



CHARLOTTE E. RAY LECTURE



WHITE COLLAR CRIME CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Damon J. Keith Moot Court Room

**The Lecture will be followed by
a reception in the Dining Hall**

ABOUT CHARLOTTE E. RAY

Charlotte E. Ray was a trailblazer with many achievements and was used as a precedent by women all over the country who sought admission to the bar. Ms. Ray was the first Black woman to graduate law school on February 27, 1872, and the first Black woman admitted to practice law in the United States on March 2, 1872. She was also the first woman admitted to the District of Columbia Bar, and on April 23, 1872, she became the first woman admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Ms. Ray was born in New York City on January 13, 1850. She was the daughter of Reverend Charles Bennett Ray, a prominent abolitionist and minister. Ms. Ray received her degree in 1869 from the Institution for the Education of Colored Youth (now known as the University of District of Columbia). In 1869, Ms. Ray taught in the Normal and Preparatory Department at Howard University. During her first year of teaching, she enrolled in Howard University School of Law, where she graduated in 1872. As a practicing attorney, Ms. Ray owned an independent practice specializing in commercial law, soliciting business through newspaper advertisements in DC.

Ms. Ray's most well-known case was her representation of a woman named Martha Gadley, who was petitioning for divorce from her abusive husband. When Mrs. Gadley's petition was denied in 1875, Ms. Ray agreed to take the case on appeal to the District of Columbia's Supreme Court. Her zealous advocacy convinced the D.C. Supreme Court to overturn the lower court's ruling by arguing that the husband's habitual drunkenness and extreme violence endangered Mrs. Gadley's life and entitled her to a divorce. This case marked a monumental victory in American history. This was the first time a woman practiced, argued, and successfully secured a favorable ruling in the District of Columbia's Supreme Court.

Despite Ms. Ray being described as eloquent, authoritative, and an expert lawyer in corporations and commercial law, she could not sustain herself with a legal career because she couldn't maintain a steady client flow due to gender and racial discrimination. Ms. Ray eventually left her practice in Washington, D.C., to return to teaching in Brooklyn. Ms. Ray was active in the Woman's Suffrage Association and the National Association of Colored Women. Ms. Ray died on January 4, 1911, in Woodside, Long Island.

Program Agenda

12:00 PM – 12:05 PM

**Introduction of the Conference and Dean Holley
Ismail "Izzy" Ramsey and Benjamin F. Wilson**

12:05 PM – 12:10 PM

**Welcome Remarks
Dean Danielle R. Holley**

12:10 PM – 12:30 PM

**Keynote Address
AAG Kenneth A. Polite Jr.**

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**How I Got Here: Prosecutorial Attitudes,
Perspectives, and Priorities
Panelists: Vanessa Roberts Avery, Stephanie
Hinds, Breon Peace, Kenneth A. Polite Jr., and
Damian Williams**

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Coffee Break + Meet and Greet with Students

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Emerging Issues in White Collar Crime
Panelists: Kevin Chambers, Anna Kaminska, Kevin
Mosley, Kamil Shields, and Leo Tsao**

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Coffee Break

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

**Corporate Investigations and Resolutions
Panelists: Sandra Hanna, Lorinda Laryea, Adrian
Mebane, Preston Pugh, Alex Rene, and Tony West**

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

**Closing Remarks
Lisa Miller and Steve Solow**

ABOUT THE LECTURE

Thank you for joining the First Annual Charlotte E. Ray Lecture. The Lecture was created to honor the legacy of Charlotte E. Ray. Her drive to become an attorney helped open the door for female attorneys nationwide. This event also seeks to connect the Howard Law School Community with current and former government attorneys through a discussion about emerging issues in corporate criminal enforcement. The attorneys who have joined us will bring their knowledge and perspective regarding this fascinating area of practice. Students will get a glimpse of what it is like to serve as a federal prosecutor and the ways the government approaches complex corporate investigations and prosecutions. We hope this event helps a broader audience appreciate Charlotte E. Ray, furthers the dialogue on corporate enforcement and compliance, and provides insight and inspiration for the next generation of attorneys.

DANIELLE R. HOLLEY

Dean of Howard University School of Law

Dean Holley is a scholar of education law and civil rights and an expert on diversity in the legal profession and higher education. Dean Holley joined Howard University School of Law in 2014 as the dean and professor of law. Her scholarship focuses on the governance of public schools, increasing access to higher education, and diversity in the legal profession. Prior to her career in academia, Dean Holley practiced civil litigation at Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston, Texas, and was a law clerk to Judge Carl E. Stewart on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.



ISMAIL "IZZY" RAMSEY

U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California

Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney on March 23, 2023, Mr. Ramsey was a founding partner of Ramsey & Ehrlich LLP in Berkeley, California, where he worked since 2006. Mr. Ramsey previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California from 1999 to 2003. From 1997 to 1999 and from 2003 to 2005, he was an associate at Kecker & Van Nest LLP in San Francisco, California. Mr. Ramsey served as a law clerk for then-Chief Judge Harry T. Edwards on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1996 to 1997. Mr. Ramsey is also a veteran of the United States Air Force.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



KENNETH A. POLITE JR.

