

SPEAKERS' BIOS 2022

Dr. Robert Bitonte, M.D., J.D., is a physician specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation and brain injury medicine and an attorney. He has served as President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, President of the California Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and President of the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability.

Dr. Stuart Bussey, M.D., J.D. is a practicing family physician and an attorney. For the past 17 years, he has been the President of the Union of American Physicians and Dentists, the largest physician's union in this country.

Prof. Mark Hall, J.D. is one of the nation's leading scholars in the areas of health care law, public policy, and bioethics. The author or editor of twenty books, including *Making Medical Spending Decisions* (Oxford University Press), and *Health Care Law and Ethics* (Aspen), he is currently engaged in research in the areas of health care reform, access to care by the uninsured, and insurance regulation. Professor Hall has published scholarship in the law reviews at Berkeley, Chicago, Duke, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Stanford, and his articles have been reprinted in a dozen casebooks and anthologies. He also teaches in the University's Graduate Programs for Bioethics and its MBA program, and he is on the research faculty at the Medical School. Professor Hall regularly consults with government officials, foundations and think tanks about health care public policy issues.

Prof. Milan Markovic, J.D. is a Professor of Law, Presidential Impact Fellow, and a Co-Convener of the Program in law and Social Science at Texas A&M University School of Law, where he teaches professional responsibility, business associations, international business transactions and a business law seminar. Professor Markovic's research focuses on the duties of lawyers and judges in transitional contexts and examines the future of the legal profession. Professor Markovic is widely recognized for his work on the use of technology in the legal profession, including in access to justice initiatives and in relation to the potential for technological job displacement in the legal profession. Professor Markovic served as the School of Law's Associate Dean for Assessment, Strategic Analysis, and Reporting from Fall 2016- Spring 2019 and as the Robert W. Foster Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law during the spring 2021 semester. Prior to joining Texas A&M, Professor Markovic practiced law in New York City with Sidley Austin LLP and Baker Hostetler LLP and clerked for the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in the Hague, Netherlands. He is a graduate of Columbia University, New York University, and Georgetown University Law Center.

Prof. Maxwell J. Mehlman, J.D. is Distinguished University Professor, Arthur E. Petersilge Professor of Law and Director of the Law-Medicine Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and Professor of Biomedical Ethics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He received his JD from Yale Law School in 1975, and holds two bachelors degrees, one from Reed College and one from Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. Prior to joining the Case Western Reserve faculty in 1984, Professor Mehlman practiced law with Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C., where he specialized in federal regulation of health care and medical technology. He is the co-author of *Access to the Genome: The Challenge to Equality*; co-editor, with Tom Murray, of the *Encyclopedia of Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in Biotechnology*; co-

author of *Genetics: Ethics, Law and Policy*, the first casebook on genetics and law, now in its fourth edition; and author of *Wondergenes: Genetic Enhancement and the Future of Society*, published in 2003 by the Indiana University Press; *The Price of Perfection: Individualism and Society in the Era of Biomedical Enhancement*, published in 2009 by the Johns Hopkins University Press; and *Transhumanist Dreams and Dystopian Nightmares: The Promise and Peril of Genetic Engineering*, published in 2012 by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Ms. Sarah E. Scher, J.D. is chief executive officer of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP) and of the Mutual Protection Trust (MPT). Ms. Scher who has an extensive leadership background in healthcare, law, patient safety, risk management, captive insurance, and medical professional liability, directs all CAP businesses – MPT and the CAP Assurance Risk Purchasing Group – which provide access to superior medical professional liability protection, patient safety education, and risk management services. Prior to joining CAP in 2015, Ms. Scher was corporate vice president of risk management and insurance, president of the Advocate Physician Partners Risk Purchasing Group, and chair of Advocate Insurance SPC for Chicago-based Advocate Health Care, Illinois' largest health system.

