

# 2016 Conference Speaker Bios



## **Matt Bracy, Esq.**

*Partner, Scheef & Stone, LLP*

Matt Bracy is a partner in the Dallas, Texas law firm of Scheef & Stone, practicing business and commercial law. For more than 10 years he was general counsel of Settlement Capital Corporation, and prior to that was the director of Government Relations for Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities. In both of these positions he was actively involved in drafting and implementing structured settlement transfer legislation in states and in the U.S. Congress. Matt is a former Board member and president of NASP, heads the Judicial Education Program, and is a featured commentator on structured settlement issues on the Legal Broadcast Network. Matt has a BA from the University of California, Irvine, and a JD from the University of Houston.

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## **Doyle Chisholm**

*Associate General counsel*

Doyle Chisholm is the Associate General Counsel at Seneca One Finance, Inc. based in Bethesda, Maryland. Doyle joined Seneca One in 2004 and led the legal and transactional efforts of its Structured Settlement Division for six years before transitioning to the corporate legal office. In his current role, Doyle is responsible for Seneca One's legislative and compliance efforts for both the Structured Settlement and Lottery Divisions. Doyle serves as NASP's Conference Committee chair. He is a graduate of the College of Charleston and the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. He is admitted to the Virginia and Washington, DC bars.

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**Honorable Jeanette Dalton**

Jeanette Dalton, JD, graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's in Business Administration Degree. She later earned her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law [formerly University of Puget Sound School of Law] and was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1984.

Judge Dalton practiced law for 24 years prior to being elected to the Superior Court bench in 2008. She was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Norm Maleng at the King County prosecutor's office until her move to Kitsap County in 1991. She then worked in private practice, opening her own successful law office in 1995. She also served as a Judge pro tem in Seattle Municipal court, Suquamish tribal court and district courts in Jefferson, Kitsap and King Counties. She also taught as an Adjunct Professor at Chapman University in Employment Law.

Judge Dalton has served on the Washington State Bar Association's Rules Committee and as an Executive Board member of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys where she was awarded the President's Award for Distinguished Service to the Organization. Among her long history of volunteer activities she served as a board member for the Kitsap Humane Society, volunteered with Hospice of Clallam County and was a member of the Kitsap Homebuilders Association.

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## Michael Damore

### *General Counsel*

In September 2001, Michael Damore joined LGS Advisors, Encore Funding, LLC and Novation Capital, LLC (now known as Novation Settlement Solutions). He serves as General Counsel where he is responsible for all of the legal underwriting, processing, and regulatory compliance related to these businesses. He has served on the NASP Board for over a decade.

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Amanda Dobanton began working at Fairfield Funding in 2010 as a recent graduate from Law School. In 2012, Mrs. Dobanton became General Counsel for Fairfield Funding and in 2015 became a partner. During Mrs. Dobanton's six years at Fairfield Funding she has been actively involved in all aspects of the business.

Prior to joining Fairfield Funding, Amanda interned and worked for a Wills, Trusts and Estates law firm while also obtaining her J.D. from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. Mrs. Dobanton graduated in the top 10% of her class and was awarded the Excellence in Oral Advocacy Award for her graduating class.

Mrs. Dobanton earned her Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science at Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia.

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## Doug Evans

Douglas M. Evans is a partner in the West Hartford, Connecticut, law firm of Kroll, McNamara, Evans & Delahanty, LLP. The focus of Doug's practice is in commercial litigation, representing clients in business, financial and real estate disputes. Doug also concentrates in representing specialty finance companies in connection with actions to approve structured settlement transfers and lottery assignments. Doug is an affiliate member of the National Association of Settlement Purchasers.

Doug regularly represents clients in state and federal courts in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and serves on the executive committee of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section.

Doug has a BA from Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, and a JD from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts.

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## Michael Green

Mike Green is a founding member of Green, Silverstein and Groff, LLC, a civil litigation firm that practices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mike has developed an expertise in the field of structured settlement and lottery payment transfers, speaking at conferences and authoring several articles, including Be Prepared – An Outside Counsel's Perspective on the Court Approval Process and It's the Interest Rate, Stupid – An Outside Counsel's Perspective on

Cutting Through the Morass of Financial Information on the Disclosure Statement at a Structured Settlement Transfer Hearing.

