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Reporting on Arbitration and the Future of Work by Journalists

**Rafael Gely**

**Rafael Gely** earned his JD and PhD in labor and industrial relations at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. His scholarship reflects his interdisciplinary academic training. His research, which primarily focuses on the regulation of labor markets, incorporates a variety of theoretical paradigms and methodological approaches, drawing from the expertise of co-authors in a wide range of disciplines. Professor Gely has published more than 40 articles in nationally and internationally recognized academic journals, including the *Rand Journal of Economics*, the *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, the *Texas Law Review*, and the *Southern California Law Review*. Professor Gely has received various scholarship awards including the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers' Eisenberg Prize for his recent article in the *Wisconsin Law Review*, "The Supreme Court and DIGs: An Empirical and Institutional Analysis" (co-authored with Professor Michael Solimine). At the University of Missouri School of Law, Professor Gely teaches courses in employment law, labor arbitration and labor law, among others.

**Sandra Davidson**

**Sandra Davidson** earned her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Connecticut-Storrs and her J.D. from the University of Missouri, graduating Order of the Coif. She is a member of the honor societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. She is a Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor at the Missouri School of Journalism, teaching media law there since 1989. She has also taught media law at the University of Missouri School of Law. She is the attorney for the Columbia Missourian, the community newspaper published at the School of Journalism, and writes a column for the newspaper. In January 2018, Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal republished her article "From Satirical to Satyrical: When is a Joke Actionable?" Her international work includes a semester in London for the School of Journalism's program there, United States Information Agency trips to Prague and Bratislava and to Mongolia, and working at the Beijing Review.

**Daxton "Chip" Stewart**

**Daxton "Chip" Stewart is a professor of Journalism at Texas Christian University. Dr. Stewart's areas of expertise** include media law and communication technology, the First Amendment, freedom of information and public records laws, and social media. Dr. Stewart has served as the editor-in-chief of *Dispute Resolution Magazine*, was a city editor and columnist at the *Columbia Missourian*, and is a member of the Texas bar. He received his bachelor degrees from Southern Methodist University, his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law, and his M.A. LL.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He is the author of *Social Media and the Law* (2nd ed., Routledge, 2017) and co-author of *The Law of Public Communication* (10th ed., Routledge, 2017), and is the founding editor of the scholarly journal *Community Journalism*.

## Fireside Chat

### **Dan Nielsen**

**Dan Nielsen** is a mediator and arbitrator, with a practice based in Chicago.

Dan has been a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators since 1991, and has served as Regional Chair, a member of the Board of Governors, Vice President and chair of various committees. Dan is the former Neutral Co-Chair of the ABA's Committee on State and Local Government Collective Bargaining and Employment Law, and a past President of the Association of Labor Relations Agencies, as well as having been elected as a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

### **George Fleischli**

**GEORGE R. FLEISCHLI** of Madison, Wisconsin began arbitrating labor disputes in the public and private sectors 50 years ago, in February 1970. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois (BS - Business Management, MA - Labor Relations, and JD with Honors - Law), and is a member of the bar (inactive) in both Illinois and Wisconsin. He served as a Judge Advocate in the USAF from 1966 to 1970.

From 1970 to 1976, he was a member of the staff of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, where he served as a mediator, arbitrator and hearing examiner. From 1976 to 1981, he served as the commission's General Counsel. During his years at the WERC he developed a labor arbitration practice in surrounding states and decided to enter private practice in 1981. He became a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators in 1976.

Since entering private practice, he has been very active in the affairs of the National Academy of Arbitrators. He has chaired a number of committees over the years, including Legal Affairs, the CPRG, and the Committee on the Academy's Future. He served as a member of the Board of Governors, Vice-President, and the Executive Committee before serving as President in 2004-2005. Since then he has continued to serve on various capacities, including Chair of the Tribunal Appeals Committee.