

Updates from the Capitol: Part II
*A Continuing Legal Education Seminar Sponsored by
the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission*

Monday, June 16, 2025
Live-streamed from the Capitol Annex in Frankfort, Kentucky

MORNING SESSION

8:25 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome and Introduction <i>Greg Woosley, General Counsel</i> <i>Legislative Research Commission</i>
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	File & Serve Unveiled: Demo, New System Overview, and Implementation Plan for Attorneys <i>Zachary Ramsey</i> <i>Director, AOC</i> <i>Emily Daniel</i> <i>Lead Business Analyst, AOC</i> <i>Malissa Carman-Goode</i> <i>eCourt Program Manager, AOC</i>
9:30 AM – 9:40 AM	Break
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	Land Use in Kentucky: Its Origins and the Current Status of the Law <i>J.D. Chaney</i> <i>Executive Director/CEO</i> <i>Kentucky League of Cities</i> <i>Gracie Kelly</i> <i>Director of Government Affairs</i> <i>Kentucky League of Cities</i>
10:40 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Legal and Ethical Uses of Generative Artificial Intelligence <i>Danielle Lewis</i> <i>NKU Chase College of Law</i> <i>Kyle Miller</i> <i>Dentons</i>
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Break

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Kentucky Supreme Court Case Update (June 2024 – April 2025) <i>Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert</i> <i>Kentucky Supreme Court</i>
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	<i>Break</i>
2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	Cryptocurrency: What Is It? What Laws Govern It? What Do I Need to Know As A Kentucky Attorney? <i>William Repasky</i> <i>Dylan Grafe</i> <i>Frost Brown Todd</i> <i>Frost Brown Todd</i>
3:10 PM – 3:15 PM	<i>Break</i>
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Medical Cannabis in Kentucky <i>Jason Ams</i> <i>Dentons</i>
4:15 PM – 4:20 PM	<i>Closing</i>

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & WRITTEN MATERIAL DESCRIPTIONS

Kentucky Court of Justice File & Serve Unveiled: Demo, New System Overview, and Implementation Plan for Attorneys

Zachary Ramsey

Zach Ramsey oversees the administrative arm of Kentucky's unified court system, supporting the activities of nearly 3,300 court system employees and 412 elected justices, judges, and circuit court clerks. Zach, a Kentucky attorney, began serving as Administrative Office of the Courts director December 1, 2024, after being appointed by the Supreme Court of Kentucky. He previously was a program management and technology consultant and has more than 25 years of experience in government healthcare. Zach was an associate partner and account leader for IBM Consulting for several years, managing teams and programs that deliver technology solutions and other services to healthcare programs at the state and local government levels. His selection as director comes at a time when the Judicial Branch is focused on implementing a new court case management system and the next evolution of electronic case filing. He served in state government for 12 years before moving to the private sector, first as assistant general counsel for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from 1995-2001 and then as director of the Medicaid Integrity Program for the cabinet from 2001-2008. Zach received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of law, now the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law.

Malissa Carman-Goode

Malissa Carman-Goode earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, focusing on Paralegal Studies and Office Administration from Eastern Kentucky University in May 2000. Shortly thereafter she began her judicial branch career with Mediation and Family Court Services, working with courts across the Commonwealth to build, implement, and mediate cases in civil and criminal mediation programs. During her time with the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC), she has contributed to many programs, initiatives, and services including Drug Court, Office of General Counsel, Court Services, and Information and Technology Services. Malissa currently serves as the eCourt Program Manager for AOC, bringing many years of product and project management experience to her eCourt role working with electronic filing, eWarrants, and KYeCourt applications. Malissa is also serving as the project manager for the Next Generation eCourt Project which will replace Kentucky's existing eFiling and Case Management Systems. She is dedicated to working with the courts and stakeholders as the Kentucky Court of Justice continues its eRecord initiative.

Emily Daniel

Emily Daniel is a lead business analyst with the Administrative Office of the Courts, bringing 19 years of direct and indirect court experience. Emily previously worked in a circuit court clerk's office where she gained a broad knowledge of court processes and procedures. In her current role, Emily serves as the functional lead for File and Serve on the Next Generation eCourt Project. She works closely with justice partners, providing training and support for the KYeCourt applications, and is dedicated to bringing new ideas for further development.

Description – Zach, Malissa, and Emily will provide information relating to the Kentucky Court of Justice's transition to Tyler Technology's eFile & Serve platform that will modernize the judicial system and streamline processes for attorneys. This session will include a status update, implementation timelines and rollout plans, and training and resources. The session will also include an overview and demonstration of the system, including navigation, how to file a case, and eFiling support. Written materials will include copies of PowerPoint slides that provide information regarding the new system, a Quick Reference Guide with "Things to Know," and Attorney Resource Information.

