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Jamie Kleppetsch
Director of Bar Passage; Professor of Legal Practice

Jamie A. Kleppetsch is the Director of Bar Passage and Professor of Legal Practice. She has been working in the bar passage field since 2008. Professor Kleppetsch teaches courses that address professional responsibility, analytical skills, practical legal writing skills and substantive review of subjects frequently tested on the bar examination. She has presented nationally on how to integrate academic support concepts into the doctrinal classroom, how to develop strong bar examination preparation programs, and identifying students “at-risk” of failing the bar examination and addressing their needs as they prepare for the bar examination. Professor Kleppetsch served on the Association of Academic Support Educators Executive Board from 2014 – 2018 and hosted their 2015 National Conference and 2019 Diversity Conference. Professor Kleppetsch served as the Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Academic Support Section in 2020.

Education

JD, The John Marshall Law School



Julie D. Lawton
Interim Dean, Professor of Law; Founder, Business Law Clinic

Julie D. Lawton joined DePaul in 2011. She previously taught at Georgetown University Law Center. She received her JD, cum laude, from Howard University School of Law, LLM from Georgetown University Law Center, and BS in Business Administration (Finance), magna cum laude, from Florida A&M University. She also worked as an attorney and development consultant in residential real estate development in Washington, D.C., including owning a real estate development company. Prior to her career in real estate, she practiced for a number of years in the Financial Services group at Morrison & Foerster in Washington, D.C. providing legal counsel on consumer credit issues to large banks and credit card issuers. Prior to her legal career, she worked as a financial analyst in the Commercial Banking group at Bank of America in Atlanta, GA and in summer positions at a Wall Street investment bank and multiple commercial banks.

Her work has appeared in the Michigan Journal of Race and Law, the Indiana Law Review, the UMKC Law Review, and the Washington University Journal of Law and Policy. She authored the textbook, Business Fundamentals for Law Students, which introduces law students to foundational concepts in business. Her media appearances include CBS News Chicago, Fox News Chicago, and ABC News Chicago. Since joining DePaul, she has served in several leadership capacities including as Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, Chair of the University Faculty Council Budget Committee, member of the University Faculty Council Executive Committee, and as Chair of the law school Curriculum Committee.

Education

BS, Florida A&M University (magna cum laude); JD, Howard University (cum laude); LLM, Georgetown University



Kathryn Liss
Executive Director of the Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center and Assistant Dean & Director of Law Career Services

Katie Liss graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a BA in psychology and double minor in sociology and criminology of law in 2002. She received her JD from DePaul University College of Law in 2006. While in law school as a working evening student, she attended a comparative family law course in Granada, Spain, was a dean’s scholar, volunteered with the International Human Rights Law Institute, and authored a published Comment in the DePaul Law Review entitled Amending the Illinois Postconviction Statute to Include Ballistics Testing.

Prior to joining DePaul, Katie practiced exclusively as a family law attorney in the Chicagoland area for over ten years. She represented litigants in divorce, paternity, and adoption proceedings, mediated cases, negotiated prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and was court appointed as a Child’s Representative and Guardian ad Litem. Katie also taught Adoption Law at DePaul as an adjunct.

Kate remains active and involved in professional organizations that support causes she cares about. Among them are: Chicago Area Law School Consortium (Chair, 2021-2022; and Member, 2017-Present); Association of American Law Schools (Chair of Aging & the Law Section, 2022-2023; Member, 2021-Present); Chicago Bar Association (2nd Vice President, 2023-Present; Secretary, 2021-2023; Board Member, 2018-Present; Co-Chair of the Alliance for Women, 2021-2022; Founder and Chair of the Task Force Against Sexual Harassment, 2020-Present; Record Editorial Board, 2018-Present; Founder and Past Chair of the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, 2017-Present; and Past Chair of the Young Lawyers Section, 2016-2017); Force of Lawyers Against Sexual Harassment (Founder and Member, 2020-Present); Miami University’s Pre-Law Alumni Advisory Board (Member, 2018-Present); Chicago Bar Foundation (Board Member, 2015-2020); Center for Conflict Resolution (Board Member, 2017-2018); and Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois (Fellow, 2012-2014).

The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Katie to serve as a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness in the First District of Illinois.

Education

BA, Miami University; JD, DePaul University College of Law

