

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Michelle Acuña LCSW Arlington Heights, IL

Michelle Acuña is a licensed clinical social worker providing counseling, mediation, coaching, collaborative divorce, and parent coordinator services in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Ms. Acuña has been a school social worker for 20 years and a licensed clinical social worker for 15 years. She is fluent in both English and Spanish. Ms. Acuña has expertise in working with families who have children with special needs. She is familiar with special education, individualized education plans (IEP's), 504 plans and college /career planning (young adults), all areas where points of contention may arise in co-parenting or during the divorce process. Ms. Acuña is a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, National Association of Social Workers, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, and is a Fellow of Collaborative Divorce Illinois.

Margarett E. “Meg” Alexander Alexander Law Office Glasgow, KY

Meg Alexander is a solo practitioner in Glasgow, KY whose practice focuses on family law. She received her undergraduate degree from Transylvania University and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Ms. Alexander is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and its Family Law Section.

Kara Anast, Psy.D., LCPC, LPC Counseling Connections Libertyville, IL

Dr. Kara Anast is a licensed clinical psychologist. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in clinical psychology from Carthage College and went on to receive her master's and doctorate from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Anast has worked in a variety of settings servicing a wide range of individuals with varying levels of psychopathology. She began her career working as the Lead Crisis Specialist at a psychiatric hospital. She then moved to working in a therapeutic day school for individuals on the autism spectrum before moving to Counseling Connections, the private practice where she is currently working. She began her private practice career by providing therapeutic support to individuals with a wide variety of psychopathology including autism spectrum disorders, anxiety, depression, and mood disorders. She also completed neuropsychological testing for individuals with autism, AD/HD, anxiety, depression, and personality disorders. While she continues to provide psychological services and testing, Dr. Anast decreased her therapy caseload to begin training to complete child custody evaluations and court ordered psychological testing. She trained with Dr. Sol Rappaport for a year before being added to the Lake County Evaluator's list and being appointed to her first case in 2018. Since her first appointment, Dr. Anast has been appointed in several cases in multiple counties. She has also published an article on child custody evaluations with individuals on the autism spectrum and presented on this topic and several other topics at the annual LCBA and AFCC Conferences.

Judge Acena J. Beck
Kenton County Family Court, Division 5
Covington, KY

Judge Acena Beck is a judge in Kenton County Family Court in Northern Kentucky. She previously served as executive director of the Children’s Law Center, a not-for-profit law firm in Covington. She holds a J.D. from Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law and a bachelor’s degree from Morehead State University. She also serves as adjunct faculty at Chase, where she teaches juvenile law.

Professor Jennifer Brinkman
Chase Children’s Law Center Clinic
Covington, KY

Jennifer Brinkman is an assistant professor of law and director of the Chase Children’s Law Center Clinic, a partnership between Chase and the Children’s Law Center in Covington, Kentucky. She was previously a judicial law clerk for Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle M. Keller, a staff attorney with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, an adjunct professor of law at Chase, and a legal practice fellow at the Children’s Law Center. She holds a J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina.

Kelli Brown
Goldberg Simpson, LLC
Prospect, KY

Kelli Brown is a partner with Goldberg Simpson, LLC in Prospect, where she focuses her practice on estate planning, estate administration, probate, estate litigation, and elder law. She is a graduate of the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law and obtained her LL.M. in Estate Planning from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Ms. Brown is licensed in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. She has published numerous articles on estate planning and probate and is a frequent speaker on all topics associated with estate planning. Ms. Brown is active in the Kentucky Bar Association, having chaired the Probate & Trust Law Section three separate terms. She is also a member of the KBA Probate and Trust Legislative Committee which drafts proposed legislation with regard to Kentucky probate. She is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and is AV® rated with Martindale-Hubbell®. Ms. Brown has given over 50 presentations in her area of expertise. She is also one of only three females in Kentucky who are active members of the ACTEC.

Nick Caprino
Chase Children’s Law Center
Covington, KY

Nick Caprino serves as deputy director of the Children's Law Center (CLC), where he has been instrumental in advocating for child victims of crime and abuse across various court settings. Prior to his current role, Mr. Caprino worked as a staff attorney at CLC since 2022, following a dedicated career in public defense at the Covington Trial Office of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy from 2013-2022. He holds a law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Caprino also serves as adjunct faculty at Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law.

