

## **Conference Guide**

National Association of Women Judges 39th Annual Conference

Atlanta 2017





## Welcome Message From the Conference Chairs

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Atlanta! Once again, we are proud to host a conference of the National Association of Women Judges. Some of you may remember the NAWJ Midyear Conference in 2009 when we showcased the latest challenges facing child well-being while visiting Atlanta's famous Buckhead neighborhood. Since 2009, there have been many changes in Atlanta, including the revitalization of downtown where we will be located. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful and historical Elbert P. Tuttle U.S. Court of Appeals Building, the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail, and the Carter Center, and participate in a Civil Rights Tour of approximately 20 significant historic locations.

This year's Annual Conference theme is 'Access to Justice: Past, Present and Future. The subjects covered by our sessions this year reflect the changes that have taken place throughout our society in and out of the courts and include Trauma Informed Courts, a U.S. Supreme Court case update, Labor Trafficking, Criminal Justice Reform, A View from the Federal Judiciary, Judicial Ethics and Implicit Bias, the Civil Rights Movement and Today's Judges, and Hot Topics in Immigration Law, the LBGTQ Community and Elder Law. Highlighted speakers include prominent Georgians such as, former President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter; former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates: Linda Klein, Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association, and retired judge and television personality, Glenda Hatchett.

We are delighted to host a number of judges who will be attending NAWJ's conference for the first time and from other countries. We look forward to hearing from them about their personal experiences on and off the bench. Networking has always been an important part of these meetings and we expect the receptions and the hospitality room to provide a wonderful ambience for these opportunities. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you and hope that you will return home, enriched in mind and spirit, with many new friends.

Many thanks to our own President Tanya R. Kennedy and to our Immediate Past President, the Honorable Diana Becton, our Friends Committee Co-Chairs Allegra J. Lawrence-Hardy, Esq. and Letitia (Tish) A. McDonald, Esq., and the NAWJ Board of Directors for their leadership, assistance and confidence in us.

Thank you to the hard-working members of our Conference Planning Committee and to the Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia for their incredible efforts and contributions of energy in support of this event. Thank you to all of our speakers and panelists who have given so generously of their time and expertise to make our program deep and meaningful. And finally, a special thanks to Karlise Y. Grier whose hard work made our jobs so much easier and whose dedication and care helped to make this conference possible.

With warm regards,

Carol Hunstein

Hon. Carol W. Hunstein Supreme Court of Georgia Sara Doyle

Hon. Sara L. Doyle Court of Appeals of Georgia



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## Welcome



#### **From the NAWJ President**

#### Dear Members and Friends.

Welcome to NAWJ's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, "Access to Justice: Past, Present and Future," in Atlanta, Georgia, a major focal point of the modern civil rights movement and the only city in the nation to house two Nobel Peace Prizes – at the King

Center and at the Carter Center.

I extend sincere thanks and congratulations to Conference Chairs Justice Carol W. Hunstein and Judge Sara L. Doyle and their planning committee for their tireless work in preparing a robust educational curriculum to assist the judiciary in addressing the various issues presented throughout the nation's courts, as well as an (optional) excursion and tour schedule for all to enjoy Atlanta's rich culture and history. I also extend heartfelt thanks to the Conference Friends Committee Chairs attorneys Allegra J. Lawrence-Hardy and Letitia (Tish) A. Mc Donald and members for their generosity and steadfast support of NAWJ and our mission. Lastly, special thanks to Karlise Y. Grier, Esq., for her excellent organizational skills, attention to detail and conference support; to NAWJ Staff -- Executive Director, Marie Komisar, and Senior Programs and Publications Manager Lavinia Cousin; conference manager, Anne Mercer; and partners at Calibre, Karen Roche, Patty Lovett and Yves Dinte, for their valuable assistance.

As we reflect on the past, we recognize the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Drum Major for Justice; the late Julian Bond, Former Member of the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Senate; Former Ambassador, Former Mayor of Atlanta and Former Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Andrew Young; Congressman John Lewis, and the

countless others who are not featured in any history book. We are the beneficiaries of their steadfast commitment to the nonviolent struggle for civil rights and for equal protection under the law.

As we reflect on our present, we celebrate and salute District Attorney of Contra Costa County California, Diana Becton, for her excellent leadership as NAWJ President, and for her tenacity in breaking the glass ceiling to become the first woman and first person of color to hold this position in the office's nearly 160 year history. Her historic appointment serves as a reminder that women are continuing to blaze new trails and are reshaping our nation and world in spite of existing social, economic and institutional obstacles.

NAWJ also recognizes and salutes the 39<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Sally Yates, Former Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, and Hon. Glenda Hatchett (Retired) for their commitment to civil rights and for speaking truth to power.

In light of the emerging legal landscape, I recognize that it is imperative to navigate a path to the future and to nurture the talents of future lawyers to ensure that NAWJ continues to serve as the leading voice for women in the judiciary. This, therefore, is my charge to keep.

Respectfully,

HM Janya Rotunedy Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy

NAWJ President

Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County



#### From the NAWJ Executive Director

As Executive Director of the National Association of Women Judges, I wish to welcome each and every one of you to Atlanta to celebrate the 39th Annual NAWJ Conference "Access to Justice Past, Present and Future." It is my great pleasure and honor to serve as the NAWJ Executive Director and I look forward to visiting with

you and together enjoying the rich experience that our unique meetings bring to all of us.

We live in unsettled and precarious times which make this conference all the more important to renew old friendships and cultivate new ones as we face challenges together. I am grateful

to the vast number of individuals who are responsible for the success of the conference. We are thankful to all those who served as conference chairs and committee members under the leadership of the Conference Co-Chairs Honorable Carol W. Hunstein and Honorable Sara L. Doyle. NAWJ is appreciative of all of the hard work of the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of this conference. And now, let's all enjoy each other and our precious time together.

My warmest welcome to you all.

Marie Komisar



## Schedule of Events

## Wednesday, October 11, 2017

8:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK Rotu	nda Booth
9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	2016-17 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting At	lanta 2 & 3
4:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.	New Judge/First-Time Attendee/Mentor Meeting At	lanta 4 & 5
4:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.	International Judges Meeting At	lanta 2 & 3
6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	WELCOME RECEPTION Garden Courtyard, L	obby Level
8:05 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	FILM DOCUMENTARY: BALANCING THE SCALES Special Guest Sharon Rowen, Esq. Rowen & Klonoski, Film Director/Producer	,
	As a lawyer for 38 years and a documentary filmmaker for 20 years, Sharon Rowen was in a unique position to create a documentary film about gender equity in America. <i>Balancing the Scales</i> delves into the challenges women lawyers have faced historically and still face today, including the additional hurdles faced by women lawyers of color. Many prominent lawyers and judges tell their stories, including Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Gloria Allred. The film features inspiring stories by women lawyers of all ages who work tirelessly to help women and girls worldwide, including Judge Phyllis Kravitch (Deceased); IAWJ Member, Judge Dorothy Beasley (Retired); one of our 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Co-Chairs, Justice Carol W. Hunstein; NAWJ Member, Justice Leah Ward Sears (Retired); and Layli Miller-Muro, founder of the Tahirih Justice Center.	

The Council of Magistrate Court Judges has approved the Conference for 12 CJE hours, including 1 judicial ethics hour and 1 professionalism hour. The Council of Municipal Court Judges has approved the Conference for 12.5 CJE hours, including 1 judicial ethics hour and 1 professionalism hour.

**The State Bar of Georgia** has also approved conference education sessions for 12.5 CLE hours, including 1 attorney ethics hour, 4 trial hours, and 1 professionalism hour. Eligible sessions are marked with an asterisk. Please sign in for each session at the beginning of each session at the CLE Desk. You are encouraged to complete session surveys upon program end, and drop them off at the Registration table.

## Thursday, October 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Rotunda Booth
7:00 a.m 8:00 a.m.	NAWJ Committee Meetings	Atlanta 2 & 3
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Capitol South/Center
8:00 a.m 9:45 a.m.	OPENING CEREMONY WELCOME NAWJ President: Justice Tanya R. Kenned Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York	
	Conference Chairs: <b>Justice Carol W. Hunstein</b> , Supreme Gand <b>Judge Sara L. Doyle</b> , Court of Appeals of G	Court of Georgia
	KEYNOTE ADDRESS  Criminal Justice Reform*  Justice Michael P. Boggs  Supreme Court of Georgia	
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	A DISCUSSION ON LABOR TRAFFICKING*	Capitol South/Center
	The International Labor Organization estimates that there are at least in forced labor, including 6 million children. In this session, our panel and international initiatives in which they have participated to combat the Vatican Human Trafficking Summit. The panel will also discuss in for to determine if labor trafficking may be an issue in a case before th available to victims of labor trafficking. Finally, a civil plaintiff attorne attorney will lead the panel's discussion of civil cases such as <a href="David v. Sorihin v. Nguyen">David v. Sorihin v. Nguyen</a> , and of the use of civil remedies to stop labor traffic Moderator:  Judge Kathlene F. Gosselin, Superior Court, Northeastern Judicial Panelists:  Judge Leslie Abrams, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgi Hon. Susan Coppedge, Former Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Mortafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State (Retired)  James Russell Doyle II, Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith L. Alia El-Sawi, M.S., Victim Assistance Specialist, Immigration and Chomeland Security Investigations, SAC Atlanta  Monica Khant, Esq., Executive Director, Georgia Asylum and Immit Daniel Werner, Director, Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative (Supervising Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center	ists will discuss national t labor trafficking, including ndicators judges should look em, and legal protections y and a civil defense Signal Corporation and king.  Circuit, Georgia  a nitor and Combat  LP customs Enforcement, igration Network
11:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.	by <b>BYUNG J. PAK</b>	
	U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Geo Capitol South/Center	rgia
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	U.S. SUPREME COURT UPDATE* by Robert A. Schapiro Asa Griggs Professor of Law and Former Dean, Emory Uni Capitol South/Center	iversity of Law
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	A CONVERSATION with the 39TH PRESIDENT of the U JIMMY CARTER, AND FORMER FIRST LADY, ROSA Moderated by JUSTICE CAROL W. HUNSTEIN, Supreme Capitol South/Center	LYNN CARTER

## Thursday, October 12, 2017 (Continued)

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3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	A VIEW FROM GEORGIA's FEDERAL JUDGES* Capitol South/Center	INTERNATIONAL TEA AND ETHICS Capitol North		
	Moderator:	Moderators:		
	Judge Sara L. Doyle, Georgia Court of Appeals Panelists: Judge Leslie Abrams, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia Judge Julie Carnes, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Judge Frank Hull, U.S. Court of Appeals,	Judge Judith C. Chirlin (Retired), Western Justice Center (Los Angeles Superior Court, Retired) Judge Lisette Shirdan-Harris, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District, Pennsylvania		
	Eleventh Circuit  Judge Leigh May, U.S. District Court,  Northern District of Georgia  Judge Jill Pryor, U.S. Court of Appeals,			
	Eleventh Circuit  Judge Amy Totenberg, U.S. District Court,  Northern District of Georgia			
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	RECEPTION at the ELBERT P. TUTTLE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS BUILDING  Home of the Eleventh Circuit  56 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303  Sponsored by:			
	POPE MCGLAMRY CONSTITUTION KING & SPALDING			
	Please bring a photo ID for security clearance. Telephones, computers, cameras, or electronic devices are not allowed in the courthouse and must be checked at security. Arriving with electronics may delay your entry in the building. Please meet the buses at the doors outside of the main hotel lobby. An ADA equipped bus will all be available. Buses will depart for the reception at 5:15 p.m. sharp. Buses will not be available to loop, or staged departures. Buses will return from the Eleventh Circuit to the hotel beginning at 6:45 p.m.			
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	DINE AROUND - FREE EVENING			
	Sign up for Dine Around closed October 10. You are welcome to make reservations for those suggested restaurants on your own: <b>Canoe</b> (farm-to-table New American); <b>Empire State South</b> (Southern eatery, guests play bocce ball); <b>Gunshow</b> (dim-sum-style roving carts, communal tables); <b>JCT Kitchen</b> (modern Southern fare, late-night live music, upstairs bar with skyline view); <b>Miller Union</b> (New American, farm-fresh, Southern-accented); <b>Rathbun's</b> (American plates, stylish, renovated warehouse); <b>Sotto Sotto</b> (Italian classics); <b>Watershed</b> (Southern-accented, centerpiece bar, intimate banquettes & patio).			
9:30 p.m 11:30 p.m.	HOSPITALITY SOCIAL	Augusta		

### Friday, October 13, 2017

7:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Rotunda Booth	
7:00 a.m 8:00 a.m.	NAWJ District Meetings	Atlanta 2 & 3	
7:30 a.m 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Capitol South/Center	
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	KEYNOTE BREAKFAST  Defending Liberty, Pursuing Justice* by LINDA A. KLEIN, ESQ.  Immediate Past President, American Bar Association Senior Managing Shareholder, Baker Donelson, Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz  Presentation of the NAWJ FLORENCE K. MURRAY AWARD by Justice Tanya R. Kennedy and Justice Carol W. Hunstein to LINDA A. KLEIN, ESQ.		
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	THE JUDICAL CASE FOR RECOGNIZING AND ELIMINATING IMPLICIT BIAS*  Capitol South/Center		
	The American Bar Association has determined that implicit bias is a challenge even for judges. Because judges are tasked with being the most impartial members of the legal profession, working to overcome biases that judges may not recognize is a job that is as necessary as it is important. In this panel discussion, judges will explore the judicial ethics rules that oblige judges to reflect on and eliminate his or her implicit biases in making judicial decisions. In addition, the panel will explore the responsibility of judges, based on judicial ethics rules, to ensure jurors are also educated about implicit bias and the work of some jurisdictions in this regard. Finally, the panel will discuss the ethical obligation of judges to raise the issue of implicit bias with the bench and the bar, and provide suggestions to judges on how to lead the discussion about implicit bias in the judicial system in his or her community.		
	Moderator:  Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears (Retired), Supreme Court of Georgia Gambrell & Russell, LLP  Panelists:  Chief Judge Kristina Hammer Blum, Gwinnett County Magistrate C (2016-17), Georgia Council of Magistrate Court Judges  Judge Bernice B. Donald, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Judge Leigh May, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia Judge Bobbi Tillmon, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles Court	Court; President	



The Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia honors and applauds

Justice Carol D. Hunstein and Judge Sara L. Doyle for bringing the National Association of Women Judges Conference to Georgia.

We wish you a successful conference!

### Friday, October 13, 2017 (Continued)

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

HOT TOPICS IN ELDER LAW\* Capitol North



The aging tsunami is in full force as the baby boomer generation enters retirement. The aging of this large cohort coupled with longer life spans means that there are now more older Americans than at any time in our history. And while aging and incapacity are not synonymous, along with longer life spans comes an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease or other related dementia with the potential need for increased numbers of court-ordered protective arrangements or interventions. This panel will explore a range of challenges for courts based on the graying of America, including issues related to long-term care, supportive housing and aging in place, and the courts' role in striking a balance between protection against harm and protection of individual autonomy. The panel will engage the audience to explore and highlight innovative ways courts can address issues common in the evolving field of Elder Law.

