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The editorial board and staff of Volume 48 The University of Memphis Law Review welcome you to its annual symposium that will analyze America's opioid overdose epidemic through a “pathways” approach, recognizing that the epidemic derives from separate, dueling sources—legal and illegal. We are privileged to host such a dynamic and diverse roster of policymakers, legal scholars, and interdisciplinary practitioners who will discuss opportunities to innovate and intervene where opioids intersect with the law. By examining each event of opioid exposure along each pathway, and leveraging the law to address them, we may yet prevent further escalation of the opioid epidemic.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

8:00 Registration and Breakfast | Atrium

8:30 Welcome Remarks | Wade Auditorium
Peter V. Letsou, Dean, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
Andrew McClurg, Herff Chair of Excellence in Law and Faculty Advisory to the University of Memphis Law Review
George S. Scoville III, M.P.P., Editor-in-Chief, Volume 48 The University of Memphis Law Review
Rachel E. Barenie, Pharm.D., Symposium Editor, Volume 48 The University of Memphis Law Review

8:40 Legal Pathway: Harnessing the Pharmaceutical Industry | Wade Auditorium
Michael J. Malinowski, J.D., Ernest R. and Iris M. Eldred Professor of Law and Lawrence B. Sandoz Jr. Professor of Law, Louisiana State University Paul M Hebert Law Center

9:10 Legal Pathway: Healthcare Provider Panel | Wade Auditorium
Katherine Steuer, J.D., Senior Associate Counsel, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Inc.
Dakasha Winton, J.D., Chief Government Relations Officer and Senior Vice President, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
Shawn M. Hamm, M.D., M.B.A., University of Tennessee Center for Addiction Medicine
Cassandra Howard, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital Germantown. Colonel and Senior Medical Officer, Tennessee Air National Guard

9:55 Break | Atrium

10:05 Legal Pathway: A “Warm Handoff” Policy Proposal | Wade Auditorium
Michael C. Barnes, J.D., M.A., Managing Partner, DCBA Law & Policy; Founder, Center for Lawful Access and Abuse Deterrence; Advisory Board Member, National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit

10:35 Legal Pathway: The Helper Therapy Principle | Wade Auditorium
Stefan J. Padfield, J.D., Professor of Law, University of Akron School of Law School
Maria E. Pagano, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Principal Investigator. Helping Others Live Sober Research Project

11:15 Break | Atrium

11:20 Legal Pathway: A Patient’s Perspective | Wade Auditorium
A practicing Memphis lawyer recovering from heroin addiction will share his story.

12:00 Lunch | Student Lounge

1:00 Illegal Pathway: Current Tennessee Trends in Drug Use and Abuse | Wade Auditorium
Thomas N. Farmer, Special Agent and Director of the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force. Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

1:30 Illegal Pathway: Drug Imports, Smuggling, and Distribution | Wade Auditorium
Joseph Rannazzisi, BPharm., J.D., President, Due Diligence Compliance; Former Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration. United States Department of Justice

2:00 Break | Atrium

2:10 Illegal Pathway: The (Limited) Role of the Criminal Justice System | Wade Auditorium
Julie Warren, J.D., State Director, Tennessee/Kentucky. Right on Crime. Senior Fellow for Criminal Justice. Beacon Center of Tennessee

2:40 Public Health Perspective | Wade Auditorium
Melissa McPheeters, Ph.D., M.P.H., Assistant Commissioner and Director. Public Health Informatics and Analytics, Tennessee Department of Health. Director. Evidence-based Practice Center. Vanderbilt University Department of Health Policy
Mary K. Bratton, J.D., Chief Deputy General Counsel, Tennessee Department of Health Office of General Counsel

3:20 Break | Atrium

3:30 The Role of Pressure Groups: Empowering the Individual to Effectuate Change | Wade Auditorium
Taleed El-Sabawi, J.D., Ph.D. candidate, The Ohio State University College of Public Health

4:00 The Opioid Epidemic: Questions & Discussion | Wade Auditorium
An open panel discussion involving all of the speakers that welcomes audience questions/comments

4:30 Closing Remarks | Wade Auditorium
Rachel E. Barenie, Pharm.D., Symposium Editor, Volume 48 The University of Memphis Law Review

4:35 Reception | Atrium