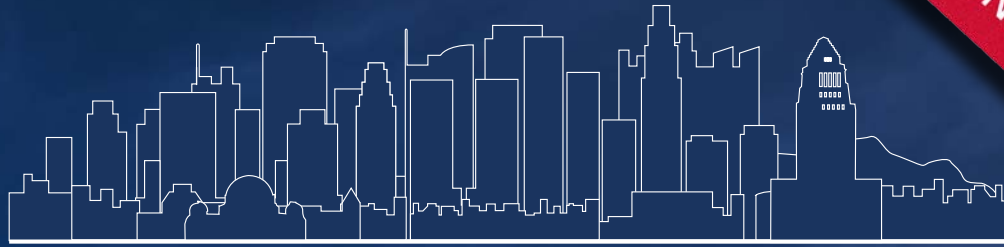


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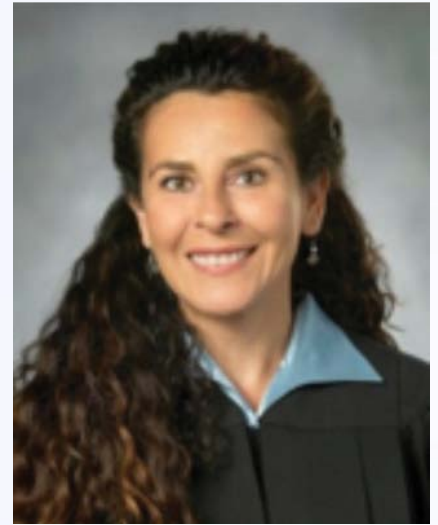
LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD  
A CENTURY OF WOMEN'S PROGRESS

## *Welcome from NAWJ President*

# HONORABLE TAMILA E. IPEMA



***As President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 41st Annual Conference in beautiful Los Angeles, California. We wish a Happy 40th Birthday to our beloved NAWJ. We also congratulate Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles on their 100th Anniversary. Please join us to celebrate these two special occasions at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.***



I would like to extend my congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Conference Chair, Judge Elizabeth Allen White, and the members of the Conference Planning Committee, who have worked tirelessly to prepare, present, and support this wonderful conference. Warmest thanks also are due to the chair of the “Angels’ Committee,” Donna Melby, Esq., along with her supportive team of Angels, an extraordinary group of professionals representing the very heart and soul of the legal community of Los Angeles.

I know that you will all enjoy and benefit from the cutting-edge educational programming that our Conference Education co-chairs, Justice Lee Edmon and Judge Samantha Jessner, and their committee, have so thoughtfully created. We are grateful to them for their outstanding work. The educational sessions feature nationally recognized presenters on issues of critical importance to your day-to-day work. The program will appeal to a broad range of NAWJ members from all levels of the local, state, federal, administrative, tribal, and military judiciary. Wherever you sit as a judge, you will find sessions that will enhance your judicial skills and inform you about new developments in the law.

I also want to extend a special welcome to nearly fifty international judges, representing courts in various countries around the world. We are so happy to have you with us, and we know your presence will enrich the conference experience of all of us.

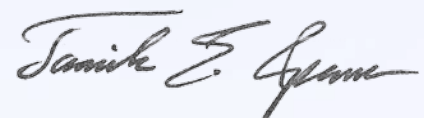
I would also like to express my gratitude to NAWJ’s Interim Executive Director, Laurie Denham, and the rest of our incredible national staff, Lavinia Cousin and Kira Tucker, for their dedicated and tireless efforts in making this conference and the work of NAWJ successful. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy this year’s exciting conference. Special thanks also to our outstanding conference planner, Nikiesha Cosby.

This is a time to step back, recharge, and relax in the company of your colleagues from across the country, all of whom

share a commitment to excellence, equality, independence, and full diversity in our courts. And if you are first-time attendee, welcome! You are in for a treat. After you experience the amazing educational programs and meet judges from jurisdictions around the country – and the world – I feel certain that this first NAWJ conference will not be your last. I invite all of you to join, if you are not members, and bring in your other colleagues to join our amazing organization that is making such a huge difference in the US and around the world.