#### Moderator:

Judge Brenda S. Weaver, Superior Court, Appalachian Judicial Circuit, Georgia

Panelists:

Clinical Professor Eleanor Crosby Lanier, Mediation Clinic Director, University of Georgia School of Law

Alison E. Hirschel, Esq., Director, Michigan Elder Justice Initiative

Mariel Sivley, Esq.,
Executive Director, Georgia
Supportive Housing
Association

#### HOT TOPICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW\* Atlanta 2 & 3

The topic of immigration law has confronted not only judges in 2017, but also the average American who watches the news. In this session, judges will learn about the current laws impacting individuals living in the United States who are not U.S. Citizens. The panel will discuss post-conviction relief, the impact of criminal pleas and/or sentences on undocumented immigrants and lawful permanent residents, and U Visas for undocumented immigrants who are the victims of crime in the U.S. and who cooperate with law enforcement and prosecutors. The panel will also raise awareness for judges about immigration issues that judges need to consider in the adoption and juvenile dependency cases of foreign-born children. Finally, in this rapidly changing area of law, one of the highlights of the panel will be learning from this expert panel what they believe are the new immigration trends about which judges should become knowledgeable under the current federal administration.

#### Moderator:

Judge Saundra Arrington
Dempsey (Retired), Executive Office for Immigration
Review, U.S. Department of
Justice

#### Panelists:

Carolina Antonini, Esq., Antonini & Cohen Immigration Law Group

**Zulma Lopez, Esq.**, Lopez Immigration LLC

Pamela Peynado, Esq., Lee & Peynado

#### HOT TOPICS IN LEGAL CHALLENGES FACING LGBTQ FAMILIES\* Atlanta 4 & 5

Despite greater visibility for transgender people and newly recognized constitutional protections that allow same-sex couples to marry, the statutory framework of family law largely remains drafted for differentsex couples and cisgender people. This panel will explore the current legal landscape and challenges facing the LGBTQ community, including the thousands of families that were formed and dissolved before marriage or adoption were legal options for the LGBTQ community. In addition, the panel will discuss issues that arise when judges apply gender-specific laws to families in the LGBTQ community and provide suggestions for how to resolve those issues. Throughout the panel discussion, the audience will be challenged to consider how the findings of scientific research on human gender intersect with deep-seated religious beliefs, cultural constructs, and the law.

#### Moderator:

Chief Judge Cynthia Wright (Retired), Superior Court of Fulton, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Georgia

Panelists:

**Beth Littrell, Esq.,** Counsel, Southern Regional Office, Lambda Legal

Professor Tanya M.
Washington, Georgia State
College of Law, Center for
Access to Justice

**Judge Noel Wise**, Superior Court of California, Alameda County

## Friday, October 13, 2017 (Continued)

12:30 p.m 1:45 p.m.	FRIENDS LUNCHEON	Capitol South/Center	
	A CONVERSATION with SALLY YATES*		
	Former Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of J		
	Moderated by <b>JUDGE BEVERLY MARTIN,</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for	the Eleventh Circuit	
2:00 p.m 3:30 p.m.	WHAT'S AGE GOT TO DO WITH IT? ELDER INVESTMENT	Capitol South/Center	
**	FRAUD AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION*		
SII	Moderator: <b>Presiding Judge Patricia Banks (Retired)</b> , Elder Law Division,	Circuit Court of	
State Justice Institute	Cook County, Illinois		
	Panelists: <b>Sherry Boston</b> , District Attorney, Stone Mountain Judicial Circ	uit, DeKalb County,	
	Georgia; Robyn Crittenden, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Hu		
	<b>Professor of Neurology Daniel C. Marson</b> , J.D. Ph.D., Director, Alzhei		
	University of Alabama at Birmingham; <b>Noula Zaharis</b> , Director, Securit		
	Office of the Georgia Secretary of State		
3:45 p.m 5:00 p.m.	C 7	Capitol South/Center	
1 1	FOR TODAY'S JUDGES*		
	In 1954, the historic opinion in <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> opened the door		
	al, as well as legal, and political change. Judges such as Elbert P. Tuttle of Go		
	son of Alabama were called upon to exercise great personal courage and sound legal judgment in		
	deciding cases involving voter registration, civil liberties, school desegregation, interstate travel		
	integration, prison integration, jury discrimination, and job discrimination. In doing so, these judges		
	played critical roles in determining the course of the United States concerning civil rights. In this		
	plenary session, the panel will explore what today's judges can learn from their historical counter-		
	parts as judges are called upon to decide voter registration, public accommodation, and civil liberties cases that could potentially shape the future of human rights in today's world.		
	Moderator: Chief Judge Gail Tusan, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circ		
	Panelist: Peter C. Canfield, Esq., Jones Day; Constance Curry, Esq. Civil		
	and Author; <b>Professor of Law Anne S. Emanuel</b> (Emerita), Georgia Sta		
	Law; <b>Hon. Herbert Phipps (Retired)</b> , Georgia Court of Appeals (Retired	d); Andrea Young, Esq.,	
	Executive Director, ACLU of Georgia		
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.		van Allen Jr. Boulevard	
	HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM TOUR		
	Buses will provide transportation from the hotel at 5:30 p.m. Please meet the buses a	t the doors outside of the	
	main hotel lobby. Buses will not be available to loop and stagger departures from the		
	bus will also be available. Buses will depart from the Center to the hotel beginning 8.		
8:30 p.m 11:30 p.m.	HOSPITALITY SOCIAL	Augusta	
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## Saturday, October 14, 2017

7:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Rotunda Booth
7:30 a.m 8:45 a.m.	NAWJ Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast	Capitol South/Center
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	PROFESSIONALISM FOR JUDGES AND ATTORNEYS*	
	Moderator:	
	Patrick E. Longan, W. A. Bootle Chair in Ethics and Professionalism,	
	Walter F. George School of Law Mercer University	
	Panelists:	
	Shiriki L. Cavitt, Esq., Corporate Counsel, Equifax	
	Presiding Judge M. Yvette Miller, Court of Appeals of Georgia	
	<b>Lester B. Johnson, III, Esq.</b> , Lester B. Johnson III, P.C.	
	Judge Lisa Walsh, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Immediate Past	President, NAWJ

### Saturday, October 14, 2017 (Continued)

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## LAWYERS FOR EQUAL JUSTICE: THE LAW SCHOOL INCUBATOR PROJECT\* Capitol North

The common denominator running through more than 60 law practice incubators in the U.S. is their dual mission to provide legal services to underserved populations while simultaneously preparing recently admitted lawyers to develop and launch new socially conscious practices. One of the newest and largest law practice incubators in the country, Georgia's Lawyers for Equal Justice ("L4EJ"), is modeling a new collaborative approach to the process. Instead of creating a program as an extension of a single law school, in 2015 the State Bar of Georgia, through the leadership of its President Patrise Perkins-Hooker, and the Supreme Court, under the leadership of Justice Carol W. Hunstein, brought together the five Georgia law schools to create and fund a unified, collaborative program. Equally as important, the program has the support of all the legal aid organizations that serve Georgians. L4EJ's mission is to equip recent entrepreneurial graduates of Georgia's law schools with substantive and practical legal training, mentoring, and advanced technology so they can develop socially conscious, economically sustainable law practices using innovative legal services models in order to serve underserved Georgians statewide. The State Bar has provided \$85,000 per year for 3 years and each law school has contributed \$25,000.

#### Moderator:

**Professor Hulett Askew**, Georgia State University, College of Law

#### Panelists:

Stephanie Everrett, Esq., Executive Director, Lawyers for Equal Justice

**Justice Carol W. Hunstein,** Supreme Court of Georgia

**Professor Steven J. Kaminshine**, Georgia State University, Former

Dean, College of Law

County Attorney Patrise PerkinsHooker, Fulton County, Georgia;
Past President, State Bar of Georgia

#### TRAUMA INFORMED COURTS\*

Atlanta 2 & 3

During this session,

judges will explore how

understanding the impact

of trauma on individuals

enhance judicial decision-

making both in and out of

the courtroom. Judges will

receive practical advice on

how to move from being a

trauma-informed court to

being a trauma-responsive

including presiding in

law, criminal cases and

the impact of vicarious

domestic violence, family

accountability courts. The

presenters will also discuss

trauma on Judges and give

suggestions to Judges for

court in a variety of dockets

and their families will

#### ATTORNEY ETHICS\* Atlanta 4 & 5

In this panel, attorneys will explore how ethics rules intersect with the lawyers' use of technology in modern day practices.

#### Moderator:

#### Patrick E. Longan, W. A. Bootle Chair in Ethics and Professionalism, Walter F. George School of Law

Mercer University

Panelists:

#### Paula Frederick,

Esq., General Counsel, State Bar of Georgia; Chair, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Professional Discipline

#### Judge Allison B. Salter, Cobb County State Court, Georgia

Shannon M.
Sprinkle, Esq.,
Partner, Carlock
Copeland & Stair
LLP

#### Moderator:

self-care.

**Judge Brenda S. Weaver,** Appalachian Judicial Circuit, Georgia

#### Panelists:

#### Dr. Lisa Callahan,

**Ph.D.**, Senior Research Associate, Policy Research Associates, Inc.

#### Judge Kathlene F.

**Gosselin**, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, Georgia

#### Judge R. Michael Key,

Troup County Juvenile Court, Georgia; Past President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

#### Judge Peggy Walker,

Douglas County Juvenile Court, Georgia; Past President, NCJFCJ

## Saturday, October 14, 2017 (Continued)

11.45 - 1.20	WINDLOWN LINEAU C. 1.10. 1.10.	
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Life After the Bench* by CHIEF JUDGE GLENDA HATCHETT (RETIRED) Fulton County Juvenile Court, Georgia	
	Two-time Emmy-nominated nationally syndicated courtroom series, <i>Judge Hatchett</i> Founder, The Hatchett Firm, a national law firm based in Atlanta	
1:30 p.m 6:00 p.m.	FREE AFTERNOON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES and EXCURSIONS	
1:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.	Shop with the Judges - A Community Service Project of NAWJ Capitol North	
	Beginning at 2:00 p.m., NAWJ members, local judges and local attorneys are encouraged to "shop" with youth in foster care and law students to help them select and "purchase" gently used professional clothing, jewelry, purses and shoes that are appropriate for a job interview at this inaugural NAWJ "Shop with the Judges" Community Service Event.	
	Volunteer "Sales Clerks" are asked to arrive at 1:30 p.m. and "Shoppers" are asked to arrive at 2:00 p.m.	
	2017-18 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting Atlanta 2 & 3	
2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	SOUTH FULTON MUNICIPAL REGIONAL JAIL TOUR (Optional Excursion, subject to cancellation if attendance minimum is not reached)	
	Judge Gail Tusan, Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, will lead a tour of the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail. This women's facility is the only jail to house women in Fulton County who are detained while awaiting trial. Visitors will learn about programs offered to women. To help "break the ice" and facilitate an open exchange with the women, NAWJ judges will have an opportunity to participate in a dance class with the women. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for NAWJ's judges from outside of Georgia to share valuable general information to encourage and inspire women who are beginning their journey through the criminal justice system. Please wear comfortable attire that is appropriate for dancing, sharing, and encouraging women involved in the criminal justice system.	
	An ADA equipped van or car will provide transportation from the hotel at 2:00 p.m. Please meet the van at the doors outside of the main hotel lobby no later than 1:45 p.m. for a prompt 2:00 p.m. departure. The tour will arrive back at the hotel no later than 5:30 p.m.	
2:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.	CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR (Optional Excursion)	
	Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes, Georgia Court of Appeals, and Tom Houck, a former aide for Martin Luther King, Jr., will guide attendees on an exciting Civil Rights Tour that will view approximately 23 different significant locations in Atlanta. Tom Houck is a veteran of the civil rights movement, and was one of the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Jefferson County, Alabama that resulted in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision desegregating prisons across America. See Washington v. Lee, 263 F. Supp. 327 (M.D. Ala. 1966) and <i>Lee v. Washington</i> , 390 U.S. 333, 88 S. Ct. 994, 19 L. Ed. 2d 1212 (1968). The tour bus includes a video about Atlanta and its civil rights history, featuring narratives by former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, Congressman John Lewis, and Julian Bond, among others. The tour also includes a fabulous freedom singer who will belt out tunes from the Civil Rights movement.	
	A bus will provide transportation from the hotel at 2:00 p.m. Please meet the van at the doors outside of the main hotel lobby no later than 1:45 p.m. for a prompt 2:00 p.m. departure. The tour will arrive back at the hotel at 5:30 p.m.	

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4:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	NAWJ Resource Board Meeting		Atlanta 4 & 5
4:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	NAWJ District Directors Meeting		Atlanta 2 & 3
6:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.	COCKTAIL RECEPTION		Capitol Pre-function Foyer
7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	NAWJ ANNUAL BANQUET Capitol South/Center featuring Sinfo-Nia Orchestra of Metropolitan Atlanta		
	The Gala dinner music features the Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia Orchestra of Metropolitan Atlanta named in honor of William Grant Still, the dean of Black Composers. Sinfo-Nia celebrates nearly three decades of instructing thousands of young talented instrumental and dance students. Sinfo-Nia has completed over 400 performances throughout the U.S. and West Africa, and recently returned from a performance in Jamaica, celebrating Jamaica's 55th Year of Independence.		
	NAWJ 2017 AWARD HONOREES		
	Mattie Belle Davis Award William C.E. Robinson Corporate Secretary, NAWJ Resource Board Member	Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award Honorable Ariane Vuono Massachusetts Court of Appeals	Justice Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year Honorable Carol W. Hunstein Supreme Court of Georgia
	The photography for this conference was taken by Don Morgan Photography.		
10:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Deejay and Dancing, featuring music by Zack Falls  Capitol South/Center		
	Zack Falls is an Atlanta-based DJ and producer known for his high-energy and tactfully mixed DJ sets, as well as creating a new style of electronic music that is refreshing and easy to love. His original tracks have garnered international attention and radio play, and his DJ sets have allowed him to sustain an ever-growing reputation in the southeast as one of the most promising up-and-coming electronic artists of 2017. Learn more at www.zackfalls.com		

## Sunday, October 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	FAREWELL BREAKFAST	Capitol South/Center
	ADDRESS ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE	3:
	Rethinking The Judicial Role in Civil and Crimin	
	by <b>JUDGE LISA FOSTER (RETIRED</b>	,
	Former Director, Office for Access to Just	2
	U.S. Department of Justice; Superior Court of California,	San Diego County
11:00 a.m.	JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY	441 Freedom Parkway,
	AND MUSEUM (Optional Excursion)	Atlanta, Georgia, 30307
	Join Justice Carol W. Hunstein and Jason Carter on a very special, intimate two-hour tour of The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. Jason Carter, a grandson of former President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and the current Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Carter Center, will lead the tour. The museum includes photographs and historical memorabilia from the Carter presidency. Learn about the life and work of President and Mrs. Carter from Jason Carter as he guides the group through the Presidential Museum.  An ADA-equipped van will provide transportation from the hotel at 11:30 a.m. Please meet the van at the doors outside of the main hotel lobby no later than 11:15 a.m. for a prompt 11:30 a.m. departure. The bus will be back at the hotel no later than 3:30 p.m.	



