Faces of the Bluegrass

Tuesday, February 28
8:30 a.m.
- Refreshments set up in courtroom lobby

9:00 a.m.
- Symposium begins
- Noah Friend, General Counsel for Allison Ball, Treasurer, discussing the impact of regulations on the Eastern Kentucky coal industry

A native of Pikeville, Kentucky, Noah Friend is a 2007 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. After graduation, Friend served for three years as a law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Edward B. Atkins in both Ashland and Pikeville, Kentucky. In 2011, he established a solo practice in Pikeville, which focused on bankruptcy and federal civil and criminal litigation. He has represented hundreds of Eastern Kentucky families in the United States Bankruptcy Court, as well as representing dozens of small businesses who have been sued in connection with large-scale corporate bankruptcies. In 2016, Friend became General Counsel to Kentucky State Treasurer, Allison Ball, and argued on her behalf before the Kentucky Supreme Court in the case of Beshear v Bevin. He now lives in Versailles, with his wife Crystal, who is also an attorney, and their three young children.

10:00 a.m.
- Clay Larkin, Attorney at Dinsmore, discussing coal in Kentucky

Clay Larkin is a Partner in the Lexington, Kentucky office of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP where he practices in the areas of environmental, energy and natural resources law. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the Kentucky Law Journal and National Moot Court Board. Larkin represents clients engaged in mining, manufacturing, power generation, and other industries on issues related to environmental compliance, transactions, and litigation. He routinely publishes articles and presents on legal issues related to environmental law and the energy industry, and has testified before the United States Senate and Kentucky General Assembly on environmental issues related to coal mining. Larkin serves as Senior Policy Advisor, Secretary, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Coal Association, and is a Trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation.
11:00 a.m.
  - **Dave Maples**, Executive Vice President of the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association, discussing the impact of cattle in Kentucky and why it is so important/necessary to the Commonwealth

Dave Maples is currently the Executive Vice President for the KY Cattlemen’s Association (18 years). In addition to the KCA, he has managed projects for the Kentucky Beef Council, Kentucky Beef Network, Kentucky Cattlemen’s Foundation, Southeastern Livestock Network and various grant projects.

During his tenure, the Kentucky cattle industry has received Tobacco Settlement dollars and he has overseen increased funding for cattle projects, marketing efforts and education, steadily increasing the value of cattle in Kentucky.

Prior to coming to Kentucky, Dave worked with the Alabama Cattlemen’s Association 10 years. He is a native of Elkmont, AL and a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BS in Animal Science. Maples lives in Lexington with his wife Dana and children, David and Erica Caroline.

11:45 a.m.
  - Break

1:15 p.m.
  - **Bryan Reynolds**, Attorney at Sullivan Mountjoy Stainback & Miller, PSC (Owensboro, KY), discussing his article published in KJEANRL, “Kentucky Oil and Gas Conservation Laws: Keeping Pace with Technological Advances in the Oil and Gas Industry.”

Bryan R. Reynolds is a partner with the Owensboro law firm of Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback & Miller, where his practice is concentrated in Environmental and Mineral Law, Litigation and Real Estate. Reynolds graduated with a B.S. in Geology from Indiana University in 1983. After graduation, he worked as a geologist until 1988 for a family-owned independent oil and gas exploration and production company. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1991. He currently serves as General Counsel to the Owensboro Riverport Authority. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association since 1992. He is also on the legal committee of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. He has served as counsel of record in cases of national prominence in areas of environmental and mineral law, and has spoken on numerous occasions on a variety of mineral and environmental topics. His clients have included regional utilities and cooperatives, local governmental units, Fortune 500 companies, and major oil and gas producers.
2:00 p.m.
  - Charles G. Snavely, Cabinet Secretary, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Energy and Environment Cabinet, speaking on the impact/importance of Energy in Kentucky

Charles G. Snavely was appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin as Secretary of the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet in December 2015. Snavely is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a B.S. in Mining Engineering and has recently completed the Executive MBA Program through a joint program of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

Snavely retired from the mining industry after more than 35 years, having served as a mine engineer and later president of several large coal companies in southeast Kentucky. He most recently was Executive Vice President of Operations for International Coal Group and President of Eastern Operations for Arch Coal, Inc.

He is past chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Coal Association and has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Virginia Tech Department of Mining Engineering.

2:45 p.m.
  - Break for afternoon snack from Crank & Boom

3:15 p.m.
  - Sean Alteri, Director for the Division for Air Quality, “Clean Power Plan Update”

Sean Alteri is currently serving as the Director of the Division for Air Quality. The Division is comprised of 166 full-time employees divided into 4 technical branches and 20 specialized sections and is responsible for carrying out the Clean Air Act requirements on behalf of the Commonwealth. During his 20-year career with the Division, Alteri worked as a permit engineering assistant, Regulation Development Supervisor, Technical Services Branch Manager, and the Assistant Director. Currently, Alteri is also serving as the President of the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPC) a national, non-partisan, consensus-driven organization focused on improving air quality and is a board member of the Southeastern States Air Resources Managers (SESARM). He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering (BS Chemical, 1997) and resides on a family farm in Anderson County.

4:00 p.m.
  - Conclusion