It has been such an honor to lead this incredible organization for the past year. And it is with special warmth and gratitude that I thank you for your enduring commitment to NAWJ’s overarching mission, and for the overwhelming support and encouragement that has inspired me every day of my wonderful year as your president. NAWJ’s Five-Year Strategic Plan of action is complete and we have already started implementing it. In addition, I would like to welcome Priya Purandare, NAWJ’s new permanent Executive Director who plans to start with us in December, 2019. Priya is highly experienced and brilliant and has a great vision for NAWJ. We are sure she will take NAWJ to great heights. So, NAWJ is in great hands. I leave this office knowing that all of you share my certainty that the best yet lies ahead for NAWJ, and for our system of justice. And I extend my best wishes to our incoming President, Judge Bernadette D’Souza, for a great year ahead.

With Warm Regards,



**The Honorable Tamila E. Ipema**  
NAWJ President  
Judge of California Superior Court,  
County of San Diego

*City of Dreams, City of Angels: A Century of Women's Progress*

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## *Welcome from Conference Chair*

HON. ELIZABETH ALLEN WHITE



***Welcome to Los Angeles!! This year's theme "City of Angels, City of Dreams: A Century of Women's Progress" focuses on the incredible progress which has been made by women in the last 100 years.***



Translated from Spanish, Los Angeles means the angels. An angel is sometimes defined as a person, usually a woman, who is kind, pure, or beautiful. We are fortunate that so many angels have worked to achieve progress for women in the last century. We are also grateful to the angels who have made NAWJ's 41st Annual Conference possible through generous financial support, as well as the angels on the planning committee who have meticulously planned this Conference.

One of the highlights of women's progress in the last century is the women's suffrage movement which achieved success in 1920 and shepherded in an era of many other advances on behalf of women and minorities. There are other little known achievements, among them the work of Clara Shortridge Foltz, after whom the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Building is named. Her story exemplifies the struggles of women and minorities to fully participate in the law and our democracy. Foltz wanted to take the bar examination, but California law at the time allowed only white males to become members of the bar. Foltz authored a state bill, known as the "Woman Lawyer Bill," which replaced "white male" with "person" allowing her to become the first woman admitted to the California bar.

Yet another highlight of women's progress is the appointment of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to the United States Supreme Court, followed by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elena Kagan. These four Justices were supported by, and are firm supporters, of the National Association of Women Judges.

This Conference celebrates our progress, but also causes us to think deeply about the present and our future. As such, our educational program promises to be thought provoking and probing, featuring panels on immigration, women in prison, treatment of the elderly and judicial independence.

Featured speakers include Justice Cantil-Sakauye, the first Asian-Filipina American and the second woman to serve as California's Chief Justice; Linda Greenhouse, Journalist in Residence at Yale Law School who covered the Supreme Court for The New York Times and Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of Berkeley Law School and celebrated constitutional scholar.

Our Conference will recognize the 40th Anniversary of the National Association of Women Judges and the 100th Anniversary of Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles at a celebration at the iconic Walt Disney Concert Hall Wednesday night.

The Gala Dinner on Friday night promises to fulfill the glitz and glamour dreams of Los Angeles with music, dinner and dancing. The evening will see the Lady Justice Award bestowed on Kathy Ireland, a celebrated fashion model who has empowered women through mentoring and generous support for girls and women at risk. Ms. Ireland truly exemplifies the definition of an angel: a woman who is kind, pure and beautiful.

We hope you enjoy the Conference and leave it reinvigorated and ready to take on the challenges we face in the future.