HONORABLE LESLIE J. ABRAMS is a United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. On November 21, 2014, Judge Abrams took the oath of office and became first female federal judge in the Middle District of Georgia and the first African American woman to become an Article III judge in the State of Georgia.

Judge Abrams grew up in Gulfport, Mississippi and Atlanta, Georgia. She is the daughter of two United Methodist ministers and the third of six children. She received a joint bachelor's degree in Public Policy and African American Studies from Brown University in 1997 and received her JD from Yale Law School in 2002. Following graduation from law school, Judge Abrams clerked for the Honorable Marvin J. Garbis on the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Following her clerkship, she joined the DC office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP and the Atlanta office of Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP (now Kilpatrick Townsend). From 2010 to 2014, Judge Abrams served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia in both the white collar and major crimes sections. In addition to her duties as a prosecutor, Judge Abrams also served as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office, developing programs focused on community education, crime prevention and prisoner reentry. In this position, she frequently spoke to schools, churches, and community groups about human trafficking, child exploitation, elder abuse, discrimination, and community safety.

The Middle District of Georgia (MDGA) is comprised of 69 counties spanning a vast area of the state from Athens to Valdosta. In addition to sitting in the MDGA, Judge Abrams is also sitting, by designation, in the Middle District of Alabama. Judge Abrams has continued her community work in human trafficking by speaking to youth groups and attending the Vatican's Judges' Summit against Human Trafficking and Organized Crime and is active with various civic and community organizations.



CAROLINA ANTONINI is a partner in Antonini and Cohen Immigration Law Group. Her practice focuses on deportation defense, detention, asylum/human rights, family immigration, domestic violence and consular issues. A native of Venezuela, she immigrated to the United States in 1979, and received a Bachelor's and Juris Doctor Degrees from Georgia

State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Antonini worked as a social worker and as program director for the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta and the St. Vincent de Paul Society developing and providing services for Georgia's indigent immigrant community. She also created and conducted cultural sensitivity seminars for service providers and law enforcement personnel, as well as health, legal, and social seminars for the immigrant community. As an attorney, Ms. Antonini worked in the legal clinic of Catholic Social Services representing indigent immigrants in international human rights and immigration matters.

Ms. Antonini has participated as instructor and panelist in numerous legal workshops for attorneys and in many "know your rights" seminars for the immigrant community (including the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Latino Law School, The State Bar of Georgia, The American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education). She is a co-founding member of the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association and served on its Board of Directors. She currently serves on the Georgia Law Related Education Consortium. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and has served on the Board of its Atlanta Chapter. Ms. Antonini hosts a Sunday radio in show where she answers questions about immigration law to a Spanish speaking audience. She also co-authored a high school textbook, Introduction to Georgia Law, used to teach youth and continuing education adults about the legal system. In 2001, Ms. Antonini was named Judge Pro Hac Vice for the City Court of Atlanta, becoming the first Latina judge to sit on the bench in Georgia's history. In 2004, she also became an adjunct professor at the College of Law, Georgia State University, where she teaches immigration law to juris doctor candidates.



PROFESSOR HULETT H. ASKEW is visiting Professor of Law, and former consultant on Legal Education for the American Bar Association. He is chair of the Board of Directors for the Lawyers for Equal Justice, Georgia's first law practice incubator program. Professor Askew was Director of the Office of Bar Admissions for the Supreme Court of Georgia. He

also concurrently served as the Executive Director of the Chief Justice Commission on Professionalism. During that period, Professor Askew became the Interim Director for the Administrative Office of the Courts. From 1983 to 1990, he was Director of the Civil Division for the National Legal Aid & Defender Association in Washington, D.C. He also worked for the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C., and for the Office of Economic Opportunity Legal Services Program. Askew is a former council member for the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the American Bar Association and served for six years on the Section's Accreditation Committee. He is a former member of the Association's Standing Committees on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, Professionalism and Professional Discipline, and the Board of Trustees of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law. Professor Askew is a member of the Board of Trustees of National Conference of Bar Examiners. In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed Professor Askew to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, on which he served until 2003. In 2007, he was selected as a member of the American Law Institute. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964 and his J.D. from Emory University School of Law in 1967. He was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1967



for over 20 years before being elected Judge in 1994. She retired as the founding Presiding Judge of the Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division, Circuit Court of Cook County. She chairs the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging and serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for Gerontolo-

gy of Concordia University Chicago. She is the past chair of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council and is a sought after consultant and lecturer. Judge Banks is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.



HONORABLE KRISTINA HAMMER BLUM is

the Chief Magistrate of the Gwinnett County Magistrate Court. Judge Blum began her legal career in 1994. Although she practiced in a variety of areas, she spent the majority of her time in the federal courts, specializing in the representation of city and county governments and public officials. She was appointed

to the Magistrate Court in 2005, and was appointed the Chief Magistrate on January 9, 2013. Magistrate Court is often referred to as the "emergency room of the courts" and the "People's Court;" it has 24 judges and handles over 80,000 matters every year. Since becoming the Chief Magistrate, Judge Blum has initiated a number of projects to increase the use of technology and improve language access to for the purpose of providing meaningful and informed access to justice for all citizens of Gwinnett County.

Judge Blum presently serves as Immediate President of the Georgia Magistrate Council and served as a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia from June 2015 until June 2017. Judge Blum is also on the faculty for the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, and she is frequent speaker and guest lecturer for law enforcement, attorneys, other judges, and in the community on a variety of legal topics. In 2017, she was appointed to the Justice for All Strategic Action Plan Work Group for the State Bar of Georgia, and is a Task Team Captain for same.



HONORABLE MICHAEL P. BOGGS was appointed Justice to the Supreme Court of Georgia in 2016 by Governor Nathan Deal. Previously, he served as a Judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia from January 2012 through 2016. He was re-elected state-wide without opposition to the Court of Appeals for a six-year term in 2012. Prior to his appellate judicial ser-

vice, Justice Boggs served as a Superior Court Judge for the six-county Waycross Judicial Circuit having been elected to an open seat in 2004. He was re-elected without opposition in 2008. Justice Boggs was raised in Waycross and now lives in Pierce County with his wife Heather, a kindergarten teacher in the Ware County public school system.

Justice Boggs obtained his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Psychology from Georgia Southern College in 1985. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1990. Following his graduation from law school, Justice Boggs practiced property insurance defense litigation in Atlanta until 1992, when he returned to his hometown of Waycross. From 1992 to 2004, Justice Boggs maintained a general trial practice specializing in family law, real estate, banking, personal injury, and general civil litigation matters. Justice Boggs served as a County Attorney, Development Authority Counsel, and as a Special Assistant Attorney General.

In 2000, Justice Boggs was elected as a State Representative to the General Assembly and represented Ware, Charlton and Clinch Counties until 2004. While in the Legislature, Justice Boggs served on the Judiciary, Public Safety and Government Affairs Committees. Among his legislative accomplishments, Justice Boggs authored the "Child Protection Act", a bill aimed at protecting children from sexual predators.

An ardent supporter of accountability courts, Justice Boggs founded the Waycross Judicial Circuit Drug Court Program, served as its Presiding Judge, and served as a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia's Standing Committee on Accountability Courts. Justice Boggs has served as a member of the Governor's Judicial Nominating Commission, and serves on the Foundation Board of Trustees at South Georgia State College in Waycross, where he previously served as a part-time adjunct professor.

In 2011, Justice Boggs served as a member of Georgia's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform and was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to serve as Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Reform Council each year from 2012 to the present. Justice Boggs is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of State Governments Justice Center and serves on the Boards Executive Committee. He also serves on the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, and The National Center for State Courts Judicial Peer Group, and National Task Force on Fines, Fees and Bail Practices. Justice Boggs is a member of the Lawyers Club of Atlanta and the Atlanta Bar Association.



**SHERRY BOSTON, ESQ.** is District Attorney for the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit, where she oversees the prosecution of felony offenses filed in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, including murder, drug and sex offenses, child and elder abuse, theft, and corruption. Prior to this role, District Attorney Boston served as DeKalb County Solicitor-General, the elected

prosecutor overseeing misdemeanor crimes. In addition to her elected positions, District Attorney Boston has also received several notable appointments. She was the first woman appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dunwoody and also served as Associate Magistrate Judge for DeKalb County. In addition to her judicial service, Ms. Boston has also worked in private practice handling thousands of misdemeanor and felony criminal cases in metro Atlanta.

Among other community and legal organizations in which she is involved, District Attorney Boston is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia. She currently chairs the Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board, which has the power to investigate and discipline members of the State Bar for violations of Standards of Conduct. District Attorney Boston also serves on the Board of Governors, the State Bar's policy making arm. In addition to her varied State Bar roles, District Attorney Boston is an instructor for Basic Litigation for the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia and is regularly called upon to speak to local and national audiences on a number of issues related to law enforcement, trial preparation and cross-examination strategies.

District Attorney Boston is a graduate of Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Emory University School of Law.



LISA CALLAHAN is a Senior Research Associate at Policy Research Associates, where she is the Team Lead for SAMHSA's GAINS Center's technical assistance for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) grant program. As part of her GAINS Center responsibilities, Dr. Callahan provides training to criminal justice professionals and judges on improving criminal

justice system responses through trauma-informed care. Dr. Callahan has extensive research experience including current grants with NIJ and the Russell Sage Foundation that examine behavioral health in the justice system and with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to study their incompetency to stand trial and commitment process. She recently completed two NIJ studies on juvenile mental health courts and a MacArthur Foundation grant on adult mental health courts. Dr. Callahan first started working at PRA when it was founded in 1988 to 1990. Prior to that, she worked in the research bureau for the New York State Office of Mental Health. Dr. Callahan is Professor Emerita from The Sage Colleges where for 18 years she taught courses in criminal justice and mental health and developed the MA Forensic Mental Health Program. She returned to PRA in 2008. Dr. Callahan received her Ph.D. (1983) in Sociology from The Ohio State University. She completed an NIMH Post-Doctoral Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Sociology and Psychiatry (1985). In addition to her current work on trauma and treatment courts, Dr. Callahan has conducted studies on the insanity defense, conditional release, the death penalty, the implementation of mental health training with correctional officers, and psychiatric patients' right to refuse treatment, all resulting in various publications and presentations.



PETER CANFIELD, ESQ. focuses on defending publication tort claims, enforcing access to government information, protecting sources and other sensitive information, and safeguarding media distribution rights and intellectual property. A First Amendment lawyer by reputation, Mr. Canfield has had involvement with Second Amendment issues beginning

with his representation of the Mayor of New York City in a defamation lawsuit brought by a Georgia gun dealer. He has since represented the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and Everytown For Gun Safety in Second Amendment litigation in Georgia and elsewhere in the country, including Colorado, Florida, and Washington State. Mr. Canfield has experience in other high-stakes litigation, assisting clients with shareholder disputes, securities claims, advertising issues, contests for high-status personnel, class privacy and data breach assertions, and legal malpractice. Media clients, in addition to Georgia-based companies, have included ABC, AP, Block, Bloomberg, CBC, CBS, Condé Nast, Courthouse News, FirstDatabank, Fremantle, ESPN, Hearst, iN Demand, Interscope, Lions Gate, Macmillan, Microsoft, MTV, National Public Radio (NPR), Newsweek, New York Times, Penguin Putnam, Sports Illustrated, Time, Times of London, Vibe, and Washington Post. Non-media clients have included leading business enterprises, national advertisers like Sprint, educational entities like Emory and The University of Georgia, and a number of the nation's top law firms.



HONORABLE JULIE ELIZABETH CARNES is a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Prior to that role, Judge Carnes served as Judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, appointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992. She has served as Chief Judge since 2009. Judge Carnes was born in

Atlanta, Georgia. She received her A.B. summa cum laude from the University of Georgia in 1972, and her J.D. magna cum laude from the University of Georgia Law School in 1975. During law school, Judge Carnes served as an Editorial Board Member for the University of Georgia Law Review. After law school, Judge Carnes clerked for Judge Lewis R. Morgan on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia in 1978, serving as an Assistant United States Attorney until 1982 when she was promoted to Appellate Chief of the Criminal Division. From 1987 to 1990, in addition to Appellate Chief, Judge Carnes also acted as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, supervising division court trial attorneys and sentencing guidelines matters. In 1989, Judge Carnes completed a six-month detail assignment as Special Counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission. In 1990, she became a Commissioner of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, a role that she continued through Continued through the first several years of her federal judgeship.



HONORABLE JIMMY CARTER is the 39th President of the United States and co-founder of The Carter Center. He was born in Plains, Georgia, and grew up in the nearby community of Archery. He was educated in the public school of Plains, attended Georgia Southwestern College and the Georgia Institute of Technology, and received a B.S. degree from the

United States Naval Academy in 1946. In the Navy he became a submariner, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and rising to the rank of lieutenant. Chosen by Admiral Hyman Rickover for the nuclear submarine program, he was assigned to Schenectady, New York, where he took graduate work at Union College in reactor technology and nuclear physics, and served as senior officer of the pre-commissioning crew of the *Seawolf*, the second nuclear submarine.

On July 7, 1946, he married Rosalynn Smith of Plains. When his father died in 1953, he resigned his naval commission and returned with his family to Georgia. He took over the Carter farms, and he and Rosalynn operated Carter's Warehouse, a general-purpose seed and farm supply company in Plains. He quickly became a leader of the community, serving on county boards supervising education, the hospital authority, and the library. In 1962 he won election to the Georgia Senate. He lost his first gubernatorial campaign in 1966, but won the next election, becoming Georgia's 76th governor on January 12, 1971. He was the Democratic National Committee campaign chairman for the 1974 congressional and gubernatorial elections.

Jimmy Carter served as president from January 20, 1977 to January 20, 1981. Significant foreign policy accomplishments of his administration included the Panama Canal treaties, the Camp David Accords, the treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel, the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union, and the establishment of U.S. diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. He championed human rights throughout the world. On the domestic side, the administration's achievements included a comprehensive energy program conducted by a new Department of Energy; deregulation in energy, transportation, communications, and finance; major educational programs under a new Department of Education; and major environmental protection legislation, including the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.