Land Use in Kentucky: Its Origins and the Current Status of the Law

J.D. Chaney

J.D. Chaney is the Executive Director/CEO of the Kentucky League of Cities. J.D. began his career with KLC as law clerk before serving as KLC's Counsel for Member Legal Services and later as Director of Governmental Affairs, Chief Governmental Affairs Officer, and Deputy Executive Director. During his career, J.D. has authored numerous articles and publications on municipal law and participated in several legal cases impacting cities in Kentucky. He is a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Madison County Bar Association, the Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky, and is a past chairman of the Kentucky Bar Association's Local Government Section. J.D. also serves on the Kentucky Local Insurance Premium Tax Advisory Council, Commerce Lexington's Public Policy Council, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Competitiveness Council, the National League of Cities Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors, and the University of Kentucky's Martin School Board of Visitors.

J.D. holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Montana, a Master of Business Administration degree from Eastern Kentucky University, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He resides in Richmond with his wife and two daughters.

Gracie Kelly

Gracie is the Director of Government Affairs for the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) where she leads the organization's legislative strategy and advocacy efforts before the Kentucky General Assembly and the executive branch. Prior to joining KLC, Gracie served as Associate Director of Government Affairs for the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo).

A native of Breckinridge County, Gracie holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Louisville and earned her Juris Doctor from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law. She resides on a farm in New Liberty with her husband.

Description – The presentation will provide a general overview of the current status of the law related to land use and its origins in Kentucky. The presentation will also include a discussion of recent statutory and case law changes as well as changes that are likely to be discussed in the future. Written materials will include case citations and statutory language relating to land use.

Legal and Ethical Uses of Generative Artificial Intelligence

Danielle Lewis

Danielle Lewis is the Director of Trial and Appellate Advocacy Programs and Interim Director of the Field Placement Program at NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Professor Lewis also teaches various classes, including Legal Writing and Legal Analysis and Problem Solving, and oversees and coaches various student advocacy competition teams. Prior to joining the Chase faculty in 2021, Professor Lewis was an adjunct professor at Chase and a partner in the Louisville office of Reminger Co., LPA. She frequently writes and speaks on the ethical implications of lawyers using generative AI.

Professor Lewis earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kentucky and a Juris Doctor from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Professor Lewis is admitted to practice in Kentucky and West Virginia, and before several United States District Courts in Kentucky and West Virginia, as well as before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* and as a Rising Star by *Kentucky Super Lawyers Magazine*. She resides in Oldham County with her husband and two children.

Kyle Miller

Kyle Miler is a partner in the Dentons Global Privacy, Cybersecurity, and AI practice group. He counsels global companies on data governance and technology risks, including risks of implementing generative AI. Kyle holds a Master's of Applied Information Technology from Bellarmine University and was an IT and information security professional prior to obtaining his JD from Vanderbilt University Law School. He combines his technical and legal knowledge to help companies maximize the value of the data they process while mitigating risk. He coordinates regulatory and consumer disclosures related to technology and manages regulatory inquiries into corporate data governance.

Kyle is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and the Southern District of Indiana. He has been honored by Louisville Business First as *Forty Under 40*, and has been selected for inclusion on *Kentucky Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list. Kyle lives in Louisville with his wife, three children, and an increasing number of chickens and bees.

Description – The CLE presentation will cover legal and ethical uses of generative artificial intelligence and provide a high-level explanation of how generative artificial intelligence works, including the Kentucky Supreme Court ethical rules implicated in the use of generative artificial intelligence. Kyle and Danielle will provide an update on recent cases, federal enforcement priorities, and the newly codified KRS 42.722 which regulates the state's use of artificial intelligence. Attendees will learn the legal and ethical risks associated with generative artificial intelligence and steps they can take to mitigate those risks. Written materials will include the specific ethical rules applicable to the use of artificial intelligence.

Kentucky Supreme Court Case Update

Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert

Justice Lambert was elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November 2018. She serves the 3rd Supreme Court District which is composed of 25 counties. Her fellow justices elected her as Chief Justice of the Commonwealth for a four-year term that started on January 7, 2025. Prior to becoming Chief Justice, she was appointed by former Chief Justice VanMeter to serve as the Deputy Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Lambert came to the Supreme Court after serving on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the appellate bench, Chief Justice Lambert was a Circuit Judge/Family Court Division for the 28th Judicial Circuit. While serving as a Family Court judge, she created the first Drug Court in the area and was recognized for her efforts in 2002 when the National Association of Drug Court Professionals inducted her into the Stanley M. Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame. For several years, she volunteered in area middle schools, working with at-risk children and families in an effort to help them avoid truancy charges. Chief Justice Lambert currently volunteers as a certified suicide prevention trainer, training others how to properly intervene to prevent suicide.

