

Fayetteville Regional Meeting Presenter Bios

Marc Williams

Marc is the managing partner of the West Virginia office and is a team leader. He handles complex cases nationally in an array of litigation areas and has had first-chair responsibility for more than 100 jury trials and appeals in his career.

Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti

Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti is Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel for the West Virginia Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel. She has been with the ODC since 2002 and became Chief Disciplinary Counsel in 2008. Rachael also serves as Special Judicial Disciplinary Counsel for the Judicial Investigation Commission. Rachael is a frequent lecturer on ethics and professionalism for the West Virginia University College of Law, the WV State Bar, and the American Bar Association.

Rachael is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, United States Southern District of West Virginia, United States Northern District of West Virginia, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Rachael was previously an attorney with Legal Aid of West Virginia. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from West Virginia University and also earned her Juris Doctorate from West Virginia University. She currently serves on the Future of the Law Committee for the WV State Bar, is the ODC liaison to the WV Judicial and Lawyer Assistance Program, serves on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being, and serves on the ABA's standing committee for the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs Consortium on Professionalism Initiatives. She is a lifetime member of the West Virginia University Alumni Association, a member of the American Bar Association, a member of the Center for Professional Responsibility, and a member of the National Organization of Bar Counsel.

Judge Darl W. Poling, Tenth Judicial Circuit

Judge Poling was appointed to a seat in the Tenth Judicial Circuit on March 18, 2019, by Governor Jim Justice. He replaced John Hutchison, whom Governor Justice appointed to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

He is a lifelong resident of Beckley, Raleigh County. He is a 1980 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, where he was the Senior Class President. He graduated from West Virginia University in May 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and he graduated from the

West Virginia University College of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board, in May 1988.

Judge Poling began his legal career in Beckley with the law firm of Abrams, Byron, Henderson & Richmond. Judge Poling served as a Public Defender for the Public Defender Corporation for the Tenth Judicial Circuit before forming the law firm of Canterbury, Poling & Roop in 1990. For 23 years prior to his appointment to the bench, he operated Poling Law Offices in Beckley.

He also served as City Councilman for the City of Beckley from 1991 until 1995, when he was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the City of Beckley, a position he held until his appointment to the circuit court bench.