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Diplomat, American Society for Pharmacy Law Class III Candidate Roster, 2025-2026

The Diplomat of the American Society for Pharmacy Law (DASPL) is a year long focused series of programming for mid-career professionals in pharmacy or pharmacy law (5+ years of practice or more) to hone their leadership skills in pharmacy law and learn more about involvement within the Society. This series will take the next generation of pharmacy law leaders through various topics germane to pharmacy law, pair mentors/mentees, and provide an avenue for future leaders to share their passions in pharmacy law through a year-long capsule project. Topics for further exploration in the series will be selected by Class III in part with current ASPL leadership.

Below is the Class III cohort of DASPL candidates:

- **Harmony Aker** – Senior Pharmacy Manager, Amazon Pharmacy
- **Ryan Burke** – Director of Professional Affairs, Professional Affairs at Pharmacy Technician Certification Board
- **Michael Carroll** – Vice President of Pharmacy, Option Care Health
- **Tyler Dougherty** – Associate Professor, South School of Pharmacy
- **Lauren Forsythe** – Assistant Professor, University of Findlay College of Pharmacy
- **Christopher Harlow** – Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
- **Matthew Scott Irwin** – Senior Manager, Ro
- **Lauren Paul** – Director of State Government Affairs, Hims & Hers
- **Alison Peters** – Senior Associate, Mintz Levin
- **Matthew Seamon** – Associate Professor, Nova Southern University College of Pharmacy
- **Pooja Shah** – System Pharmacy Manager, 340 Program at UNC Health
- **Kristin Villa** – Assistant Research Professor, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy



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Harmony Aker, R.Ph., BCMTMS, earned her B.S. in Pharmacy from Rutgers University and has built a distinguished career spanning over two decades across community, retail, and mail-order pharmacy. She currently serves as the Pharmacist in Charge and Senior Manager at Amazon Pharmacy in Meridian, Idaho, where she leads regulatory compliance efforts across all U.S. jurisdictions and directs Amazon's regulatory change management program. A dedicated educator, Harmony has been precepting pharmacy students since 2008 and developed a Regulatory Affairs APPE rotation that offers hands-on experience in pharmacy law and policy. Her contributions to experiential education earned her Amazon Pharmacy's 2024 Preceptor of the Year award and a nomination from Washington State University. She is licensed in 39 states and holds multiple certifications, including MTM, immunization, and contraceptive education. Her leadership background includes impactful roles at Rite Aid, CVS Health, and Target, where she drove operational excellence and clinical program growth. In addition to her professional roles, Harmony serves as the Legal & Public Affairs Chair for the Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacy and volunteers as an item writer for the NABP's Uniform MPJE. She is deeply committed to mentorship, advocacy, and advancing the pharmacy profession.

Ryan Burke, PharmD, is the Senior Director of Professional Affairs at the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), where he develops and maintains relationships with key PTCB stakeholders, including educators, employers, state boards of pharmacy, and state and national pharmacy associations. Before joining PTCB in August 2018, Ryan worked at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) in practice and professional affairs and governance roles. He also has experience working as a PTCB Certified Pharmacy Technician at Walgreens. Ryan earned his PharmD degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy and completed a post-graduate executive residency program in Association Management and Leadership with the APhA Foundation.



Mike Carroll, BS, RPh, BCSCP, is the Vice President of Pharmacy for Option Care Health, the nation's largest independent provider for home infusion therapy. He has national responsibility for the companies 90+ pharmacies, clean rooms and sterile compounding related practices, as well as regulatory affairs. Carroll has over 20 years in pharmacy leadership in both the home infusion and health system fields. He specializes in clean room and facility design as well as compliance with national compounding and pharmacy regulatory standards. Mike is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He previously sat on the Vermont Board of Pharmacy where he served as Chair for 2022-23.



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Tyler Dougherty, PharmD, BCACP, earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2015 and completed a community pharmacy residency with The Kroger Company and South College School of Pharmacy in 2016. He is board certified in ambulatory care and has served as a pharmacist at Clinton Drug Store since 2016, where he integrates patient care with operational efficiency and innovative pharmacy services. Tyler also holds a faculty position as an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at South College School of Pharmacy, teaching courses in pharmacy law, immunizations, pharmacy calculations, and chronic disease management. His work emphasizes collaborative care models and the advancement of practice standards in community pharmacy. In 2022, he was honored as the Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year for the state of Tennessee in recognition of his leadership and contributions to the profession. Tyler lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, with his wife, Stacie, and their two children, Xavier and Peyton.



Lauren Forsythe, PharmD, MBA, DICVP, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy. She is also a diplomat of the International College of Veterinary Pharmacists. Dr. Forsythe graduated from the University of Findlay, College of Pharmacy in 2015 and completed her veterinary pharmacy residency at Purdue's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. She earned her MBA in 2024 from the University of Illinois. Following completion of her residency, Dr. Forsythe spent three years at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital as a Clinical Pharmacist followed by four years at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Service Head. In addition to her teaching position, Dr. Forsythe is a co-author of the book *Drug Compounding for Veterinary Professionals* and provides consulting services to veterinary practices through her company Foresight Pharma Solutions.