HONORABLE ROSALYNN CARTER is former First Lady of the United States and CO-founder of The Carter Center. Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter is a leading advocate for mental health, caregiving, early childhood immunization, human rights, and conflict resolution through her work at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. A full partner with the president in all the Center's

activities, the former first lady is a member of the Carter Center Board of Trustees. She created and chairs the Carter Center's Mental Health Task Force, an advisory body of experts, consumers, and advocates promoting positive change in the mental health field. Mrs. Carter emerged as a driving force for mental health when, during the Carter administration, she became active honorary chair of the President's Commission on Mental Health, which resulted in passage of the Mental Health Systems Act of 1980.

Mrs. Carter served on the Policy Advisory Board of The Atlanta Project (TAP), a program of The Carter Center addressing the social ills associated with poverty and quality of life citywide, from the program's inception in 1991 until its transfer to Georgia State Uni-

versity in 1999. In 1988, she convened with three other former first ladies the "Women and the Constitution" conference at The Carter Center to assess that document's impact on women. She served as distinguished centennial lecturer at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, from 1988-1992 and is currently a distinguished fellow at the Emory University Department of Women's Studies in Atlanta. Since graduating from Georgia Southwestern College in 1946, Mrs. Carter has received many honors, among them the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor, and inductions into the National Women's Hall of Fame. She has written five books, travels and speaks throughout the world, is a deacon at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia.



SHIRIKI L. CAVITT, ESQ. currently serves as Corporate Counsel for Equifax, Inc. focusing on drafting and negotiating complex business-to-business commercial and third-party contracts. Since Fall, 2013 she has been an adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law, teaching a Corporate Externship Class to second and third-year students. Ms. Cavitt has

served as a Term Law Clerk for the Honorable Linda T. Walker who is a federal magistrate judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. Before clerking, Ms. Cavitt was Counsel for Oldcastle, Inc. where her primary focus was on contractual and labor and employment issues. Her extended practice covered all of the areas that the business encountered, such as commercial disputes, litigation management, MSHA and OSHA matters, compliance and antitrust issues. Prior to working at Oldcastle, Ms. Cavitt was an Associate at Troutman Sanders LLP in the Complex Litigation Practice Group where she focused on business litigation and product liability matters. Ms. Cavitt obtained her Bachelor of Arts in English (cum laude) in 2001 from Dartmouth College and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 2004.



HONORABLE JUDITH C. CHIRLIN is the Executive Director of the Western Justice Center. She was appointed Judge to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1985, and retired September 30, 2009 She is a graduate of The George Washington University (BA, Political Science), Rutgers University (MA, Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics) and the University of Southern

California Law School (JD). She was the first woman to serve in the Judicial Fellows Program (now known as "Supreme Court Fellows Program") where she worked on the staff of the Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice Warren Burger on projects to improve the administration of justice. In November of 2011, when she joined the Western Justice Center (WJC) in Pasadena, California she began designing and promulgating programs to foster alternative dispute resolution in the courts, and peaceful resolution of conflicts in schools and communities. WJC created the Institute for Safe & Inclusive Schools which offers a number of innovative programs to address bias, bullying and the myriad of other problems

facing our schools today. She devotes part of her time to private dispute resolution; she started a non-profit foundation to support justice system improvement projects that enhance the rule of law.

Judge Chirlin has served on numerous state and national committees and boards. She is a past Chair of the Board of the American Judicature Society. She has held numerous positions in the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, California Women Lawyers, NAWJ, and the International Association of Women Judges. She also served as Vice Chair of the California Gender Bias Task Force and as a member of a Blue Ribbon Panel Investigating the Problems of Women in Prison, both by virtue of appointment by the Chief Justice of California. She continues in her work in the international arena; amongst many activities she is a member of the International Advisory Board of the CEELI Institute in Prague, the Czech Republic. In 2011, working with the U.S. Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, Judge Chirlin helped develop and then facilitated a two-week program in Washington, D.C. for Iraqi women activists. The purpose of the program was to assist the group in developing programs to combat gender based violence in Iraq and to educate American policy makers on the conditions for women in Iraq. She worked with the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues helping to develop a program for high level Iraqi officials from all branches of government, designed to address the particular issues of widows and orphans in Iraq. Participants included the Chief Justice of Iraq, a Member of Parliament, a Ministry Official and the leaders of two major civil society organizations that work on problems of widows and orphans in Iraq.



AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE SUSAN COPPEDGE (RETIRED) led the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons of the U.S. State Department. For 15 years as an Assistant United States Attorney, she investigated and prosecuted human trafficking cases, indicting 49 human traffickers in cases involving domestic sex trafficking of adults and minors, international sex traf-

ficking of adults and minors, and labor trafficking. Overall, 93 victims were rescued and the perpetrators brought to justice. This practical, frontline experience enhanced Ambassador Coppedge's ability to engage in the diplomatic and policy work of the State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. While Ambassador, she continued to work on behalf of trafficking victims by engaging with foreign governments and U.S. federal agencies to increase their efforts in prosecution, protection and prevention, and by partnering with non-governmental organizations which are vital to the success of anti-trafficking efforts. A native of Georgia, Ambassador Coppedge obtained her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her law degree from Stanford University.



ROBYN A. CRITTENDEN is Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS). She oversees a \$1.8 billion budget and nearly 9,000 employees working for Georgia. Prior to her appointment by Gov. Nathan Deal in 2015, Commissioner Crittenden was with the Georgia Student Finance Commission where, as the Executive Vice President and

Chief Operating Officer, she promoted and provided Georgians with increased access to education beyond high school. A graduate of Yale University and the University of Michigan School of Law, Commissioner Crittenden has also previously served as the General Counsel at Morehouse College, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs-Contracts for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.



**CONSTANCE CURRY** is a writer, activist, and a fellow at the Institute for Women's Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. She has a Juris Doctor degree from Woodrow Wilson College. Ms. Curry did graduate work in political science at Columbia University and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Bordeaux in France. She earned her B.A. degree in History,

graduating Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. She was a Fellow at the University of Virginia's Carter G. Woodson Institute, Center for Civil Rights, Charlottesville.

Ms. Curry is the author of several works, including her award winning book, *Silver Rights*, which won the Lillian Smith Book Award for nonfiction in 1996; was recommended by the New York Times for summer reading in 1996; and was named the Outstanding Book on the subject of Human Rights in North America by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights. Ms. Curry is the producer of the documentary "*The Intolerable Burden*," (winner of the John O'Connor film award in 2004 from the American Historical Association) based on her book *Silver Rights*, but showing today's re-segregation in public schools and the fast track to prison for youth of color.



HONORABLE SAUNDRA HAYNES AR-RINGTON DEMPSEY was an Immigration Judge for the Stewart Immigration Court within the U.S. Department of Justice. Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Arrington in August 2010. She served through August, 2017. Judge Arrington received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974 from the Uni-

versity of California at Irvine and a Juris Doctorate in 1994 from Southern Methodist University School of Law. From 2008 to August 2010, she served as Associate Counsel for the Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. From 2007 to 2008, Judge Arrington worked as a Senior Attorney for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Dallas. From 2000 to 2007, she worked as a Trial

Attorney for ICE in Dallas. From 1994 to 2000, Judge Arrington was an Assistant District Attorney and state prosecutor for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. She has taught immigration law courses at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia. Judge Arrington is a member of the State Bar of Texas.



HONORABLE BERNICE BOUIE DONALD was confirmed by the Senate on September 6, 2011 to join the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prior to joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Donald served on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, where she was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton in December, 1995. Judge

Donald served as Judge of U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Western District of Tennessee from June 1988 to January 1996. She was the first African American woman in the history of the United States to serve as a Bankruptcy Judge. When she was elected to the General Sessions Criminal Court in 1982, she became the first African American woman to serve as a judge in the history of the State of Tennessee. Judge Donald received her law degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law where she has served as an adjunct faculty member.

Judge Donald frequently serves as faculty for the Federal Judicial Center and the National Judicial College. In 2003, Judge Donald led a People to People delegation to Johannesburg and Cape town, South Africa and traveled to Zimbabwe to monitor the trial of a judge accused of judicial misconduct. Judge Donald has served as President of the American Bar Foundation, the National Association of Women Judges, and the Association of Women Attorneys. In June 2005, Judge Donald co-founded 4-

Life, a skills training and enrichment program for students ages 6 to 15 designed to teach children to become positive productive citizens. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Stax Museum of American Soul and the Stax Academy Charter School.



JAMES DOYLE, ESQ. is the Administrative Partner in the Atlanta and Charleston offices of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the Products Liability, General Liability, Korean Business & Litigation, and Chinese Business & Litigation Practices. Mr. Doyle is an Atlanta litigation attorney, with more than 22 years of experience representing clients before the United States

Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, Georgia Court of Appeals, United States District Courts, as well as State Superior Courts throughout the United States. He has argued before the Supreme Court of Georgia in a case that created the current standard applied in premises liability matters in Georgia, and has extensive trial experience involving matters of products liability, professional liability, and premises liability. Mr. Doyle's professional liability experience is highlighted by his representation of lawyers in legal malpractice cases as well as insurance brokers, real estate agents,

and doctors in other types of professional liability cases. Mr. Doyle also has experience handling matters in arbitration, both domestic and international.



HONORABLE SARA L. DOYLE was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals in December, 2008 and took office on January 1, 2009. In 2014, she was elected to her second six- year term, and on July 1, 2015, became the Court's Chief Judge, a position she will hold for two years. Born in Dallas, Texas, Judge Doyle lived in several states before entering the University of Florida where she

graduated in 1990 with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. She graduated cum laude from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1994. Judge Doyle was admitted to the Georgia Bar in June 1994 and began her legal career as a civil litigator with Wilson, Strickland & Benson, P.C. Just prior to taking office, she was an equity partner with the national law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP where she practiced law with a focus on education issues since August 2000. As a practicing attorney, Judge Doyle received an A.V. peer-reviewed rating from Martindale Hubbell.

Judge Doyle has also held several positions in the State Bar of Georgia. She has been a member and chair (2014-2017) of the State Bar's Law Related Education Committee, sat as a fee dispute arbitrator for the State Bar of Georgia, has been a member and chair (Oct. 2011 to Aug. 2013) of the State Bar of Georgia's Commission on the Unlicensed Practice of Law, and was a member of the Next Generation Courts Commission from 2012 through 2014. In January 2013, Judge Doyle was inducted as a member at-large of the Gate City Bar Association's Judicial Section Executive Board for a one-year term and she has served as a member of GAWL's Advisory Board. Recently, Judge Doyle was elected to serve a two-year term as District 5 Director for the National Association of Women Judges.

As an active member of the appellate courts, Judge Doyle is involved in the Judicial Council of Georgia. She held a six-year term (2010-2016) on the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution, chaired the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee (2014 to 2016) and the Court Reporting Matters Committee (July 2013 to June 2015), and will sit on the Access, Fairness and Public Trust and Confidence Committee from February 2016 to June 2018

Judge Doyle participated in Leadership Midtown, the Atlanta Regional Commission leadership Institute, the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Leadership Academy, and the 2011 University of Florida Women's Inaugural Leadership Event. Judge Doyle was a Barrister in the Bleckley Inn of Court and a faculty member for the Emory University Trial Advocacy Program. Judge Doyle has participated as a Hands On Atlanta Day team leader, an American Cancer Society Neighborhood fundraiser, as co-chair for her law firm's United Way Committee and a volunteer for the Georgia Volunteer Lawyer for the Arts. Recently, she has acted as a team leader for the Court's participation in the Georgia Legal Food Frenzy.

Judge Doyle is married to attorney, Jay Doyle, and they have two children.



ALIA EL-SAWI serves as the Victim Assistance Specialist for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). She has worked on human trafficking cases for 12 years. Ms. El-Sawi's area of responsibility includes Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. In this capacity, she designs and provides educational trainings and

outreach to law enforcement, attorneys, mainstream service providers, and community-based organizations on human trafficking and child exploitation. Additionally, she is involved in conducting victim interviews and completing a portion of the immigration documents and relief available to human trafficking survivors. Prior to her work with Homeland Security, Ms. El-Sawi's worked for a non-profit, Tapestri, and served as the Anti-Human Trafficking Program Coordinator providing trainings, outreach, and direct services/case management to foreign-born survivors of human trafficking. Ms. El-Sawi also worked on cases involving immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape. She served as the Chair of the Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue & Restore Board for three years and served as the Freedom Network's Social Service Committee Chair for three years. She has traveled overseas to train foreign governments on human trafficking in Chile, Peru, Brazil, Hong King, Macau, Vietnam, and has an upcoming training in Thailand this October. Ms. El-Sawi speaks Arabic, French, Spanish, and conversational Portuguese. She has Bachelors degrees from Mercer University in International Affairs and French. Additionally, Ms. El-Sawi holds a Masters degree from Boston University in Criminal Justice with a focus in Victimology.



PROFESSOR ANNE S. EMANUEL is Professor of Law Emerita, teaching in the areas of criminal law and criminal procedure, wills & trusts and fiduciary administration. She is a 1975 graduate of the Emory University School of Law, where she served as Editor-in- Chief of the Emory Law Review. After graduation, she clerked for Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. Emanuel released an authorized biography of Judge Tuttle in 2012, *Elbert Parr Tuttle: Chief Jurist of the Civil Rights Revolution*, and has published four articles in connection with that project. Professor Emanuel worked for two years with the Atlanta law firm, Huie, Brown & Ide. The firm represented Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, and Professor Emanuel worked on issues that rose out of construction of the East Line. She left the practice and returned to clerking, in the office of Chief Justice Harold N. Hill of the Georgia Supreme Court, for whom she worked for eight years. After Chief Justice Hill's retirement, she joined the Georgia State Law faculty.

Professor Emanuel served as reporter for the Trust Code Revision Committee, whose work was enacted as the Georgia Trust Act of 1991. She has been a member of the Board of the Federal Defenders Inc. for the Northern District of Georgia and of the Atlanta Bar Association, and a long-term board member of the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest, now Greenlaw Inc., and the Formal Advisory Opinion Board of the State Bar of Georgia. From 2004-2006, she served as chair of Georgia's ABA Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Committee; that work culminated in the publication of Evaluating Fairness and Accuracy in State Death Penalty Systems: The Georgia Death Penalty Assessment Report. From 2004-06, she served as associate dean for academic affairs.



**STEPHANIE EVERETT, ESQ.** is Executive Director of Lawyers for Justice (L4EJ). Ms. Everett's passion for teaching and creating successful businesses led her to L4EJ. She develops and coordinates training and professional development programming for L4EJ participants, and oversees L4EJ's general operations. In 2007, Ms. Everett left Powell Goldstein (now

Bryan Cave) to launch a trial boutique. As the managing partner at Bloom Sugarman Everett, Ms. Everett created, implemented and managed all aspects of firm operations—from firm finances to attorney training and mentoring. She has been recognized as a Super Lawyer and Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine as well as one of Georgia Trend's Legal Elite. Ms. Everett received her J.D., cum laude, from Georgia State University College of Law in 2002 and a B.A. from Oglethorpe University in 1996.



