

Evidentiary Protection for Public Transportation Safety Program Information

Committee

Michael S. Townes

Chair

Michael S. Townes retired as Senior Vice President and National Transit Market Sector Leader at HNTB Corporation in 2016. Prior to joining HNTB, Townes worked as national transit services leader for CDM Smith. Previous to that, he was president and CEO of Hampton Roads Transit in Virginia from 1999 to 2010. Mr. Townes has served in the public transportation industry's top policy position as chair of the American Public Transportation Association Executive Committee, representing more than 400 public transit organizations in the United States and Canada. Within APTA, he also served as Chair of APTA Executive Committee, Chair of the Legislative Committee, and as Co-Chair of the APTA's Reauthorization Task Force, which was the Committee that established the national transit position on surface transportation reauthorization bills. He has held other national industry leadership positions as well, including chair of the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee as well as chair of the Mineta Transportation Institute board of trustees. He is the recipient of several distinguished awards including the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Executive of the Year award, the Women in Transit Committee Achievement Award, and the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Conference of Minority Public Administrators. Mr. Townes holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science as well as a Master's degree in Urban Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Edward Cheng

Member

Edward Cheng is a Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School. His research focuses on scientific and expert evidence, and the interaction between law and statistics. Professor Cheng is a coauthor of *Modern Scientific Evidence*, a five-volume treatise that is updated annually, and he is the host of *Excited Utterance*, a podcast focusing on scholarship in evidence and proof. His articles, in which he explores evidence law from an empirical and statistical perspective, have been published in the *Yale Law Journal*, *Columbia Law Review* and *Stanford Law Review*, among other prestigious law journals. He was previously a Fulbright Scholar and the articles, book reviews, and commentaries chair of the *Harvard Law Review*, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in statistics at Columbia University. Professor Cheng teaches Evidence, Torts, and Statistical Concepts for Lawyers, and is a five-time winner of the Hall-Hartman Outstanding Professor Award for excellence in teaching. He was also selected by the graduating class of 2013 to be their commencement speaker. He holds a B.S.E. in electrical engineering from Princeton University; an M.Sc. in information systems from the London School of Economics and Political Science; and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Thomas B. Deen

Member

Thomas B. Deen (NAE) is former Executive Director of TRB, a position he held from 1980 to 1994. Prior to joining TRB, he was Chairman and President of PRC-Voorhees, a transportation engineering and consulting company with clients worldwide. He served as chief planner of the Washington Metro subway system during its development in the 1970s. His areas of expertise are surface transportation technology, performance, economics, finance, planning, and political feasibility. Since retiring from TRB, he has served on numerous NRC Committees including the Committee on Intercity Passenger Travel, the Committee on the Federal Funding of Transportation Improvements in BRAC Cases, the Committee for the Strategic Highway Research Program 2, the Committee on Determination of the State of the Practice in Metropolitan Area Travel Forecasting, and the Committee for a Study on Transportation and a Sustainable Environment. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Julie Hile

Member

Julie Hile is the founder and President of Hile Group. She uses her 30 years in safety and performance consulting to help organizations achieve systemic, lasting change. Her expertise in stakeholder engagement and transfer of learning strategies makes her a strong partner who can effectively identify performance gaps and help to build upon existing resources to drive an organization's culture change. Julie's model for participative safety rule book revision has been credited with driving down incident and injury rates on railroads throughout North America. Her Multiple Cause Incident Analysis process has been prominently incorporated into the Federal Railroad Administration's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C3RS). Additional innovations include strategies for developing executive and mid-management leadership skills, re-engineering new hire orientation processes, and stewarding Human Resource functions toward performance. A frequent speaker and author in the areas of safety culture change, transformative safety, stakeholder engagement, and transfer of learning, Julie sits on the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Council of Bloomington-Normal and serves as the Chair of the Center for Emerging Entrepreneurs. She is a member of the American Society of Training and Development, the American Waterways Operators, the American Society of Safety Engineers, and Businesses for Social Responsibility. In 2015, Julie was nominated for the ATHENA Leadership Award, presented by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, for her work in the community and opening doors for women in leadership roles. She holds a B.S. in secondary education from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls and an M.S. in English from Middlebury College.

Gerald Kelley

Member

Gerald Kelley is a former General Counsel for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in Boston, having retired on December 1, 2014. He worked for MBTA since 1994. Prior to this position, he served as the Senior Regional Counsel for the Boston Regional Office of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as the Assistant Attorney General for Massachusetts, and as a Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard. He holds a B.A. in history and political science, a J.D., and a Master of Laws in Tax, all from Boston College.

John C. Milton

Member

John Milton is the Director of Quality Assurance and Transportation System Safety at the Washington State Department of Transportation. He began working at the Washington DOT in 1999 as an assistant state design engineer, working his way up to become a project director, chief engineer, and Director of Enterprise Risk and Safety Management before taking his current position in 2015. He holds a B.S. in civil engineering and M.S. in engineering management from Saint Martin's College and an M.S. in traffic engineering and a Ph.D. in highway safety from the University of Washington.

Alan B. Morrison

Member

Alan B. Morrison is the Lerner Family Associate Dean for Public Interest & Public Service at GW Law. He is responsible for creating pro bono opportunities for students, bringing a wide range of public interest programs to the law school, encouraging students to seek positions in the non-profit and government sectors, and assisting students find ways to fund their legal education to make it possible for them to pursue careers outside of traditional law firms. For most of his career, Dean Morrison worked for the Public Citizen Litigation Group, which he co-founded with Ralph Nader in 1972 and directed for over 25 years. His work involved law reform litigation in various areas including: open government, opening up the legal profession, suing agencies that fail to comply with the law, enforcing principles of separation of powers, protecting the rights of consumers, and protecting unrepresented class members in class action settlements. He has argued 20 cases in the Supreme Court, including victories in *Goldfarb v. Virginia State Bar* (holding lawyers subject to the antitrust laws for using minimum fee schedules); *Virginia State Board of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council* (making commercial speech subject to the First Amendment); and *INS v. Chadha* (striking down over 200 federal laws containing the legislative veto as a violation of separation of powers). He currently teaches civil procedure and constitutional law, and previously taught at Harvard, NYU, Stanford, Hawaii, and American University law schools. He is a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and was its president in 1999–2000. Among other positions, he served as an elected member of the Board of Governors of the District of Columbia Bar, a member and then senior fellow of the Administrative Conference of the United States, a member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the Committee on Science, Technology & Law of the National Academy of Science. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, served as a commissioned officer in the US Navy, and was an assistant U.S. attorney in New York.