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Heidi Frostestad Kuehl
Director of Law Library & Associate Professor of Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl joined the NIU College of Law in 2014 as an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library. Professor Kuehl’s primary research and teaching interests are in foreign, comparative, and international law, international business transactions, law and technology, and basic and advanced legal research.

Prior to joining the NIU College of Law, Professor Kuehl was the Associate Director for Research and Reference Services and Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Library at Northwestern University School of Law’s Pritzker Legal Research Center in Chicago. After graduate school and law school, she worked at the Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee as a law librarian and an adjunct professor. Professor Kuehl has also taught international legal research at the John Marshall Law School (Center for International Law). During law school, Professor Kuehl was the Executive Editor of Publication of the Valparaiso University Law Review, studied abroad in Cambridge, England, was a member of the International Law Society, and also participated in the Jessup International Moot Court team. Professor Kuehl is a graduate of the Valparaiso University Law School and received her B.A. in Music Performance and English from Luther College in Decorah, IA. She also received her M.A. in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa while working at the University of Iowa College of Law Library.

Jamie Mosser
Partner, Klein & Mosser, LLC

Jamie L. Mosser graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelors in political science. She then attended law school at the College of Law where she received her Juris Doctorate and a Certificate in Criminal Law in 2002. Upon graduation, she moved to New Orleans, LA where she took and passed the Louisiana Bar. She then obtained her first legal job as an Assistant District Attorney at the Orleans Parrish District Attorney’s Office. While in New Orleans, she prosecuted crimes in the juvenile and adult divisions. Those crimes ranged from simple possession of cannabis to homicide.

In 2005, she moved back home to Illinois where she took and passed the Illinois Bar. In November of 2005, she accepted a job at the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor. She began her career in the Domestic Violence Unit. Over the years, she was assigned to several different units including DUI, Drug Rehabilitative Court, Felony, and Special Prosecution (arson and auto theft). In October of 2009, she was made the head of the Domestic Violence Unit where she prosecuted misdemeanor and Felony crimes of Domestic Violence. She also supervised several attorneys in that unit. In October of 2010, she was given the Partner in Peace Award by the Community Crisis Center. In May of 2015, she left her job as a prosecutor to open up a law partnership with a friend and colleague, Kimberley Crum Klein. Currently, she takes a variety of cases including family, criminal, real estate, and simple wills. She maintains her commitment to helping victims in the Domestic Violence Community by providing free or reduced legal services and by being a board member for Mutual Ground, a local domestic violence shelter.
**Panel 1: First Amendment | Speaker and Moderator Biographies**

**Enrique A. Monagas**  
Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Enrique Monagas is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the firm’s Litigation Department, concentrating his practice on appellate, constitutional law, crisis management, and complex litigation matters. Enrique was a core member of the team that secured the landmark victories in the federal challenge to California’s ban on same-sex marriage, Proposition 8. Enrique’s work is featured in HBO’s documentary “The Case Against 8,” and the books “Forcing the Spring” and “Redeeming the Dream: The Case for Marriage Equality.” In addition, Enrique was trial counsel for the plaintiffs fighting for the rights of disenfranchised children in *Vergara v. California*—the education equality case—which *The Wall Street Journal* editorial board described as “a school reform landmark” and *The New York Times* editorial board described as “open[ing] a new chapter in the equal education struggle” and “underscore[ing] a shameful problem that has cast a long shadow over the lives of children, not just in California but in the rest of the country as well.” Enrique received both his J.D. and B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley. He lives with his husband, Jason, and their 8 year-old daughter, Elisa, in Los Angeles, California.

**Carlos E. Monagas Jr.**  
Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney’s Office

Carlos E. Monagas Jr. serves as a supervising deputy district attorney with the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office. He currently oversees the District Attorney’s countywide Training Division, providing legal education to prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and community partners.

Mr. Monagas earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1993 and received his Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall School of Law (U.C. Berkeley) in 1997. He joined the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office in 1997. As a trial prosecutor, he specialized in both sexual assault/child abuse cases (S.A.C.A.) and criminal gang prosecutions.

