

2021 WJCCA CONFERENCE BIOGRAPHIES

Jerarda (Jody) Bartels was appointed Register in Probate and Clerk of Juvenile Court in July 1999. Prior to her appointment, Jody was a paralegal with Hoskins, Kalnins, McNamara & VanDeHey for 20 years. Jody has held the offices of Treasurer, Vice-President and President with both the Wisconsin Registers in Probate Assn (WRIPA) and the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Assn (WJCCA), and is a member of the Juvenile Clerks Work Group through CCIP, Records Management Committee (RMC), Chair of the WJCCA New Clerks' Orientation Committee, and a member of the Forms and Procedures Committees of both WRIPA and WJCCA. Jody is married with three children, four grandchildren, with another due in January, and two step-grandchildren. She is a member of the Lancaster Lions Club where she was previously named Lion of the Year, and received the Birch-Sturm Fellowship Award. She has also served on the local hospital board, and is currently on the hospital foundation board, as well as President of the hospital Auxiliary.

Bridget Bauman is responsible for administering the Children's Court Improvement Program, a program designed to improve the handling of child welfare, termination of parental rights, and adoption proceedings in the court system. As director, she works closely with members of Wisconsin's judicial system on training, legislation, policies, strategic planning, development of best practices, and other quality improvement projects. She has worked for CCIP since 2004. Prior to her current position, Ms. Bauman worked as an Assistant Public Defender for four years, where she represented children and juveniles in child in need of protection or services (CHIPS), juvenile in need of protection or services (JIPS), and delinquency proceedings, as well as adults in termination of parental rights, mental commitment, and criminal cases. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Political Science, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.

Jean Bousquet has served as the Chief Information Officer for the Wisconsin Court System since 1998, in charge of the Consolidated Court Information Systems (CCAP). She is responsible for the IT needs of the entire state court system, including the appellate and circuit court case management systems, cybersecurity, the court website, and user technical support. She oversaw the development of circuit court eFiling and is currently completing work on eFiling for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

Tim Duggan is the Software Development Supervisor for the Wisconsin Court System's Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP). Tim has been a CCAP employee from 2000 until 2016, and again starting in 2019. As the Software Development Supervisor, Tim oversees the development of CCAP's custom applications and has played a key role in many major CCAP projects, including the Judicial Dashboard and the Case Rewrite.

Diane Fremgen

Diane Fremgen is the Deputy Director of State Courts, Office of Court Operations. Ms. Fremgen has been with the Wisconsin Court system for over 30 years. She started as a clerk with the Winnebago County Clerk of Courts office in 1990, became the elected Clerk of Court for Winnebago County in 1997. In 2012, Ms. Fremgen was appointed the Clerk for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals and served as the Supreme Court Clerk until December 2017 when she was appointed to her current position in the Director of State Courts Office. During her tenure, Ms.

Fremgen has been fortunate to serve on numerous local and state committees and is grateful for the experience and knowledge she has gained by being involved in the different areas of the Wisconsin court system.

Asia Jackson works as the Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator in the Bureau of Youth Services at the Department of Children and Families. In this role, Asia leads the Department's statewide initiative to support a comprehensive response and coordinated services system in Wisconsin for youth who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing sex trafficking. Prior to joining the Department, Asia worked at Sojourner Family Peace Center in Milwaukee, WI where she provided case management and advocacy services for survivors of sex trafficking locally and statewide. Asia has additional experience in providing outreach and advocacy services for survivors of crime with disabilities as well as crisis advocacy for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Asia's educational history includes a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare & Justice from Marquette University. Asia currently lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is excited to continue to serve youth in Wisconsin.

Krista Miller joined the Office of Court Operations in the fall of 2019. Prior to joining the office, Krista worked in private practice and then as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for Columbia County. The subject areas she focuses on are: civil, small claims, family, paternity, probate, guardianship, commercial docket pilot program, court records retention under SCR 72, exhibits, sealing and confidentiality.