Faith Crump, CPA, CSEP
Dean Dorton
Louisville, KY

Faith Crump is a certified public accountant and tax director at Dean Dorton in Louisville, where she works primarily with privately owned businesses and high net worth family groups. She provides tax compliance and planning services in a variety of areas, including estate, gifts and trust planning, real estate, and nonprofits. She has extensive experience working with multi-generational owner groups, real estate investors and developers, and high net worth individuals. She also assists the litigation consulting group with various tax analyses. Ms. Crump is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Estate Planning Council of Metro Louisville. She is a certified specialist in estate planning (CSEP) by the National Institute for Excellence in Professional Education and holds a special events professional certification. Ms. Crump received her B.A. from Transylvania University. She is a member of Focus Louisville 2010 and Leadership Louisville 2014.

Deborah O. Day, Psy.D.
Psychological Affiliates, Inc.
Winter Park, FL

Dr. Day received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Florida Institute of Technology and is a licensed psychologist, licensed mental health counselor, and certified family mediator. She is in private practice with Psychological Affiliates, Inc., with offices in Winter Park and Palm Beach, Florida. Her practice specialties include forensic psychology, including high conflict divorce/social investigation evaluations, psychological evaluations, forensic case consultations, child abuse, personal injury matters, and collaborative process practice. She has testified regarding numerous psychological issues throughout the country. She presents professional workshops and seminars to the judiciary, professional lawyers associations, and collaborative practice conferences. She recently finished eight years of serving her appointment to the Florida Supreme Court Parenting Coordination Disciplinary Board. She is the founding board member and past president of the Central Florida Collaborative Law Group. She is a founding board member and past president of the statewide collaborative organization, Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals (FACP). She was honored by the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar with the Making a Difference Inaugural Award, the Visionary Award, and the Jorge M. Cestero Distinguished Member Service Award, recognizing her long-standing commitment to children and family in the State of Florida. She has received numerous additional awards throughout her years of practice.

Missy DeArk, CPA, CFF, MBA, CVA, MAFF
Dean Dorton
Louisville, KY

Missy DeArk is an owner and associate director in Dean Dorton's litigation support and business valuation groups. She is a certified public accountant and is certified in financial forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Additionally, she holds two certifications from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts: Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) and Master Analyst in Financial Forensics (MAFF). Ms. DeArk specializes in helping attorneys and their clients understand the financial and tax issues specific to the divorce process through a variety of

services. She also performs business valuations in a variety of contexts, including estate, gift, and income tax planning and reporting, marital dissolutions, shareholder transactions, and mergers and acquisitions. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, and serves as president of the Kentucky Collaborative Family Network. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Bellarmine University and her MBA from Indiana University Bloomington.

Laurel S. Doheny

**Straw-Boone Doheny Banks Mudd Catalano & McKinney PLLC
Louisville, KY**

Laurel Doheny is a partner with Straw-Boone Doheny Banks Mudd Catalano & McKinney PLLC in Louisville, where her practice focuses on all aspects of family law litigation and dispute resolution, including pre- and post-nuptial agreements, divorce actions and custody actions. She also is trained in the practice of collaborative law, providing clients with solutions that emphasize cooperation and minimize conflict in the resolution of family law issues. Ms. Doheny is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a past President of the Louisville Bar Association, where she also served as president-elect, vice-president/treasurer, secretary, board member and leader of sections. Her leadership and commitment to the profession have earned her numerous accolades, including the Judge Richard A. Revell Family Law Practitioner of the Year Award and *Pro Bono* Service Award from the Louisville Bar Association. Recognized by her peers for excellence in advocacy and professionalism, she has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for both family law and commercial litigation; consistently selected to Kentucky Super Lawyers, including recognition among the Top 25 Women Attorneys in Kentucky; and honored as Lawyer of the Year in family law in Louisville by *Best Lawyers in America*. She is AV® Preeminent™ rated in Martindale-Hubbell®. Ms. Doheny has authored numerous articles and updates for the Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations. She contributed to the *Kentucky Domestic Relations Practice* handbook and has served as a presenter at Kentucky Bar Association, Louisville Bar Association, and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers continuing legal education programs. Her service extends to her long-term involvement with the Legal Aid Society, where for more than two decades she has served in a variety of roles including board chair, board member, committee member and volunteer, reflecting her deep commitment to access to justice and to the community. Ms. Doheny earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, where she was recognized as a Distinguished Alumna and a recipient of the Delta Theta Phi Outstanding Member Award. She also holds a B.A. in psychology from the University of Louisville.

