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Speaker bios

Breck Burgess - (bburgess@sccmo.org)

Breck Burgess works in St Charles, Missouri as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. After being raised in St. Charles, he attended Drake University and Washington University Law School.

He worked in the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office from 1987 through 2004. He became the Criminal Appeals Unit Head and then the Senior Appellate Counsel in that division. He represented the State of Missouri in over seven hundred and fifty appeals, including over fifty-five appeals in the Missouri Supreme Court. The Missouri Bar Foundation awarded him the David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award.

After leaving the Attorney General's Office, he became a Cole County Assistant Prosecutor, a Boone County Assistant Prosecutor, and then in 2007 a St. Charles County Assistant Prosecutor.

Deven Boyd – (Deven.boyd@mshp.DPS.mo.gov)

Deven Boyd is a CJIS Trainer/Auditor with the Missouri State Highway Patrol's CJIS Division in Troop C and Troop E. Deven has a degree in Computer Information Systems with a focus in Cybersecurity and Networking. He began his career with the Patrol in 2019 as a Communications Operator at Troop C and was a member of the Troop C SWAT team. Deven transferred to his current role in 2023. He currently lives in the St Louis area with his Beagle and Lab mix, Jack and Kobe.

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Chief Counsel, Criminal Appeals, Attorney General's Office

Michael Downey – (mdowney@downeylawgroup.com)

Michael Downey is a legal ethics lawyer and founder of Downey Law Group LLC, a law firm devoted to legal ethics, law firm risk management, and the law of lawyering. Michael regularly represents lawyers, their clients, judges, and other professionals in high stakes and complex civil litigation and disciplinary proceedings. Michael also serves as outside general counsel to numerous law firms.

For the past decade, Michael has taught legal ethics and law firm practice as an adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law. He has also taught professional responsibility as an adjunct professor at St. Louis University School of Law. He has presented on legal ethics more than 600 times, including for global corporations and law firms, throughout the United States as well as in the United Kingdom and Canada.

Courtney Goodwin – (cgoodwin@jeffcomo.org)

Courtney Goodwin is the First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Jefferson County and was the First Assistant in St. Francois County from 2019-2021. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, she worked as an Assistant Public Defender in Farmington from 2009-2014, then as the District Defender in Hillsboro from 2014-2018. She is frequently asked which job is harder, and she invariably answers, “being a prosecutor.” The next question is always, “Which one do you like more?” and her answer is the same.

Ryan Hutton – (training@extract-ed.com)

Ryan Hutton is a full-time law enforcement officer in the state of Missouri and the Owner/Instructor at Extract-ED. He is a DRE, SFST and DRE Instructor, and teaches courses across the country focused on impaired driving, drug impairment, drug trends, officer wellness and leadership. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2013 by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Trooper of the Year in 2017 by the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council.

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Chris Lebeck – (clebeck@greenecountymo.gov)

Chris rejoined the Greene County Prosecutor's Office in February 2022 as an assistant prosecutor. His prior experience includes serving as Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Taney County, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Christian County, and City Attorney for the City of Branson. He has also worked as a forensic examiner and in the technology industry with a prominent case management software provider for prosecutors. Chris holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law.

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Kevin Roberts – (kroberts@jeffcomo.org)

Kevin Roberts is a Deputy Sheriff with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and a law enforcement officer with nearly 18 years of experience. A former United States Marine (2001–2005), he graduated from the St. Louis County Police Academy in 2008 and has served with the City of Berkeley Police Department, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Throughout his career, Kevin has worked in diverse communities and with a wide range of people. As a victim of Assault 1st himself, he is a strong advocate for strengthening the relationship between prosecutors and victims.

John Rollins – (john.rollins@mshp.dps.mo.gov)

John Rollins is a Senior Program Specialist with the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) at their General Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO. His primary responsibilities include training N-DEx, RAP Back, and Livescan, as well as conducting audits for those areas within the Troop F, Troop B, Troop H, and Troop I area of Missouri. Mr. Rollins has been with the Patrol since 2013, where he has focused on training related to Livescan devices, criminal history management, interpreting RAP sheets, and utilizing N-DEx.

Jacob Shellabarger – (Jacob.Shellabarger@prosecutors.mo.gov)

Jacob Shellabarger is the Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney, serving since 2009, and is recognized for developing innovative workflows that streamline court operations, enhance compliance, and improve the efficiency of case management and scheduling processes to advance effective criminal justice practices. In addition to his prosecutorial responsibilities, he has contributed to statewide efforts focused on improving consistency, accountability, and technology adoption for Missouri prosecutors and staff members. Shellabarger's work emphasizes practical problem-solving, collaboration, and the use of data-informed decision-making to improve public-sector outcomes. Shellabarger, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, is married to Dawn and they have two children, Eric and Audrey, on their farm north of Mexico.

Emily Shook – (eshook@greenecountymo.gov)

Emily Shook is the First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit at the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Emily graduated from Mizzou Law in 2007 and has served as an Assistant Prosecutor for 16 total years. For three years she was in private practice specializing in defending federal civil rights litigation including wrongful conviction suits. She has tried jury trials on offenses ranging from traffic offenses to homicides. Emily has handled PCRs on all types of cases, including two following death penalty prosecutions. Emily serves on the Board of Directors for Harmony House Domestic Violence Shelter and on the Leadership Team for the Greene County Family Justice Center.

Blair Wardle – (bwardle@boxeldercountyut.gov)

Blair T. Wardle is the Chief Deputy Attorney for the Box Elder County Attorney's Office and will take over as the elected County Attorney at the end of the year. Blair oversees the prosecution of all county cases, handles his own major crimes caseload, and serves as the contracted prosecutor for several municipal jurisdictions in Box Elder County. Blair has conducted numerous jury trials in both justice courts and district courts, ranging from simple traffic violations to complex felonies, including sex crimes, no-body homicide, and capital cases.

Blair has received the "Utah Prosecutor of the Year" award three times in his career, which includes twice receiving the award from the Utah Office for Victims of Crime. Blair is currently the Chairman of the Victims Rights Committee for the First Judicial District. He also is a faculty instructor for the Utah Prosecution Council and regularly instructs and presents at several conferences in Utah and other states.