

2018 CJA Seminar Bios

Walt Pavlo, Jr.

Prisonology, Co-Founder / President

Walt's vision is to educate and provide a solution for those facing a term in federal prison. This required bringing together the best people in the business to share their best practices in helping people across the country. In addition to Prisonology, Pavlo is a contributor to Forbes.com and The Program for Corporate Compliance at New York University's School Of Law. He is the co-author of the book "Stolen Without A Gun," which he co-wrote with Neil Weinberg (Bloomberg News) and he is also an adjunct professor at The Van Loan School at Endicott College where he teaches Ethics & Corporate Responsibility. For over 14 years, Pavlo has been a lecturer at over 100 universities, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, professional societies and major corporations speaking on white-collar crime and punishment. His perspectives have led to guest appearances on CNBC, Fox Business, ABC News and the Today Show. Pavlo holds a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Engineering from West Virginia University and an MBA from Mercer University.

Jack Donson

Prisonology, Co-Founder Vice President

Jack is responsible for the quality content and consulting services provided by Prisonology. He retired after a twenty-three year career and numerous national recognitions with the Bureau of Prisons where he held the positions of Correctional Treatment Specialist and Case Management Coordinator. Jack also held temporary assignments in the Philadelphia Regional Office and New York City Community Corrections Office. He participated in national policy writing workgroups and audited facilities throughout the Northeast United States as institution resources staff with the D.C. Central Office Program Review Division. He is on the Corrections Committees for the American Bar Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. As an advocate for prison reform, Donson is a Director of Programs for the non-profit organization FedCURE, working on issues of Collateral Consequences, Re-Entry, Sentencing Reform and Prison Reform. He teaches Criminal Justice at Marywood University. Donson's perspectives have been quoted in Forbes, Bloomberg News and CNBC. Donson holds a degree in Sociology/Anthropology and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Panagiotis "Pete" Dedes

Supervisory Correctional Systems Specialist (Retired)

Pete was responsible for the Correctional Systems Department. This consists of the Records Office, Receiving and Discharge, and the Mailroom at a federal prison. Pete has extensive training in all sentencing matters, including Complex Sentences (Concurrent/Consecutive), Old-Law, SRA, VCCLEA, PLRA, D.C. Sentences, Military sentences, and jail credit issues. He is

also an expert in Sentence Computation, Advanced Sentence Computation, Inmate Systems and was an NCIC Instructor. Pete received specialized jail credit training from Mr. Hank Zadowski, BOP Regional Counsel, which addressed jail credit issues and primary jurisdiction due to the implementation of the Sentence Reform Act.

In 2013, he was selected to be part of the team to the Designation and Sentence Computation Center. Pete was designated by Program Review to be the “Sentence Computation Expert” having the final decision on sentence computation accuracy for the team. His input was part of a detailed investigation launched by the DOJ Office of Inspector General.

Dumaka Shabazz

Assistant Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Tennessee

J.D., University of Tennessee School of Law, Knoxville, TN

Dumaka Shabazz is a Federal Public Defender based in Nashville, Tennessee, where he represents clients charged with fraud, terrorism, white-collar and large-scale narcotics crimes. Before joining the Federal Public Defender’s Office in 2010, Mr. Shabazz was a criminal defense attorney in private practice for five years. While in private practice, Mr. Shabazz was chosen as Best of the Bar by his peers twice for his high level of criminal representation. He also teaches Trial Advocacy at Vanderbilt University College of Law. Mr. Shabazz has served and continues to serve as faculty at the Baby Defender College, which is a week long training seminar for newly hired federal public defenders. In addition to his career, Mr. Shabazz is active in the community. He was a founding member of the Gentleman’s Academy, which is a six month intensive rites of passage program for young men. He also teaches a series called “Real Talk” at a local high school.

James H. Maynard, Esquire

Maynard Law Office, LLC

James H. Maynard is the founder and managing member of the law firm. The firm has been providing high-quality legal counsel and aggressive representation since 1994. Established as one of the first criminal defense “boutique” firms in the State of New Jersey, the firm later diversified to encompass other practices areas to accommodate clients’ various needs.

Mr. Maynard has actively volunteered and provided free services for the surrounding community. In 2002, James joined Trial Lawyers Care (TLC), an organization that provided “pro bono” (free) legal representation for 9/11 victims. He represented the only living “Lead Case” of the September 11th Victims before the Victims’ Compensation Fund, and litigated significant precedential issues to a successful conclusion.

Among Mr. Maynard’s many accomplishments, he successfully appealed a portion of Megan’s Law to the Supreme Court of New Jersey, leading to a dismissal of his client’s charges and a revision of Megan’s Law by the New Jersey Legislature.

Bar Admissions: New Jersey, 1992; Pennsylvania, 1992; U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 1992; U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 1999; and U.S. Supreme Court, 1997

Professional Associations: Founding Chairman of the Megan's Law Sub-committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, 2016-Present; New Jersey State Bar Association, 2011-Present; Morris County Bar Association, 1995 – Present; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2011 – Present; New Jersey Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2011-Present; Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, 2011 – Present; and New Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, 2011 – Present.

Pro Bono Activities: SAEN, Inc. (Sexual Abuse Ends Now) – Executive Director; Certificate of Rehabilitation Assistance – Co-founder and volunteer attorney; North American Falconers Association (NAFA) – General Council; New Jersey Falconry Association – Legal Advisor and Member; Trial Lawyers Care (TLC): Pro Bono Legal Help for 9/11 Victims – Volunteer Attorney; and Hispanic Affairs – Morris County [New Jersey]

Languages: English; Spanish; and Japanese