Judge Ross Ewing

**Family Court, 22nd Judicial Circuit, Division 5
Lexington, KY**

Hon. Ross Ewing is currently a family court judge in Lexington, Kentucky. Prior to his election in 2022, he was a family law attorney and mediator in private practice and held many leadership positions in the Kentucky bar and his local community. Judge Ewing was founding president of the Kentucky Bar Association's LGBT Law Section and is a long-time volunteer with the Kentucky Lawyers Assistance Program. In 2024, he was awarded the Raising the Bar Award by the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and honored by Legal Aid of the Bluegrass with its Access to Justice award. When not in court, Judge Ewing can usually be found outdoors – hiking, gardening, or reading a book in the shade.

Peter S. Gordon
Gordon, Fournaris & Mammarella, P.A.
Wilmington, DE

Peter S. Gordon is a nationally recognized and respected estates and trusts attorney with a well-established practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration, business succession planning, asset protection planning, and fiduciary litigation. He routinely represents individual and corporate fiduciaries, families with moderate or high value estates, and businesses with a Delaware presence, in particular, family owned businesses. Mr. Gordon provides thorough and practical advice to his clients with careful consideration of their personal and business goals. He has close relationships with his clients and is proud to help local Delawareans protect their legacies. Mr. Gordon routinely handles both the planning and administration of complex and high value estates including trust arrangements, life insurance strategies, and private foundations. As a result of his impeccable reputation and extensive experience, he is also called upon to act as advisory counsel in high net worth divorces involving intricate trust arrangements. Mr. Gordon also advises clients involved in will disputes and fiduciary litigation, advocating for them and their interests to ultimately achieve the best outcome for his clients. As a founding director of GF&M, Mr. Gordon has molded and guided the firm from its earliest days and is a natural leader in the firm and the legal community. He has been selected to serve in multiple state and national leadership positions including President-Elect of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and Chair of various sections of the Delaware Bar Association. Mr. Gordon is sought after locally and nationally as a speaker on trusts and estates matters, and is frequently quoted as an authority in his field by well-known publications such *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes Magazine*, and *The New York Times*.

Judge Deanna Wise Henschel
Family Court, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Division 3
Paducah, KY

Judge Deanna Wise Henschel serves as family court judge for the 2nd Judicial Circuit, Division 3 in Paducah. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Henschel served as assistant county attorney and practiced with McMurry & Livingston, PLLC. She received her B.A. from Millsaps College and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. She is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Ruth B. Jackson
Strauss Troy
Covington, KY

With more than 30 years of experience in family law, Ruth Jackson is the founder of Jackson Family Law, which served Northern Kentucky families from 1996 through 2025. After nearly three decades leading her own practice, Ruth is excited to continue guiding clients through their most important personal matters as part of the Strauss Troy team. Ms. Jackson focuses her practice on all areas of family law and relationship matters. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, Northern Kentucky Bar Association, and Cincinnati Bar Association, and has been active in the Family Law Sections of each throughout her career. Ms. Jackson has served as Director at Large for the NKBA Board of Directors (2001) and as Chair of the NKBA Family Law Section in multiple years (2002–2004, 2021, and 2022). She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; a national organization dedicated to excellence in family law, and she has been consistently

recognized as a Super Lawyer. A leader in collaborative law, Ms. Jackson helped organize the steering committee that established what is now The Academy of Northern Kentucky Collaborative Professionals. She served as the Academy's President from 2002-2008 and has served on its Board of Directors since 2002. Ms. Jackson has published in Kentucky *Bench & Bar* on divorce involving military members, and she has been a CLE speaker for the KBA and NKBA on family law and collaborative practice. She has also been a guest lecturer at Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Ms. Jackson received her B.A. from Lenoir-Rhyne University and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Linda L. Jones, MPC, MBA, MPA
Vocational Economics, Inc.
Louisville, KY

Linda L. Jones is a senior analyst with Vocational Economics, Inc. (VEI). She received a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling (MRC) from the University of Kentucky in 2005, and a MBA from the University of Louisville in 2002. In addition, she completed a MPA degree with an emphasis in labor-management relations at the University of Louisville in 1999. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) having maintained that certification since 2005. She has served as a vocational expert for the Social Security Administration's Office of Hearing Operations since 2006 serving as a vocational expert in approximately 600 hearings per year. Ms. Jones worked as a case manager at VEI for seven years before beginning her career as a Vocational-Economic Analyst in 2005, becoming a Senior Analyst in 2018. She has analyzed thousands of cases involving partial and total disability and death. She is experienced in assessing loss of earning capacity in cases involving both children and adults. Her experience includes cases of traumatic brain injury, sensory impairments, and orthopedic injuries as well as cases specific to psychological and cognitive impairment. Her practice is not limited to personal injury and medical malpractice as she has significant skills appraising earning capacity and employability in divorce maintenance and workers' compensation cases. She has consulted on cases and given testimony internationally in addition to presenting at several seminars and conferences over her career. Prior to joining VEI, Ms. Jones directed adult and community education programs in a public school district for seven years where she developed educational and vocational training programs for adults, many of whom were disabled or educationally disadvantaged. She also developed grant proposals used to gain funding for programs including adult and community education, K12, literacy, preschool, and special needs education.