Former Chief Justice John Minton appointed Chief Justice Lambert as Chair of the newly created Kentucky Judicial Mental Health Commission in 2022. In that role, she led a large group of key stakeholders in a statewide effort to improve how judicial processes affect cases where parties have mental health, substance use, or intellectual disabilities.

A native of Bell County, Chief Justice Lambert earned a bachelor's degree with distinction from Eastern Kentucky University. She went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1989. Chief Justice Lambert practiced law in Mount Vernon, Kentucky, serving as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and as City Attorney for the city of Mount Vernon. In 2007, Chief Justice Lambert resumed her private practice of law until her election to the Court of Appeals in 2014. She currently resides with her husband in Pulaski County.

Description – Chief Justice Lambert will discuss recent Kentucky Supreme Court cases and provide written summaries and descriptions of the cases.

Cryptocurrency: What Is It? What Laws Govern It? What Do I Need to Know as A Kentucky Attorney?

William Repasky

Bill Repasky is Counsel with Frost Brown Todd in Louisville. He represents financial services clients in litigation, operations, and compliance. Prior to joining Frost Brown Todd, Bill worked as in-house counsel for National City Bank, handling the Bank's commercial, retail, and operational litigation. Bill has experience in the credit and debit card industry, including those issues unique to transaction acquirers, and previously served as in-house counsel to National Processing Company, then the nation's second largest acquirer of card transactions. He has experience in issues relating to ransomware, cyber fraud, embezzlement and corporate fraud, money transmitter laws, fiduciary liability, cryptocurrency compliance, and matters involving Articles 3, 4, 4A, and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, in addition to numerous other areas.

Bill received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and received his Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt Law School.

Dylan Grafe

Dylan Grafe is the Managing Associate for Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati. He focuses his practice on helping businesses address a range of matters throughout their lifecycle, spanning many industries including private equity, technology and FinTech, advertising, manufacturing, consumer goods, health care, private equity, and sports and entertainment. He has experience with entity formation, addressing legal aspects of day-to-day operations, internal restructurings, and governance matters. Additionally, Dylan advises and guides clients through the full lifecycle of M&A activities on both buy and sell-side.

Besides providing counsel on the more general legal aspects of a business, Dylan has expertise in transactions involving heavy technology or data components, licensing work related to intellectual property and data, negotiating software as a service (SaaS) agreements, and advising on other technology-related transactions. He also assists emerging technology clients with respect to digital assets in navigating regulatory matters related to money transmission/services businesses, banking regulation, and anti-money laundering and sanctions regulations.

Prior to joining Frost Brown Todd, Dylan was employed as an associate with the Transaction Tax Advisory group of a Big4 accounting firm, where he primarily provided clients of varied size and structure with services related to entity transactions, including tax due diligence, tax attribute planning, and the tax components of legal entity structuring.

Dylan received a Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University in Accountancy & Marketing and is a Certified Public Accountant. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Description – The presentation will include defining what cryptocurrency is, how cryptocurrency is governed with specific reference to federal and state laws and regulations, what specific Kentucky laws are in play, and a discussion of representing Kentucky clients in the most common cryptocurrency situations. Written materials will include citations to applicable laws and regulations and other resources related to cryptocurrency issues.

Medical Cannabis in Kentucky

Jason Ams

Jason is an attorney in Dentons' Lexington office and a member of the Litigation practice. He works with companies on commercial litigation and regulatory issues, including federal and state regulatory compliance and enforcement for public and private health, federal and state privacy protections, and occupational safety issues. Jason has practiced in front of multiple state and local agencies, has been lead counsel in various administrative hearings, civil actions and appeals, and regularly advises on federal, state, and local issues for public and private entities. He also assists with compliance with multiple federal agencies and has worked on behalf of clients on federal license acquisitions and transfers.

As part of his regulatory practice, Jason regularly advises cannabis businesses in Kentucky on commercial, operational, and regulatory compliance issues. He has given lectures and presentations on multiple aspects of cannabis business operations in the Commonwealth and works with members of the Dentons' cannabis team to provide comprehensive advice on all aspects of cannabis businesses. Jason has published a number of articles related to cannabis businesses.

Jason received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, graduating summa cum laude, and received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law, graduating magna cum laude. He is a member of the Kentucky Bar and admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, as well as the U.S. District Court in both the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky.

Description – Jason will present on the statutory and regulatory framework for the medical cannabis industry in Kentucky, including the requirements for locating, operating, and selling cannabis products, and the requirements for patients to qualify for cannabis treatment. He will also provide an update on the current status of the industry and where it is foreseen to be moving in the coming months. Written materials will include references and citations for various related statutes and regulations.