

2023-24 G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy

Speaker Bios

Revised 10/24/23

About the Keynote:

(Invitation extended, waiting for confirmation)

About the Presenters:



Dr. Amber Ault, Ph.D., MSW, State Bar of Wisconsin WisLAP Program Manager.

Dr. Ault earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at the Ohio State University and completed a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellowship in Mental Health Services Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she later finished her clinical training in social work. She brings to WisLAP a sociological analysis of institutions and professions, a clinical understanding of the personal challenges individuals often face as they navigate contemporary demands, and a commitment to making things better.



Betsy Delzer is a Founder and Culture Change Consultant for the Rise for The Greater Good consulting group and emotional intelligence trainer in Oregon School District. First as a teacher (16 years) and then as a coach/trainer (7 years), she focuses coaching and skill-training on mindfulness-based strategies for building emotional intelligence.



Natalie C. Fleury, J.D. is an Ombuds with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). In her role, she serves as a confidential, independent, informal and neutral resource for faculty, staff physicians, postdoctoral fellows and staff to talk in confidence about workplace issues, problems or disputes. She is also the principal of Conflict Management Concepts, LLC, a dispute resolution consulting firm offering mediation and arbitration services, negotiation and mediation training, dispute resolution systems design and dispute resolution program development.

Prior to that, she was the Program Coordinator for Dispute Resolution at Marquette Law School, and an Adjunct Professor of Law. At Marquette Law School she was responsible for all aspects of Marquette University Law School's nationally ranked dispute resolution program and supervised the Small Claims Mediation clinic.

She earned her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she participated on the Moot Court Board. She received a Graduate Certificate in Dispute Resolution from Marquette University in 1997. Ms. Fleury was a past-Chair of the Wisconsin State Bar Section Leader's Council, past-chair of the Wisconsin State Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Board, past co-chair of the Association for Conflict Resolution's Consumer Section, and a member of the American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section.



Kristen Hardy, J.D. is Assistant General Counsel & Assistant Secretary at Northwestern Mutual ("NM"), where she is a member of the Insurance Products and Operations team. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, NM is a Fortune 100 financial services mutual organization and the country's largest provider of individual life insurance. At NM, Kristen's practice involves providing risk-based product advice to internal clients, including claims, agreements, anti-money laundering, and special investigations. Before joining NM, she was Legal Counsel & Integrity Manager at two global manufacturers: Briggs &

Stratton and Rockwell Automation. At Briggs & Stratton, Kristen led the global corporate compliance function, including third-party risk management, anti-bribery and corruption (FCPA), international trade and sanctions, and the integrity program. Her practice also included internal investigations and various international business matters. Kristen was also an adjunct professor at Marquette University Law School

Within the community, Kristen is a board member for the Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee Bar Association and LOTUS Legal Clinic. In 2023, Governor Tony Evers reappointed her to the Judicial Selection Advisory Committee, a group responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates for judicial appointments. She is past chair of the State Bar Board of Governors, past secretary of the State Bar, a past president of the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers (WAAL), where she served in various capacities between 2014 and 2020.



Michael F. Moore is the founder of Moore’s Law LLC and helps both lawyers and law firms create professional success. Michael creates value for law firms with strategic growth initiatives and resource optimization. He creates value for lawyers with individual coaching in client development and leadership. Michael has taught State Bar CLE programs on Alternative Billing strategies, Client Intake procedures and Time Management techniques for lawyers. His articles in Wisconsin Lawyer magazine have addressed generational conflicts in law firms, the work/life balance challenges faced by women lawyers and effective law firm compensation programs. For more information, please visit www.moores-law.com.



Hon. James D. Peterson, District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Prior to joining the court, he was a shareholder at the firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., with a litigation practice focused on intellectual property disputes. He earned his B.S., M.A., Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin—Madison and his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Before his legal career, he taught film and television history and criticism at the University of Notre Dame. He is an enthusiastic fan of the Fighting Irish whenever they play Duke.



Christina Plum, University of Wisconsin Law School (1995), is the Chief Staff Attorney for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in Madison, Wisconsin. She has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she taught public speaking for law students from 2003-2017. She has given presentations on oral communication and public speaking for the G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy and other bar association conferences. She is a Past President of the State Bar of Wisconsin Young Lawyers Division and a Past Chair of the ABA Young Lawyers Division. She currently serves as Wisconsin's ABA State Delegate and as Secretary for the ABA Litigation Section.

Session 3 Judicial Panelists



Hon. Pedro A. Colón is a Milwaukee jurist and politician who currently serves as a judge of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. The first Latino elected to the Wisconsin Legislature, Colón was a Democratic member of the Wisconsin State Assembly, representing the 8th Assembly District, from 1999 to 2010. In 2010, he was appointed as a circuit judge by Governor Jim Doyle and won re-election without opposition in the general election on April 4, 2017. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance and of the Judiciary and Ethics Committee.

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, April 7, 1968, Colón grew up on the South Side of Milwaukee and graduated from Thomas More High School in Milwaukee. He received his B.A. in political science from Marquette University in 1991, and his J.D. from UW Law School in 1994.



Hon. Amber Raffet August is a dedicated and respected public servant currently serving as the Circuit Court Judge for Branch 14 in Milwaukee. Appointed to this role by Governor Tony Evers, she brings more than a decade of legal experience and an unwavering commitment to justice, fairness, and community service to her position.

Judge Raffet August began her legal career at Grzeca Law Group, and immigration law firm based in Milwaukee. She then transitioned to RISE Law Center, where she tirelessly represented survivors of violence in family law and immigration proceedings. Her passion for family law led her to the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, where she

advocated for the best interests of children from indigent families during family court litigation.

Prior to her appointment as Circuit Court Judge, she served as an Assistant Family court Commissioner for Milwaukee County. In this role, she presided over a range of family court proceedings, demonstrating exceptional legal acumen and real empathy for those she represented.



Hon. Jacob Frost is a judge for the Dane County Circuit Court of Wisconsin. He was appointed by Governor Tony Evers on July 4, 2020, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Hon. Richard Niess.

Frost earned a bachelor's degree in German and political science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2007. He then completed J.D. at the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2010.

After graduation from law school, Frost entered into private practice. He started as an associate at Boardman Clark in Madison, rising through he rants to become a partner in 2017. During his tenure there, Frost represented individuals and businesses in a wide range of legal matters, including commercial and personal litigation, debt collection, landlord tenant law, and family law. His focus, however, was on several unique industries, such as the banking and dealership industries.

Frost sat on the Board of Access to Independence, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing resources, services, and advocacy for people with any type of disability.