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Daniel T. Kobil is a Professor of Law at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, where he has taught in the areas of constitutional law, criminal procedure, appellate practice, torts, and commercial law since 1987. Professor Kobil received his B.A. from the University of Toledo, *Summa cum laude* (1978), and thereafter was awarded a Bradshaw Fellowship to study English at the University of Virginia. He earned his J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1983, *Magna cum laude*, where he also served as Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Toledo Law Review*.

Upon graduation from law school, he clerked for Judge Albert J. Engel, of the United States Court Of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In 1984, Professor Kobil accepted a position as an associate attorney with the Columbus office of Baker and Hostetler where he developed a litigation and appellate practice.

Since entering teaching, Professor Kobil has researched and published extensively on the subject of clemency, particularly as it relates to the death penalty. Some of his articles, which have been cited by various courts including the United States Supreme Court, are *The Quality of Mercy Strained: Wrestling the Pardoning Power from the King*, 69 *University of Texas Law Review* 569 (1991), and *Due Process in Death Penalty Commutations: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Clemency*, 27 *University of Richmond Law Review* 201 (1993). He has contributed a book chapter entitled "The Evolving Role of Clemency in Capital Cases" to a death penalty anthology published by Carolina Academic Press, *America's Experiment With Capital Punishment* (Acker, Bohm, and Lanier, 2 ed. 2003); as well as, "Should Mercy Have a Place in Clemency Decisions?" for inclusion in *Mercy Forgiveness, and Clemency* (Stanford University Press, 2007). He also has written on other issues of constitutional law, such as freedom of speech and the Internet.

Professor Kobil testified on clemency in 2001 before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution. He also has spoken to numerous professional groups, including the Ohio Judicial Conference and the Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Ohio. He has testified as an expert witness before the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency on behalf of Randy Greenawalt. He has written for and been quoted in numerous periodicals including the *Chicago Tribune*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *U.S.A. Today*, *National Law Journal*, and *Columbus Dispatch*. In addition, he has been interviewed on television and radio programs regarding constitutional legal matters.

Professor Kobil is licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio, as well as in the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and the United States Court Of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He consults on litigation matters and is currently assisting in the representation of death-sentenced individuals in Tennessee as they prepare to seek clemency. He also helped to litigate *Perdue v. Wilkinson*, a prison conditions case in the Southern District of Ohio

that led to the implementation of substantial fire safety improvements at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute. He recently assisted in the U.S. Supreme Court appeal of Greg Thompson. *See, Bell v. Thompson*, 125 S.Ct. 2885 (2005). Professor Kobil also has engaged in pro bono legal work regarding a variety of constitutional issues on behalf of the ACLU and death sentenced individuals. For example, he served as counsel of record for the American Civil Liberties Union as *amicus curiae* in *Ohio Adult Parole Authority v. Woodard*, 523 U.S. 272 (1998), a case decided by the United States Supreme Court concerning clemency and Fourteenth Amendment guarantees of due process.