Mr. Monagas was raised in the city of Riverside and attended Riverside Poly High School. Mr. Monagas, his wife Rosa, and 2 year-old son Carlos Alejandro make their home in the city of Riverside. He is an active member of the Riverside community, serving as an attorney coach for the Poly High School Mock Trial Team and as a board member with Inland Empire Future Leaders, a Latino Youth Leadership Development Program.

**Moderator:**  
**Professor Michael Oswalt**  
Assistant Professor of Law, NIU College of Law

Professor Michael M. Oswalt joined the NIU College of Law faculty in fall 2013 and teaches primarily in the areas of labor and employment. His research focuses on the relationship between law and activism, particularly how legal and other regimes transform the possibilities for engagement in civic and institutional arenas, including the workplace.

Professor Oswalt graduated from Haverford College and has degrees in law and theology from Duke University. He was a member of the Duke Law Journal and served as Notes Editor for the Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy. After law school he clerked on the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals for Judge, now Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. Most recently Professor Oswalt was a law fellow for the Service Employees International Union where he provided counsel to a variety of low wage worker organizing campaigns. He is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has been active in a number of IAF-affiliated community organizing networks.
Melissa Smart
Litigation Manager, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission

Melissa A. Smart is Litigation Group Manager and Senior Counsel at the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (ARDC) where she supervises a group of litigation attorneys and staff, investigates charges of lawyer misconduct and prosecutes disciplinary cases. Ms. Smart obtained her B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She received her law degree from The John Marshall Law School, graduating cum laude. Ms. Smart began working at the ARDC as a law clerk in 1997 and became Counsel for the Administrator in 1999. As a member of the Commission’s staff for over fifteen years, she has investigated thousands of charges of professional misconduct and has been responsible for over 100 different formal disciplinary proceedings filed in the Supreme Court of Illinois or before various Commission Boards. She has tried dozens of matters before the Commission Hearing Board.

Ms. Smart is past Chair of the YLS Professional Responsibility Committee of the Chicago Bar Association and currently serves on the Illinois State Bar Association Standing Committee on the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. She has lectured and presented workshops regarding professional responsibility and disciplinary law to numerous bar association groups, government agencies, law firms, private organizations and law schools. She has appeared as a guest on various radio programs to discuss her knowledge of the Rules of Professional Conduct and issues related to professional responsibility. She has been selected to work on pilot programs for the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, which have developed model courses on professional responsibility and CLE course facilitation. She was named a Member of the Joint Illinois State Bar Association/Chicago Bar Association Special Committee on Ethics 2000 which reviewed existing Illinois ethics guidelines and suggested changes to the Illinois Supreme Court, which formed the basis for the New 2010 Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct.

Joshua King
Vice President, Business Development & General Counsel, Avvo, Inc.

Josh King is General Counsel & Vice President of Business Development for Avvo. He is also a frequent writer and speaker on interactive media and professional ethics issues. Josh graduated from law school wanting to be a litigator, and spent the first few years of his career working in a 9-lawyer firm in San Mateo, CA, primarily doing personal injury and product defect work. He then moved in-house, and spent over a decade in the wireless industry in a mix of legal and non-legal roles, including General Counsel for Cellular One of San Francisco and Vice President, Corporate Development for AT&T Wireless. Josh joined Avvo right after the site launched in 2007, and he loves talking with groups of attorneys about online marketing and professional responsibility.
MODERATOR:
Professor Daniel S. McConkie, Jr., Assistant Professor of Law, NIU College of Law

Daniel McConkie joined the NIU Law faculty in 2015. He teaches courses in criminal law, criminal procedure, and professional responsibility. His primary research interest is criminal procedure.

Professor McConkie was a prosecutor in California for eight years, first for the state and then for the federal government. As a federal prosecutor, he specialized in taking down large drug trafficking organizations and served as his office’s ethics advisor. As a scholar, he now writes about plea bargaining, which has almost entirely replaced jury trials in our justice system.

Professor McConkie holds an Honors B.A. degree in history from the University of Utah (2001), where he graduated cum laude, and a J.D. degree from Stanford Law School (2004), where he was a Public Interest Fellow. From 2013 to 2015, Professor McConkie was a visiting professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.