



**THE EVOLUTION OF POLICING IN AMERICA (CLE)**

THURSDAY, NOV. 4 | 2:15 – 3:30 PM

TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER, LEVEL 1, BALLROOM A

**Session Description:** In 2020, national events triggered a surge in legislative attention to law enforcement policy and the nation’s 18,000 agencies—an infrastructure described as one of the most fragmented in the world. But states are stepping in with new conduct standards to enhance officer accountability. Learn more about what’s happening at the state level to change policing in America.

Agenda	
2:15 – 2:20 p.m.	Introductory Remarks
2:20 – 2:35 p.m.	Walter Katz
2:35 – 3:30 p.m.	Moderated panel discussion

**Biographies**

**Moderator**

**Senator Whitney Westerfield\***  
**Kentucky General Assembly**

Senator Whitney Westerfield represents the 3rd District including Christian, Logan, and Todd counties. Westerfield is the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and also serves as a member of the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee; the Agriculture Committee; the Natural Resources and Energy Committee; the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary; the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee; the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; the Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity; and serves as co-chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council.

Westerfield is a lifelong resident of Hopkinsville, in Christian County, Ky., and presently is an attorney with the Fletcher Law Firm in Hopkinsville after serving over five years as an assistant commonwealth’s attorney. Now in private practice, he serves clients all over western Kentucky.

Westerfield received his bachelor’s in communication, with university and departmental honors, at the University of Kentucky in 2003. Westerfield received his juris doctor in the spring of 2006 from Southern Illinois University School of Law and has been an active member of the Kentucky Bar since October 2006 and the Tennessee Bar since 2012.

**Speakers**

**Representative Roger Goodman\***  
**Washington Legislature**

Representative Roger Goodman is chair of the House Public Safety Committee, with oversight of the criminal justice system. He is also a senior member of the House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee and serves on the House Children, Youth and Families Committee. His legislative work has focused on reducing drunken driving and the harm from domestic violence, and expanding early childhood education programs. An attorney and criminal justice expert, Goodman served on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. as legislative director, counsel and chief of staff for two senior Democratic Members of Congress in the 1980s and 1990s. In the late 1990s, Goodman also



directed the Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Goodman is admitted to practice law in Washington State and Rhode Island, the First and Ninth Federal Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. He received an A.B. (artium baccalaureus) degree as a Senior Fellow from Dartmouth College; a Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, where he concentrated on social policy issues, including criminal justice, public health, education reform and economic security.

**Walter Katz\***  
**Vice President of Criminal Justice**  
**Arnold Ventures**

Walter Katz joined Arnold Ventures after more than two decades in public service, beginning with a 17-year tenure as a public defender in Southern California through his 2017 appointment as Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety in the administration of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. At the mayor's office, Katz oversaw one of the most complex police reform efforts in the United States, served as a co-negotiator of the consent decree that was enacted in 2019, and led the design and development of the new Office of Violence Prevention. He worked closely with the police department in developing a new use of force policy and chaired the Crisis Intervention Advisory Committee.

Katz has an extensive background in law enforcement accountability and oversight. He served as the independent police auditor for San Jose, Calif. following his appointment by the city council in 2015. He also served as deputy inspector general for the County of Los Angeles Office of Inspector General that oversees the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

His writing has appeared in the Harvard Law Review Forum, The New York Times and other publications. He is a past board member of the

National Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement. He received his law degree from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific and his undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno.

**Representative John Spiros**  
**Wisconsin State Legislature**

Representative John Spiros was born and raised in Ohio. After high school, he served six years in the United States Air Force where he was a part of an elite security squad that provided protection for 26 generals and the Strategic Air Command. After leaving the service, Spiros served as a police officer in Texas. Today, he is the vice president of safety and claims management for a transportation company and has been in the transportation industry for over 31 years. Spiros lives in Marshfield, Wis. with his wife Rebecca.

Before Spiros was elected to the State Assembly in 2012, he served on the Marshfield City Council, as president in 2009 and chair of the Finance and Budget Committee. Spiros is currently serving his fifth term in the Wisconsin Assembly and chairs the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties. He is also vice chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

\*Denotes the speaker is an attorney