

SPEAKER SNAPSHOTS

JOHN MYERS

Partner, Montgomery McCracken

John has been focused in the area of higher education since he enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. He is the chair of Montgomery McCracken's Higher Education practice group. John is an experienced litigator and has, at one time or another, been at virtually every spot in the courtroom: plaintiff's lawyer, defendant's lawyer, judge pro-tempore, witness, defendant, teacher, juror, and Title IX fact-finder. And then there's the whole appellate thing: law clerk, arguer, briefer.

SIGAL BEN-PORATH

Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Sigal received her Ph.D. in political philosophy at Tel-Aviv University in 2000, after which she joined Princeton University's Center for Human Values for a post-doctorate. In 2004, Sigal moved to University of Pennsylvania where she is now a professor of Education, Philosophy and Political Science. She just published *Free Speech on Campus*. Her previous books include: *Citizenship under Fire: Democratic Education in Times of Conflict* and *Tough Choice: Structured Paternalism and the Landscape of Choice*. She has been chairing Penn's Committee on Open Expression since 2015.

PIERCE BULLER

General Counsel, Franklin & Marshall College

Pierce has been General Counsel at Franklin & Marshall College since 2014. A graduate of Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, Pierce started his career with Dilworth Paxson LLP. From 2004 to 2014, he was an Associate General Counsel at University of Pennsylvania, where he concentrated on employment matters, faculty concerns, governance, and community and institutional issues. Prior to law school, Pierce was Assistant Dean of Admissions at Hamilton College. He graduated *cum laude* from Colgate University, and has a Master's degree in Medieval History from Penn.

BILL MARIMOW

Vice President of Strategic Development , Philadelphia Media Network

Bill, a two-time Pulitzer Prize recipient, is Vice President of Strategic Development for *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* parent company, Philadelphia Media Network. Born in Philadelphia, he grew up in Havertown and joined *The Inquirer* in July 1972 as a business reporter. As a reporter at *The Inquirer*, Bill received the Pulitzer Prize for public service in 1978 for stories he wrote with a partner on criminal violence by Philadelphia police, and again in 1985, for his investigation of the police K-9 unit. His work on the bombing of the MOVE house on Osage Ave. formed the backbone of *The Inquirer's* Pulitzer Prize entry in 1986, which was a finalist in the general reporting category. In addition, Bill received two Silver Gavel Awards from the American Bar Association and two Robert F. Kennedy awards -- the first, for his work as an *Inquirer* reporter and, the second, for his work as vice president of news at National Public Radio (NPR). Bill has also served as the editor of *The Baltimore Sun* and the Vice President of News for NPR. He was Editor in Chief of *The Inquirer* from 2006 until 2010 and, again, from May 2012 until spring 2017. He is a 1969 graduate of Trinity College, and he studied First Amendment law at Harvard Law School as a Nieman Fellow in 1982-83. His wife, Diane, teaches at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and also produces her own sculpture at The Clay Studio. He has two children – Ann, a reporter at the *Washington Post*, and Scott, who is a principal at a private equity firm.

RHASHEDA DOUGLAS

Director of the Minority Student Program , Rutgers Law School

Rhasheda has been Director of the Minority Student Program on the Camden campus of Rutgers Law since 2016. Before that she was Title IX Manager at Rowan University, where she oversaw compliance, training and outreach related to Title IX, VAWA, and sex discrimination. From 2007 to 2015, Rhasheda was a team attorney, then team leader, with the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education in Philadelphia. She went there from Montgomery McCracken, where she was an associate in commercial litigation and served on the firm's Hiring and Diversity Committees. She earned her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Camden in 2002 and a B.A. in English from Boston University in 1997. Rhasheda was a "Rising Star" in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. In 2012, she was awarded the Block "R" Award for Excellence in Alumni Leadership by Rutgers University. She was also awarded the Helper and Healer award by the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey in April 2014.

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MAUREEN RUSH

Vice President for Public Safety and Superintendent of the Penn Police Department , University of Pennsylvania

Maureen came to the University of Pennsylvania in 1994 as the Director of Victim Support & Special Services and became Vice President for Public Safety and Superintendent of Penn Police in 2000. Prior to Penn, Maureen served a distinguished 18 years with the Philadelphia Police Department. She is a true trail blazer. She was one of the first 100 women police officers hired in the Philadelphia Police Department on street patrol in a court-ordered program directed by the United State Department of Justice. As a result, women are now about 25% of the Department. Maureen is a Fellow with Penn's Fox Leadership Program. She holds a M.S. degree from Penn in Organizational Dynamics. She also completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Northwestern School of Staff & Command and the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Programs. She was named to *Security Magazine's* "Most Influential People in Security" in 2015, and received the Egon Bittner Award for Excellence in Leadership of a CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Accredited Law Enforcement Agency for 15 consecutive years in 2016.

JEREMY MISHKIN

Partner, Montgomery McCracken

Jeremy is a partner at Montgomery McCracken. His practice focuses on information technology, complex commercial claims and First Amendment/media law, often in Higher Education contexts. He has represented a number of local colleges and universities. Jeremy has represented media clients both old and new, as well as software, hardware and consulting firms, in litigation and alternate dispute resolution proceedings involving privacy, defamation and obscenity issues. He has published articles concerning defamation, e-mail, cybersquatting, and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. He is Co-Chair of the Internet Law Committee of the Media Law Resource Center, and has been Chair of the Editorial Board of The Legal Intelligencer and a Litigation Section member of the ABA eCommerce and ADR Task Forces. He has previously served three terms as Chair of the Large Firm Management Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been Co-chair of its Bar/News Committee, and is a member of the editorial board of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

JASON HERNANDEZ

Immigrant Rights Attorney, Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project (RICAP), Rutgers Law School

Jason is a 2011 graduate of from Temple University's Beasley School of Law. He joined Rutgers Law School in August 2017, as the Immigrant Rights Attorney for the Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project (RICAP). RICAP offers free legal consultations and individual representation for Rutgers students and provides community immigration and know-you-rights presentations throughout New Jersey. Prior to that, Jason was Director of the Asylee Outreach Project at HIAS Pennsylvania. He has also served as co-chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He received his B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Anthropology from The College of the Holy Cross, and participated in a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps prior to moving to Philadelphia in 2008.

FRANK CHERNAK

Partner, Montgomery McCracken

Frank is chair of Montgomery McCracken's Labor and Employment practice. He is an accomplished trial lawyer whose practice has focused on the representation of employers and municipalities in discrimination, harassment, retaliation and hostile environment litigation, as well as other employment related issues. He has a J.D., cum laude from Temple University's Beasley School of Law, an M.S. from the University of Arkansas, and a B.S. from SUNY Cortland. He flew more than 10,000 hours as a navigator in the USAF Reserve, including 47 combat support missions during Desert Storm. Frank has been a "Super Lawyer" more often than not, since 2009.

PETER MCDONOUGH

Vice President and General Counsel, American Council on Education

Peter joined The American Council on Education (ACE) in January 2015. He focuses on a wide range of higher education issues, including student and faculty affairs, athletics, campus safety and security, intellectual property, compliance and institutional governance. He is one of ACE's judicial and regulatory advocates on these and other issues. Before ACE, he was Princeton University's General Counsel from 2002-14, where he was part of its Senior Management Team. He has been active in NACUA as a board member and committee chair. Prior to Princeton, he practiced as a litigator and trial lawyer at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius' New York office. He received his A.B. in Economics and J.D. from Georgetown University.