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# PROGRAM CHAIR

## **CHARLES H. ROSE III**

*Associate Professor of Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy*  
**Stetson University College of Law**  
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Professor Charles H. Rose III joined the Stetson faculty in 2004, upon his retirement from active duty service in the United States Army. While on active duty, he served as a linguist, intelligence analyst, intelligence officer, and judge advocate general. As a judge advocate, Professor Rose's practice included international law, the law of war, federal torts, administrative law and criminal justice.

Professor Rose currently teaches evidence, trial advocacy, professional responsibility and federal criminal procedure. He is a noted legal analyst, appearing on local and national news media, to include Court TV and "The O'Reilly Factor." He also provides legal commentary, both nationally and internationally, on issues as diverse as the legal impact of the war on terror, criminal justice in America, and the skill, science and art of advocacy. Professor Rose has recently published the well-received "Fundamental Trial Advocacy" with West Thomson and the recently released "Military Crimes and Defenses" with Lexis Nexis. He is currently working on the companion text to "Fundamental Trial Advocacy" titled "Fundamental Pretrial Advocacy: A Strategic Guide to Effective Litigation" with his co-author, Professor Jim Underwood, from Baylor Law School. His recent Law Review articles have focused on evidentiary issues, specifically the impact and potential use of recidivism data in drafting effective evidentiary rules to deal with sexual predators.

Professor Rose is a nationally recognized advocacy teacher who has taught advocacy for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), the University of Notre Dame and the United States Army. His NITA experiences include three years as an instructor in their highly regarded "Train the Trainer" program conducted at Harvard Law School. He also teaches in their public service programs and has served as a member of in-house training teams for Little Mendelson, the New York Stock Exchange and State Farm Insurance.

Professor Rose lectures nationwide on a variety of subjects and is available for commentary to outside organizations on an individually requested basis. His primary areas of scholarly interest are focused on the effective development of advocacy persuasion techniques during pre-trial, trial and appellate presentations, the federal rules of evidence, the intersection of criminal law and the law of war as it relates to the war on terror.

# PROGRAM FACULTY

**CHRISTOPHER W. BEHAN**

*Professor*

**Southern Illinois University School of Law  
Carbondale, Illinois**

Prior to joining the faculty at the SIU School of Law, Professor Christopher W. Behan served on active duty with the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps for nearly eleven years. His most recent assignment was associate professor of criminal law at the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he taught evidence, military criminal law and trial advocacy to attorneys from all United States military services and many allied militaries. During his military career, he also served as a legal assistance attorney, military prosecutor, criminal defense attorney, administrative law attorney, international and operational law attorney, and legal advisor to U.S. forces in the Sinai Desert as part of the Multinational Force and Observers.

Professor Behan earned an L.L.M. in Military Law (Criminal Law Specialty) from the Judge Advocate General's School in 2003 and made the Commandant's List. He received his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1995 from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School. He was a member of the Order of Barristers, the director of Interschool Competitions on the Moot Court Board, and a member of the National Moot Court Team. In 1995, his team took second place at the University of Minnesota Civil Rights Moot Court Competition. He obtained his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Brigham Young University in 1992, majoring in English.

Professor Behan is married to Valery Christiansen Behan (J. Reuben Clark Law School Class of 1994). They have six children, two cats, a guinea pig and a dog. Professor Behan's hobbies include indiscriminate reading (everything from cereal boxes to military history to Victorian literature), writing his version of the great American novel, losing video games to his children, watching as many as five soccer games a weekend and taking excruciatingly long road trips with his family in their 12-passenger van.

**CHRIS BIGGS**

*Kansas Securities Commissioner*  
**Kansas City, Kansas**

Chris Biggs was appointed Securities Commissioner by Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius in June 2003. Prior to that time, he served as the Geary County Attorney for fourteen years. He has a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge in the criminal justice system and has spent his career protecting Kansans.

Mr. Biggs has 20 years of criminal law experience as an elected official, administrator, and lead prosecutor in an office that handled 1,500-2,000 criminal cases a year including fraud, homicide, drug, public corruption, and conspiracy cases. Mr. Biggs received the Kansas Outstanding Prosecutor Award in 1988. In 2002, he was the Democratic nominee for Kansas Attorney General. In 1997, he became the legislative chair for the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association. In this capacity, Mr. Biggs organized legislative agenda, drafted legislation, and provided testimony in support of bills for the state prosecutor association.