HONORABLE LISA ANN FOSTER works with state and local courts on improving access to justice and reforming criminal justice practices. She served as the Director of the Office for Access to Justice at the United States Department of Justice until January 2017. Before joining the Justice Department, she served for ten years as a California Superior Court Judge in

San Diego where she presided over criminal, civil and family law departments. She served as the Presiding Judge of the Court's Appellate Division and as the Assistant Supervising Judge of the Family Court Division. After serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Marianna R. Pfaelzer of the Central District of California, Judge Foster began her legal career as a Staff Attorney at the Center for Law in the Public Interest in Los Angeles and later joined the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She also served as the Executive Director of California Common Cause and was Of Counsel to the law firm of Phillips & Cohen, representing whistleblowers under the federal and California False Claims Acts. Judge Foster has taught courses on sex discrimination, federal courts and election law as an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. She received a B.A. in American Studies from Stanford University and J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.



PAULA FREDERICK, ESQ. is General Counsel for the State Bar of Georgia, a unified bar organization with 41,000 members. As General Counsel, Ms. Frederick is responsible for interpreting the ethics rules for lawyers, prosecuting lawyer discipline cases, and providing legal advice to the officers and directors of the Bar. She has served in the Office of the General

Counsel for 24 years, most recently as Deputy General Counsel for Discipline. Ms. Frederick is a 1982 graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Law and a 1979 graduate of Duke University. Prior to joining the Office of the General Counsel, she spent six years as a staff attorney with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society handling civil legal matters for low-income people. Ms. Frederick is a Past President of the Atlanta Bar Association and the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. She is also an active member of the American Bar Association, where she chairs the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. In the past she has served on the ABA Board of Governors and chaired the ABA Diversity Center.



HONORABLE KATHLENE F. GOSSELIN has served as a Trial Court Judge in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit since 1987. In 1998, she was appointed Judge of Superior Courts after having previously served on the Hall County State Court bench. Judge Gosselin has presided over a Mental Health court since 2004 and a Veteran's court since 2014, as well as serving

on the Executive Committee of the Council of Accountability Courts since its inception.

Judge Gosselin was born in Chicago, Illinois. In 1976, she graduated with high honors from Southern Illinois University. In 1980 she was awarded her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School. The same year she was admitted into the Georgia Bar. From 1981-1986 she was a partner in the law firm of Fockele and Gosselin. Her area of concentration was in criminal, domestic, and juvenile work. From 1987-1998 she was the State Court Judge of Hall County. In 1998, she was appointed Judge of Superior Courts for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit. Judge Gosselin previously served as President of the Council of State Court Judges and Chair of the Georgia Supreme Court Committee on Gender Equality. She served as President of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia from May 2010-April 2011.



HONORABLE GLENDA A. HATCHETT is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and Emory University School of Law. She clerked in the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia. After her clerkship, she spent nearly 10 years at Delta Air Lines, where she was the airline's highest-ranking woman of color worldwide. As Senior Attorney, she represent-

ed Delta Air Lines in labor/personnel, and antitrust litigation and commercial acquisitions. As Public Relations Manager, she super-

vised global crisis management and handled media relations for 50 U.S. cities as well as all of Europe and Asia. She was appointed to the Fulton County Juvenile Court, eventually becoming the first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court in Georgia and head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country. She is a member of both the Georgia Bar and the Bar of the District of Columbia.

Judge Hatchett presides over the two-time Emmy nominated nationally syndicated show, *Judge Hatchett*, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> season. She presides over the series as a follow-up to Sony TV's long-running *Judge Hatchett*. She would return to TV in a new television court series, *The Verdict*. *The Verdict* marks Entertainment Studios' sixth current court series on Justice Central. She is the author of bestsellers *Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say*, and *Dare to Take Charge*. Judge Hatchett oversees Atlanta based The Hatchett Firm, P.C. which she founded. The firm specializes in risk and crisis management and catastrophic police misconduct cases. She has access to an extensive network of attorneys who are dedicated to handling complex civil disputes, resulting from serious injuries and mass tort claims. The Hatchett Firm provides effective closing settlement strategies while using a client-centered approach.



ALISON E. HIRSCHEL, ESQ. is s the Director of the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative and the elder law attorney at the Michigan Poverty Law Program. Since 1998, she has taught elder law at the University of Michigan Law School where she also serves as a Public Interest/Public Service Fellow. Previously, Ms. Hirschel was a staff attorney at Michigan Protection and

Advocacy and served as the co-director of the Elderly Law Project and the Director of Planning at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, PA. From 1991-1997, Alison also taught on the adjunct faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In her current position, Ms. Hirschel provides support and training to local legal services program staff, is counsel to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, serves as the MI Health Link Ombudsman, and oversees two local long term care ombudsman programs. She also engages in a wide array of advocacy efforts on behalf of low income older adults and people with disabilities. She is co-editor and one of the authors of Advising the Older Client and Clients with Disabilities (ICLE, 2009). Alison is the past president of The Consumer Voice (formerly NCCNHR--the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care) in Washington, D.C. and served as a Commissioner on the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging. In both 2008 and 2009, Alison provided testimony to Congressional committees and she served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 2005.

Ms. Hirschel received her B.A. in 1981 from the University of Michigan and her J.D. in 1984 from Yale Law School. In 1997, she was selected by Yale Law School as the first Arthur Liman Fellow. In 2003, Alison received the National Aging and Law Award.



HONORABLE FRANK M. HULL has served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit since 1997. She previously served on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia from 1994-97, the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, from 1990-94, and the State Court from 1984-90. As a trial judge for 13 years and an appel-

late judge for 19 years, she has presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases. From 1974-84, Judge Hull was a trial attorney with the Atlanta firm of Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy, becoming its first female partner in 1980. From 1973-74, she was a law clerk to Judge Elbert P. Tuttle on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Hull received a B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and a J.D. degree cum laude from Emory Law School. Judge Hull was a member of Order of the Coif and a Notes and Comments Editor on Emory's law review.

Appointed by Chief Justice Roberts, Judge Hull currently serves on the Judicial Conference of the United States' Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. She previously served from 2007 until 2013 on the Judicial Conference=s Space and Facilities Committee, which oversees all federal courthouses and administrative space. Before that, appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist, Judge Hull served from 2001 to 2007 on the Judicial Conference's Codes of Conduct Committee, which authors and interprets the ethical rules for federal judges.



HONORABLE CAROL W. HUNSTEIN was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia in November 1992 by then Governor Zell Miller. She is the second woman in history to serve as a permanent member of the Court. In 1984 Justice Hunstein won election to the Superior Court of DeKalb County. Prior to serving on the bench, Justice Hunstein was in private

practice. In 1989, then Chief Justice Marshall appointed her to Chair the Georgia Commission on Gender Bias in the Judicial System, which issued its report to the Supreme Court in 1991. She is a former District Director of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) and chaired the local host committee for the NAWJ 1995 Annual Conference which was held in Atlanta. She is Vice-Chair of the Board of L4EJ. Justice Hunstein was the first woman to serve as President of the Council of Superior Court Judges. In 1999, the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Award. Florida Atlantic University has inducted her into its Hall of Fame. She recently received the Commitment to Equality Award from the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Women and Minorities in the Profession. Justice Hunstein received her Juris Doctor in 1976 from Stetson University College of Law. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Atlantic University in 1972 and an Associate of Arts degree from Miami-Dade Junior College in 1970.



**LESTER JOHNSON III, ESQ.** is a member of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission, which investigates and conducts hearings on complaints of misconduct by Georgia judges and issues opinions regarding appropriate judicial conduct, operating under the rules established by the Supreme Court of Georgia. He is also President of the Georgia School Board

Association's Council of School Attorneys, having served as attorney for the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System since 1991. Mr. Johnosn has served as Assistant City Attorney for Savannah since 1982 and became the first African-American president of the Savannah Bar Association in 1996. Mr. Johnson earned his law degree from the University of Miami and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1979.

He is recipinet of the State Bar of Georgia Bench and Bar Committee Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award



**PROFESSOR STEVEN J. KAMINSHINE** is a member of the Georgia State University College of Law faculty. He was appointed and served as Dean on Oct. 11, 2005, after serving as Interim Dean from July 1, 2004. Prior to becoming Dean, Professor Kaminshine served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He has been a member of the law faculty since 1985

and teaches courses in Civil Procedure, Labor Law and Employment Discrimination Law. His scholarship focuses on labor and employment issues, and he frequently speaks on topics related to employment law and to the state of legal education. Professor Kaminshine is Past President of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and serves on its executive board. He also has been an active member of the Labor and Employment Sections of the Georgia and Atlanta Bars and has twice chaired the Atlanta bar's section. Before joining the faculty, Professor Kaminshine was a partner in a labor and employment law practice in New York City and spent three years at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington D.C. His undergraduate degree in history (summa cum laude) is from New York University at Albany, and he received his J.D., with honors, from DePaul University School of Law where he served on the DePaul Law Review.



HONORABLE R. MICHAEL KEY serves as Judge of the Juvenile Court of Troup County, Georgia, and as Judge Pro Tem of the Troup County Superior Felony Adult Drug Court. Judge Key received a Bachelor of Science in General Business from Troy State University in 1973, a Master of Business Administration from Auburn University in 1975, and a Doctor

of Law from Emory University in 1978 (class of 1979). Judge Key is a Past President of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Judge Key has served on the Committee on Justice for Children (Georgia's Court Improvement Project) for more than twenty years, and is a lead judge in the Georgia Court Improvement Initiative. Judge Key is a member of the Georgia Child Support Guidelines Commission and serves as Chair of the Commission. Judge Key previously served on the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, having served as Chair from 2009 until September, 2010. Judge Key currently serves on the Advisory Committee of the Georgia State Child Welfare Training Collaborative.



MONICA MODI KHANT is the Executive Director of the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN). She oversees, supervises, trains and mentors pro bono attorneys who represent immigrant victims of violence and asylum seekers. Ms. Modi Khant also oversees fundraising initiatives, outreach efforts and community relations in addition to her legal

duties. Ms. Modi Khant received her BA from Rutgers University in 1995 and her J.D. from New England School of Law in 1998. Upon graduation, she was the Detention Attorney at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) where she represented detained asylum seekers. In 2000, Ms. Modi Khant continued practicing immigration law with private immigration firms in Boston, MA. In 2005, Ms. Modi Khant was appointed as the Director of Legal Services at the International Institute of Boston (IIB). She has also trained lawyers, law enforcement and judges on how to work with immigrant victims of violence. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Raksha, a Georgia-based nonprofit organization for the South Asian community. She is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta Class of 2015 and has served as Pro Bono Liaison of the Atlanta chapter of the America Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). Ms. Modi Khant is also an Adjunct Professor at Georgia State University and teaches Human Trafficking & Modern Day Slavery.



LINDA A. KLEIN, ESQ. is senior managing shareholder at Baker Donelson and is the Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association. At Baker Donelson, Ms. Klein practice includes most types of business dispute resolution, including contract law, employment law and professional liability. She has worked extensively with clients in the con-

struction, higher education and pharmaceutical industries.

Ms. Klein previously served as chair of the ABA's House of Delegates, the association's policy making body. She has also served as chair of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar of the House of Delegates, chair of the Coalition for Justice, and chair of ABA Day, the Association's Congressional outreach effort. She is a recent member of the Council of the ABA Section of International Law and also served as a columnist and on the Board of Editors of *Law Practice Management Magazine*. In 2013 Ms. Klein had the honor of being a McGlothlin fellow on the campuses of William and Mary's Business

and Law Schools. In 2004 the American Bar Association honored Ms. Klein with the prestigious Margaret Brent Achievement Award. She currently serves on the executive committee of the Buckhead Coalition, on the advisory boards of *Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*. She is a Past President of Southface Energy Institute, the Board of Directors' Network, the Caucus of State Bars, and past chair of both the Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia and the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia. She also served a six-year term on Baker Donelson's Board of Directors.



ALLEGRA LAWRENCE-HARDY, ESQ., uses creativity and results-oriented strategic analysis to develop legal solutions that work for her clients at Lawrence & Bundy LLC. She focuses her practice on Business and Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment, and Crisis Management, defending Fortune 100 companies throughout the United States and abroad

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BETH LITTRELL, ESQ. is Counsel in the Southern Regional Office of Lambda Legal. She previously served as the Associate Legal Director for the ACLU of Georgia, and taught media law as an Adjunct Professor at Georgia State University. She has led litigation efforts in dozens of significant constitutional cases that have changed the law to help the LGBT and HIV

communities. Among those cases: Ms. Littrell helped strike down a state law that made unmarried sex a crime (In re J.M.); reversed a decision to place children in state custody because their mother was in a same-sex relationship (In re S.C. and E.C.); opened rural school houses to Gay Straight Alliances (P.R.I.D.E., et. al. v. White Co. Sch. Dist.); upheld a second parent adoption in Florida (In re D.P.); removed visitation restrictions from a gay father's divorce decree (Mongerson v. Mongerson); ensured that rainbow flags could fly from Alabama state property (Central Alabama Pride v. Langford); reversed a Social Security Administration decision refusing to provide disability insurance to a gay father's non-biological child (Day v. SSA); helped win a million dollar settlement that changed police policy in the City of Atlanta (Calhoun v. Pennington) and has helped secure government reforms for the LGBT and HIV communities at the local, state and national level. She was also lead counsel in Langbehn v. Jackson Memorial Hospital, the case cited by President Obama as his primary motivation to order sweeping new federal rules passed in 2011 requiring hospitals across the country to ensure that same-sex partners and spouses are treated as family when their loved ones are admitted to hospitals or nursing homes.

Ms. Littrell graduated *cum laude* from Georgia State University with a B.A. in journalism and, before becoming a lawyer, worked in the music industry. She graduated in the top of her class from Georgia State University's College of Law in 2001.



PROFESSOR PATRICK E. LONGAN is W. A. Bootle Chair in Ethics and Professionalism at the Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University. Among other positions he holds, Professor Longan is Director of the Mercer Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and a member of the Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and the Advisory Board for the

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manitarian visas, such as U-visas for certain victims of crime in the United States. Mrs. Lopez is passionate about keeping families together. She works with clients within the State of Georgia and the Southeast, as well as family members abroad in all parts of the world. Mrs. Lopez graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law in 2003. She is admitted to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Georgia Bar, including the Georgia Supreme Court and the U.S. Northern District Court of Georgia. Mrs. Lopez regularly practices before the United States Citizen and Immigration Services and the Board of Immigration Appeals. Mrs. Lopez also participates in seminars to educate the community about immigration law, and has appeared on Univision as an expert on various immigration topics and trends.



