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**ACR SPEAKERS**

**Mary Alice Baish**

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As Superintendent of Documents, Baish leads the agency in providing public access to Government information published by the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies and the Federal courts. Baish focuses her efforts on the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in cooperation with Congress and GPO's library partners. She also oversees the policy and strategy for GPO's Library Services and Content Management unit, Publication and Information Sales unit and the management of GPO's Federal Digital System ([www.fdsys.gov](http://www.fdsys.gov)).

Baish was appointed to this position by Public Printer Bill Boorman in January 2011. Throughout Baish's career, she has worked with all sectors of the library community, testifying before Congressional committees on behalf of GPO, and has been a leading voice in developing electronic systems to disseminate Government information. Prior to GPO, she previously served as the Director of Government Relations for the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), a nonprofit educational organization that serves the information needs of the legal community. Baish has worked closely with Congressional committees, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Federal agencies and the Administration in developing policies and legislation that promote the needs of libraries, the legal community and the American public.

Baish is among the founding members of [OpenTheGovernment.org](http://OpenTheGovernment.org) (OTG.org), an organization created to promote democracy and end Government secrecy. She has worked with OTG.org, the White House and Office of Management and Budget in implementing President Obama's Open Government Directive and with auditing agency Open Government Plans. She has written and spoken extensively about e-government information policy and is a past member of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer.

Baish is a resident of Fairfax Station, VA, and holds a master's degree in Library and Information Studies from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and an Ed.M. from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

**Reeve T. Bull**

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Reeve T. Bull is the Research Chief of the Administrative Conference of the United States. Prior to assuming the role of Research Chief, Mr. Bull served as Staff Counsel to the Committees on Regulation, Judicial Review, and Administration & Management. Mr. Bull has worked on projects related to international regulatory cooperation, the use of science by administrative agencies, presidential review of agency rulemaking, cost-benefit analysis, government contractor ethics, and e-rulemaking, amongst other things. Mr. Bull was the In-House Researcher for the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Government in the Sunshine Act projects, and his reports served as the basis for ACUS Recommendations 2011-7 and 2014-2, respectively. Mr. Bull has also served as an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University Law School, teaching a course on Legislation and Statutory Interpretation. Mr. Bull is the Co-Chair of the ABA Administrative Law Section's E-Rulemaking Committee, and he sits on the Advisory

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Board of the Administrative Law Review. Mr. Bull has published extensively on numerous topics in the fields of administrative law and regulation, including articles appearing in the *Administrative Law Review*, the *George Washington Law Review*, and *Law and Contemporary Problems*.

Mr. Bull attended law school at Duke University, where he graduated with highest honors and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He was one of two recipients of the Willis Smith Award for compiling the most outstanding academic record in the graduating class and the recipient of the James S. Bidlake Memorial Award for achieving the highest grade in his first year legal writing section. Mr. Bull also served as a Note Editor on the *Duke Law Journal*. Prior to law school, Mr. Bull attended the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelors in Chemistry and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

### **Abigail M. Hammond**

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Abigail M. Hammond is with the NC Office of Administrative Hearings, serving as counsel to the Rules Review Commission. In that position, she reviews rules promulgated by agencies and advises the Commission whether these rules are suitable for inclusion in the North Carolina Administrative Code. Prior to working for the Office of Administrative Hearings, Abby worked for another state agency in a variety of roles ranging from adjudicating motions, clerking, serving as a rule coordinator, and serving as agency legal counsel. Before living in Raleigh, NC, Abby practiced family law in the Nashville, TN area. Abby graduated from undergraduate school at Clemson University, and attended law school at the University of South Carolina School of Law and as a visiting student at Vanderbilt Law School.

### **Wendy Liberante**

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Wendy Liberante is a Policy Analyst in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President.

Wendy's responsibilities include small business and trade regulatory issues such as reviewing the Small Business Administration regulations, as well as international regulatory cooperation including work on the U.S.-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council and member of the U.S. interagency group working on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

Wendy also specializes in information policy areas including transparency and open government activities. Wendy is the OMB lead for a featured open government program, eRulemaking, which includes Regulations.gov. The program leverages the Internet to make the Federal rulemaking process and data more accessible and participatory.

Prior to her career in the federal government, Wendy was a marketing and advertising consultant in the sports, entertainment, and home furnishings categories; developing communication plans, branding campaigns, and Internet solutions for clients.

Wendy received a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and a B.S. in Management from Teikyo Post University where she was recognized as a Scholar Athlete in soccer.

## **Molly Masich**

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As North Carolina's Codifier of Rules and Director of the Rules Division within the NC Office of Administrative Hearings, Molly manages and directs the production and publication of the North Carolina Register and the North Carolina Administrative Code and manages the administrative support to the Rules Review Commission. She also serves as a liaison between the Office of Administrative Hearings and the General Assembly, the Office of State Budget and Management, and state agencies in rulemaking aspects.

Molly is a graduate of UNC-W with a degree in Criminal Justice, a Certified Public Manager, and a member of ACR for 30+ years.

## **Oliver Potts**

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Oliver Potts is the Director of the Federal Register and leads the Office of the Federal Register, which publishes the official text of Federal laws, Presidential documents, and administrative regulations and notices. The Office of the Federal Register also prepares descriptions of Federal organizations, programs and activities, coordinates the functions of the Electoral College, and administers the constitutional amendment process.

Potts has served in the Federal government for more than 15 years. Before coming to the Office of the Federal Register, he served as the Deputy Executive Secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where he was responsible for oversight and coordination of HHS's regulatory agenda. He also managed the Secretary's regulatory policy review system and correspondence and records management operations.

Before that, Potts served as Director of the Civil Remedies Division, an administrative law tribunal at HHS. There he oversaw development of processes for publishing administrative law decisions on the internet, as well as the process for publishing procedural documents and standard litigation forms for customers. Potts also led the development and implementation of an internal tracking and reporting system and an electronic filing system to make filing appeals paperless.

Originally from New York City, Potts received a BA in Government and Politics from George Mason University and a JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife and their three children.