He teaches in an Intensive Advocacy Program at Washburn College of Law and is recognized by his fellow advocacy professors as an instructor of enormous compassion with a creative and distinctly superior approach to teaching advocacy.

A 1983 graduate of the University of Kansas School Of Law in 1983, Mr. Biggs is also an accomplished musician, playing all manner of bluegrass instruments. He is a world class musician who has competed, recorded and placed in competitions on more than one occasion.

**JUDE D. BOURQUE**

*Assistant Attorney General*  
**Louisiana Department of Justice**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Jude D. Bourque is an Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice in Louisiana. He specializes in medical malpractice defense. He graduated with honors from Tulane Law School after serving on the Maritime Law Review, Moot Court Board and winning the Appellate Moot Court competition. He graduated with honors from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 1983.

Mr. Bourque has taught trial advocacy and given numerous CLE presentations since 1989. He has served on many civic organizations including the Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club. He was a distinguished president, distinguished lieutenant governor and a chair of the Youth Service Committee. Mr. Bourque has completed over 25 triathlons, the Marine Corp and New York City Marathons and four half marathons. He chaired the Southern Masters Swimming (2001-2003) and completed four 10K swims.

Mr. Bourque can be seen as an extra in “The Pelican Brief,” “Interview with a Vampire,” “The Client” and the Susan Lucci TV movie “French Silk.” He was also an extra on the “A Vote for Debra” episode of “Everybody Loves Raymond.”

**HON. SANFORD M. “SANDY” BROOK**

*Former Court of Appeals Chief Judge*

**Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc.**

**Denver, Colorado**

Judge Sanford M. “Sandy” Brook joined Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc. in April 2004 after sixteen years on the bench in Indiana. Judge Brook is the former chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Prior to service on the appellate bench, Judge Brook spent twelve years on the trial bench in South Bend, Indiana. In his last three years on the trial bench, he also served as chief judge. He obtained his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington. In 2003, he was inducted into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows which recognizes distinguished Indiana University law school graduates. His legal career includes service as an assistant city attorney, deputy prosecuting attorney, as well as substantial time in private practice. As a trial lawyer, he was involved in over 100 jury trials and as a trial judge he presided over 190 jury and 600 bench trials. While on the Indiana Court of Appeals, he authored over 700 appellate opinions.

Since 1987, Judge Brook has taught extensively in the areas of evidence and trial advocacy. As an adjunct professor at the Notre Dame Law School, he taught both basic and advanced trial advocacy courses. In 1999, Judge Brook was appointed adjunct professor at the Indiana University Law School in Bloomington. He has taught evidence in the Indiana Bar Review Course. Active in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), he has taught advocacy in Canada, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Hong Kong and Puerto Rico.

**HON. DAVID A. ERICKSON**

*Senior Instructor and Associate Director of the Trial Advocacy Program*

**Chicago-Kent College of Law**

**Chicago, Illinois**

Judge David A. Erickson teaches evidence, criminal procedure and trial advocacy. He began teaching at Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1983 as an adjunct professor. In September 2006, he joined the full-time faculty as a senior lecturer and associate director of the school's nationally recognized Trial Advocacy Program. Under Judge Erickson's direction, Chicago-Kent teams have won numerous regional and national trial advocacy competitions.

In 2007, Judge Erickson coached the second Chicago-Kent team to win the National Trial Competition, which is recognized as the national title among law schools. Judge Erickson

also coached the first Chicago-Kent team to win the national title in 1988.

Before joining the bench, Judge Erickson started his career as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. From 1977-1983, he supervised units that prosecuted defendants accused of gang crimes, white collar crimes and other felonies. During that period, he tried more than 100 jury cases to verdict. In 1984, he left for private practice, concentrating in medical malpractice defense.

In 1988, he was appointed to the bench and served for the next nine years as a felony trial court judge and as supervising judge in the criminal courts.

In 1996, he left the bench when he was appointed first assistant state's attorney of Cook County. For the next five years, he managed a staff of more than 1,000 attorneys, overseeing the nation's second largest prosecutor's office. During his tenure, Judge Erickson created a Domestic Violence Division and a Community Prosecution Unit, while increasing the office's focus on hate crimes, crimes against children and violent crimes.