Mike is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania as well as the Villanova University School of Law. He is a member of all Pennsylvania and New Jersey state and federal bars as well as the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

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**Marc Harris**

*General Counsel, Client First Funding*

Mr. Harris has almost 20 years of experience as an attorney in the specialty finance area. He currently serves as General Counsel to Client First Settlement Funding where he oversees the company's legal issues for its lottery prize and structured settlement departments. Prior to joining Client First, Mr. Harris worked as General Counsel to Encore Funding, LLC and as Associate Counsel to Singer Asset Finance Company, LLC. Mr. Harris has an undergraduate degree from Florida State University and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University. He is admitted to the Florida Bar and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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**Jeffrey Jacobson, Esq.**

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Jeffrey Jacobson is a litigation partner at Kelley Drye and Warren with 20 years of experience defending companies against consumer fraud and privacy-related class actions. He co-chairs Kelley Drye's class action practice defending clients in putative class actions alleging violations of consumer protection laws and related issues. From March 2014 until March 2016, Jeff served as Director of the Division of Law in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and then as Chief Counsel to the Attorney General. During this period, Mr. Jacobson oversaw law enforcement investigations involving consumer protection and data privacy and chaired the Attorney General's Cyber Working Group.

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**Jack Kelly, Esq.**

John A. (Jack) Kelly is a partner in the McPherson Group LLP. He has extensive legislative and public policy experience in structured finance and tax-related issues. He was the federal lobbyist for the legislative clarification of tax issues related to the transfer of structured settlements. In addition to federal advocacy, he coordinates the McPherson Group's state and local practice. A political aide to Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, he previously served as a legislative assistant to Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY) and held staff positions in both the New York and federal courts. For 28 years until his retirement, Kelly served in active and reserve components of the United States Army, including command of a Special Forces unit. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit. He presently serves as chairman of the US Advisory Committee on National Cemeteries and Memorials.

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## Pery D. Krinsky

Pery D. Krinsky is the principal of Krinsky, PLLC, where he focuses his practice on ethics-based defense litigation. Before forming his own law firm, Mr. Krinsky was associated with the law firm of LaRossa & Ross, and then the Law Offices Of Michael S. Ross.

Mr. Krinsky's ethics-based defense litigation practice focuses on:

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- Federal & State Criminal Defense Matters
- Art Law Ethics & Litigation Matters

Mr. Krinsky is a frequent lecturer on topics involving ethics in litigation, personal and professional responsibility and academic integrity, including at: the N.Y. State Judicial Institute; the Appellate Divisions, First and Second Judicial Departments; the N.Y. State Bar Association; the N.Y. City Bar; the N.Y. County Lawyers' Association; the N.Y. State Academy of Trial Lawyers; the N.Y. State Trial Lawyers Association; the Practicing Law Institute; the Bay Ridge Lawyers Association; the Queens County Bar Association; Sotheby's Institute of Art; and law schools such as Brooklyn Law School, Columbia Law School and Fordham Law School.

Mr Krinsky serves as the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section of the N.Y. State Bar Association; and the Chair of the Committee on Professional Discipline of the N.Y. County Lawyers' Association. Mr Krinsky serves on the Board of Advisors of the N.Y. County Lawyers' Association Institute of Legal Ethics; and is also a Member of: the Brooklyn Bar Association; the N.Y. State Bar Association's Committee on Attorney Professionalism; the N.Y. City Bar Association's Professional Responsibility Committee; and the N.Y. County Lawyers' Committee on Professional Ethics.

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## Patricia LaBorde

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Patricia LaBorde is the senior vice president and Structured Settlement Division counsel at Stone Street Capital, LLC based in Bethesda, Maryland. Since joining Stone Street in 2003, Patricia has overseen all legal, regulatory and transactional issues for its Structured Settlement Division. LaBorde has served as NASP's Legal Committee chair and Conference Planning chair and chair of the Community Relations Committee. Previously, LaBorde was a business and litigation attorney with a McLean, Virginia law firm, handling structured settlement transactions. She has a BA from the University of Delaware and a JD from The George Washington University.

