager Keith has been involved in the support of the Rutland County Treatment Court and serves on the judicial sub-committee. Keith tries very hard not to ever miss a Treatment Court graduation -- the highlights of his experiences with the Treatment Court.

### **Stephen Von Sitas**

Stephen Von Sitas has undergraduate degrees from Keene State College in Sports Medicine and Chemical Dependency. His Master's Degree, in Administration of Human Services, is from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. He was a clinician in a residential treatment facility in Tucson, Arizona and an outpatient clinician in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Stephen was also the case management coordinator for the Philadelphia Treatment Court and the case management coordinator at the Committee on Temporary Shelter. Stephen is currently the Regional Program Coordinator with the Vermont Judiciary working with the Chittenden County Mental Health and Drug Court dockets and the Franklin County Treatment Court docket. Stephen is a Vermont native, raised in Essex Jct.