Technology and Law

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

by order of presentation

Mary E. Lucas

Open Technology Fund Washington, D.C./Columbia, SC (Course Planner)

Mary Lucas is Associate General Counsel for Open Technology Fund. Mary has spent most of her legal career as in-house privacy/technology counsel and has served as the Chief Information Security Officer at multiple government agencies. Along with her law license, she maintains certifications in both privacy and information security. Prior to law school, she had a corporate career with a large technology company specializing in non-profit software solutions.

Mary was a triple major in her undergraduate studies, earning degrees in Political Science, Spanish, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Immediately post-law school, she served as a staff attorney and law clerk to the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court of South Carolina. Mary continues to serve on numerous committees related to law and/or technology. She was recently re-appointed to the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina—a commission of judges, lawyers, legislators, court employees, and community leaders tasked with identifying barriers to civil justice in the state while exploring possible solutions.

Stuart Teicher

East Brunswick, NJ

Stuart I. Teicher, Esq. is a professional legal educator who focuses on ethics law and writing instruction. A practicing attorney for 30 years, Stuart's career is now dedicated to helping fellow attorneys survive the practice of law and thrive in the profession. Mr. Teicher teaches seminars, provides in-house training to law firms and legal departments, provides CLE instruction at law firm client events, and also gives keynote speeches at conventions and association meetings. Stuart helps attorneys get better at what they do (and enjoy the process) through his entertaining and educational CLE "performances". He speaks, teaches, and writes— Thomson Reuters published his book entitled, Navigating the Legal Ethics of Social Media and Technology. Mr. Teicher is a Supreme Court appointee to the New Jersey District Ethics Committee where he investigates and prosecutes grievances filed against attorneys. Mr. Teicher is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law where he teaches Professional Responsibility, and he is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he teaches undergraduate writing courses. He also taught legal writing at St. John's University School of Law in New York City.

Graham L. Newman

Chappell, Chappell & Newman, Attorneys LLC Columbia, SC

Graham Newman is a partner with Chappell, Chappell & Newman in Columbia. His work focuses on complex litigation, including products liability and class actions. He is currently involved in many different areas of multidistrict litigation (MDL), including MDL 2738 (IN RE: Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation), MDL 2741 (IN RE: Roundup Products Liability Litigation), and MDL 2885 (IN RE: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation). Presently, he is also litigating a class action regarding the unlawful sale of cryptocurrency.

Graham has previously focused on commercial class actions, contractual litigation, insurance bad faith, and products liability in both state and federal court.

Graham has briefed numerous appeals before the South Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court. He has also argued four cases before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and two cases before the South Carolina Supreme Court.

In addition to practicing law, Graham teaches an undergraduate legal course through the University of South Carolina Honors College and serves on several boards and committees dedicated to the improvement of the judicial system. Graham is married to Jenny Honeycutt Newman, who is also an attorney. The couple have a son, a Portuguese Water Dog, and a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel. The Newman family enjoys spending time on Lake Murray and attending as many South Carolina Gamecock sporting events as possible.

Professional Awards and Accomplishments:

- Chair, Consumer & Securities Law Section, South Carolina Association of Justice (2019 to present)
- Alumni Advisor, Blockchain Law Society, University of South Carolina School of Law (2022 to present)
- Rising Star (Super Lawyers): 2013-2019
- 2019-2020 edition of The Best Lawyers in America© (Personal Injury Litigation Plaintiffs and Product Liability Litigation Plaintiffs)
- Enjuris Million Dollar Advocate (2022-2023)