*Hon. Elizabeth White*

**The Honorable Elizabeth Allen White**  
2019 NAWJ Conference Chair  
Judge of California Superior Court,  
County of Los Angeles



## NAWJ MISSION

*The National Association of Women Judges' mission is to: promote the judicial role of 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.*

# CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEES

## CONFERENCE CHAIR

Judge Elizabeth Allen White  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## EDUCATION

Pres. Justice Lee Edmon, Co-Chair  
*California Court of Appeal,  
Second District, Division Three*

Judge Samantha Jessner, Co-Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## ANGELS (FRIENDS)

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*Partner, Paul Hastings, LP*

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*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Administrative Law Judge Susan Formaker,  
Disney Hall Reception Co-Chair  
*California Women Lawyers  
Executive Officer At-Large*

Heather Stern,  
Disney Hall Reception Co-Chair  
*President, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles*

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Judge Marguerite Downing, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

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*Law Office of Michelle L. Kazadi*

Judge Renee Korn  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Yvonne Massais-Joby, Esq.  
*Children's Law Center of California*

Judge Laura Priver  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Brenda Comer Robinson, Esq.  
*Children's Law Center of California*

Ariel Wilbur  
*Law Clerk*

## GIFT BAGS

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## ADVISORY

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*Superior Court of California, County of San Diego*

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*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Elizabeth Feffer  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Tamara Hall  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Amy Hogue  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Yolanda Orozco  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Debre Katz Weintraub  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## AWARDS / STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Judge Shelley Kaufman, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Judge Ramona See, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## DINE AROUND

Judge Monica Bachner, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Maame Frimpong  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Dalila Corral Lyons  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Shelley Kaufman  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## FINANCE

Judge Megan L. Wagner, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Orange*

## INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Judge Judith Chirlin, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles  
(Ret.)*

## NEW MEMBERS / MENTORING

Judge Laura Seigle, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## PUBLICATIONS

Commissioner Doreen Boxer, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## SECRETARY

Judge Maame Frimpong  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## SECURITY

Judge Elizabeth Feffer, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## VOLUNTEERS

Judge Holly Fujie, Chair  
*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## *City of Dreams, City of Angels: A Century of Women's Progress*

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION *of* WOMEN JUDGES 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 15-19, 2019 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA | OMNI LOS ANGELES AT CALIFORNIA PLAZA

*Approval for approximately 13 general hours (25 total), 1.5 legal ethics hours, and 5.5 recognition and elimination of bias hours (7.75 total) MCLE are pending with The State Bar of California. You MUST sign in before and sign out after each session, and return a completed evaluation form. All California attorneys registered for the conference may pick up a certificate of attendance at the Information Desk.*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

|                  |  |                        |
|------------------|--|------------------------|
| 10:00AM – 4:30PM | <b>International Judges Tour of Courts</b>                           | <b>Offsite</b>         |
| 12:30PM – 4:30PM | <b>NAWJ 2018-2019<br/>Board of Directors Meeting</b>                 | <b>Hershey/Crocker</b> |
| 4:30PM – 5:30PM  | <b>First-time Attendees / New Member<br/>Mentor / Mentee Meeting</b> | <b>Rose</b>            |
| 5:00PM – 6:00PM  | <b>International Judges Reception</b>                                | <b>Bradbury</b>        |
| 6:30PM – 8:00PM  | <b>Welcome Reception</b>   | <b>Ballroom</b>        |

*Greetings from the President of the California Judges Association*  
**The Honorable Tam Nomoto Schumann**  
*Superior Court of California, County of Orange (Retired)*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

|                  |                                    |                           |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7:30AM – 8:30AM  | <b>Breakfast</b>                   | <b>Watercourt</b>         |
| 8:00AM           | <b>Vendors and Exhibitors Open</b> | <b>Bunker Hill Foyer</b>  |
| 8:00AM – 9:00AM  | <b>NAWJ Committee Meetings</b>     | <b>Watercourt</b>         |
| 9:00AM – 10:00AM | <b>Opening Welcome Ceremony</b>    | <b>Museum/Bunker Hill</b> |

