

“Addressing Court Workplace Mental Health and Well-being in Tense Times”

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Faculty Biographies

Patrick Kennedy is a former U.S. Representative (D-RI) and was lead author of the landmark Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2018. He is the founder of *The Kennedy Forum*, co-founder of *ONE MIND*, co-chair of the *Action Alliance’s Mental Health and Suicide Prevention National Response to COVID-19*, and former member of the *President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis*.

Garen Staglin is Founder / Chairman of *ONE MIND (“OM”)*, a non-profit that is pursuing discoveries in brain health research, advancing better diagnostics, treatments, early intervention, and eliminating the stigma for all brain injuries. OM leverages large-scale public / private partnerships as well as individual scientists to achieve these goals. Over 26 years, OM and the Staglin Music Festival for Brain Health have raised \$460M for brain health. In his private working life, Garen has been a venture and private equity investor for more than 40 years. He Co-Chaired the \$5.58B UCLA Centennial Campaign. He and his family founded Staglin Family Vineyard in 1985 in Napa, CA. The Staglins’ motto is “Great Wine for Great Causes.” They have generated \$18M through causes they have led, their charity, and wine donations.

Michael Huppert [*Ha’ pert*] is Chief Judge of Iowa’s Fifth Judicial District, a unified trial court encompassing 16 counties, including the Des Moines metropolitan area. He was appointed to the bench in 1999 and became Chief Judge in 2019. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a partner in a Des Moines law firm. Judge Huppert received his undergraduate (1979) and law degrees (1982) from Drake University.

Christopher Patterson is the District Administrator of Iowa’s Fifth Judicial District having been appointed in 2015. Previously, he served as Administrator of the Atlanta Municipal Court and an Associate Director of Court Services for the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Patterson holds a master’s degree in Public Administration from Kansas State University.

Paula Carey is the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court overseeing all state trial courts. She was appointed to that position in 2013 by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Previously, Chief Justice Carey served as Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Courts. She is a graduate of the New England School of Law, and President of the National Association of Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO).

Jonathan Williams is the Court Administrator of the Massachusetts Trial Court having been appointed by the Supreme Judicial Council in 2017. He partners with Chief Justice Carey in working with 379 judges and overseeing 6,300 court staff located in 101 court facilities throughout the state. Prior to his appointment, he was the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Williams is a graduate of the North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill, and Vice President of NAPCO.

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