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When Mental Illness Is Part of the Case — But Not the Whole Defense

Understanding Guilty but Mentally Ill in Kentucky

Mental illness can play a critical role in a criminal case, but it does not automatically remove criminal responsibility. In Kentucky, a defendant may be found Guilty but Mentally Ill when the evidence shows both that the person committed the offense and that they were mentally ill at the time.

That distinction matters.

A Guilty but Mentally Ill verdict is not the same as being found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. It does not mean the defendant is excused from the offense. Instead, it recognizes that mental illness was present while still allowing the court to impose a sentence in the same manner as a guilty verdict. The case then shifts into a more complicated space where criminal conduct, mental health history, treatment needs, competency, intent, and mitigation may all become relevant.

For defense teams, these cases require more than a diagnosis. They require context.

Mental health records, prior hospitalizations, medication history, family observations, social history, substance use, trauma history, behavioral changes, witness statements, digital activity, and the timeline leading up to the alleged offense can all help clarify what was happening before, during, and after the incident.

That is where investigative support can become valuable. A thorough investigation can help attorneys identify overlooked records, locate collateral witnesses, preserve relevant information, and develop a clearer picture of the defendant's functioning and circumstances. In cases involving mental illness, the details surrounding the person may be just as important as the allegation itself.

Guilty But Mentally Ill is not a simple middle ground. It is a legal finding with serious consequences, and it requires careful, fact-driven case development.



Referral Group Member Spotlight: Michele Allen

Michele Allen is a member of the One Logic Source referral network, where legal and forensic experts gather to share their network and refer



From Curiosity to Code: The Story Behind CLK Computing

Some people stumble into their careers. Christopher Kaelin was always headed toward his.

Growing up, Christopher was the kid who wanted to know how computers worked – not just how to use them. That curiosity eventually led him to enlist in the United States Air Force,

cases to one another. Michele works as a legal nurse consultant and has a wide variety of experience providing her medical knowledge to cases that need it.

We sat down with Michele this month to ask her some questions about her work and her involvement in the group.

Have you received case referrals since joining the group?

"Yes."

Do you find that expanding your network and getting to know those in the field is vital for private consulting work?

"Yes – the more people you meet and engage with working in the field helps get your name out in the community, leading to more and better referrals."

Is there a specific case that you can share where you worked with other experts and it was helpful?

"Absolutely. I worked closely with Justin in OLS, and the Venning's (Venning and Associates) and attorneys on the Memphis Embry case. Being able to work together in different roles and put our heads together to offer different insights gave the client the best possible outcome. It wasn't an acquittal, but he got time served and was ultimately released on probation."

We are very grateful for Michele's unique perspective in her field and look forward to what she can bring to the group and what we can bring to her.

where he spent 24 years serving his country in technical and leadership roles before retiring as a Master Sergeant in 2014. It was a career that sharpened his discipline, deepened his expertise, and reinforced something he already believed – that technology, done right, solves real problems for real people.

After leaving the military, Christopher spent several years working for companies in the health services and technology sectors, continuing to grow his skills across web development, business systems, and digital strategy. But the pull toward something of his own never faded. In January 2025, he founded CLK Computing LLC – a veteran-owned web development and technology consulting firm serving small businesses across the Bluegrass region.

CLK Computing meets clients where they are. Need a one week Quick Launch website? A fully custom build? A WordPress site with room to grow? Christopher handles it – with the same attention to detail he carried through two-plus decades of military service.

Outside the office, Christopher is a passionate soccer fan, an enthusiastic home cook, and a die-hard Olympics follower who doesn't miss a Summer or Winter Games if he can help it. Most importantly, founding CLK Computing has given him something no corporate job ever could – the flexibility to be present for his grandchildren and invested in the community he calls home.

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Attorney Spotlight: Caleb Hurt

When clients face some of the most difficult moments of their lives, having an attorney who is prepared, strategic, and willing to build the strongest possible defense can make all the difference. Caleb Hurt provides full-service legal representation across Kentucky and has built a reputation for combining thorough case preparation with the right team of experts when a case demands it.

We've had the opportunity to partner with Caleb on numerous cases over the years, and his collaborative approach consistently stands out. Rather than relying solely on the evidence already available, Caleb regularly incorporates outside investigators and subject matter experts to strengthen his clients' defense whenever appropriate.

One recent example involved a Lewis County case where investigative work contributed to the dismissal of seven sex crime charges. In another Boyd County matter involving life-eligible sex offenses, collaboration between the legal and investigative teams helped secure a probationary sentence for the client.

Caleb also recently achieved a significant victory in a trafficking case after successfully arguing a suppression motion. The result transformed an



COMING SOON

OLS to Host Upcoming Security Event

One Logic Source is excited to share that we are in the early stages of planning a regional security and preparedness event focused on education, collaboration, and practical solutions.

Our vision is to bring together professionals from law enforcement, emergency management, private security, healthcare, education, legal services, government, and the private sector for a day of learning and networking. Rather than another vendor show, we hope to create an environment where attendees can hear from experienced professionals, explore emerging security challenges, and discover resources they can immediately apply within their own organizations.

The event is expected to feature educational presentations, exhibitor booths, and opportunities to connect with organizations working across the security industry. Topics currently being explored include workplace and school safety, threat assessment, protective intelligence, emergency preparedness, investigations, cybersecurity, active violence response, and organizational resilience. Planning is still underway, and many details remain to be finalized, but we wanted to give our readers an early look at what's ahead. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, exhibitor, presenter, or simply want to stay informed as plans develop, we'd love to hear from you.

initial offer of five years of active incarceration into a five-year probated sentence—an uncommon outcome in a jurisdiction where probation is generally not extended in trafficking cases.

These results are a reminder that successful representation is often built on preparation, persistence, and the willingness to leverage every available resource. We're proud to continue partnering with attorneys like Caleb Hurt who recognize the value of a multidisciplinary approach to defending their clients.

We look forward to sharing more information in the coming months and hope you'll join us as we build an event centered on strengthening partnerships and improving security across our communities.