Andrea Olson is the Customer Services Manager for the Wisconsin Court System's Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP). Andrea has been employed at CCAP since 1993. As the Customer Services Manager, Andrea is responsible for the implementation of software applications and the operation of the CCAP Call Center which provides hardware and software support for all CCAP users, government agencies and the public.

Amber Peterson is a Circuit Court Legal Advisor for the Wisconsin Director of State Courts Office, Office of Court Operations. Amber received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Juris Doctorate from Marquette University Law School. As Legal Advisor, Amber manages the Wisconsin court system's STOP Grant, which is federal money awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women to improve the court's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking cases. In that role, Amber manages projects, monitors and implements legislation, drafts procedures and other judicial resources, and provides technical assistance to judges, court commissioners, and clerks in a number of areas including restraining orders, firearms prohibitions, and restitution. She can be reached at 608-267-7764 or amber.peterson@wicourts.gov.

Ryan Pierce graduated from Northern Michigan University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He has been employed with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for nearly 10 years. For most of his career with the Department he has worked at the Monitoring Center, specializing in tracking the whereabouts of the persons in DOC's care using GPS, radio frequency and alcohol monitoring. In 2019, he began his current role working in the Sex Offender Registry and is responsible for maintaining the registry for Dane County; tasked with enforcing the requirements for individuals required to register under Wisconsin State Statute 301.45. In his free time, he enjoys stand up paddle boarding and hiking.

Sandra Rhead is in her 24th year working for Dunn County, starting as a dispatcher in 911 communications for the first 14 years, then the Records Custodian of the Sheriff's Office and Sandra has been performing the duties of the Juvenile Clerk since 2017. Her duties include processing all CHIPS, JIPS, Delinquency, Juvenile Injunctions, Juvenile Ordinance, Truancy, Juvenile Guardianships, Termination of Parental Rights and Juvenile Mental cases from initial filing to completion including clerking each hearing.

Mary Simon is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 30 years of experience in both residential treatment and outpatient mental health settings. Mary specializes in assessing and treating youth with severe trauma histories and sexual behavior problems. Based on an intensive training program she participated in through the Hennepin County Home School program in Minneapolis in 1989, Mary developed and facilitated one of the first juvenile sex offender treatment programs in Wisconsin.

Mary developed the S.T.O.P. juvenile sexual offender treatment program at Community Care Programs in 1998. In addition to developing and managing this program, Mary offers comprehensive, trauma-informed Psychosexual Evaluations for youth with sexual acting out behaviors to provide baseline information about risk for sexual recidivism and recommendations for placement, treatment and safety and supervision planning. Mary is a clinical member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). In addition, Mary is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). She is also a Co-Chair on the Board of Directors for Camp-To-Belong Wisconsin. Mary's personal interests include trail running, mountain climbing, yoga and international travel.

Kristen Wetzel joined the Children's Court Improvement Program as Legal Advisor in August 2018. Prior to her position with CCIP, she worked as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in Portage County handling CHIPS, TPR, and Chapter 48 guardianship cases. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Law Studies from Marquette University and a Juris Doctor from the John Marshall Law School.

Justin Wolff is a legal advisor with the Children's Court Improvement Program (CCIP) in the Wisconsin Director of State Courts Office. Justin graduated from Drake Law School in 2008 and has worked as an attorney in private practice in Rhinelander, for the Merrill Public Defenders Office, and as Corporation Counsel and special prosecutor for Clark County. He has previously worked as Juvenile Justice Compliance Manager for the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Hon. Todd Ziegler has been a Monroe County Circuit Court Judge since 2007. He received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School in 1995. After law school, he was a law clerk for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. He then started a wide-ranging private practice that included Guardian ad Litem work, representing parents in children in need of protection and services (CHIPS) actions and representing youth in delinquency cases. Judge Ziegler has been a member of the Wisconsin Judicial Committee on Child Welfare since its inception in 2012. He led Monroe County's work on CHIPS cases with Casey Family Programs starting in 2015. In addition, he has been a member of a Judicial Workgroup addressing youth justice cases since 2017 and has previously served on the Wisconsin Juvenile Jury Instruction Committee. Judge Ziegler is also a Treatment Court Judge for felony OWI offenders starting the program in 2012.