AUDIENCE EXPERTS

Ms. Lisa M. Barrett, J.D. is the Deputy Chief Legal Officer and Director of Litigation for the Cleveland Clinic. Prior to this role, Ms. Barrett served as the General Counsel for Akron General Medical Center (2016-19) and Senior Counsel in the Cleveland Clinic Law Department (2009 -2016) where her duties included providing legal advice to the Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals on matters involving survey and accreditation, medical staff per review, compliance, healthcare regulatory issues and law enforcement issues. Before coming to the Cleveland Clinic, Ms. Barrett was a partner in a litigation firm of Norchi, Barrett and Forbes where she specialized in medical malpractice defense, employment and higher education litigation representing area hospitals and universities. Ms. Barrett began her career as the Chief Prosecutor and Assistant Law Director for the City of Shaker Heights and is a graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Law.

Dr. Michael Couris, M.D. is a native of Kingston, New York and a 1988 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with an SB in Biology. He attended the Georgetown University School of Medicine on a US Navy Health Professions Scholarship and graduated in 1992. Dr. Couris completed an internship in General Surgery and an ophthalmology residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego with intervening training as a US Naval Flight Surgeon and deployment with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard *USS Peleliu* (LHA-5) and in Kuwait supporting Operation Southern Watch. Dr. Couris finished his Navy career in Portsmouth, VA and returned to San Diego where he opened his 21 year-old private practice at Vision Care and Correction of San Diego, offering comprehensive ophthalmic services with an emphasis on premium vision correction procedures. Dr. Couris has served in various leadership roles in California organized medicine and currently serves as the CFO of Mercy Physicians Medical Group and as President of Scripps Mercy Physician Partners. He also serves as the Chair of the Cooperative of American Physicians Political Action Committee and is Vice President of the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Couris is a director of Fremon Scientific and volunteers with the Resthaven Children's Fund. He is a trustee of St. Innocent's Orphanage in Rosarito, Mexico.

Dr. Ken Frisof, M.D. is a retired family physician in Cleveland. In his first dozen years, he was an academic family medicine leader at Wayne State University in Detroit and at MetroHealth Hospital in Cleveland. For the past three decades, in addition to part-time practice, he has been an advocate for health care justice, especially universal health care. He has created a number of state and national organizations, some of which are still active. His current primary project is a principles-based communications strategy. USA Health Care – Universal, Simple, Affordable – has been shown to be broadly popular, easy to understand, and easy to remember.

Prof. Frederic W. Hafferty, Ph.D. is Professor of Medical Education, Associate Director of the Program for Professionalism & Values, and Associate Dean for Professionalism, College of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic. He received his undergraduate degree in Social Relations from Harvard in 1969 and his Ph.D. in Medical Sociology from Yale in 1976. He is the author of "Into the Valley: Death and the Socialization of Medical Students" (Yale University Press); "The Changing Medical Profession: An International Perspective" (Oxford University Press), with John McKinlay; "Sociology and Complexity Science: A New Field of Inquiry" (Springer) with Brian Castellani, "The Hidden Curriculum in Health Professions Education" (Dartmouth College Press) with Joseph O'Donnell, "Understanding Professionalism" (Lange) with Wendy Levinson, Katherine Lucy, and Shiphra Ginsburg and "Place and Health as Complex Systems: A Case study and Empirical Test " (Springer) with Brian Castellani, Rajeev Rajaram, J. Galen Buckwalter and Michael Ball. He is past chair of the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. He currently sits on both the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) standing committee on Ethics and Professionalism, ABMS Professionalism Task Force, and the ABMS Stakeholder Council, and on the editorial board of Academic Medicine. Research focuses on the evolution of medicine's' professionalism movement, mapping social networks within medical education, the application of complexity theory to medical training, issues of medical socialization, and disability studies.

Dr. Michael M. Lederman, M.D. is Professor of Medicine (emeritus) at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals/Cleveland Medical Center where he is also Professor of Pathology, Microbiology/Molecular Biology and Biomedical Ethics. He received his medical degree from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and trained in Internal Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals of Cleveland and the VA Medical Center where he served as chief resident in Medicine. He completed fellowship training in Infectious Diseases, received post-doctoral training in cellular immunology in the laboratory of Dr. Jerrold Ellner and joined the faculty at CWRU in 1980. Dr. Lederman has been engaged in HIV/AIDS research since 1982. He established the Special Immunology Unit (HIV clinic) at CWRU in 1985 and the NIH funded AIDS Clinical Trials Unit at CWRU in 1987. He is author of more than 400 peer reviewed research publications. He has been elected to the Association of American Physicians (AAP) and is a fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Academy of Microbiology and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA). He is editor in chief of Pathogens and Immunity.

