

SISTER  
MARY  
BYLES

PEACE<sup>AND</sup>  
JUSTICE  
PRIZE<sup>AND</sup> LECTURE



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Featuring  
**KATHLEEN T.  
ZELLNER**  
*Renowned Civil Rights Attorney*

Friday, September 21, 2018  
2 p.m.  
Maryville University  
Auditorium

## WELCOME

Mark Lombardi, PhD  
*President, Maryville University*

## INTRODUCTION

Karen Tabak, PhD  
*Professor of Accounting and Management*

## SISTER MARY BYLES LECTURE

Kathleen T. Zellner

## RECEPTION

Please join us in the Pfaff Lobby for refreshments following the lecture.

**The Sister Mary Byles Peace and Justice Prize and Lecture** is made possible through a generous donation by Howard and Stephanie Stanley. Until her death in 2005, Stephanie Stanley served on the board of the Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis, personally bringing people of different faiths together in dialogue. She hoped such dialogue might bring about greater understanding and peace among people of different backgrounds.

## 2018 Sister Mary Byles Peace and Justice Prize and Lecture Awardee:

### KATHLEEN T. ZELLNER

*Renowned Civil Rights Attorney*

Kathleen T. Zellner has earned national recognition as a fighter for justice, by successfully defending those whose rights have been violated. She has been at the center of several high profile cases, including the current homicide conviction of Steven Avery (who was also the subject of the documentary series on a previous conviction, "Making a Murderer"); and Ryan Ferguson, whose 3,533 days of custody for a wrongful murder conviction resulted in an \$11 million verdict.

Since opening her law office in 1991, Ms. Zellner has obtained more than \$108 million in verdicts and settlements for her clients. She has the distinction of being the only attorney in the U.S. who won five multi-million dollar verdicts in less than one year. Her legal expertise spans a wide range of areas, including: wrongful conviction, false arrest and false imprisonment (including improper prosecution), police misconduct and prisoner mistreatment, criminal appeals and medical malpractice.

### About Sister Mary Byles

Mary Byles, RSCJ, was known for her significant efforts to further ecumenical and interfaith relations. The annual prize and lecture in her name honors individuals whose lives and work focus on issues of peace and justice, and—more broadly—diversity and inclusion.

A career educator, Sister Byles arrived at Maryville College (now Maryville University) in 1972, following appointments at Sacred Heart schools in New York, Connecticut and Puerto Rico. Here she participated in interfaith dialogues, helped plan a Christian-Jewish workshop in the city, and invited leaders of many religious faiths to lecture. She remained at Maryville until her retirement in 1988, teaching part-time until 1992. She died in 2005 at age 91.