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| <i>NAWJ PRESIDENT</i><br><b>The Honorable Tamila E. Ipema</b><br><i>Superior Court of California, County of San Diego</i>           | <i>CHIEF JUDGE</i><br><b>The Honorable Virginia A. Phillips</b><br><i>United States District Court, Central California</i>                                     |
| <i>CONFERENCE CHAIR</i><br><b>The Honorable Elizabeth Allen White</b><br><i>Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles</i> | <i>PRESIDING JUDGE</i><br><b>The Honorable Kevin C. Brazile</b><br><i>Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles</i>                                  |
| <i>CITY ATTORNEY</i><br><b>The Honorable Mike Feuer</b><br><i>City of Los Angeles</i>   | <i>DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY</i><br><b>Heather Merritt</b><br><i>Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs,<br/>U.S. State Department</i> |
| <i>PUBLIC DEFENDER</i><br><b>Ricardo Garcia</b><br><i>Law Offices of the Los Angeles County Public Defender</i>                     | <i>ABA PRESIDENT</i><br><b>Judy Perry Martinez</b><br><i>Of Counsel at Simon, Peragine, Smith &amp; Redfearn</i>   |

10:15AM – 11:45AM

## Concurrent Sessions

### Science for Judges: Unique Concerns in DNA Testing Hershey/Crocker

From solving a cold case through familial database searches (like Ancestry.com), to exonerating the wrongfully convicted, to limiting damages in a civil trial, DNA evidence continues to receive attention from the news media because of its perceived power in our courtrooms. Learn about the latest trends in DNA collection and analysis. Understand some of the new technologies that are being used in forensic DNA laboratories. After this session you will be able to rule with greater precision on the admissibility of DNA genetic evidence.

#### PANELISTS

**The Honorable Ming W. Chin**

*Supreme Court of California*

**The Honorable Peggy Hora**

*Co-Founder, Justice Speakers Institute, LLC; Superior Court of California, County of Alameda (Retired)*

**Joy D. Lyngar**

*Provost, The National Judicial College*

*This session is partially funded by the State Justice Institute through a grant to The National Judicial College in collaboration with the Justice Speakers Institute, LLC.*

### The Border Crisis and Beyond: Hot Topics in U.S. Immigration Policy Watercourt

DACA, the border, our immigration court system – all of these issues and more are dominating the U.S. news cycle, while the global migration crisis continues to build, with no resolution in sight. Our four panelists bring decades of experience and perspective as they separate fact from fiction, and explain how federal immigration policies are playing out across the country and beyond.

#### PANELISTS

**Ahilan Arulanantham**

*Senior Counsel, ACLU of Southern California; MacArthur Fellow (2016)*

**Anita Botti**

*Acting Executive Director, The Exodus Institute*

**Judy London**

*Directing Attorney, Immigrants' Rights Project, Public Counsel*

**Lindsay Toczykowski**

*Executive Director, Immigrant Defenders Law Center*

12:00PM – 1:45PM

## Keynote Luncheon

### In Conversation with the Chief Justice of California

Museum/Bunker Hill



*The Honorable  
Tani G. Cantil-  
Sakauye*



*The Honorable  
Lee Smalley Edmon*

**The Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye**, Chief Justice of California in a conversation moderated by **The Honorable Lee Smalley Edmon**, Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Three

Presentation of the Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award to

**The Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye**, Chief Justice of California

2:00PM – 3:15PM

## Concurrent Sessions

### Transcending Traditional Roles: Tackling Homelessness in the Courtroom and Beyond Hershey/Crocker

Homelessness is one of the most pressing issues facing communities across the country. Nearly a century after the United States Supreme Court struck down criminal “vagrancy” laws rooted in the Great Depression, the issue is again before the Courts. What is the role of the judicial system in responding to challenges by advocates and government officials as they attempt to address this issue?

