

# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

## INCOMING 1L PREVIEW FACULTY

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### **Jamie Kleppetsch**

**Professor of Legal Practice; Director, Bar Passage Program**

Jamie A. Kleppetsch is the director of the Bar Passage and a professor of legal practice. She has worked in the bar passage field since 2008 and teaches courses that address professional responsibility, analytical skills, practical legal writing skills and substantive review of subjects frequently tested on the bar examination. She has presented nationally on how to integrate academic support concepts into the doctrinal classroom, how to develop strong bar examination preparation programs, and identifying students “at-risk” of failing the bar examination and addressing their needs as they prepare for the bar examination. Professor Kleppetsch served on the Association of Academic Support Educators Executive Board from 2014-2018 and hosted their 2015 National Conference and 2019 Diversity Conference. She also served as the chair of the Association of American Law Schools Academic Support Section in 2020.

#### **Education**

JD, The John Marshall Law School



### **Kathryn Liss**

**Assistant Dean & Director, Office of Professional & Career Development; Executive Director, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center**

Kathryn (“Katie”) Liss graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a BA in psychology and double minor in sociology and criminology of law in 2002. She received her JD from DePaul University in 2006. While in law school as a working evening student, she attended a comparative family law course in Granada, Spain, was a dean’s scholar, volunteered with the International Human Rights Law Institute and authored a published comment in the DePaul Law Review titled “Amending the Illinois Postconviction Statute to Include Ballistics Testing.”

Prior to joining DePaul Law, Dean Liss practiced family law exclusively in the Chicagoland area for over a decade. Her work included representing clients in divorce, paternity and adoption matters, mediating disputes, negotiating prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and serving as a court-appointed child’s representative and guardian ad litem. She also taught adoption law at DePaul Law as an adjunct professor.

Dean Liss remains active in legal and civic service. She serves on the Illinois Supreme Court Character and Fitness Committee, First District, and was appointed to the Chicago Police Board by the mayor in 2024. She has held numerous leadership roles with the Chicago Bar Association, including second vice president, secretary, board member, co-chair of the Alliance for Women and founder or chair of several initiatives focused on anti-human trafficking and sexual harassment. Her professional involvement also includes the Chicago Bar Foundation, the Chicago Area Law School Consortium, the Association of American Law Schools, the Force of Lawyers Against Sexual Harassment, Miami University’s Pre-Law Alumni Advisory Board, the Center for Conflict Resolution and the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois.

#### **Education**

BA, Miami University, Ohio; JD, DePaul University

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### **Geoffrey Rapp** Dean; Professor of Law

Geoffrey Rapp joined DePaul Law as its fourteenth dean in July 2025. Prior to joining DePaul, he was the Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values and senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Toledo College of Law, where he was a 21-year faculty member. He received both the university's Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award (2016) and the law school's Beth A. Eisler Award for First-Year Teaching (2023).

Dean Rapp teaches and writes in the area of torts, corporate law and the sports industry. He has published articles in journals including the *North Carolina Law Review*, *Washington University Law Review*, *Georgia Law Review*, *Washington and Lee Law Review*, *BYU Law Review* and the *Boston University Law Review*. He wrote a torts casebook published by Wolters Kluwer (now Aspen Publishing) in 2020. In 2011, Dean Rapp testified before the U.S. Congress on the topic of Dodd-Frank whistleblower bounties.

Dean Rapp earned an AB in economics from Harvard College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, an MSS from the United States Army War College and a JD from Yale University. While in law school, he served as a notes editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and as a teaching fellow and head teaching fellow in the Departments of Economics and Computer Science. Before entering law teaching, he clerked for Judge Cornelia Kennedy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and worked in private practice.

Dean Rapp has been frequently interviewed and quoted by local, national and international media, including National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*, CBS Sports, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The LA Times*, *The New York Post*, *Business Week*, *Forbes*, *The Guardian (UK)*, *The Toronto Star*, Toronto's National Post, BBC Radio, *The Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, Scout.com, *The Toledo Blade* and *The Washington Times*.

He has served on seven ABA site visit teams, three times as chair and three times as both a site team member and the AALS reporter. He was the chair of the AALS Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research in 2019 and served on the LSAC's Assessments Committee from 2022 to 2025 and on its Finance and Legal Affairs Committee from 2017 to 2019.

Dean Rapp is licensed to practice law in Illinois, New York and Ohio.

### **Education**

AB, magna cum laude, Harvard College; MSS, US Army War College; JD, Yale University