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Andrea Bopp Stark is a staff attorney focusing on fair debt collection practices, including criminal justice debt. She also teaches an Introduction to Consumer Rights Litigation practicum course at Boston College Law School. Andrea is a contributing author to NCLC's [Fair Debt Collection](#) and [Mortgage Servicing and Loan Modifications](#) legal manuals. Previously, Andrea was a partner at Molleur Law Office in Biddeford, ME, and worked as an attorney for Northeast Legal Aid in Lawrence, Massachusetts where she was one of NCLC's first recipients of the John G. Brooks fellowship. Andrea holds a B.A. from the University of Vermont and obtained her JD and Masters of Social Work from Boston College. She is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire.

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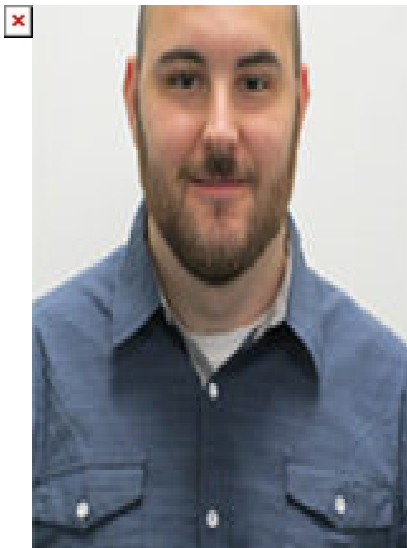
Elijah is responsible for engaging and informing new and existing supporters of the NCLC's work via email, social media, and other communications channels.

Previously, he was a grant writer at the International OCD Foundation, a development officer at Capital Good Fund in RI, and a labor organizer for a hotel and food service workers union. Elijah received his B.A. in Psychology from Brown University.

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[Michael Patricelli, Finance Associate](#)



Mike assists with the day-to-day operations of NCLC's finance and human resources work, including processing of checks and invoices, budget preparation, and payroll. Previously, he worked at New England Newspapers in its finance department. Mike is a graduate of Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

[Andy Spanogle](#)



John Andrew (Andy) Spanogle, Jr. is a pioneer in the modern consumer rights movement.

For almost 50 years, Andy has contributed to the advancement of consumer law in an unusually wide range of ways: as an advocate for pro-consumer state statutes on banking, commercial, and consumer law; as one of fourteen original recruits of Ralph Nader's Public Interest Research Group; as a law professor at universities including the University of Maine and George Washington University Law School; and as lead author of several widely-used law textbooks, including *Consumer Law*, the first casebook of its kind, which helped law schools develop a new consumer law course.

Spanogle's consumer rights accomplishments include playing a key role in establishing credit card liability limits, and being involved in the efforts leading to the creation of the Fair Credit Billing Act and improvement of the Truth in Lending Act. He also contributed to including pro-consumer protections in common mortgage contracts and standardized credit underwriting guidelines promulgated by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. All consumers today benefit from the work done by Andy and other leading advocates in the early days of the modern consumer rights movement.

Today, Andy is a member of NCLC's Partners Council and a leading supporter of our advocacy for consumer rights. Through a generous, multi-year gift, Andy helps sustain NCLC's Washington, DC office and our advocacy in the nation's capital. The Spanogle Institute for Consumer Advocacy, dedicated in November, 2017, helps ensure that NCLC has a reliable source of support to continue advancing fairness in the marketplace.

Through his advocacy, writing, teaching and philanthropy, Andy has impacted countless consumer law advocates and inspired action for consumer rights and a fair and level playing field for all. NCLC is extraordinarily grateful for his ongoing support of our work.

2017 Vern Countryman Consumer Law Award

The National Consumer Law Center Honors David Humphreys and Luke Wallace



David Humphreys



Luke Wallace

With the 2017 Vern Countryman Consumer Law Award

The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) is proud to honor Oklahoma attorneys David Humphreys and Luke Wallace with the 2017 Vern Countryman Consumer Law Award, named after one of our founding trustees. The Countryman Award is presented each year to a legal services or other public interest attorney whose special contributions to the practice of consumer law have strengthened and affirmed the rights of low-income Americans.

Humphreys and Wallace have a long-standing partnership based on a mutual dedication to consumer justice. They are true “Consumer Protection Lawyers Fighting for the Forgotten,” taking on cases that often draw national attention and hold great importance to the American consumer. Participating in dozens of consumer protection jury trials and settlements, both work diligently to understand and explain their client’s stories to illuminate the truth and secure justice.

David Humphreys has practiced law since 1987, focusing in areas including preventing collection abuse, predatory mortgage servicing, and representing the mentally challenged or otherwise vulnerable people who have been plagued by debt. David often provides pro bono representation in cases across the country, and is a proud National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) member and NCLC supporter.

Luke Wallace is an accomplished lawyer who enjoys teaching other lawyers in the areas of trial practice and consumer law. He has tried countless consumer protection jury trials with verdicts for consumer fraud, FDCPA, collection abuse, predatory lending, auto fraud, and identity theft, resulting in millions of dollars in recovery for his clients. He speaks regularly about his work on local, state, and national stages.

The partnership of Humphreys and Wallace has resulted in numerous honors and awards, including the National Association of Consumer Advocates’ Trial Advocates of the Year Award in 2002, and the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College Co-Warriors of the Year award for the 18-state South Central region of the country in 2004. Both have been named as an Oklahoma “Super Lawyer.”

Congratulations to both Mr. Wallace and Mr. Humphreys for their long track record of success for low-income and other consumers. NCLC is pleased to honor them with the 2017 Vern Countryman Consumer Law Award.

Maggie Eggert, Research and Litigation Assistant



Maggie Eggert provides research and litigation support for NCLC's attorneys. She is a graduate of Dickinson College, previously worked at the Alliance for Children's Rights in Los Angeles, and came to NCLC as a communications intern before starting her current position.

Katie Eelman, Marketing, Sales & eCommerce Manager



Katie Eelman is the Marketing, Sales & eCommerce Manager of the National Consumer Law Center's publications division, working on promotions, digital marketing efforts, and fostering customer relationships. Previously, she was the media and events director at the Boston independent bookstore Papercuts J.P., where she co-founded the store's literary imprint Cutlass Press. Katie is a graduate of the Writing, Literature, and Publishing program at Emerson College.

John Cleary, Publishing Operations Associate



John Cleary works in the Publications division of the National Consumer Law Center improving the digital platform and providing support for customer service, accounting, and sales and marketing. John graduated from Emerson College with a BFA in Writing, Literature, and Publishing and spent many years as a customer service representative at Hachette Book Group and as a bookseller at Papercuts, J.P. in Boston before joining the NCLC team.

Cory Murray, Development Operations & Communications Coordinator



Cory Murray is the National Consumer Law Center's Development Associate, working to streamline development operations as well as assisting in individual giving, major gifts, foundation relations, conferences, and events. She focuses on managing NCLC's donor database system in order to accurately track and maintain valuable funding to NCLC.