#### PANELISTS

**The Honorable Mike Feuer**

*City Attorney, City of Los Angeles*

**Professor Benjamin Henwood, PhD, LCSW**

*University of Southern California School of Social Work*

**The Honorable Sheila James Kuehl**

*Supervisor, Third District, Los Angeles County*

**Carol A. Sobel**

*Attorney, Law Office of Carol A. Sobel*

### Protecting our Elders: Problems and Solutions for Elder Abuse Bradbury/Rose

The panel will begin with a discussion of the effects of aging on our brains and the emotional response of our elders when confronted with their own loss of function and independence. The panel will then discuss issues which arise when strangers and relatives – from insurance companies to children – take advantage of the elderly. The panel will examine our health care system's systematic denial of needed health care to our elders and the chronically ill, in order to enhance their operating profit. Finally, the panel will discuss California's legislative effort to provide remedies for such abuse.

#### PANELISTS

**Russell Steven Balisok**, *Balisok & Associates, Inc*

**Christopher Cherney**, *California Licensed Nursing Home Administrator*

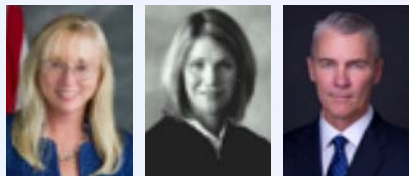
**Denise G. Feil, MD, MPH**, *Psychiatrist*

**Frank J. Fox**, *Majors & Fox*

**George Nowotny**, *Partner, Lewis Brisbois*

*This session is funded by the State Justice Institute.*

3:30PM – 4:45PM



Eileen M. Decker

The Honorable  
Julie Kocurek

John F. Muffler

## Judicial Security: From the Personal to the Virtual

Museum/Bunker Hill

A Texas judge who survived a stalking and assassination attempt, a former Administrator of the National Center for Judicial Security responsible for the physical and online security of judges, and a former United States Attorney who prosecuted cyber intrusions and online invasion of privacy cases will discuss 21st century judicial security. Specifically, the panel will address individual, courthouse, and online security issues that impact all judicial officers; common security vulnerabilities that are exploited; taking ownership of your own security; social media pitfalls; and best practices for protecting your personal and online security.

### PANELISTS

**Eileen M. Decker**, Vice President, Los Angeles Police Commission

**The Honorable Julie Kocurek**, 390th District Court, Austin, Texas

**John F. Muffler**, U.S. Marshal (Retired); National Center for Judicial Security

4:30PM – 6:30PM

## Asian Pacific Islander Women Judges Reception

Noe Terrace

SPONSORED BY THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN WOMEN LAWYERS  
ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

6:00PM – 8:00PM

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES, WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES and the CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS

111 South Grand Ave.

*present*

### LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: A CENTURY OF WOMEN'S PROGRESS

A RECEPTION AT THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL



*Celebrating NAWJ's 40th Anniversary and*

*Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles' 100th Anniversary*

*Performance by the Los Angeles Big Band of Barristers conducted by Gary S. Greene*

8:30PM – 10:00PM

## Film Screening: Skid Row Marathon, A Documentary

Museum/Bunker Hill

When a criminal court judge starts a running club on LA's notorious skid row and begins training a motley group of addicts and criminals to run marathons, lives begin to change. *Skid Row Marathon* follows four runners as they rise from the mean streets of LA to run marathons around the world, fighting the pull of homelessness and addiction at every turn.

9:00PM – 10:30PM

## Hospitality Suite

Bradbury/Rose

Retired and Senior Judges are invited to meet with fellow attendees.



6:00AM – 7:00AM

## Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles

The Neighborhood

Meet in center lobby by the Olive Street exit.

6:00AM – 7:00AM

## Yoga Class *or* Zumba with Marilu

Bradbury  
Rose

Cost is \$30 for Yoga, \$20 for Zumba – Sign up at the NAWJ Information Desk

7:30AM – 8:30AM

## Breakfast NAWJ District Meetings

Watercourt

9:00AM – 10:15AM



The Honorable  
Judith McConnell



Jonathan Shapiro

## The Book of Ruth, The Song of Sandra: Staging Law Stories

Museum/Bunker Hill

Storytelling isn't a metaphor for advocacy or judicial opinion writing. It is their foundation. Former federal prosecutor turned screenwriter and playwright Jonathan Shapiro will explore how lawyers and judges might utilize 21st century narrative techniques to improve their products and services.