Christopher P. Harlow, PharmD, serves as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, where he leads regulatory and policy initiatives aimed at protecting public health across the Commonwealth. A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy (Class of 2010), Dr. Harlow has built a diverse and impactful career spanning clinical practice, organizational leadership, and professional advocacy. Dr. Harlow's professional experience encompasses community pharmacy, specialty pharmacy, compounding, and care for individuals with substance use disorders. His leadership within pharmacy practice includes serving as Vice President and Director of Pharmacy Services at St. Matthews Community and Specialty Pharmacies, where he helped expand access to specialized pharmaceutical care. Dr. Harlow's professional impact extends beyond practice settings through active involvement in pharmacy associations at both state and national levels. He served on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association, including terms as Speaker of the House and President. Nationally, he chaired the American Pharmacists Association's New Business Review and Policy Review Committees, contributing to the development of forward-thinking policy. He has also supported national regulatory efforts with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Dr. Harlow is recognized for his commitment to leadership in pharmacy and public health.





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Matthew Irwin, PharmD, CHC, earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy (go Gators!) after completing his Bachelors of Arts in Honors Chemistry at Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Irwin began his pharmacy career as a pharmacy technician and has been a practicing pharmacist in large community pharmacy chains as well as small independent pharmacies. He joined his current company, Ro, in 2018, six months after the company launched. Ro is a direct-to-patient healthcare company that offers nationwide telehealth, labs, and pharmacy services. Dr. Irwin has enjoyed growing with the company over the years and he now oversees Ro's multi-state pharmacy compliance program, which includes developing and deploying pharmacy policies, procedures, and training. Most recently, he launched an employer-based technician training program at Ro, approved by the Florida Board of Pharmacy. He holds active pharmacist licenses in ten jurisdictions and is Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC) through the Health Care Compliance Association.

Lauren Paul, RPh, PharmD, MS, serves as Director of State Government Affairs at Hims & Hers Health, Inc., where she leads regulatory engagement and advocacy strategies across all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and supports international expansion efforts. In this role, Dr. Paul represents the company in regulatory proceedings, rulemakings, advisory committees, and public hearings. She also provides strategic guidance on emerging pharmacy issues, particularly those related to compounding and patient safety. Prior to joining Hims & Hers, Dr. Paul spent over two decades at CVS Health, with more than a decade as an Executive Director of Pharmacy Advocacy and Regulatory Affairs. She brings more than 21 years of pharmacy practice experience across a variety of healthcare settings. Dr. Paul earned her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from Duquesne University School of Pharmacy and a Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Policy and Outcomes with a concentration in Patient Safety from the University of Florida. She is a licensed pharmacist in both Florida and Pennsylvania.



Alison Peters, JD, is a Senior Associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. Ali focuses on complex transactions involving licensing, FDA, antitrust, and market access issues. Ali has experience representing clients in investigations and proceedings by government entities, including the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Congressional committees. Her clients include pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and pharmacies, as well as pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, private equity firms, physician practice groups, clinical laboratories, diagnostic testing facilities, and trade groups. While earning her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, Ali served as an executive online editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Law and clerked in a plaintiffs'-side False Claims Act practice. Prior to attending law school, she led advertising strategy for pharmacy and health care brands.



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Matthew Seamon, PharmD, JD, is a registered pharmacist and licensed attorney with over twenty-five years of experience in pharmacy education. He currently serves as Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Nova Southeastern University, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Seamon earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Michigan (Go Blue!) and his Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University. He also completed a Drug Information Specialized Residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Dr. Seamon's professional background has also involved roles in community and institutional pharmacy, clinical research, boutique law, and the pharmaceutical industry. He has a strong passion for health policy and medication safety and has authored multiple pharmaco-legal publications. He regularly consults on issues related to drug law and state pharmacy practice in Florida. A proud father of one daughter, Dr. Seamon, enjoys lifelong learning across a range of interests, mentoring young professionals, and living an active lifestyle. He is honored to participate in the American Society for Pharmacy Law's Diplomat Program, where he is excited to deepen his knowledge, help shape solutions to pressing health issues, and engage with current and future leaders in the field.



Pooja Shah, PharmD, 340B ACE, serves as the System Pharmacy Manager for 340B Programs at the University of North Carolina Health. She began her pharmacist career focused on health-system medication use policy and gained comprehensive insight into the complex medication-use processes within a large academic health-systems. In 2022, Pooja shifted her focus to 340B Program compliance and now leads a system-level 340B Program Team responsible for compliance efforts across 12 covered entities within the health system. Notably, in her current role, she has managed preparation and execution of a successful on-site HRSA audit, facilitated integration of multiple covered entities' 340B Programs into health-system 340B Program oversight, and established pay equity to improve retention and recruitment of compliance analyst roles.

Kristin Villa, PharmD, MS, PhD, completed her PharmD, MS in Pharmacy Administration, and PhD in Health Services, Outcomes, and Policy at Purdue University. She is currently an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy. Her responsibilities include delivering pharmacy law education to students in the school and helping prepare individuals for pharmacist licensure and legal practice in different states. Dr. Villa's research focuses on combining health outcomes data with regulatory requirements to determine the impact of laws on pharmacy practice and patient outcomes.