PROFESSOR DANIEL MARSON, JD, PHD is a clinical neuropsychologist, licensed attorney, and tenured professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He has directed the Department's Division of Neuropsychology since 1995 and the UAB Alzheimer's Disease Center since 2005. Dr. Marson has lectured nationally

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HONORABLE BEVERLY MARTIN has been a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit since January 2010. Before that, she served for 10 years as a federal district judge in the Northern District of Georgia. She was the U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia from 1997 to 2000. Prior to her appointments, Judge Martin was in private

practice with Martin Snow LLP in Georgia from 1981 to 1984, and was an assistant attorney general in the State Law Department of the Office of Attorney General of Georgia from 1984 to 1994. She was an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia from 1994 to 1997. She is a graduate of Stetson University (B.A.), and University of Georgia (J.D.)



HONORABLE LEIGH MARTIN MAY is a Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Dudley H. Bowen, Jr. of the

United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. She then practiced with the Atlanta office of Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer LLP, where her practice focused on complex civil litigation in both state and federal courts. On December 19, 2013, President Obama nominated Judge May to serve as a United States District Judge. On November 13, 2014, the Senate voted in favor of her final confirmation.



**LETITIA "TISH MCDONALD"**, **ESQ.**, focuses on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis in fiduciary litigation and real estate litigation. A partner in King and Spalding's Contracts and Business Torts practice, Ms. McDonald represents trustees, executors, beneficiaries, developers, financial institutions, foundations, colleges, universities, educational ac-

crediting agencies, and other nonprofit entities and others in a variety of proceedings. She represents clients in commercial and fiduciary litigation, as well as litigation involving real estate transactions and governmental matters.



HON. M. YVETTE MILLER was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Georgia by Governor Roy Barnes on July 12, 1999. She is the first African-American woman to sit on the Court and to serve as its Chief Judge. During her tenure as Chief Judge, Judge Miller implemented the e-filing initiative, which has improved access to the appellate court for attorneys and par-

ties throughout the state of Georgia. Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Miller worked as one of the first female Assistant District Attorneys to prosecute cases in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. She went on to represent the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority as senior in-house counsel. Later, she moved to Jesup, Georgia, where she served as general manager and general counsel of the family business. While in Jesup, Judge Miller became one of the first African-American women to practice law throughout the Brunswick Judicial Circuit. In transitioning back to Atlanta, in 1992, Judge Miller was appointed by Governor Miller as the Director/Judge of the Appellate Division on the State Board of Worker's Compensation, becoming the first woman, first African American and the youngest person to hold this position in Georgia. Immediately prior to her appointment, Judge Miller briefly served as an Administrative Law Judge on that court. In 1996, Judge Miller was appointed to the State Court of Fulton County, and she was re-elected as a State Court Judge without opposition.

Judge Miller attended Mercer University where she earned her B.A., *cum laude*, and received her Juris Doctorate from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law. She later received her LL.M. in litigation from Emory University School of Law and an LL.M. in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.



**BYUNG JAY PAK, ESQ.** is a trial lawyer and litigator, a former federal prosecutor, and a state legislator. He has been nominated for U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. As an attorney at Chalmers Pak Burch & Adams, Mr. Pak primarily focuses on representing clients facing critical situations such as high stakes litigation of all kinds, civil and criminal

investigations, and confidential information leaks. He has experience working with nearly every major agency of the federal government including the: Federal Bureau of Investigations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Justice. From his former role as a policy maker, Mr. Pak has gained valuable insights into all areas of government and uses his unique combination of knowledge and experience to assist his clients in developing an appropriate strategy to minimize potential liability and, if necessary, aggressively battle the government at trial. Previously, Mr. Pak was an equity partner at another firm, and also served as a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia for approximately six years, where he handled cases ranging from securities fraud, computer intrusion, healthcare fraud, financial fraud, Bank Secrecy Act and money laundering, export control violations (EAA, AECA/ITAR, TWEA, and IEEPA), and government contracting fraud. During his time as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, he was the lead prosecutor in a corporate espionage case involving a conspiracy to steal and sell The Coca Cola Company's valuable trade secrets to Pepsi Co. After supervising the FBI undercover investigation, Mr. Pak took the case to trial and secured a conviction of all defendants. The case received worldwide media attention and was featured on MSNBC in an episode titled: "Corporate Greed: Secrets for Sale." As a result, Mr. Pak often advises corporate victims whose trade secrets have been stolen. For his litigation and trial skills, Mr. Pak is listed in the highly selective and peer reviewed Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business and is recognized as a Georgia "Super Lawyer" by Atlanta Magazine, as well as a "Legal Elite" by Georgia Trend Magazine. Mr. Pak is a Certified Public Accountant (Registered in Illinois), and served a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Richard Mills, of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, from 1998-2000.



**PATRISE M. PERKINS-HOOKER, ESQ.** serves as County Attorney for Fulton County, Georgia. Ms. Perkins-Hooker joined the Office of the County Attorney in January 2016 as County Attorney. In this capacity, she is responsible for all of the civil legal needs of Fulton County, Georgia. She supervises a staff of over 30 professionals and provides legal advice to seven

commissioners and over 40 departments. Prior to joining Fulton County she served as the Vice President and General Counsel for the Atlanta BeltLine Inc. for six years. Ms. Perkins-Hooker is an honors graduate of Georgia Tech and received her graduate degrees from Emory University Law and Business Schools and was installed as the 52nd president of the State Bar of Georgia on Saturday, June 7, 2014. She is the first African American and the third woman to serve as president of the State Bar.



HONORABLE HERBERT E. PHIPPS served a 45-year career in the legal and justice systems, which includes 17 years of service on the Court of Appeals of Georgia, two years as Chief Judge (2013-2015). His judicial service also included eight years (1980-1988) as a part-time Magistrate Court Judge and Dougherty County State Court Associate Judge. He was then

appointed to the Dougherty County Juvenile Court, and later to the Dougherty Circuit Superior Court. From 1971 to 1983 prior to joining the bench, Judge Phipps was an attorney with the law firm of C.B. King, which emphasized civil rights litigation,. Judge Phipps was a solo practitioner from 1983 to 1995. He received his B.A. in political science from Morehouse College in 1964, and his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1971. He also holds an LL.M. in judicial process from the University of Virginia School of Law.



the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She joined the court in 2014. Judge Pryor received her B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1985 and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1988. During law school, Judge Pryor served as Senior Editor of both the Yale Law Journal and the Yale Law and Poli-

cy Review. After law school, Judge Pryor clerked for Judge James Larry Edmondson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She then joined Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore as an associate in 1989 and became partner in 1997. Judge Pryor's legal career also includes extensive civil and criminal pro bono work. She has advised and assisted the Georgia Legal Services Program in its representation of farm workers alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and she has assisted a neighborhood association with legal issues regarding a land development proposal. She has also represented prisoners in a number of appeals on appointment by the Eleventh Circuit.

Judge Pryor served in the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers from 1995 to 2011, including a year as President of the Association in 2001. She has held multiple roles for the State Bar of Georgia since 2004, including as Chair of the Appellate Practice Section from 2006 to 2007, and currently as a member of the Board of Governors. Judge Pryor is also a former member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the Eleventh Circuit, and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's Council of Appellate Lawyers. She sits on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Legal Services Program, is a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers and the American Association for Justice, and she served on the Legal Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia from 1995 to 2005.



to the Cobb County State Court bench in May 2016. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Salter spent 13 years in private practice as the Managing Partner of the Barnes Law Group. Aside from managing the day to day operations of this small Marietta based law firm, Judge Salter represented clients in state and federal

courts in a variety of civil and criminal litigation. She served as a Federal Judicial Clerk for Judge Thomas Thrash of the Northern District, and worked as an Assistant Solicitor General in Cobb County under the Judge Barry Morgan. In that role, she prosecuted criminal cases in Cobb State Court, including traffic and driving under the influence violations.

A South Cobb High school graduate, Judge Salter was Cobb County raised and educated, and is raising her children in the Marietta City School System. An active member of First United Methodist Church, Judge Salter has served in many volunteer capacities at the church. She is a board member of the Marietta City Schools Foundation and the Emerging Leaders for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She received her undergraduate degree with honors from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina and graduated with a J.D. with honors from the University of Georgia.



HONORABLE LEAH WARD SEARS is a retired Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice. She is currently a Partner with the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP where she is a member of the law firm's Business Litigation and Appellate Practices. Among her many roles, she is an appellate lawyer, oral advocate and strategist, in addition to often serving as a neutral in

arbitration proceedings and mediations. Judge Sears also devotes much of her time assisting managers and institutions facing misconduct allegations, especially sexual, racial and other forms of bias claims, prepare and respond, minimize legal exposure, and protect their reputations. As an appellate lawyer since returning to private practice in 2009, she prosecutes appeals in both the state and federal courts of the United States. Justice Sears is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. She has taught courses on pretrial litigation as an adjunct professor at Emory Law School and also a course at the University of Georgia Law School.

Justice Sears received her B.S. degree from Cornell University in 1976 and J.D. from Emory University School of Law in 1980. She earned an advanced degree in Appellate Judicial Studies from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1995. In 1988, she was elected to the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, the first woman to serve on that court. Four years later she was appointed, and later elected, to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia, the first woman and youngest jurist ever to hold that position. From 2001 to 2005, she was the Presiding Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, and in 2005 she was elevated by her colleagues

to Chief Justice, where she served until she retired from the court in 2009. As Chief Justice, Ms. Sears was instrumental in helping to establish the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution of the Administrative Office of the Courts. She also chaired the Judicial Council of Georgia, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Chief Justices.

Judge Sears is admitted to practice in Georgia, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.



HONORABLE LISETTE SHIRDAN-HARRIS was elected to Pennsylvania's Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 2005, and was retained in 2015 for a second ten-year term. She is assigned to the Civil Trial Division and has presided over civil trials ranging from automobile accidents and contract disputes to asbestos exposure. In addition to presiding over cases,

she also serves as a Team Leader of the Civil Trial Division's Complex Litigation Center where she manages and assigns over one hundred cases each month to other judges on her team. She previously sat in both the Criminal Trial Division presiding over major felony jury trials and in the Family Division presiding over child custody and support, domestic violence, and divorce matters. Before taking the bench, Judge Shirdan-Harris maintained a private practice concentrating in entertainment and non-profit organizations and served as Legal Counsel and Administrator for Laborers' District Council Prepaid Legal Fund.

She was elected to serve as the International Director of the National Association of Women Judges and is the U.S. North American delegate on the board of the International Association of Women Judges. Judge Shirdan-Harris is the Co-chair of the First Judicial District's Judicial Education Committee and is an appointed member of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges' Education Committee which both provide mandatory continuing judicial education programs for judges throughout the Commonwealth. She is a former chair of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter and an active member of several civic and professional organizations.

Judge Shirdan-Harris travels the world both professionally and personally. She began her travels as an international flight attendant for United Airlines where she spent over twenty eight years. While at United, she also taught cultural and diversity sensitivity to over 5,000 employees in preparation for the airline's transition from a domestic carrier to one of the world's largest global carriers. She has completed the International Judicial Academy, Sir Richard May Seminar on International Law and International Courts in The Hague, Netherlands; Loyola University of Chicago School of Law's London Comparative Advocacy Program in England; was an NGO attendee at the Second Annual International Conference on Racial and Gender Equality in Geneva, Switzerland and has participated in legal exchanges and programs in the Kingdom of Morocco and in Lucknow, India.

She attended Oakwood College and received her undergraduate degree from Temple University and her Juris Doctor from Loyola University of School of Law Chicago.



MARIEL SIVLEY, ESQ. is the Executive Director of the Georgia Supportive Housing Association, a nonprofit organization that seeks to advance the creation and preservation of quality supportive housing in Georgia and ensure sufficient resources for this effort through education and advocacy. Supportive housing is affordable housing with services for special

needs in order for individuals to live independently and thrive. Ms. Sivley started her career as an attorney with the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless and was the co-recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Atlanta Bar Association in 2012. She also served as the volunteer coordinator for the Atlanta Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and as an Adjunct Professor for the Externship Program in the area of Public Interest Law at Emory University School of Law. She is a graduate of Emory University and the Georgia State University College of Law.



SHANNON SPRINKLE, ESQ. is the Managing Partner of Carlock, Copeland and Stair and a partner in the commercial litigation practice group. She handles a wide variety of litigation matters in State and Federal Courts. Ms. Sprinkle regularly defends cases and claims alleging professional negligence, malpractice, wrongful death, and product liability. Ms.

Sprinkle is frequently retained before litigation to help evaluate and control exposure to potential claims and also represents clients before various licensing and review agencies.

For the past ten years, Ms. Sprinkle has focused her practice primarily on professional malpractice and real estate related claims. She has substantial experience defending legal malpractice claims arising out of: litigation, family law, business organization, estate matters, real estate transactions, and commercial transactions. She also frequently defends accounting malpractice claims involving: tax preparation, consulting, compilations, reviews, audits, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. Ms. Sprinkle defends law firms, lenders, and other businesses against individual and class-action claims for alleged violations of consumer protection statutes, such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and others. She also provides compliance and risk management advice in these areas, as well as data and privacy breach claims.

Ms. Sprinkle frequently participates in and speaks at seminars on professional ethics and malpractice, and has authored several papers targeted toward malpractice avoidance. For several years she co-presented an annual risk management seminar for the insureds of a large national insurer. She annually attends several national professional malpractice conferences to keep abreast of emerging trends and legal developments.

From 2006-2007 and from 2009-2017, Ms. Sprinkle has been an honoree on the Georgia *Rising Stars*® list, voted by her peers as one of Atlanta's best young lawyers. In order to be honored on the Georgia Rising Stars list, an attorney must be age 40 or younger, or in practice for 10 years or less. Only 2.5 percent of the attorneys in Georgia are honored on the Georgia Rising Stars list. She is a 2016 honoree in *The Daily Report* list of 25 lawyers who are "On the Rise."



PAMELA PEYNADO STEWART, ESQ. is an attorney, and Partner at Lee & Peynado Immigration Law Group. At the age of 29, Ms. Stewart Pamela became the youngest and only female partner in the history of the firm. Ms. Stewart handles a variety of immigration issues with a focus on deportation, removal and family based immigration cases. Born in Santo Do-

mingo, Dominican Republic, Ms. Stewart migrated to New York City and later moved to Georgia.

Ms. Stewart attended Georgia State University (GSU), where she was named GSU's Faculty Scholar for academic achievement. In 2006, while a student at GSU, Ms. Stewart began working as a legal assistant for attorney George E. Lee. It was under his supervision that she developed a passion for immigration law. Ms. Stewart went on to obtain a law degree from Georgia State University College of Law. During matriculation, she was elected to serve as the President of the Hispanic Student Bar Association and selected to be a member of the school's Student Trial Lawyer Association.

Ms. Stewart has represented clients before the Immigration Court, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Board of Immigration Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Ms. Stewart is co-chair of the Multi Bar Leadership Council. She also serves in leadership roles with the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association, the Latin American Association and the American Immigration Lawyer Association. In addition, Pamela serves as the captain of team "Committed to Cure" and has raised thousands of dollars to increase free testing and HIV treatment in the Metro Atlanta area. She is also the co-founder of Project CPF (Collaborative Powers of Faith), a 501(c) (3) organization centered on assisting the less fortunate. Recently, the organization's project, "Warm Hearts, Warm Winter," provided numerous coats for homeless men, women and children.



