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5-7 p.m.

5:00-5:05 p.m. Welcome

*5:05 p.m. Welcome Address
Professor Anthony Flores*

*5:15 p.m. Introduction of Panel
Mr. Harold Love
Professor Lewis Langham
Professor Marla Mitchell-Cichon*

*5:25 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Editor-In-Chief Sylvonna Reed*

*5:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker
Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecuting
Attorney*

5:50 p.m. Panel Discussion

6:50 p.m. Closing Remarks

WELCOME TO THE 2021 WMU COOLEY LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM



Dear Respected Guests, Faculty, and Law Review Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the WMU Cooley Law Review Symposium. The Law Review Symposium Team and I would like to introduce ourselves as the organizers of the event. As you know, this exciting event and intellectual discussion will take place online on the evening of Thursday, March 18th, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

The Symposium is an annual event held to highlight and explore a relevant legal topic. Our goal is to have a well-rounded and educational discussion on a leading legal issue, which happens to be Qualified Immunity and Police Reform, this year.

In this Program, you'll find an agenda for the Symposium, the biographies of the Moderator, Keynote speaker and panelists, as well as how to follow and subscribe to our publication.

Thank you to our moderator, Professor Anthony Flores, for being so willing to support the WMU Cooley Law Review and our efforts. Thank you to the panelists, Professor Lewis Langham, Mr. Harold Love, and Professor Marla Mitchell-Cichon, who volunteered to support this event. Thank you to our amazing keynote speaker, Mr. Eli Savit, for his wisdom. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to our Faculty Advisor Professor Mark Cooney for your wit and for always being there. Of course, to my amazing Symposium team for giving up endless hours and giving your total commitment to making this event happen. And last, but not least, thank you to our guests for choosing to attend this event; we're forever grateful and hope you enjoyed the discussion!

Best Wishes,

Katrina R. Davis

Executive Symposium Editor
WMU Cooley Law Review

FACULTY ADVISOR PROFESSOR MARK COONEY



Professor Mark Cooney is a law professor, editor, and author. He is chair of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School's Research & Writing Department since 2011; legal-writing teacher for nearly 20 years. Professor Cooney has expertise in legal writing, appellate practice, civil litigation, legal- and medical malpractice, insurance coverage, and general tort law. Before joining the faculty, Professor Cooney spent 10 years in private practice with civil-litigation firms, defending professional-malpractice cases and other tort cases. He specialized in civil appeals, successfully briefing and arguing appeals in the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

MODERATOR PROFESSOR ANTHONY FLORES



Before coming to teach at WMU Cooley Law School, Professor Flores has been a part of the Ingham County legal community since January 1994, when he joined the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. During his tenure there, he first served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the district and circuit courts, and with the Tri-County Metro Conspiracy Task Force. Since then, he served as a Unit Chief for Child Sexual and Physical Abuse, and District Court sections of the Prosecutor's Office. Previously, he began his career in 1992 by serving as an assistant prosecuting attorney in district, circuit, and family courts for the Mecosta County Prosecutor's Office. Prior to going to law school, Professor Flores worked in television news at KMOL-NBC in San Antonio, Texas. Currently, he teaches or has taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Evidence at WMU Cooley Law School.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ELI SAVIT, WASHTENAW COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Eli Savit is a civil-rights attorney, law professor, former law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, former public-school teacher, and, now, progressive prosecutor. Prior to running for Washtenaw County Prosecutor, Mr. Savit served as the City of Detroit's senior legal counsel, where he led criminal-justice reform work for Michigan's largest city. He is a nationally recognized attorney who has led public-interest lawsuits against some of the country's toughest adversaries such as banks, the opioid industry, slumlords, and corporate polluters. During his time with the City of Detroit, he earned a reputation as a fighter who is unafraid to take on powerful interests. Eli ran on a campaign of reforming the cash bail system, and it was, in fact, one of his first policy decisions once he took office. The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office has followed that up with additional policies including no longer prosecuting the use or possession of buprenorphine, consensual sex work, or contraband cases that arise from "pretext stops." The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office has partnered with Fair Michigan—one of Michigan's leading LGBTQ+ advocacy, education, and outreach organizations—to expand the Fair Justice Michigan Project to Washtenaw County. The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office is committed to building a data-informed prosecutor's office that prioritizes equity, fairness, and harm reduction, and has established the "Prosecutor Transparency Project." The "Prosecutor Transparency Project" is the first partnership of its kind in the State of Michigan. It is geared towards taking an unflinching look at potential racial inequities in the Prosecutor's Office—and taking action to eliminate inequitable treatment.