### PANELISTS

**The Honorable Judith McConnell**, *California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One*

**Jonathan Shapiro**, *Former Federal Prosecutor, Screenwriter and Executive Producer, Playwright; Author of Lawyers, Liars, and the Art of Storytelling (2014); Adjunct Professor, UCLA Law School*

10:30AM – 11:45AM

## Restorative Justice and Successful Reentry: Unconventional Strategies from the Bench Watercourt

At the root of criminogenic behavior often lies mental illness, substance use disorders, abuse, poverty and other unaddressed traumatic conditions. Given this reality, our criminal justice system has made tremendous strides over the past several years to reduce recidivism by addressing these drivers. The panelists will share their experiences with effective, evidence-based strategies being undertaken in the Los Angeles region by the court in connection with various justice partners through the provision of service-enriched affordable housing, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, employment and training programs that seek to release vulnerable persons from custody, reduce recidivism, and give individuals a chance to have a different future. Panelists will discuss the Skid Row Running Club, innovative programs offered through the Los Angeles County Office of Diversion & Reentry (ODR), including the ODR courts for expectant mothers and individuals experiencing homelessness and mental illness, as well as other cutting-edge court and community-based programs aimed at recidivism reduction available throughout the county.

### PANELISTS

#### **The Honorable Peter Espinoza**

*Director, Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry, Department of Health Services; Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (Retired)*

#### **The Honorable Kimberly Baker Guillemet**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

#### **The Honorable Karla D. Kerlin**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

#### **The Honorable Craig J. Mitchell**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

## Concurrent Sessions

### Challenging Times for Judicial Independence - Administrative to Appellate Bradbury/Rose

Independence of the judiciary is an essential component of our democratic system of government. Yet challenges to it are ever present. How judges are selected is a major factor. No system is perfect. Even our life tenured federal judges have felt pressures of late. State judges who run for office, or retention, face a special set of challenges. Administrative judges at both the state and federal level face special challenges given the inherent controls of the administrative agencies they serve. A new set of challenges has arisen as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in 2018 which held that the system used by the SEC for appointment of its Administrative Law Judges did not comply with the appointments clause of the U.S. Constitution. *Lucia v SEC* 585 U.S. \_\_\_ (2018). The *Lucia* decision was followed by an immediate Executive Order [#13,843, 83 Fed. Reg. 32,755 (July 10, 2018)] which ended the decades long system of appointment of Federal ALJs from a register compiled by the Office of Permanent Management following a merits examination, and replacing the examination system with authorization for direct appointment by agency heads. The decision left a myriad of unanswered questions regarding its ramifications for federal and state judges at all levels. Our panel of experts will explore the effect of *Lucia* and its possible ramifications at all levels of the judiciary, federal and state, trial and appellate, administrative and judicial.

### PANELISTS

#### **The Honorable Emily Chafa**

*UIA Appeals Manager, Iowa Workforce Development*

#### **The Honorable Jennifer Gee**

*Office of Administrative Law Judges, U.S. Dept. of Labor (Ret.)*

#### **The Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall**

*U.S. District Court, Central California*

#### **Professor Gregory L. Ogden**

*Pepperdine University School of Law*

#### **The Honorable A. Ashley Tabaddor**

*President, National Association of Immigration Judges*

### Culture Change: Perspectives on the Future of Work in the World of “MeToo” Hershey/Crocker

*“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”*

*John F. Kennedy*

The court of public opinion frequently sets the stage long before courts of law ever become involved. Join us for a discussion from different perspectives — legislative, judicial, and private sector, as we together explore and address the challenges of cultural change, inside and outside the workplace, through proactive engagement, inclusion, collaboration, and innovation.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE PANEL