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Mr. Polite supervises more than 600 federal prosecutors who conduct investigations and prosecutions involving organized and transnational crime, gang violence, securities fraud, health care fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, public corruption, human rights violations and other crimes, as well as matters involving international affairs and sensitive law enforcement techniques. Prior to his current role as Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Mr. Polite also served as a partner at a large international law firm in Philadelphia, where his practice focused on counseling executives and corporate management on complex and sensitive issues and handling internal and government investigations, white collar criminal defense, commercial litigation, appellate advocacy, and corporate compliance and governance, particularly in the energy and healthcare sectors. Before that, Mr. Polite served as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for a Fortune 500 company headquartered in New Orleans, where he led the Ethics and Compliance Department, with responsibility for fostering a culture of integrity and compliance with the company's code of conduct. During the Obama/Biden Administration, Mr. Polite served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans, where he championed prevention, reentry, and enforcement in improving public safety from 2013 to 2017.

In 2007, Mr. Polite began his public service career as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he prosecuted a broad range of federal offenses, including organized crime, public corruption, healthcare fraud, and identity theft. Mr. Polite clerked for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his A.B. from Harvard University.

MEET OUR PANELISTS



VANESSA ROBERTS AVERY

U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut

President Joe Biden nominated Ms. Avery to serve as U.S. Attorney on January 26, 2022. Prior to her appointment as U.S. Attorney, Ms. Avery served as the Associate Attorney General and Chief of the Division of Enforcement and Public Protection at the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General. From January 2019 to April 2022, Ms. Avery led the affirmative litigation and investigations on behalf of the State of Connecticut in the areas of antitrust, opioids, government program fraud, consumer protection, child protection, environment, energy, finance, privacy and cybersecurity, and civil rights. From 2014 to 2019, Ms. Avery was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division in the District of Connecticut, prosecuting a variety of complex civil fraud cases.



KEVIN CHAMBERS

Partner, Latham & Watkins

Mr. Chambers represents clients in high-stakes white collar, securities, and professional liability matters. Mr. Chambers draws on extensive senior government experience to help individuals, public and private companies, and corporate committees navigate criminal and civil litigation, internal investigations, and government inquiries. Most recently, Mr. Chambers served at the US Department of Justice (DOJ) as Director for COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement and Associate Deputy Attorney General.



SANDRA HANNA

Member, Miller & Chevalier

Ms. Hanna leads her firm's Securities Enforcement practice, where she represents public companies, regulated entities, boards of directors, audit committees, auditors, and individuals in investigations and proceedings by various federal and international law enforcement agencies, including those where the matter was initiated by purported whistleblower allegations. Ms. Hanna is also experienced in leading SEC and DOJ appointed Independent Corporate Monitor teams, or as appointed counsel to the Monitor, in connection with settled SEC enforcement matters and DOJ Deferred Prosecution Agreements.



STEPHANIE HINDS

First Assistant United States Attorney

Ms. Hinds is the former United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, appointed by Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on December 26, 2021, and by Chief District Judge Richard Seeborg on April 25, 2022. Ms. Hinds has been a prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for 27 years. Before serving as an U.S. Attorney, Ms. Hinds served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Deputy Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces national program in Washington D.C. from 2019 – 2020.



ANNA KAMINSKA

Principal Assistant Chief, Market Integrity & Major Frauds

Prior to her current role, Ms. Kaminska served as an Assistant Deputy Chief overseeing the Unit's securities-fraud matters. Ms. Kaminska's cases have focused on complex financial fraud, including accounting fraud at publicly traded companies, insider trading, and sophisticated investment schemes. Before joining the Department of Justice in 2013, Ms. Kaminska practiced law at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York, where she handled white-collar investigations and appellate work, and clerked for the Hon. Roger Miner of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.



LORINDA LARYEA

Principal Deputy Chief, Fraud Section, Criminal Division

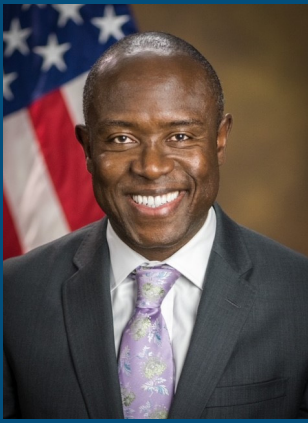
Ms. Laryea has worked in the Fraud Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division since 2014 and is currently the Section's Principal Deputy Chief. In her current role, Ms. Laryea supervises the investigation and resolution of complex white-collar cases with corporations and individuals. Ms. Laryea was previously the Acting Chief of the Fraud Section and the Principal Assistant Deputy Chief, an Assistant Chief, and a Trial Attorney in the Fraud Section's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") Unit. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Laryea clerked on the District Court for the District of Columbia and worked at a law firm in Washington, D.C.