ABOUT YOUR 2021 SYMPOSIUM PANELISTS

HAROLD LOVE



Mr. Love is a retired senior law enforcement executive with over 25 years of experience with the Michigan State Police (MSP). Love retired as Captain and commander of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. Love served as commander of the 2nd District, comprised of over 350 personnel working at multiple work sites and multi-jurisdictional special enforcement teams and units covering 6 counties throughout Metropolitan Detroit. During his career, Love served as incident commander and public information officer for many critical incidents and high profile investigations and events throughout Lower Michigan. He currently works in his private practice in Southfield, Michigan as Licensed Professional Counselor. This practice specializes in collaborating with a consortium of mental health clinicians to provide behavioral health services for public safety professionals. These services exist in the form of pre-employment psychological evaluations, critical incident stress management, crisis intervention, individual therapy, and behavioral health education.

PROFESSOR LEWIS LANGHAM



Professor Lewis Langham Jr. has expertise and teaches in the areas of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Trial Skills. Before joining WMU-Cooley in 2007, he served as deputy legal counsel and policy adviser for the office of Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. He assisted the governor's legal counsel on legal issues related to criminal justice, prisons, homeland security, and civil rights. He also served as a liaison between the governor and various interest groups and advised the governor on all policy or departmental issues related to the Michigan State Police, Department of Corrections, Homeland Security, Military & Veterans Affairs, and Civil Rights. Professor Langham formerly worked as an assistant public defender in the Washtenaw County Office of Public Defender in Ann Arbor, Mich. He also worked as a solo practitioner in Southfield, Michigan, focusing on criminal defense, estate planning, and divorce. Professor Langham was a career law enforcement officer for 25 years with the Michigan State Police, beginning as a uniformed road trooper and moving up through the department as a Detective Specialist in the Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics Section; a Detective Sergeant, Southeastern Criminal Investigation Division, Diversion Unit; a Detective Lieutenant, Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team; and Detective Lieutenant, Tobacco Products Tax Fraud Team. He was also the liaison to the United States Secret Service where he handled Presidential and Dignitary Protection Detail Assignments.

PROFESSOR MARLA MITCHELL-CICHON



Professor Mitchell-Cichon began her teaching career in 1986, following service as a public defender in Stark County, Ohio. Before joining the WMU Cooley Law School staff, she was director of the Trial Litigation Clinic for the University of Akron School of Law, worked at Case Western Reserve University Law School in Appellate Advocacy and trial practice. She also served at the University of Dayton School of Law.

Professor Mitchell-Cichon joined WMU-Cooley Law School in July 1995, teaching in the Sixty Plus, Inc., Elderlaw Clinic (1995-2008) and the WMU-Cooley Innocence Project (2002-present). Professor Mitchell-Cichon has served as the director of the WMU-Cooley Innocence Project. The project works to secure the release of factually innocent Michigan prisoners through the use of post-conviction DNA testing.

Professor Mitchell-Cichon works closely with the Access to Justice Clinic, to assist individuals with the collateral consequences related to their involvement with the criminal justice system and family courts. Professor Mitchell-Cichon has extensive practice experience in criminal and poverty law. Her litigation experience includes cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Ohio Supreme Court, the Michigan Supreme Court and trial and appellate courts in both Ohio and Michigan. She also works on legislative reform to improve the criminal justice system.

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