

2015 OAPCS Charter School Law Summit Presenters



Amy Borman

Amy Borman, an attorney with Dickinson Wright, represents private and public educational institutions, with a focus on compliance with state and federal laws. She has been a guest speaker at businesses, universities and schools throughout the United States and Europe. Borman assisted Iceland in passing a new education funding law. Her 2013 seminars included presentations on governance, school funding and finance, disabilities, seclusion and restraint, proper use of public funds, open meetings and public records and strategic use of innovative laws. She also assists businesses and educational institutions in drafting and implementing policies, including governance, employment, health and safety and university lending policies. She advises boards of education, university trustees, educational service centers, governing authorities, joint vocational districts, cooperative consortia and other public and private entities. Borman has also served as lead counsel on manufacturing plant expansions, bidding, construction design and financing. She has handled documentation and legal management of projects and restructured the internal debt of a national company.

She received a Bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University, a Master's degree from the University of Michigan and her J. D. from the University of Toledo.



Jamie Callender

Jamie Callender is a principal of The Callender Group and is the founder of the Callender Law Group LLC. He has experience in education law, municipal law, public policy, administrative rule making and governmental issues. Callender served as a state representative in the Ohio General Assembly from 1996-2004, representing Willowick and western Lake County. As chairman of the Ohio House Education Committee, Callender was an integral part of the creation of Ohio's community school laws, shepherding legislative reforms thereafter as a champion of charter schools. He was instrumental in creating 'value added' as a measurement of a child's educational progress. He also served as chairman of the Joint Committee for Agency Rules and Regulations (JCARR), vice chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and he was a member of the Ohio Civil/Commercial Law Committee.

He was appointed as Ohio's representative on the Education Commission of States and worked closely with the Bush administration and various state governors to develop the national education standards and accountability measurements. He served as a member of the Ohio State Board of Education, the Ohio Board of Regents, and helped establish the OhioReads program, on whose board he served. He has served as Chairman and President of the Ohio Association of School Authorizers (OACSA) and editor of Ohio Lawyer Magazine. Callender has been a professor of Public Policy in the Political Science Department at Kent State University since 2004, and authored the widely used college textbook, *State Government in Ohio*.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cleveland State University and a J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.



Arthur L. "Tim" Clements III

Tim Clements, an attorney with Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper, LLC, serves as outside general counsel to new and existing businesses, nonprofit organizations and charter schools in business, employment, compliance and litigation. Clements also works closely with clients to develop estate planning goals. His areas of expertise include general corporate, nonprofit organizations, charter school law, employment law, civil litigation, trust and estate planning, probate and trust administration. He has representative experience as outside general counsel for corporations, limited liability companies, nonprofit organizations, school law and commercial leases. He also handles wills, trusts and powers of attorney, along with insurance trusts, guardianships and probate and trust administration. Clements' professional and civic activities include admission to practice in the Supreme Court of Ohio, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the New York State of Appeals. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar. He is a chairman of the Suicide Prevention Education Alliance, Yale Alumni Association of Cleveland and Past President of the Chagrin Falls Educational Foundation.

Clements was Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan D.A.'s office and was Public Improvements Manager for the City of Cleveland. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and his J. D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



Amy Goodson

Amy Goodson, an attorney with Amy Goodson Co., LLC, is admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and Florida. She represents boards of directors for community schools throughout Ohio. She has nearly 10 years of experience in this area of the law, along with a background as an educator at the elementary, middle school and college level. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Akron Bar Association, where she has chaired both the solo and small-firm committee and the University of Akron Liaison Committee. Goodson holds a state certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution. She has served as a trustee of her local Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the Board of Education of the Tallmadge City Schools and has been pro bono counsel for a local veteran's affairs project.

Goodson received her Bachelor's degree in elementary and gifted education from Kent State University and her J.D. from the University of Akron School of Law. She was an editor of the Akron Law Review and a member of the Moot Court and Trial Teams. For several years she taught middle school in Mahoning County.



Maria Markakis

Maria Markakis is chair of Day Ketterer's Education Law Practice Group, concentrating her practice in the areas of general education law, special education law and related litigation. She assists clients with drafting and implementing school policies and codes of conduct as well as advising clients on student discipline issues and conducting student discipline hearings. She also advises clients on compliance with school transportation laws and on issues regarding student enrollment, including residency, admission, custody, transfers and tuition. Her focus areas also include issues arising under the No Child Left Behind Act (school report cards, adequate yearly progress and school improvement status), the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Ohio Open Meetings Law and Ohio Public Records Act. Her special education law practice involves advising clients on issues arising under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), the Americans With Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. She trains school staff on special education laws, attends IEP meetings and mediation sessions, represents clients in due process hearings and files and responds to special education complaints.

She received her Bachelor of Science in accounting from The Ohio State University and her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She received the OSU College of Business Pace Setter Award, which is awarded to the top 2 percent of business students. In 2007, she was selected for inclusion in *Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars*.



Mark Weaver

Mark Weaver is the founder of Communications Counsel. He's a communications advisor with decades of national and Ohio-based political and issue campaign experience. He has extensive experience working with public and private sector clients on crisis communications and media relations. He's counseled clients in 17 states. Prior to founding the firm, he was the Deputy Attorney General of Ohio, where he was responsible for crisis management, strategic counseling and all communications. He also served on the Attorney General's four-member Executive Staff and acted as a senior policy advisor and chief spokesman. While there, he co-authored a National Association of Attorney Generals' *Management Study on Communications Management* in five different state attorney general offices.

His past professional assignments include serving as the Assistant Director of Public Affairs for the U.S Department of Justice, Public Information Director for a large Pennsylvania municipality and Vice President of a national communications firm in Washington, D.C. Weaver has presented for the Jo Ann Davidson Leadership Institute, the Ann Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series, the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Bar Association, Ohio University and the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He received his J.D. from the Delaware Law School of Widener University. In 2004, the University of Akron awarded Weaver with an honorary degree in Applied Politics. In 2012, Weaver was named Distinguished Chair of that university's Bliss Institute of Applied Politics. His op-ed writing has been featured in major U.S. newspapers and he has been interviewed by national media outlets including 60 Minutes, Nightline, ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, MSNBC, CNN, FOX News, NPR, BBC, USA Today, Newsweek, Time, the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Associated Press and Reuters.



Chad Readler

Chad Readler is a partner at the global law firm Jones Day, primarily focused on civil, criminal and constitutional matters, with an emphasis on appellate litigation. Readler received his J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan.

Before the U.S. Supreme Court, he has successfully assisted in representing clients in matters involving preemption, the First Amendment, the death penalty and Congress' power under the Fourteenth Amendment. He recently prevailed in the Ohio Supreme Court on behalf of the Cleveland Clinic, as well as in a separate matter where he defended the constitutionality of Ohio's public charter school system.

Readler was named a 2009 recipient of the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship awarded by the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). He has served in all three branches of Ohio government in appointed capacities.