In 2001, he went back to the bench, sitting at the Juvenile Justice Center as an acting-presiding and trial judge. In 2005, he was appointed to the Appellate Court of Illinois, First District, where he served until his retirement.

Currently, in addition to teaching and coaching, Judge Erickson is a consultant to the Department of Law and Civil Rights Litigation of the city of Chicago's Corporation Counsel's office, the Chicago Police Department and the University of Chicago Hospitals.

Judge Erickson earned his B.A. degree in political science from Northern Illinois University and his J.D. degree from the John Marshall Law School. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker for the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He has been a faculty member of the National Judicial College, the University of Nevada, and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, DePaul University School of Law, The John Marshall Law School and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**STEPHEN M. EVERHART**

*Professor of Law*

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Stephen M. Everhart teaches and lectures in China and the US in the areas of evidence, clinical legal education, civil/criminal/arbitration advocacy, legal/judicial ethics and comparative US/China law and practice. As a Fulbright professor, he spent the 2004-2005 academic year in China and lectured and trained Chinese law students, academics, judges, lawyers, officials of the procuratorate and government leaders at all of the top law schools in China in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Macau, Shenzhen, Wuhan, Chengdu,

Xiamen, Shantou and Hainan. Professor Everhart helped Stetson become the number one law school in the United States in trial advocacy. He has run Stetson's civil and criminal legal practice clinics. He is a published author and the recipient of Stetson's Homer and Dolly Hand Award for outstanding faculty scholarship. He has also taught at Temple Law School in Philadelphia in the Tsinghua-Temple China LLM program where he taught lawyers, judges, police officers, law professors and prosecutors from the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) and he has also trained English barristers. Professor Everhart is a former prosecutor and criminal defense lawyer, where he handled death penalty cases. He practiced law in his own firm, Blews & Everhart, with Bill Blews, the former President of The Florida Bar and the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, in a high stakes plaintiff's trial firm handling medical malpractice, products liability and other high-end litigation. He was also appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida to the Bench as a Judge of Industrial Claims where he presided over the administrative dispute resolution of worker's compensation cases. He is also the former chair of the Criminal Law Section and the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee of the Florida Bar, a committee that works directly with the Florida Supreme Court in Rule making proceedings, and he regularly trains practicing prosecutors and public defenders for the Florida Bar. He is a member of the Tampa Bay Chinese Chamber of Commerce and he is a founding member of the Tampa Bay Asian-American Bar Association. He is married to Hanling, a Chinese educator/business-woman from Wuhan City, Hubei Province, P.R.

**ROBERTA K. FLOWERS**

*Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law*  
**Stetson University College of Law**  
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Roberta K. Flowers began her career in 1984 as a deputy district attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District of Colorado, where she served as a trial attorney in the Criminal Division. In 1989, she was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida. As an assistant U.S. attorney, Professor Flowers served as a criminal trial lawyer in the Major Crimes and Political Corruption Units. Professor Flowers is a member of the Colorado and Florida Bars, The Florida Bar Ethics Committee and Order of the Coif. Professor Flowers teaches trial advocacy, evidence and criminal procedure at Stetson University College of Law.

**JOSHUA KARTON**

*President*  
**Communication Arts for the Professional**

Joshua Karton is president of the Los Angeles firm Communication Arts For The Professional, which specializes solely in teaching litigators practical, proven comfortable methods for applying the personal communication skills, strategies and techniques of theatre/film/television to the art of advocacy. Along with Paul Luvera, Mr. Karton has served for several years as a regular faculty member of the annual Gerry Spence Trial

Lawyer's College held in Wyoming.

Mr. Karton's television writing and acting credits range from "Forever Fernwood" to "Beverly Hills 90210." Having trained as an actor at San Francisco's American Conservatory Theatre, he returned there to teach after writing/directing the film and video exhibits of Theatrical Evolution, winner of the New York Drama Desk Award.

He serves on the faculties of the University of Southern California's School of Theatre, Loyola Law School and California Western School of Law. He is the editor/creator of Bantam Books' Film Scenes for Actors series.

His acting students include recipients of Oscar™ and Emmy™ awards. As the former director of Education and co-creator of the Applied Theatre Techniques Workshops™, Mr. Karton developed its unique step-by-step system for transforming courtroom presentation into persuasion. He has designed and conducted trial advocacy programs for ATLA, JAG Corps, National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, NITA, ABA, and many trial lawyers' associations and law schools.