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### David DeVillers

Partner, Barnes & Thornburg, Former U.S. Attorney, Southern District

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David DeVillers is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg. From 2019 to 2021 DeVillers served as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio.

During his time as a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice, DeVillers prosecuted a variety of offenses involving the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the Continuing Criminal Enterprise statute, money laundering, corruption, wire fraud, murder, international drug trafficking, and terrorism. He tried 24 jury trials while an Assistant U.S. Attorney. He also led numerous task forces in conjunction with the FBI, ATF, DEA, IRS, and local police to combat white collar crime, terrorism, transnational crime, and corruption.

As part of the DOJ, DeVillers spent a great deal of time overseas, specifically in Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine, where he worked to combat crime and corruption.

DeVillers began his career as director of the organized crime/gang unit for the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office in Columbus, where he was lead prosecutor in approximately 60 jury trials.

DeVillers received his Bachelor's Degree from the State University of New York at Oswego and his Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School.



### Kathiann M. Kowalski

Journalist, Energy News Network and Eye On Ohio

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Kathiann M. Kowalski is an experienced journalist who writes on a wide range of topics. To date, Kowalski has written 25 books and more than 700 articles and stories. She welcomes the challenge of new assignments for print, broadcast, and online media.

In addition to writing, Kowalski has spent 15 years practicing law, with an emphasis on environmental issues, corporate matters, and litigation.

Kowalski earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Hofstra University and her Juris Doctor Harvard Law School, where she served on the Law Review.



### Ashley C. Brown

Executive Director, Harvard Electricity Policy Group, Harvard University, Former Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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Ashley Brown is the Executive Director of the Harvard Electricity Policy Group (HEPG), a program of the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. HEPG provides a forum for the discussion and analysis of electricity issues in the United States.

Brown has served as an advisor on infrastructure regulatory issues to governments such as Brazil, Tanzania, India, Ukraine, Russia, Philippines, Zambia, Namibia, Argentina, Costa Rica, and Hungary.

From 1983-1993, he served as Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, appointed twice by Governor Richard F. Celeste.

Brown frequently lectures at universities and conferences throughout the world, and publishes articles on subjects of interest to American and foreign electricity sectors.

Brown received his Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University, a Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton. He has also completed all work, except for the dissertation, on a Ph.D. from New York University.



### Jo Ingles

Journalist, Ohio Public Radio and Television Statehouse News Bureau

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Jo Ingles covers politics and Ohio government for the Ohio Public Radio and Television Statehouse News Bureau. She reports on issues of importance to Ohioans including education, legislation, politics, and life and death issues such as capital punishment.

After working for more than a decade at WOSU, Ingles was hired by the Bureau in 1999. Her work has been featured on national networks such as NPR, Marketplace, the Great Lakes Radio Consortium, and the BBC. She's a regular guest on WOSU-TV's "Columbus on the Record" and WBNS-TV's "Face the State." Jo also writes for respected publications such as Columbus Monthly and Reuters News Service.

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## Reminder that all forums will be held at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center until further notice!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

### The Kids AREN'T Alright: Closing COVID's Learning Gap

Featuring **Amy Gordon**, Executive Director and CEO, Communities In Schools of Ohio, **Cheryl Ward**, Vice President, Success by Third Grade, United Way of Central Ohio, and **Stéphane Lavertu, Ph.D.**, Professor, Director of Doctoral Studies, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University, with host **Eric Karolak, Ph.D.**, CEO, Action for Children.



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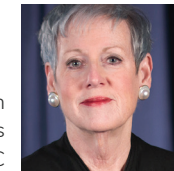
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

### Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor completed her term on Ohio's Supreme Court on December 31 and stepped down as Ohio's longest-serving statewide elected woman. Join CMC and host **Yvette McGee Brown**, Partner, Jones Day, and Former Justice, The Supreme Court of Ohio, for a conversation with O'Connor, reflecting on her long service to Ohio and what the future might hold for voters, the state's Constitution, and Ohio's highest court.



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

### Keeping the Faith: Columbus Religious Leaders Address Community Issues

Featuring **Hillel Skolnik**, Senior Rabbi, Tifereth Israel, **Earl Fernandes**, Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, **Abdurrahman Justin Wood**, Youth Director, Noor Islamic Cultural Center, and **Victor M. Davis, DMin**, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, with host **Jerry Revish**, Retired Co-Ancor, WBNS 10TV, and Senior Pastor, Unity Temple Church of God in Christ.



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

### Starlab Is A Cosmic Win for Ohio

Featuring **John M. Horack, Ph.D.**, Neil Armstrong Chair in Aerospace Policy, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, The Ohio State University, **Jeffrey Manber**, Director and Co-Founder, Nanoracks, and **Scott Shearer, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair, Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, with host **Frederic Bertley, Ph.D.**, President & CEO, COSI.



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