

About the Authors

Patrice A. Baker is in her 15th year serving the residents of Milwaukee County as a judicial court commissioner in the Probate Division. She is a 1988 graduate of Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She attended Marquette on a basketball scholarship. She is a 1991 graduate of Marquette University Law School. Before her employment with Milwaukee County, she was in private practice for 13 years. She currently serves on the Wisconsin Probate Benchbook Committee. She is an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Marquette women's basketball team. She is the former board president for the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Greater Milwaukee.

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Judge **Cynthia M. Davis** became a Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge in 2016 and, since January 2019, has presided over Milwaukee County's Adult Drug Treatment Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Mental Health Pilot Treatment Court, and Early Intervention Program. Before becoming a judge, Judge Davis served as an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee County where she prosecuted sexual assault, human trafficking, domestic violence, child abuse, child neglect, and drug offenses. Before serving as a prosecutor, Judge Davis practiced business law at Foley & Lardner and served as a judicial clerk to now retired Justice David Prosser of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Davis graduated with honors from Marquette University Law School, where she served as editor in chief of the *Marquette Law Review*. Judge Davis is an editor of the Criminal and Traffic volume of the Wisconsin Judicial Benchbook and serves on the board of the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals and on the Wisconsin Specialty Court Confidentiality, Record-Keeping and Due Process Committee. Judge Davis is a certified yoga instructor and particularly loves how her work in treatment courts provides the perfect intersection of her passions for the law and for health, wellness, and healing.

Dr. **Terri A. deRoos-Cassini** is an associate professor in the Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery, Department of Surgery, at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She holds appointments in the Department of Psychiatry and Institute for Health and Equity, is the director of the Comprehensive Injury Center at MCW, director of the Trauma Psychology Program for Froedtert Hospital's level 1 trauma center, and co-founder of the Milwaukee Trauma Outcomes Project, a research collaborative to investigate outcomes after trauma. Dr. deRoos-Cassini is a licensed psychologist and started the Trauma & Health Psychology Service. Her research interest centers around documenting psychological, quality of life, and resilience outcomes after injury and detecting acute risk for poor outcomes, as well as identifying psychosocial and neurobiological targets for early intervention to prevent distress and posttraumatic stress disorder after trauma.

Andrew Hinkel has been an assistant state public defender in the Madison Appellate office since 2008. Andrew previously clerked for the Honorable Richard S. Brown at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Andrew is a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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Amanda R. Rabe Mayer is the Civil Unit Lead Attorney with Wisconsin Judicare, Inc. in Wausau, Wisconsin, where she manages the Victim Rights Project and the family law group. Her practice focuses on work with victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault in a variety of areas, including family law, crime victim rights, and public benefits. Amanda also supervises a clinic for self-represented divorce litigants and outreach at a domestic abuse shelter. She previously served as chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Public Interest Law Section and continues to serve on the board of that section. Before joining Judicare, Amanda worked at a nonprofit in Milwaukee with a focus on family law for low-income and indigent individuals. She received her undergraduate degree in political theory and constitutional democracy from Michigan State University and her law degree from Marquette University Law School.

Amanda Pirt Meyer is an attorney with Haskins, Short & Brindley LLC. She practices in the areas of Social Security Disability law, guardianship, elder law, estate planning, trusts for disabled individuals, and anything that may be tangentially related. She is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the National Organization of Social Security Representatives, the Wisconsin chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (WiNAELA), and the Dane County Bar Association. She is board president of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Dane County and is WiNAELA's Wisconsin Chapter ambassador and has served on the Dane County Bar Association board. She received a B.S. in biology from the University of North Carolina and her J.D. from Marquette University Law School.

Monica Murphy has more than 30 years of experience representing people in civil rights matters. As an attorney with Disability Rights Wisconsin, she represents people with disabilities in a variety of actions including employment and housing discrimination, public accommodations and access, transportation, and education.

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Tara Teesch is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Northern Illinois University College of Law. She is a local attorney manager with the Wisconsin State Public Defender and has worked for the public defender's office for 18 years. She has represented clients in civil commitments, guardianships, and criminal cases. Tara has been a member of the Brown County Mental Health Treatment Court team and was a founding member of Door County's first ever Drug Treatment Court. Outside of work, you can find Tara at Lambeau Field, hiking the Ice Age Trail, or anywhere live music is playing.

Chief Judge **Mary E. Triggiano** is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and has been a Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge since August 1, 2004. She was assigned to the Children's Division from August 2004 to August 2009. She was next assigned to the Domestic Violence Court, handling adult misdemeanor and felony domestic abuse and child abuse cases. From August 2013 to August 2017, she was again assigned to the Children's Court Division, where she led the Family Drug Treatment Court and created the first of its kind in Wisconsin Healthy Infant Court. From August 2017 to February 2020, she was assigned to the Civil Division. She was a Deputy Chief Judge for Chief Judge Maxine White for more than four years. She is currently the Chief Judge in Milwaukee County, appointed unanimously by the justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Evan Weitz graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He received his Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law in 2011. Evan began working with the Wisconsin State Public Defender (SPD) in 2011 and worked in the Oshkosh trial office for four years before joining the Chapter 980 (Sexually Violent Person Commitments) unit in 2015. Evan has represented SPD clients on many types of cases ranging from mental health commitments to first-degree intentional homicide. Evan's primary practice is representing clients in chapter 980 sexually violent person commitment cases throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Lauren Zwirlein is a Wisconsin native and a 2012 graduate of Marquette University Law School. She is a partner at Tabak Law, LLC, in Glendale, Wisconsin. Her legal practice consists of representing individuals with physical and mental disabilities. She and her law partners handle Social Security Disability and worker's compensation cases. In addition, her firm handles appeals for disabled veterans seeking veterans' benefits. Zwirlein also serves as president of the board at Eisenhower Center, a nonprofit organization that provides jobs and support for disabled adult residents of Milwaukee County.