ADRIAN MEBANE

Chief Risk Officer, AmeriHealth Caritas

Mr. Mebane, a Howard Law alum, oversees AmeriHealth Caritas' risk and compliance function, including enterprise risk management, corporate compliance, internal audit, privacy, and payment integrity. Mr. Mebane's exceptional career includes roles as a consultant, general counsel and executive, and a state and federal prosecutor. In his early career, Mr. Mebane practiced corporate law in D.C., representing clients in highly regulated industries. He also spent five years with the Department of Justice, Fraud Section as a trial lawyer prosecuting fraud and corruption, among other criminal offenses.



KEVIN MOSLEY

Deputy Director, National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Team, Criminal Division

Mr. Mosley is a Senior Trial Attorney in the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section in the DOJ Criminal Division. As a member of the Section's Bank Integrity Unit, Mr. Mosley investigates and prosecutes individuals and institutions involved in criminal activity that poses a threat to the U.S. financial system, including money laundering, sanctions violations, fraud, and violations of the Bank Secrecy Act and related regulations. Mr. Mosley is also a Deputy Director of the Criminal Division's National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Team, which has been established to identify, investigate, support, and pursue the department's cases involving the criminal use of digital assets, with a particular focus on virtual currency exchanges, mixing and tumbling services, infrastructure providers, and other entities that are enabling the misuse of cryptocurrency and related technologies to commit or facilitate criminal activity.



BREON PEACE

U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York

Mr. Peace was appointed by President Biden in 2021. Mr. Peace leads an office that is responsible for all federal criminal and civil cases in a district comprised of more than 8 million people in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, and in Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Peace was a partner in the New York office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP and was a member of the firm's White-Collar Defense & Investigations and Litigation Groups from 2007 to 2021.



PRESTON PUGH

Partner, Crowell & Moring

Mr. Pugh has extensive experience in internal and government investigations, often stemming from high stakes whistleblower complaints, both domestic and international. He co-leads Crowell's False Claims Act Practice, its Whistleblower and Workplace Investigations working group, and its ESG Group. Apart from compliance and governance, Mr. Pugh is a first chair trial and appellate lawyer, and he has successfully tried many cases to juries as lead counsel, and has argued several more appeals in the federal courts of appeals. Mr. Pugh is also a former Assistant US Attorney, compliance monitor and head of investigations for GE Healthcare.



ALEX RENE

Partner, Ropes & Gray

Mr. Rene has extensive experience representing corporate entities and their executives in connection with litigation and investigations arising out of white collar criminal prosecutions, grand jury investigations, criminal antitrust investigations, and corporate compliance matters. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Rene served as a prosecutor in the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and a Trial Attorney in the DOJ's Criminal Division, Fraud Section.



KAMIL SHIELDS

Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell

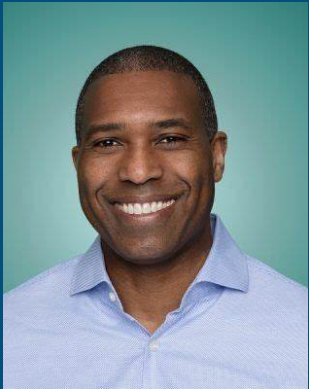
Ms. Shields practice focuses on investigations and regulatory enforcement proceedings involving cybercrime matters, public corruption, and bank and wire fraud. Ms. Shields also worked for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in both the Cyber Crime and Fraud and Public Corruption sections. She is also a member of The Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court, an invitation-only professional organization devoted to advancing the practice of white collar criminal prosecution and defense.



LEO TSAO

Partner, Paul Hastings

Mr. Tsao is a partner at Paul Hastings, where he is a member of the Investigations and White Collar Defense and Fintech & Payments practice groups. Mr. Tsao's practice focuses on internal corporate investigations, defense of criminal and regulatory enforcement actions, and compliance counseling. Before joining Paul Hastings, Mr. Tsao spent 15 years at the DOJ, where he held several senior positions, including Principal Deputy Chief of the DOJ's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section ("MLARS") and Chief of MLARS's Bank Integrity Unit. Before MLARS, Mr. Tsao spent three years as an Assistant Deputy Chief in the Fraud Section's FCPA Unit, where he led or supervised more than 50 FCPA investigations and resolutions across numerous industries. Mr. Tsao also spent eight years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.



TONY WEST

Chief Legal Officer, Uber

Mr. West is Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary at Uber, leading the company's global Legal, Compliance and Ethics, and Security functions. Before joining Uber, Mr. West was Executive Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at PepsiCo. Mr. West was twice confirmed by the Senate to serve as a senior official in the Obama administration. From 2012 to 2014, Mr. West was the Associate Attorney General of the United States, the US Department of Justice's third-ranking official, and from 2009 to 2012, Mr. West was the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division.



DAMIAN WILLIAMS

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York

Mr. Williams was nominated by President Biden in August 2021. Mr. Williams is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the Southern District that encompasses the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx in New York City, along with Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Westchester counties. Mr. Williams supervises the investigation and prosecution of all federal crimes and the litigation of all civil matters in which the United States has an interest. Prior to his current role, Mr. Williams served as Chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force in the Southern District of New York.



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