Steven J. Kriegshaber
Salem, South Carolina

Steven Kriegshaber is a Supreme Court of Florida certified family law mediator and an American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers trained arbitrator. He is also a certified guardian *ad litem* in Manatee County, Florida. From 2015-2021, Mr. Kriegshaber was an associate attorney with Goldberg Simpson, LLC in Prospect, Kentucky, and a partner with Conliffe, Sandmann & Sullivan in Louisville, Kentucky from 2022-2015. He also served as GAL in Jefferson County Family Court during this time. He received his B.A. from Indiana University Bloomington and his J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. Mr. Kriegshaber is a past president of Kentucky Collaborative Family Network, a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, past chair of the Louisville Bar Association's Family Law Section, and co-author of *Guidelines for Attorneys Representing Children* (AAML). He is a member of the Kentucky and Ohio Bar Associations.

Justice Debra Lehrman
Supreme Court of Texas
Austin, TX

Justice Debra Lehrmann is the Senior Justice on the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court's longest-serving woman justice in Texas history. With a total of almost 35 years of judicial experience, she was a trial judge in Tarrant County for 23 years prior to her appellate service and has served the Bar in leadership capacities on both a state and national level. She served as the inaugural chair of the State Bar of Texas Child Protection Law Section and is a prior chair of the Family Law Section of the ABA. She is a commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission, a member of the American Law Institute, a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation, a charter member of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation, an emeritus member and past president of the Lloyd Lochridge Inn of Court in Austin, and an emeritus member of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court in Fort Worth. Justice Lehrmann speaks frequently at continuing legal education events on a broad variety of topics throughout the state and country. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Texas Bar Foundation's Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award, given each year to a Texas jurist who exhibits "an exceptionally outstanding reputation for competency, efficiency and integrity"; the University of Houston Law Center's Sondock Jurist-in-Residence; the Texas Women Lawyers Pathfinder Award; the Child Protection Law Section Founder's Award; the Court-Appointed Special Advocates Scott Moore Award in recognition of her service to children who are the subjects of abuse and neglect proceedings; the Texas Bar Foundation's recognition for Best Law Review Article; and the Judge Eva Barnes Award for dedication and outstanding service to the legal profession. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Justice Lehrmann received her undergraduate degree with high honors from the University of Texas, her law degree from UT School of Law, and her LL.M. from Duke University. Justice Lehrmann was most recently re-elected to her position in November 2022 to a term that expires on December 31, 2028.

Paul C. O'Bryan
Tilford, Dobbins & Schmidt, PLLC
Louisville, KY

Paul C. O'Bryan joined Tilford, Dobbins & Schmidt, PLLC in 2022, where he focuses his practice on assisting people in the areas of probate, probate litigation, estate planning and family law. He is also a court-approved and certified mediator. Prior to joining TD&S, Mr. O'Bryan spent 21 years with a small Dixie Highway firm gaining experience in drafting simple and complex estate plans, wills, trusts, power of attorneys, and deeds and contracts. In district court, he regularly assisted clients with guardianships, probate administration, will challenges, and other probate litigation. He prosecuted divorces, domestic violence orders, mediation, custody and child support actions as well as pre-divorce mediation in family courts. Mr. O'Bryan also has experience in circuit court with civil litigation and appeals. He has written manuals and lectured on various topics, including the probate process and elder law to attorneys and other professional groups. He has also donated his time and legal services to individuals and groups such as GuardiaCare, the Access Center Partnership, and Louisville Bar Association. Mr. O'Bryan received his B.S. from the University of Louisville and his J.D. from Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law. He is a member of the Kentucky Justice Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the American, Kentucky, and Louisville Bar Associations.