HONORABLE BOBBI TILLMON received her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California. After 15 years of private practice, she was elected in 1994 as a Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner where she served for 12 years. In 2006, she was elected, then appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger, as a Los Angeles Coun-

ty Superior Court Judge. She has presided over a Family Law Court, a Homeless Community Court, Criminal and Civil Courts.

Judge Tillmon has been a panelist and lecturer on numerous continuing legal and judicial education programs. She has participated on many state and national task forces, committees and community education programs. She is active in the California Judges Association and National Association of Women Judges. Judge Tillmon is a life member of the National Bar Association, California Association of Black Lawyers, Association of African American John M. Langston Bar Association and Black Women Lawyers of Los Angeles, Inc. Judge Tillmon has served on the Los Angeles County Superior Court Executive Committee, currently serves on the Court's Diversity Committee and is Chair of the Court's Access and Fairness Committee. Judge Tillmon serves on the California Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and has served on the State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness.

Her civic contributions have been recognized by the Sojourn Center for Battered Women and Their Children and the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Foundation with their Community Service Awards. From the California Association of Black Lawyers she received both their Judicial Excellence Award as well as the President's Award. She also received the Cooper-Sandoz Alumni of the Year Award from the Association of Black Law Alumni of the University of Southern California, the Alumnus of the Year Award from the Black Law Students Association of the University of Southern California and a President's Award from the National Bar Association. Judge Tillmon has served as a judge for the award winning Loyola Law School Young Scholars program for high school students. In 2014, Judge Tillmon was inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association's Hall of Fame.

Judge Tillmon is currently assigned to the Santa Monica Courthouse in the West District of the Los Angeles County Superior Court hearing civil trials.



HONORABLE AMY TOTENBERG was appointed as a United States District Judge in the Northern District of Georgia on March 1, 2011. In the decade prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Totenberg served as a special master and monitor for the United States District Courts in Washington, DC and Baltimore, Maryland in complex class actions involving education and

the rights of students with disabilities. She maintained an active arbitration and mediation practice in that time period as well as taught at Emory Law School as an adjunct law professor. While in private practice, Judge Totenberg litigated constitutional, civil rights, and employment cases for over two decades throughout the State of Georgia. She also served as general counsel for the Atlanta Public Schools from 1994-1998. Judge Totenberg is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.



PROFESSOR ROBERT A. SCHAPIRO, JD, MA

is former Dean and Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law. He was appointed dean in May 2012, after serving as interim dean for the previous academic year. Professor Schapiro teaches courses in constitutional law, federal courts, civil procedure, and legislation and regulation. He

served as Emory Law's associate dean of faculty (2006 to 2008) and as associate faculty director for Emory's Halle Institute for Global Learning (2008 to 2010). He earned his BA at Yale Law School and his MA at Stanford University. A graduate of Yale University, Robert A. Schapiro served as Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Law Journal. He served as a clerk for Judge Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court. He worked with the law firm of Sidley & Austin in Washington, D.C., where he practiced general and appellate litigation. Prior to joining Emory Law, Schapiro taught for two years at Duke Law School. Professor Schapiro received the Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award in 2009, the Ben F. Johnson Faculty Excellence Award in 2004, the Most Outstanding Professor Award (as voted on by Emory Law's graduating class) for the 2000-2001 academic year, and the Professor of the Year Award from the Black Law Students Association in 2001.



the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, where she has served since 1995. Judge Tusan began her judicial career as an Administrative Law Judge for the City of Atlanta (1984-1986). From there Judge Tusan went on to serve as Magistrate for Fulton County (1986-1990); Municipal Judge for the City Court of Atlanta

(1990-1992); and Judge for the State Court of Fulton County. Judge Tusan's associations include Adjunct Professor, Emory School of Law; Faculty, National Judicial College and Georgia Institute of Continuing Judicial Education; Member, Board of Directors, Judicial Division, American Bar Association; Past Chair, Judicial Sections of Atlanta Bar Association and Gate City Bar Association; Chair, Supreme Court's Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency; and Past Member, Georgia Commission on Family Violence and Commission on Child Support. Judge Tusan earned her Juris Doctor from George Washington University School of Law (1981), and her BA in Psychology from University of California at Los Angeles (1978).



HONORABLE PEGGY H. WALKER is a full time Juvenile Court Judge in Douglas County having served there fulltime since 1998 and part time as Associate and Judge Pro Tempore since 1990. She graduated from Georgia State University with a Master's Degree in Education and a Juris Doctorate of Law. She was President for the National Council of Juvenile and

Family Court Judges, sworn-in in July, 2014. In her capacity with

National Council, she served on STRYVE (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere) Action Council, a national effort to end youth violence. She is graduate fellow of Zero to Three Class of 2005 and was a Senior Fellow at Emory University in 2008 where she worked with Lila Bradley and Judge Steve Franzen on a manual for judges and practitioners to promote preservation of families. She received a federal partnership grant that funded a Family Drug Treatment Program serving parents with children from birth to age five with substance abuse problems which continues with funding from the State and county. The Douglas County Juvenile Court received federal funding to join Zero To Three Court Teams Project in 2010. Although the funding did not continue as a national project, the work continues at the local level to make certain that infants and toddlers in Douglas County get the best start possible.



HONORABLE LISA S. WALSH is a Circuit Court Judge, currently presiding in the civil division, and has served in the criminal and dependency divisions. From 2008-2011, Judge Walsh was a County Court Judge assigned to the civil division. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law for sixteen years, in both the trial and appellate state and federal courts, and also

served as a Special Master for the City of Miami Beach. Judge Walsh received an "AV Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was named in Super Lawyers and Florida Trend Legal Elite. Judge Walsh is the 2015-2016 President of the National Association of Women Judges. She co-chaired the NAWJ 2012 Annual Conference held in Miami Beach in November, 2012, and served the NAWJ Board of Directors as Treasurer, Vice President for Districts and President-Elect. She was an adjunct professor of appellate advocacy at St. Thomas Law School. She has been part of the faculty and administration of Florida's Advanced Judicial College and Florida Judicial College since 2008. Judge Walsh was the President of Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Vice-Chair of a Florida Bar Grievance committee, was a member of the Board of Directors for Legal Services of Greater Miami, where she was awarded for her commitment to equal justice, and was a member of the Florida Bar Criminal Executive Council and the Appellate Rules Committee. Judge Walsh has mentored for Educate Tomorrow and Big Brothers/ Big Sisters. Judge Walsh obtained her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and her law degree from the University of Miami School of Law.



PROFESSOR TANYA WASHINGTON teaches law at Georgia State University College of Law. After earning her J.D. from The University of Maryland School of Law she clerked for then Associate Judge Robert M. Bell on the Maryland Court of Appeals. After practicing for several years as toxic tort defense litigator at Piper & Marbury, she completed the Albert M. Sacks

Fellowship, the A. Leon Higginbotham Fellowship and earned her LL.M. from Harvard Law School. She has been teaching Civil Proce-

dure I and II, Family Law, Education Law and Race and Law at Georgia State for the past twelve years. Her research and scholarship focuses on issues related to educational equity, domestic relations, race and children's constitutional rights.

A self-professed activist and scholar, Professor Washington has worked collaboratively to ensure that legal scholarship has a practical and positive impact for vulnerable individuals and communities. Her co-authored amicus briefs filed with the Supreme Court in <u>U.S. v. Windsor</u> and <u>Obergefell v. Hodges</u> highlight the harmful impact of exclusionary marriage laws on children in same-sex families and they challenge states' characterization of these laws as child welfare measures. The <u>Obergefell</u> brief was cited by Justice Anthony Kennedy in the Supreme Court's majority opinion in that landmark decision.

In addition to her tenured position at Georgia State College of Law, Professor Washington is a former adjunct faculty member at Howard University Law School where she served for more than ten years. She has taught comparative law classes for study abroad programs in Brazil, Europe and China. Washington has also led pipeline programs designed to increase enrollment of students of color in U.S. law schools. These programs include: The Charles Hamilton Houston Preparatory Institute, The Justice Benham Law Camp, G-PLUS, and the Council on Legal Education Opportunity's Six-Week Summer Institute.



HONORABLE BRENDA S. WEAVER serves as Chief Superior Court Judge of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit. She served as an Associate Juvenile Court Judge for the Appalachian Judicial Circuit from 1991 until her appointment as Chief Juvenile Court Judge in April 1995. She served as Chief Juvenile Court Judge until her appointment to the Superior Court in 1996.

Judge Weaver helped to create the Truancy Court in Pickens County, which has now been used as a model for truancy court programs in Georgia. This program addresses both absenteeism and tardiness with both students and parents. Judge Weaver is also Presiding Judge in the Appalachian Judicial Circuit Drug Court and Mental Health Court. In addition, she and Chief Juvenile Judge John Worcester worked together to create a Family Drug Court, Child Support and Family Violence Court in the circuit. Plans are being made to establish a Veteran's Drug Court in the circuit. She serves as a member of the Supreme Court Commission on Access and Fairness in the Courts, and serves as the Chairperson of the Records Retention Committee for the Judicial Council. She serves as Chairperson of the Council of Superior Court Judges' Accountability and Treatment Courts Committee, a member of the Uniform Rules Committee and the Pattern Charge Committee. Judge Weaver and her staff organized the Appalachian Judicial Circuit Family Law Information Center which provides assistance to low income individuals in actions involving divorce, child custody and other family law related issues. The circuit was awarded a grant for the center by the Judicial Council and this center serves as a model for other rural judicial circuits in Georgia. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia's E-Filing Committee and was recently appointed to serve in the State Bar of Georgia's Next Generation Courts Commission.

She is a former Assistant District Attorney, high school teacher and counselor. She is married to George and together they have five children and four grandchildren.



DANIEL WERNER is Director of the Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative. The Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative began at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia, in collaboration with the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the American Immigration Council, the Innovation Law Lab and the American Immigration Representa-

tion Project. He also serves as supervising attorney for the Southern Policy Law Center's immigrant justice initiative, which combats workplace exploitation and other human rights abuses of immigrants. He is an expert on human trafficking law and the co-author of *A Guide to Civil Litigation on Behalf of Victims of Human Trafficking*. He has lectured and testified in the U.S., Europe, and Asia on issues affecting victims of human trafficking and other forms of severe labor exploitation. Previously, he co-founded the Workers' Rights Law Center of New York with an Echoing Green fellowship after six years as a lawyer with Farmworker Legal Services of New York. Mr. Werner also has represented citrus workers in Florida under a NAPIL fellowship. He is a graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.



HONORABEL NOËL WISE was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Superior Court of California, Alameda County in 2014. She served as a law clerk to Justice Harry Anstead and then entered the United States Department of Justice through the Attorney General's Honors Program in 1994 where she served as a trial attorney in Washington, D.C., and as

an Assistant United States Attorney in Southern District of California. In 2000 she received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award from Janet Reno. She served as in-house counsel and as a director of power generation at Pacific Gas & Electric and later started a women-owned law firm in the bay area. She has taught at numerous law schools including Berkeley and Stanford. Governor Jerry Brown appointed Noël Wise to the California Superior Court in 2014. Judge Wise has written articles on a variety of legal and ethical issues including an op-ed article published in *Time* earlier this year: "Judge: Gender Laws Are at Odds With Science". The thesis of the article is that given the vast gender variability that naturally occurs at birth, the judicial branch cannot fairly and consistently apply laws that limit a person's rights based on a binary gender paradigm.



HONORABLE CYNTHIA D. WRIGHT joined Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle, LLC as a partner in January 2015, after retiring from her former position as the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County. She was appointed as a judge to the Superior Court on November 1, 1996. She was reelected four times without opposition, most recently in 2010. She was

elected and served as Chief Judge of Superior Court for term from May 1, 2010 through January 30, 2014. As Chief Judge, Judge Wright initiated a task force which dramatically updated personnel policies and budget procedures to make the Courts more efficient, less beholden to the entrenched bureaucracy, and eliminated or at least reduced redundancies in administrative practices between the State and Superior Court. Prior to assuming her judgeship on the Superior Court, she served as a Judge of the State Court of Fulton County.

Judge Wright also served as chief legal counsel to Governor Zell Miller for his first term (1991-1995). During that period of time, she authorized the legislation and constitutional amendment which established the Lottery for Education. Prior to working with Governor Miller, earlier in her career, she was assistant legal counsel for Governor George Busbee (1978-1980). Upon first graduating from law school, Judge Wright served as a research associate with the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Before joining Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle, LLC, Judge's Wright's private practice of law included work as an associate with the law firm of Troutman Sanders and as a partner in the law firm of Corlew, Smith and Wright. Judge Wright also served as corporate counsel in the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority. Judge Wright has served as an adjunct professor at Emory University, where she taught pre-trial litigation, and negotiation. In her spare time, Judge Wright earned a four-year certificate awarded through the University of the South in Theology and Ministry. Judge Wright also completed the Mediation Course at the Atlanta Justice Center.

Judge Wright graduated magna cum laude from Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia in 1974 and received her juris doctorate in law from the University of Georgia in 1977. She received the Award for Achievement in a Profession at Wesleyan College and was featured as their cover story in the Alumni Magazine.



SALLY Q. YATES is the former Deputy Attorney General of the United States. She was appointed by President Barack Obama in January 2015, and served until January 20, 2017, then serving ten days as Acting Attorney General. As deputy attorney general, she focused on reforming the criminal justice system, ensuring individual accountability for corporate wrong-

doers, strengthening public safety, and enhancing the US prison system. Ms. Yates served in the Justice Department for over 27 years, beginning in 1989 as an assistant US attorney in the Atlanta office and holding several supervisory positions until 2010. Previously, she practiced commercial litigation with King and Spalding.



ANDREA YOUNG, ESQ. joined the ACLU of Georgia as Executive Director in January 2017. The organization is battling injustice and inequity through the courts – fighting for the rights of transgender Georgians to be themselves without discrimination, for the rights of citizens to challenge unconstitutional state laws, and for the rights of parents to raise their chil-

dren without government interference. In the state capitol, the ACLU of Georgia worked successfully with other civil rights groups to stop anti-LGBT legislation, block attempts to weaken the voting power of minority communities through redistricting, and ensure colleges and universities can continue to protect survivors of sexual assault. To catalyze civil rights activism at the grassroots level, the ACLU of Georgia launched Freedom School trainings for local activists and volunteers

Ms. Young has devoted her career to promoting policies to defend and extend civil and human rights. Prior to joining the ACLU, she taught leadership and social policy at Georgia State University. She was founding Executive Director of the Andrew Young Foundation and created the 'Making of Modern Atlanta Project' that included an archive, documentary film and book.