Ms. Elisabeth Rosenthal, M.D. Editor-in-Chief, joined KHN in September 2016 after 22 years as a correspondent with The New York Times, where she covered a variety of beats from health care to environment and did a stint in the Beijing bureau. While in China, she covered SARS, bird flu and

the emergence of HIV/AIDS in rural areas. Libby's 2013-14 series, "Paying Till It Hurts," won many prizes for both health reporting and its creative use of digital tools. Her book, "An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back" (Penguin Random House, 2017), was a New York Times best-seller and a Washington Post notable book of the year. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Medical School and briefly practiced medicine in a New York City emergency room before converting to journalism.

Prof. J.B. Silvers, Ph.D is Professor of Health Care Finance and professor of banking and finance at Weatherhead School of Management with a joint appointment in the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. His research in the areas of financial management and health services has been published in numerous journals including the JOURNAL OF FINANCE, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, MEDICAL CARE, ANNALS OF FAMILY MEDICINE, and the JOURNAL OF BUSINESS RESEARCH, among others. Silvers contributes commentary to public radio's Marketplace frequently and other national & local print and broadcast media including the New York Times, Business Insider and MarketWatch.

Professionally, Professor Silvers has testified to Congress, several state legislatures, federal and state courts. He has also served on committees at the National Academies and several national and state commissions. Until recently, he was a board member (12 years) and treasurer of the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (TJC/JCAHO) and a board member of SummaCare Insurance Company (14 years). For seven years Silvers was a commissioner on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (now MedPAC) advising Congress on Medicare payment. From 1997 to 2000, while on leave, he served as President and CEO of QualChoice Health Plan and Insurance Company, a subsidiary of University Hospitals of Cleveland. He currently is vice chair of the board at MetroHealth Medical Center. At Weatherhead, he has served as Department Chair, Senior Associate Dean and Interim Dean.

Professor Silvers earned a Ph.D in finance from Stanford University, a M.S. in Industrial Management and a B.S. in Engineering Science from Purdue University. He has been a faculty member at Case Western Reserve University since 1979 after prior appointments at Stanford, Harvard and Indiana.

Ms. Mary Lou Smith, J.D., MBA is a Co-founder of the Research Advocacy Network. She is a two-time breast cancer survivor and an ovarian and colon cancer survivor and serves as Chair of the ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Advocates Committee. She also serves on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment Guidelines Committees. She is a member of the Mayo Breast SPORE and the NCI Breast Cancer Steering Committee. Mary Lou serves on the Board of Gateway for Cancer Research. She was a community member of the Rush University Medical Center Institutional Review Board for 10 years. Mary Lou is past president of Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization and has served on the Cancer Leadership Council and the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Board of Directors.

Mary Lou has worked in health care for over 20 years in both hospital administration and consulting. She was involved in the development of numerous managed care products for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, including a Pediatric Cancer Network. Mary Lou has a Juris Doctorate with a Health Law Certification and a master's degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Daniel B. Wolfson, MHA is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation, a not-for-profit focused on advancing medical professionalism and physician leadership to improve the health care system. Mr. Wolfson leads the Foundation's *Building Trust* agenda, which includes a variety of activities designed to increase organizational trust, promote the imperative of trusting science and facts, and increase equity and reduce systemic racism in the U.S. health care system. Mr. Wolfson also leads the *Choosing Wisely*[®] campaign, a multi-year effort that has engaged more than 80 specialty societies to promote conversations between clinicians and patients about utilizing the most appropriate tests and treatments and avoiding care that may be unnecessary and could cause harm.

Mr. Wolfson was previously the President and CEO of the Alliance of Community Health Plans, where he spearheaded the creation of the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS). Prior to that, he was the Director of Planning and Research at Fallon Community Health Plan. During that time, he led the product development team that launched the first Medicare risk contract.

Mr. Wolfson received his master's degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.