

Community Lawyering for Environmental Justice

Part 12: Heirs' Property

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Miles Malbrough, Law Fellow, Environmental Law and Policy Clinic, Wake Forest University School of Law – Miles Malbrough is a Law Fellow at Wake Forest University School of Law, where he co-directs the school's Heirs Property Project, supervising law students in their representation of North Carolina property owners seeking to preserve or establish clear title.

Miles is a graduate of Harvard College and Vanderbilt Law School. He is also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served in the Dominican Republic from 2016 to 2019. Prior to joining the teaching staff at Wake Forest, Miles was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands, where he practiced estate planning, probate, foreclosure prevention, and real property litigation to help clients avoid or overcome heirs' property-related legal problems.

K. Scott Kohanowski, General Counsel, Center for NYC Neighborhoods – K. Scott Kohanowski serves as General Counsel at the Center for NYC Neighborhoods and its wholly-owned subsidiary Sustainable Neighborhoods, a Community Development Financial Institution and tax-exempt mortgage lender, where he oversees a wide range of legal and operational matters. The Center's mission focuses on preserving and fostering affordable homeownership throughout New York through advocacy and support and leveraging its subsidiary to serve homeowners through charitable loan programs, including foreclosure avoidance, climate resiliency, home repair, first-time homebuyer, and heirs' property preservation.

Scott previously directed the Homeowner Stability and LGBT Advocacy Projects at the New York City Bar Justice Center. In that role, Scott trained attorneys, supervised cases placed with pro bono and staff attorneys, provided direct legal representation to distressed homeowners, and engaged in law reform to preserve housing and communities. Scott's areas of expertise include (i) foreclosure, lending and property law, (ii) heirs' property and community stabilization, (iii) deed theft and scam prevention, and (iv) non-profit law, all with an acute focus on racial equity and social justice across communities. He is a 1996 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Portuguese and Spanish and a 2001 graduate of NYU School of Law. Scott worked at Morrison and Foerster prior to transitioning to public interest law. He serves on the New York City Bar Association's Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force and Non-Profit Organizations Committee, the New York Attorney General's Deed Theft Task Force and the New York City Non-Profit Legal Services Foreclosure Prevention Task Force.

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Jamey Lowdermilk provides dynamic and passionate counsel on complex business and family litigation, including heirs' property, bankruptcy and insolvency challenges, and nonprofit matters. As an attorney with Brooks, Pierce, McClendon, Humphrey & Leonard, L.L.P. in Greensboro, NC, she represents businesses and individuals in complicated commercial matters in state and federal courts, and has tried multiple state district court bench cases. She also advises clients establishing new entities and reorganizing existing endeavors. Lowdermilk is a former law clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. Before law school, she served as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Forest Service, where she facilitated internal land management projects and achieved certification in incident qualifications for wildland fire.