NOULA ZAHARIS currently serves as Director of Securities & Charities Division of the Georgia Secretary of State. Her past experience includes serving as a regulatory Compliance Analyst at Ekonomou, Atkisson & Lambros Law Firm (2005-2008), which served as the Investigative Agent for the Georgia Securities Division. She also served as Director of Compli-

ance at Investment Law Group of Gillett, Mottern & Walker, LLP (2008-2014), managing the registrations and compliance support of over 200 state and federal registered investment advisers and hedge fund managers. She also held the position of Vice-President of Compliance (2014) at a publically traded oil and gas company located in Dallas, Texas. Ms. Zaharis is a former English and Latin teacher with Atlanta Public Schools and was an associate professor of English with the Department of Developmental Studies at Georgia State University. She serves on the Steering Committee of the Investment Adviser Section of the North America Securities Administrators Association, as well as on the Continuing Education Committee for the Investment Adviser Section. She holds a Master of Arts (M.A.), English/Language Arts Teacher Education from Emory University and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), English Language and Literature/Letters from Furman University. She also holds an Investment Adviser Certified Compliance Professional (IACCP) from National Regulatory Services (NRS) Certification and a Paralegal Certification from Emory University.

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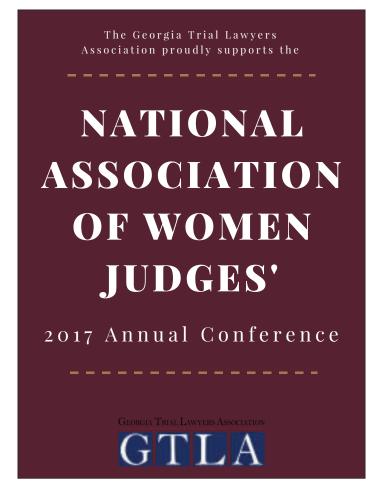
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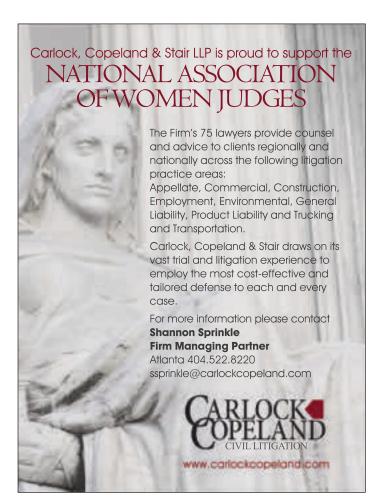
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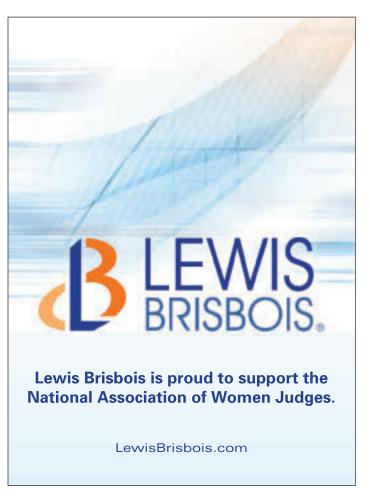














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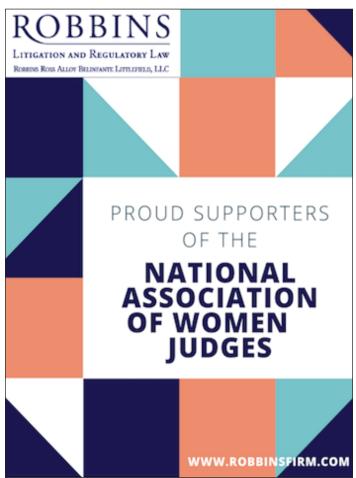
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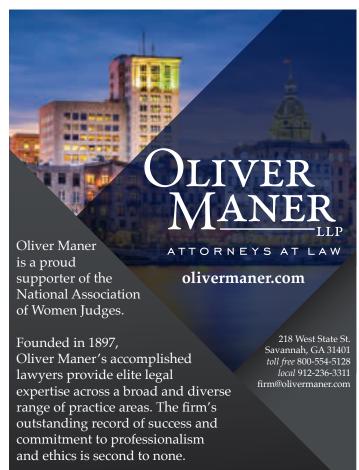


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### Mission

To promote the judicial role in protecting the rights of individuals under the rule of law through strong, committed, diverse judicial leadership; fairness and equality in the courts; and equal access to justice.

## History

Since its formation in 1979, NAWJ has served as a leading voice for jurists dedicated to promoting the judicial role in protecting the rights of individuals under the rule of law; engaging in civic education about the importance of a fair judiciary free from influence of special interest or political influence; providing a voice in significant matters that affect the administration of justice; ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for all, with a focus on women, minorities, and other historically disfavored groups and vulnerable populations; promoting the advancement of women and minorities at all levels of the judiciary; and providing judicial education on cutting-edge issues. NAWJ was founded over 36 years ago by two visionaries – Justice Joan Dempsey Klein and Justice Vaino Spencer – and 100 brave and intrepid women judges committed to forming an organization dedicated to these ideals.

## Membership

From the day it was founded, NAWJ has been committed to diversity in our membership. Our organization welcomes both men and women. Our membership includes trial and appellate, administrative, tribal and military judges, on federal, state and tribal courts at every level of the judiciary, from throughout the country, and international tribunals, as well as attorneys, law clerks, law students and law professors committed to our mission. As members of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), which NAWJ founded, we meet and interact with judges from all over the world.

## **Programs**

NAWJ actively reaches out through its committee and projects infrastructure to accomplish these mission-driven goals. Members engage in education and outreach program that address human trafficking/modern day slavery; voter education in states with judicial elections; conditions for women in prison; problems facing immigrants in our court system; encouraging students about legal and judicial careers, and informing lawyers on how to become a judge.

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## **ANNUAL AWARDS**

## Justice Carol W. Hunstein

## **Justice Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year**



The Joan Dempsey Klein Award honors a judge who brings distinction to their office and to the National Association of Woman Judges as exemplified by NAWJ co-founder California Court of Appeals Justice Joan Dempsey Klein.

The Honorable Carol W. Hunstein has been an NAWJ member since 1995. She served as NAWJ District Director for the region which includes North

and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia. She co-chairs this year's Annual Conference in Atlanta, after chairing NAWJ's 2009 Midyear in Buckhead. Justice Carol W. Hunstein was appointed

to the Supreme Court of Georgia in November 1992, becoming the second woman in history to serve on the Court. She served as Chief Justice from 2009-2013. Prior to her appointment to the highest court, Justice Hunstein ran for election in 1984 in DeKalb County, becoming the first woman elected as a Superior Court judge in the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit. Justice Hunstein is the former chair of the Georgia Commission on Access and Fairness, which was charged with implementing the recommendations of the Commission on Gender Bias and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Bias. Justice Hunstein was the first woman to serve as President of the Council of Superior Court Judges.

# Linda A. Klein, Esq. Florence K. Murray Award



The award is presented annually to a nominee who is not a judge, and who has, by example or otherwise, influenced women to pursue legal careers, opened doors for women attorneys, or advanced opportunities for women within the legal profession.

Linda Klein is the senior managing shareholder at Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz and

immediate past president of the American Bar Association. As ABA President, Ms. Klein led the association's efforts to expand legal services for veterans, preserve federal funding for legal aid for the poor, and provide civics education through community Law Day events nationwide. She also promoted loan forgiveness for public-service lawyers and spurred development of ABA Blueprint, an online suite of law practice management tools for

solo and small-firm lawyers. In June 1997, Ms. Klein became the first woman to serve as president of the State Bar of Georgia. Ms. Klein was one of the first women to lead a prominent Georgia law firm. She served as managing partner of Gambrell & Stolz beginning in 2001 and led the firm's 2007 merger with Baker Donelson, becoming a Baker Donelson board member and Georgia managing shareholder.

She served as chair of the ABA's House of Delegates, the second highest office in the organization, from 2010–2012. In 2004, the American Bar Association honored Klein with the prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. She was an early member of the Board of Directors Network, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase diversity on corporate boards and general counsel positions.

## **ANNUAL AWARDS**

## Justice Ariane Vuono

## **Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award**



This award honors outstanding leadership in promoting NAWJ's vision, core values and mission of NAWJ.

The Honorable Ariane D. Vuono has appointed to the Massachusetts Appeal Court in 2006. She has been a steady, dedicated member of NAWJ since then. She has held numerous leadership positions in the organization including District

Director for the region including New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico, Finance Director, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President of Publications. After

serving a year as a law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court, Justice Vuono became an assistant district attorney for Hampden County, specializing in appellate work. From 1988 to 1995 she was chief of the appellate section of the District Attorney's Office for the Northwestern District (Hampshire and Franklin Counties), and argued many cases in the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court. In 1995 she became an assistant United States attorney in Springfield, where she handled a wide variety of assignments, including federal trial and appellate work.

## William C.E. Robinson

#### **Matti Belle Davis Award**



This award recognizes a member who has gone above and beyond his or her role as member and volunteers to help make a difference in the organization and furthered its mission, an individual dedicated to furthering and supporting women in the legal profession.

William C. E. Robinson ("Bill Robinson has led GEICO's support of NAWJ since 2014 when he joined as a Resource

Board member. Throughout his career, Mr. Robinson has worked to promote fairness and equality in the legal field for people of varying socioeconomic backgrounds, and has invested his time and energy in a number of charitable organizations. He currently serves as a Commissioner on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Equal Access to Justice Commission, and was a previous board member of the New York Urban League, as well as several non-profit organizations.

From January 2001 until December 2007, Mr. Robinson served as senior corporate counsel in the Office of General Counsel for GEICO. Since December 2007, Mr. Robinson has been Corporate Secretary for GEICO Corporation and its various subsidiaries. In that role, Mr. Robinson mission is two-fold: (1) provide corporate

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Prior to joining GEICO, Mr. Robinson served as an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York, has been a senior associate in a Washington, D.C. law firm, and has served as the managing attorney for the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Staff Counsel firm operations for Aetna and Travelers Insurance Companies.

Mr. Robinson is a 1983 graduate of the Howard University School of Law and successfully passed the New York State bar exam. Mr. Robinson is a member of the New York, District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland bars.

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This program examines the role of administrative, military and other local, State and Federal specialized courts, and seeks to familiarize the general judiciary and others about the work of the administrative judiciary in order to increase knowledge, correct misconceptions, and explain resources.

#### **Bankruptcy Card and How to Play it**

This Guide, developed by Bankruptcy Judge Sarah Sharer Curley of the United States District Court in Arizona, provides a means for members to easily access information about areas of concern. There are many wonderful treatises in the bankruptcy area if you wish a thorough analysis of a particular area.

#### Bar to the Bench

Bar to the Bench encourage women lawyers to consider judicial careers, and seeks to make the process of appointment and election to the bench more transparent and accessible. The program assists participants in understanding the processes and requirements unique of each state for those interested in pursuing a judicial career. Program components address the "how" and "why" of becoming a judge; ethical issues faced by judges, including those involved in campaigns for elective judicial office; gender bias in courts; minority perspectives; and educational and other requirements for becoming a judge.

#### **Color of Justice Program**

The Color of Justice Program brings judges and lawyers together with young girls and minorities who are elementary, middle and high school students to engage in a day-long session designed to encourage them to consider legal and judicial careers, and take the steps necessary to pursue these goals. Students learn about life as a law student and the requirements for admission to law school, and the many different areas of legal practice and types of judges.

#### **Human Trafficking**

NAWJ conducts judicial training and education programs focused on understanding and addressing human trafficking. NAWJ collaborates with federal and state courts and administrative agencies, as well as other stakeholders, to address the complex issues that arise in human trafficking cases.

#### **Informed Voters-Fair Judges Project**

The Informed Voters- Fair Judges Project (IVP) is a civic education project developed to increase the knowledge of our citizens regarding the judicial system, and promote fair and impartial courts, a cornerstone of American democracy. IVP further educates citizens on how states' judicial selection and election system works, and the qualities that make a good judge - fairness, impartiality and a commitment to decide cases based on the evidence presented and the applicable law.

#### Mentorjet

MentorJet is a 'speed mentoring' networking opportunity providing high school, college and law students one-on-one access with judges and lawyers who serve as mentors and provide information and advice on a variety of legal careers. The program uses a fun, accessible format similar 'speed dating.'

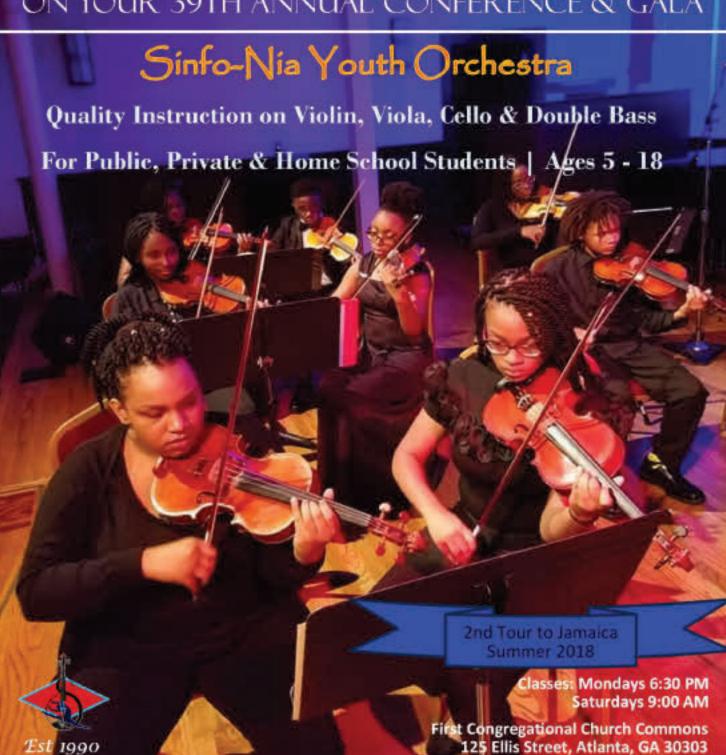
#### **The Storybook Project**

This program was created to offset the ill effects of prolonged separation between a mother and child that results from the incarceration of the mother. The program provides incarcerated parents a book and a tape recorder to allow mothers a vehicle to record their voices reading a book for their children, enabling the parent to sustain a relationship to the child. This oral recording is preserved. Both book and mother's recording are mailed to the child. In states around the country, NAWJ's Storybook Project has helped thousands of inmate mothers maintain contact with their children.

#### **Success Inside And Out**

Success Inside and Out provides support and assistance to women in prison as they prepare for their transition back into the community. NAWJ members conduct workshops and provide women inmates with information and resources to ease and sustain reentry back into their communities. The program also brings together judges, attorneys and other professionals to assist in areas of need in their communities during these periods of transition. The program is consistent with the goals of NAWJ's Women in Prison Committee, and has expanded to benefit young women in youth correctional facilities.

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