Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
Medical-Legal Implications in Civilian and Military Contexts

~About Today’s Faculty ~

Stacy Condie is a unit manager for Justice Related Services under the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, where she serves as an advocate for individuals with behavioral health needs who become involved with the criminal justice system. She received her B.A. in criminology and pre-law from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her M.S. in legal studies from California University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Condie has dedicated the past 10 years to working in behavioral health, jail and prison diversion, community and residential case management, crisis intervention and the criminal justice system. She is also driven to help educate others on these topics, having presented in such training forums as the National Association of Case Management Conference; Forensic Rights and Treatment; Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections; and Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association conferences.

Daniel W. Kunz is a practicing attorney and adjunct professor at Duquesne University School of Law, where he has been teaching since 2003. Currently, he supervises the award-winning Veterans Clinic, named among the Top 15 most innovative clinics by preLaw magazine. Mr. Kunz sits on several boards and committees across Western Pennsylvania including as president of the board of directors of the Foundation of Hope and as chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Sports Law Committee. A former certified contract advisor for the National Football Players Association, he also serves as a Mental Health First Aid trainer. Mr. Kunz is a frequent guest lecturer and public speaker, appearing on local television and radio stations discussing issues involving veterans, athletes, mental health and substance abuse. He was the recipient of the 2013 Saint Vincent College’s Young Alumni of Distinction Award. Mr. Kunz received his B.S. in management from Saint Vincent College, his MBA from Duquesne University’s John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business, and his J.D. from the Duquesne University School of Law.

Keather Likins is the veterans justice outreach specialist at the Veteran’s Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System. He is currently responsible for Veterans Justice Outreach in 13 counties in Western Pennsylvania, the northern panhandle of West Virginia and southeastern Ohio. Mr. Likins also serves as a member of the Social Work Clinical Practice Council at VA-Pittsburgh. He served in the United States Navy from 1988 to 1995, most notably in two tours in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Mr. Likins received his B.A. in psychology in 2002 from the University of Louisville and continued on with his education at the university’s Kent School of Social Work, where he received his M.S. in social work in 2004. Prior to joining VA-Pittsburgh, he worked in various locations in Kentucky and Western Pennsylvania in the field of psychiatric and substance abuse in assessment and therapeutic settings. Mr. Likins has worked in the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program as the homeless outreach coordinator at VA-Pittsburgh since February 2010, and assumed his current duties in March 2011.

Michael V. Quatrini represents injured workers and veterans in claims for workers’ compensation, veterans’ disability compensation, and social security disability/Supplemental Security Income. He received his B.A. from Dickinson College in 2004, where he majored in political science, and his law degree from the Duquesne University School of Law in 2007, where he served as president of the Student Bar Association. Mr. Quatrini is a member of the Westmoreland County, Allegheny County and Pennsylvania
Burt Singerman is a nationally respected psychiatrist who established Burton Singerman, MD, LLC to ensure that mental health disability cases are accurately diagnosed and that professional standards of psychiatric care are upheld in all clinical settings. He has been asked to serve as the psychiatric expert witness for both defendants and plaintiffs over the last several years. In that capacity, Dr. Singerman efficiently evaluates each case to determine whether psychiatric diagnoses are accurate and whether the quality of care provided met professional standards. He then documents his findings and makes recommendations to the legal team or professional entities involved. Dr. Singerman’s services have been of benefit to lawyers handling disability and malpractice clients, health centers and corporations under lawsuit for negligence, employees injured in the workplace, and psychiatrists facing malpractice suits. He also defends employers being sued for alleged injuries. Dr. Singerman received his B.A. from Case Western Reserve University in 1969, his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1973, and his M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 1975. He completed his psychiatric residency at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and London’s Maudsley Hospital in 1979, and his post-doctoral work at the Washington University School of Medicine in 1981, where he received a Post-Doctoral Research Award from the National Institute of Mental Health. Among Dr. Singerman’s many achievements and awards are Distinguished Life Fellow, American Psychiatric Association; Exceptional Psychiatrist of the Year Award, National Alliance of the Mentally Ill; and a Department of Defense research award to develop post-combat intervention program for post-traumatic stress disorder. He has also worked as a civilian psychiatric consultant to the Pentagon on Stress Inoculation Therapy, researching pre-deployment training to decrease the probability of post-traumatic stress among combat soldiers; and as a civilian psychiatric consultant to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center.

William F. Ward joined Rothman Gordon, P.C., in January 2016 after serving for three years as a judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. During his service in the Family Division, he volunteered to preside as a supervising judge of the Veterans Treatment Court in the Criminal Division of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Mr. Ward served as chief of staff to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett, first deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania under Attorney General Corbett, chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole under governors Ridge and Schweiker, and as assistant United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. As a federal prosecutor, he was appointed chief of the Economic Crimes Section. Mr. Ward is a commissioner on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, where he also serves as vice chairman of the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee. Mr. Ward is a commissioner on the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission of Allegheny County, and previously served as a commissioner of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, as well as the Pennsylvania County Probation and Parole Officers Firearm and Training Commission. He is the solicitor for the Pittsburgh Citizen Police Review Board, and presides as the hearing officer for the Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board. Mr. Ward is a member of the board of trustees of ACHIEVA as well as of the Youth Outcomes Advisory Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh. He is also chairman of the board of directors of the Autism Connection of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ward received his J.D. from Temple University School of Law and his B.A. from College of the Holy Cross.