Mark A. Ogle
Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP
Ft. Wright, KY

Mark Ogle is Of Counsel with Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP in Ft. Wright where he is a family lawyer with a reputation of treating his clients with compassion. He handles all types of issues related to divorce, such as difficult custody matters, child support, business evaluations, division of retirement accounts, and spousal maintenance issues. Mr. Ogle has been a part of shaping the domestic relations law for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. His appellate practice has set in place new law as it pertains to non-biological third-party rights to children where the biological parent failed to act timely to assert his/her rights, and he helped to establish a clearer definition for parties, attorneys and judges regarding the complicated area of subject-matter jurisdiction and modification of custody under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act. Since 2006, Mr. Ogle has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, one of the most prestigious groups of family lawyers in the United States. He currently serves as the Kentucky Chapter's Delegate to the AAML National Board of Governors. He is the Past President of the Kentucky Chapter of AAML. Mr. Ogle is also a member of the Family Law Sections of the American Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, and the Northern Kentucky Bar Association. He received his B.A. from Centre College and his J.D. from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Prior to joining his current firm, he was a partner at Cors & Bassett before launching his own practice, Mark A. Ogle Family Law, which he operated for 15 years.

Judge Mica Wood Pence
Family Court, 43rd Judicial Circuit, Division 2
Glasgow, KY

Judge Mica Wood Pence serves as family court judge for the 43rd Judicial Circuit, Division 2, in Glasgow. She received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown College and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Judge Pence is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Lori B. Shelburne
Gess, Mattingly & Atchison, PSC
Lexington, KY

Lori B. Shelburne is a member with Gess, Mattingly & Atchinson, PSC in Lexington, Kentucky. Her principal areas of practice include domestic relations, divorce, and litigation. Prior to joining the firm, she worked as an assistant Fayette County attorney prosecuting interstate child support matters. Ms. Shelburne received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Transylvania University and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. She is a past president of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a past chair of the Fayette County Bar Association's Family Law Section. Ms. Shelburne is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She has been recognized as one of Kentucky's *Best Lawyers*® since 2012.

Timothy B. Theissen
Fort Wright, KY

Tim Theissen is a licensed attorney in Kentucky and Ohio, having practiced in Covington, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio beginning in 1980. His primary practice area has been family law. Mr. Theissen has been an AAML Fellow since 2008. He has participated in many collaborative cases since 2002 and is a devoted advocate for collaborative divorce practice. He retired from the active practice of law in 2024 after a lengthy career; he remains active in the Kentucky legal community in various volunteer, leadership, mentoring and speaking roles.

Judge A. Christine Ward
Jefferson County Family Court, Division 6
Louisville, KY

Judge Christine Ward serves as a judge in Jefferson County Family Court, Division 6 in Louisville. She received her B.A. from Bellarmine University and her J. D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Prior to taking the bench, she was owner of Christine Ward Law Office and served as assistant county attorney in the Jefferson County Attorney's office. She has also served as special counsel in asbestos litigation in Jefferson Circuit Courts, trial commissioner in Jefferson District Courts, and assistant Commonwealth attorney in the Jefferson County Commonwealth Attorney's office.

Louis I. Waterman
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Louis I. Waterman is a Louisville, Kentucky native, a former Jefferson Circuit Court Judge, Family Division Four (4), and a leading family law attorney in Kentucky. He is a member of Goldberg Simpson, LLC in Prospect. Mr. Waterman is a graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys. He is a past president of the AAML's Kentucky Chapter. Mr. Waterman is also an influential civic activist in Louisville. He is a Trustee of the Board of Directors of KyOne Healthcare, Kentucky's largest healthcare provider system. He is the past Chair of Jewish Hospital St. Mary's Healthcare, a non-profit corporation that operated 40 medical related affiliates in Louisville and Southern Indiana prior to its merger into KyOne. He is also the past Chair of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, a Kentucky foundation with \$100 million dollars in assets. Mr. Waterman was the Vice-Chair of the Louisville Zoo Board of Directors where he also served as the General Counsel and a past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Bingham Clinic. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Derby Festival, where he serves as a member of the Executive Committee and former Treasurer. Mr. Waterman served as the past Chair of the Official Host Program for Churchill Downs, is a graduate of Leadership Louisville (1990), Bingham Fellows III (1994), Bingham Fellows 2002, and a participant of Harvard Business School's Governing for Non-profit Excellence, Executive Education Program (2002). He has been recognized for his commitment to Louisville by being selected as one of Business First's 40 Under 40 (1997), the recipient of the Louisville Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award (2002) and Outstanding Committee of the Year (Public Service 1998), the Legal Aid Society's Outstanding Volunteer Lawyer (2000), Ballard High School Alumni of the Year (2004), and the recipient of the 2003 Excellence in Community Leadership Award.