

Foreword and Acknowledgements

THE “PATHWAYS” CONCEPT

On March 16, 2018, Volume 48 *The University of Memphis Law Review* hosted its annual symposium, *The American Addiction: Pathways to Address the Opioid Crisis*, at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.¹ The symposium analyzed America’s opioid overdose epidemic through a “pathways” approach. Each pathway recognized that the epidemic derives from separate, dueling sources—legal and illegal—and demonstrated opportunities to innovate and intervene where opioids intersect with the law. The legal pathway explored issues relating to pharmaceutical manufacturing, healthcare providers, payers, and patients. The illegal pathway explored legal issues relating to drug imports, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system. The symposium culminated by addressing issues in the public health sphere. The event was designed to empower attendees to channel their passion for change into meaningful legal and policy vehicles because, no matter the source, the epidemic is costing the ultimate price for too many—life.

2018 SYMPOSIUM CONTRIBUTORS

A diverse and dynamic roster of interdisciplinary scholars, policymakers, and practitioners examined events of opioid exposure

1. To watch symposium presentations, see generally Memphis Law Review, *The American Addiction: Pathways to Address the Opioid Crisis*, YOUTUBE (May 20, 2018), https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKc2iehNN29NDxbfXXmeh_LHhkfZowp-Q. Separately, the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Librarians compiled a static page of useful resources on opioid addiction and treatment on the University of Memphis website. See generally Cecil C. Humphreys Sch. of Law Library, *Law Review Symposium 2018: Basics*, UNIV. OF MEM., <http://libguides.law.memphis.edu/symposium2018> (last updated Mar. 18, 2018).

along each pathway and discussed how to leverage the law to prevent further escalation of the opioid epidemic:

- The Honorable William E. Haslam, 49th Governor of Tennessee
- 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
- 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 Addiction Medicine
- Cassandra Howard, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital Germantown; Colonel and Senior Medical Officer, Tennessee Air National Guard
- 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
- 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
- James D. Duckworth, J.D., Associate, Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C.
- Thomas N. Farmer, Special Agent and Director of the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
- Joseph Rannazzisi, B.Pharm., J.D., President, Due Diligence Compliance; Former Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice
- Julie A. Warren, J.D., State Director, Tennessee/Kentucky, Right on Crime; Senior Fellow for Criminal Justice, Beacon Center of Tennessee

- 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 of the Tennessee Department of Health, Office of General Counsel
- Taled El-Sabawi, J.D., Ph.D. candidate, The Ohio State University College of Public Health

OUR THANKS

With over 350 registrations, *The American Addiction: Pathways to Address the Opioid Crisis* was the largest law review symposium in the University of Memphis's history. Thanks to the generosity of several benefactors, no attendee paid a registration or continuing education fee.² *The University of Memphis Law Review* sincerely appreciates the generosity of:

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2. The event was approved for 6.34 hours of CLE credit by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education, 6.5 hours of American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 CreditsTM, and 7 Certified in Public Health credits by the National Board of Public Health Examiners.

These organizations' support enabled a seamless event and provided an unparalleled symposium experience for contributors and attendees alike.

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