

Alumni Panel Biographies

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Maura Stanton is Assistant General Counsel (Conflicts) at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP and provides in-house legal advice to the firm on professional responsibility and risk management matters, with a focus on conflicts of interest.

Prior to joining Cleary Gottlieb in 2018, Maura served as Associate General Counsel at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, a national insurance defense firm. Maura also has litigation experience in civil professional liability matters, including legal malpractice claims.

Ryan Goodwin is a Litigation Associate at Lowenstein Sandler. A seasoned advocate and legal advisor, Ryan brings extensive litigation, government, and health care experience to the firm.

As former Deputy General Counsel of University Hospital Newark, Ryan oversaw the hospital's legal and regulatory matters and negotiated complex health care service delivery contracts valued in the millions of dollars. He also directed litigation and legal claim management; performed internal investigations; responded to health care compliance matters; and counseled hospital executives on legal strategy, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and risk mitigation.

Ryan previously served as Senior Policy Advisor and Assistant Counsel to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, whom he advised on legislation and administrative regulations regarding health care, insurance, social services, and banking. He also coordinated the passage of a dozen new laws to combat the growing opioid crisis, for which he received recognition by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as a New Leader of the Bar.

A skilled communicator and crisis manager, Ryan began his career in the office of U.S. Representative Christopher H. Smith (NJ-04), where he served as the congressman's Communications Director & Legislative Aide. Prior to joining Lowenstein, he served as a clerk to the Hon. Paul B. Matey of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

John F. Boyd II L'16 is an Onondaga County Assistant District Attorney. While at the College of Law, John was a member of the Black Law Students Association Trial Team, which won its regional championship. John also competed in the Lionel O. Grossman Trial Competition earning the Frank H. Armani Advocacy Award. John also earned the Robert W. Miller Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy at the College. Prior to law school, John attended New York University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Social and Cultural Analysis with dual concentrations in Africana Studies and American Studies.

John imparts his passion for trial advocacy as the coach and attorney advisor for the Black Law Students Association Trial Team. John is actively involved with numerous civic, cultural, and charitable organizations in Onondaga County, including serving on the board of the William Herbert Johnson Bar Association and the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Marissa S. Jackson is an Assistant Chief Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Prior to joining DHS, Ms. Jackson clerked for the Honorable Donine Carrington Martin in the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland where she worked on civil, criminal, and domestic dockets. Ms. Jackson graduated from the College of Law and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications in 2019, having participated in the dual degree JD/MS program. During her time at SUCOL, Ms. Jackson served on the executive boards of the Black Law Student Association and the Journal of International Law and Commerce. Ms. Jackson was also an active member of many student organizations, including the Cold Case Justice Initiative, Advocacy Honor Society, and the Entertainment and Sports Law Society. She is a member of the Georgia Bar.