#### **Robyn Crowther**

*Managing Partner of Steptoe & Johnson LLP*

### PANELISTS

#### **Anna Park**

*Regional Attorney for the Los Angeles District Office, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*

#### **Donna Melby**

*Partner, Litigation and Employment Law Departments, Paul Hastings, LLP*

#### **State Senator Holly J. Mitchell**

*California District No.30: Culver City, Ladera Heights, Westmont, Crenshaw, Downtown, Florence neighborhoods of Los Angeles*

#### **Cathy Schulman**

*President and CEO, Welle Entertainment; Board President Emerita, Women in Film*

12:00PM – 1:45PM

## Friends Luncheon

Museum/Bunker Hill



Linda Greenhouse

Remarks on the IAWJ 15th Biennial Conference: “Celebrating Diversity”

**The Honorable Vanessa Ruiz**, *President, International Association of Women Judges*

**Shawna J. Wilson, Esq.**, *Executive Director, International Association of Women Judges*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker by **The Honorable Lee Smalley Edmon**

### Linda Greenhouse

**Linda Greenhouse** is the Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law and Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence at Yale Law School. She covered the Supreme Court for *The New York Times* from 1978-2008 and writes a biweekly column on law.

Presentation of the 41st Annual Conference Recognition Award to

**Donna Melby**

*Partner, Litigation and Employment Law Departments, Paul Hastings LLP*

2:00PM – 3:30PM

## Concurrent Sessions

### Repairing Justice: Innocence Projects, Conviction Integrity Units and Exonerating the Wrongfully Convicted Watercourt

Given estimates that more than 5% of those convicted of murder, attempted murder and serious sex offenses are innocent, this panel will examine the causes of wrongful convictions. These causes can range from problems with eyewitness identification, false confessions, tainted forensic evidence, ineffective assistance of counsel, to police and prosecutorial misconduct, including the failure to disclose exculpatory evidence. This panel will explore how wrongful convictions can be prevented, the role of the court in preventing wrongful convictions, and the effect of wrongful convictions on everyone in the criminal justice system. The panel will include perspectives from the co-founder of The Innocence Project Network, a lead prosecutor in a Conviction Integrity Unit, an exoneree, and the founder of Loyola's Project for the Innocent.

#### PANELISTS

**Patricia Cummings**

*Supervisor, Conviction Integrity & Special Investigations Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Philadelphia*

**Professor Laurie L. Levenson**

*Loyola Law School, Los Angeles; Founder, Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent*

**Peter Neufeld**

*Partner, Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP; Co-founder of the Innocence Project*

**Ruben Pinuelas**

*Exoneree*

### International Tea and Ethics Bradbury/Rose

This roundtable of international and U.S. based judges will convene over tea 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. Each small group will be seated at a round table, have its own discussion. After the discussion, proposed solutions will be presented to the entire group.

#### FACILITATORS

**The Honorable Judith C. Chirlin**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles County (Retired); Former Executive Director, Western Justice Center*

**The Honorable Lisette Shirdan-Harris**

*Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Pennsylvania; NAWJ International Director, IAWJ North American Delegate*

Be sure to visit NAWJ Conference Vendors and Exhibitors located in the Bunker Hill Ballroom Foyer between sessions and during breaks.

3:45PM – 5:00PM

## Piper Kerman

Museum/Bunker Hill

Piper Kerman is the author of the memoir *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*. Her memoir was adapted by Jenji Kohan into *Orange is the New Black*, an Emmy Award-winning original series for Netflix. She is also a Board Member of the Women's Prison Associations.

5:30PM – 7:30PM

## NAWJ–International Association of Gay and Lesbian Judges Reception

Grand Cafe

6:00PM – 8:00PM

## JAMS International Judges Reception

By Invitation Only

JAMS, 555 West 5th Street, 32nd Floor, Los Angeles

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

6:30PM – 9:00PM

## DINE AROUND

Offsite

Be sure to sign up and join others at Los Angeles restaurants specially selected by our Dine Around Committee. Stop by and see what's still available at the Information Desk. Meet in the lobby at 6:30PM for 7:00PM reservations.