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## Honorable Omar Maldonado

Judge Omar Maldonado is a lifelong resident of Edinburg Texas. He graduated from Edinburg High School in 1993. Judge Maldonado went on to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Texas A&M University in 1997. Shortly thereafter, he continued his education by attending Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock Texas. In 2001 Judge Maldonado graduated and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Texas Tech School of Law. Upon returning home Judge Maldonado began his own private practice in the areas of Criminal, Family, Civil law. Judge Maldonado continued to serve his community in private practice from 2001-2014. In March 2014 Judge Maldonado was successful in becoming the first elected Judge of County Court at Law #8 in Hidalgo County TX. Judge Omar Maldonado currently presides over County Court #8, where he oversees cases in the areas of criminal, civil, and family matters.



With a focus and determination on making his court run as efficient as possible, Judge Maldonado and his staff have implemented policies and procedures that have helped them streamline the cases appearing before County Court 8. In his first year in office, County Court at Law #8 disposed over 3,400 cases, and they are currently on track to surpass the disposed rate in only their second year.

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**Honorable Elinore Marsh Stormer**

Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer graduated from Davidson College's Honors College and received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law. Judge Stormer practiced law until 1989 when she became General Counsel to the Summit County Executive. In 1991, Judge Stormer was elected judge of Akron Municipal Court, and in November 2004, judge in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

As a judge, she has been a leader in specialized treatment courts for offenders. She began the first mental health court in Ohio and the first municipal drug court. In the Court of Common Pleas, she began a reentry court to help offenders returning from prison.

In 2012, Judge Stormer was elected to the Probate Court and reelected in 2014. Since taking office, she has started a Mediation Program and a free Help Desk. Consistent with other Probate Courts, she has begun Senior Visitor and Volunteer Guardian Programs.

Among others, Judge Stormer serves as a board member of the Akron Children's Hospital. She is currently a member of the Probate Section of the Ohio Judicial Conference. In the past, she has served the Boards of Women's Network, Weathervane Playhouse, Oriana House Advisory Board, and The Salvation Army Advisory Board as well as the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on the Mentally Ill in the Courts, and numerous other community organizations.

Judge Stormer has received many community awards including a 2015 Woman of Achievement Award from Women's Network, in the 2014 Pinnacle Award and the Spirit Award from Stewarts Caring Place. In 2013 she received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Akron Law School.

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NASP Executive Director and General Counsel Earl Nesbitt is a partner with Nesbitt, Vassar, and McCown, LLP. He specializes in commercial and business litigation, and represents many structured settlement purchasing companies. He formerly was general counsel for the Settlement Capital Corporation and a partner in Jackson Walker, LLP in Dallas, Texas. Nesbitt takes a central role in NASP's lobbying efforts, notably in the enactment of federal legislation governing the secondary market (26 U.S.C. § 5891). He is a graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law and the University of Texas at Austin.

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Shawn Richmor has served as COO of Strategic Capital Corporation since 2002. He is a CPA, with extensive financial, operations and accounting experience. Prior to joining Strategic Capital, Shawn was the corporate controller for a national property and casualty insurer. He also held the position of Director of Finance at a leading online retailer.

Born and raised in South Africa, Shawn graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and obtained an Honours in Accounting Science degree

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Boris serves as outside general counsel to the Institutional Longevity Markets Association (ILMA), and he is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association, as well as the Esoteric Assets Committee of the Structured Finance Industry Group. He is listed in Chambers USA and recognized by The Legal 500 United States for his work in structured finance. A frequent speaker at securitization industry conferences, Boris has conducted various securitization and life settlement seminars in the United States and abroad, having most recently addressed the current legal landscape for life settlements. Boris recently co-authored “Life Settlements and Longevity Swaps: Opportunities for Investors, Individuals, Insurers and Pension Funds” for The Hedge Fund Journal and the “Life Settlement Securitization” chapter of Securitizations: Legal and Regulatory Issues (ALM Law Journal Press).

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