

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 Thomas H. Ewing, Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Thomas H. Ewing took office as a judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit (Fayette County) on January 2, 2019, after being appointed by Governor Jim Justice on December 7, 2018.

Judge Ewing is a native of Fayette County. He grew up in Hico and graduated from Midland Trail High School. He has bachelor's degrees in education (2000) and history (2001) from Glenville State College and a 2004 law degree from West Virginia University, where he was Order of the

Coif and Executive Research Editor and Associate Editor of the West Virginia Law Review. At Glenville State, he was a four-year member and captain of the men's basketball team, won numerous student-athlete scholarships, and was named the 2001 top graduating student-athlete.

Judge Ewing was an attorney with the law firm Kay, Casto & Chaney from 2004 until his appointment to the bench and was the managing member of its Fayetteville office from 2015 to 2018. He previously had a federal judicial externship with U.S. District Court Chief Judge Irene Keeley (2003), was a research assistant at the College of Law (2002), and was a certified teacher in Fayette County (2001).

He is a member of the 2007 Leadership West Virginia class.

He has been a volunteer and coach with the Midland Trail Little League; Ansted Braves Baseball; middle school baseball, Upper Deck League in Beckley; and the New River Patriots Youth Football Association. He has been an Organizer and President of the John A. Flourney Youth Basketball League; President of the Board of Directors of the Midland Trail Community Center; Commissioner, Fayette County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission; Member of the Board of Directors, Fayette County Public Defender Corporation; and Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors, Fayette County Community Criminal Justice Board.