

## Tea and Ethics

Thursday, October 20, 2022

3:30 – 4:45 PM



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This roundtable of international and U.S. based judges and attendees will convene over refreshments for a discussion of hot topics in judicial ethics confronting judges all over the globe. Our facilitators will introduce hypothetical questions for small group discussions throughout this interactive program. International judges are also welcome to bring ethical dilemmas they face to discuss with the attendees. After the small table discussions, we will reconvene the entire group to share topics and thoughts.

### Facilitators:

#### Hon. Judith Chirlin, Judge (Retired), Los Angeles Superior Court



Judge Judith C. Chirlin, was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1985. She is a graduate of The George Washington University (BA in Political Science), Rutgers University (MA in Politics from the Eagleton Institute of Politics) and the USC Law School (JD).

Over the years, Judge Chirlin has been involved in numerous efforts to improve the legal system and the administration of justice in California, throughout the nation and around the world. In 1984 she designed and from that time, has participated in seminars called “So You Want to be a Judge” for women’s, minority and other bar associations throughout the state. Those seminars have been widely recognized as having demystified the process of judicial appointments in California and having resulted in significantly increased diversity in judicial appointments throughout the state. Judge Chirlin has served on numerous state and national committees and boards. She is a past Chair of the American Judicature Society, a national organization dedicated to improving the justice system. She has held numerous positions in the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, California Women Lawyers, National Association of Women Judges and the International Association of Women Judges. She 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 has been a member of the Board of the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative (“ROLI”).

Judge Chirlin has traveled extensively, consulting on court reform and teaching programs for foreign judges, lawyers, police officers and other legal professionals. Among the countries she has traveled to in that capacity are Peru, Chile, El Salvador, Honduras, Russia, Slovakia, Latvia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Serbia, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Turkey, Georgia, Oman, Ecuador, Moldova, Qatar, Libya and Tunisia. In

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2003 she was the ABA's representative on a delegation of the International Legal Assistance Consortium ("ILAC") that traveled to Baghdad in August of 2003 to assess the Iraqi legal system and make recommendations regarding what ILAC's member organizations could do help the Iraqi justice system. As a partial result of the ILAC report, Judge Chirlin has taught three programs entitled "Judging in a Democratic Society" to judges from Iraq. Both the former Interim Justice Minister (and later Chief Justice) of Iraq and the first judge in the trial of Saddam Hussein were participants in the Iraqi courses. One segment of that course focuses on judges' responsibility to educate the population on the importance of Judicial Independence to a system governed by the rule of law and effective ways of dealing with the media to accomplish that goal.

Judge Chirlin retired from the Los Angeles Superior Court, effective September 30, 2009. She currently works in private dispute resolution; she has started a non-profit foundation to support justice system improvement projects that enhance the rule of law. She also continues her work in the international arena. She is the inaugural Chair of a Support Committee for Native Voices, a non-profit that exists to support and promote Native American playwrights and performers, which is housed at the Autry Museum of the American West, of which she recently became a member of the Board of Directors.

**Hon. Lisa Walsh, Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Miami-Dade County, Florida**



Judge Lisa Walsh is a circuit court judge in the 11<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit of Miami-Dade County, Florida, currently assigned to the Civil, International Arbitration and Appellate Divisions. She is also the Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division. She is a former County Court Judge. She has tried over 150 jury trials in the criminal and civil divisions and written numerous appellate decisions in the circuit court and as Associate Judge for the Fourth District Court of Appeal of Florida. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law for sixteen years, in both the trial and appellate state and federal courts and was a Special Master for the City of Miami Beach. Judge Walsh has

been rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell for the last 15 years and was named in *Super Lawyers* and *Florida Trend Legal Elite*.

Judge Walsh was the 2015-2016 President of the National Association of Women Judges and currently, is the NAWJ International Director and a Director on the International Association of Women Judges. She is 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, Florida Judicial College, the Florida Circuit Court Conference, and the National Judicial College.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Walsh was the President of Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Vice-Chair of a Florida Bar Grievance committee, a member of the Board of Directors for Legal Services of Greater Miami, a member of the Florida Bar Criminal Executive Council and the Appellate Rules Committee. Judge Walsh has been honored with numerous awards, including the 2018 Florida Bar Young Lawyer's Division Outstanding Jurist Award, the 2018 MDTLA Judge Steven Levine Award, the 2018 Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award for the National Association of Women Judges, the 2017 Dade County Bar Association President's Award as Outstanding Community Leader, the "Devorah Judge" Award by the Miami Jewish Legal Society, the 2019 Community Service Award for the

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Greater Miami Jewish Federation, the “Outstanding Woman in Government & Law” by the Miami-Dade Commission for Women, the 2015 Mattie Belle Davis Award from Miami-Dade FAWL, the 2015 Alumni Leadership Award by the University of Miami Law School, and the 2010 Judge Alan Schwartz Judicial Excellence award. Judge Walsh has been a mentor 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. She is married to attorney David Rosendorf and is the proud mother of two children.