9:00PM – 10:30PM

## Hospitality Suite Hosted by Nashville's 2020 Annual Conference Planning Committee

Bradbury/Rose

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019

6:00AM – 7:00AM

## Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles

The Neighborhood

Meet in center lobby by the Olive Street exit.

6:00AM – 7:00AM

## Yoga Class *or* Zumba with Marilu

Bradbury  
Rose

Cost is \$30 for Yoga, \$20 for Zumba – Sign up at the NAWJ Information Desk

7:30AM – 8:30AM

## Breakfast

Watercourt

8:00AM – 9:00AM

## NAWJ Annual Business Meeting and Investiture of New Officers

Museum/Bunker Hill

This is a meeting of and for all NAWJ members.

9:00AM – 10:15AM

## Concurrent Sessions

### Courts in the Crosshairs in 2019: Political Environment, Potential Threats, and Practical Approaches to Preserving our Impartial Judiciary *Hershey/Crocker*

The integrity of our courts requires independence from politics and partisan influences. Today, attempts to politicize the judicial branch and undermine the independence of our courts are pervasive. What are the consequences of such sustained efforts and what can judges do? This session will review the state, national, and global political environment impacting fair and impartial courts. Challenges facing judges and undermining the judiciary in our state courts will be examined. Examples to be highlighted include campaign attack ads; legislative proposals and state constitutional amendments; threatened or actual impeachments and judicial recalls; public disparagement by the media and foreign interests, and more. The session will consider what judges can do consistent with judicial conduct standards, and conclude with practical recommendations and model efforts to combat such threats.

#### PANELISTS

##### **Annette Boyd Pitts**

*Education Chair, NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee;  
Director, Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning*

##### **The Honorable Robin E. Hudson**

*Supreme Court of North Carolina; Co-Chair,  
NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee*

##### **The Honorable Curtis E.A. Karnow**

*Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco*

##### **The Honorable Debra L. Stephens**

*Washington State Supreme Court; Co-Chair,  
NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee*

### HORIZON LINE - A Play About Hate Crimes by The Western Justice Center *Watercourt*

A single-actor live play about the roots of hate crimes: HORIZON LINE explores bias-motivated behavior through the eyes of Danny Curtis, a young white man on a path of escalating destruction, and the people in his life who influence his choices, for better and for worse. HORIZON LINE tells a story of conflicting impulses and loyalties in the life of an impressionable young man. Danny loves art and yearns to create a happy picture of himself and his world. However, his desire to fit in, to be seen and to be heard, lead him toward acts that destroy property, frighten people and place his own future in jeopardy. HORIZON LINE will be followed by an engaging facilitated discussion focusing on the complexities of racism in America today. Compassion Plays productions move audiences emotionally, while they also educate, illuminate and entertain.

#### **Facilitator: Brian Joseph**

**Actor: Jack Sampson**

**Stage Manager: Riley Nelson-Campos**

### Human Trafficking: A Discussion of Interventions That Work in the United States and Internationally *Bradbury/Rose*

Local and global economies are filled with trafficked laborers – as domestic workers, day laborers, and sex workers. The destruction of modern slavery - on mostly young, female lives - manifests in juvenile courts, in wage theft adjudications, through custody disputes, and throughout criminal justice structures. None of these systems adequately address the issue. This panel brings together those leading the conversation about comprehensive solutions in direct services, court design, and law enforcement.

#### PANELISTS

##### **The Honorable Marcia Bernicat**

*Former Ambassador to Bangladesh, Principal Deputy  
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International  
Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department  
of State*

##### **Kelly Dermody, Esq.**

*Managing Partner, Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann &  
Bernstein, LLP*

##### **The Honorable Rupa S. Goswami**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

##### **Jessie Kornberg**

*President & CEO, Bet Tzedek*

##### **The Honorable Catherine J. Pratt**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

10:30AM – 11:45AM

## Sexual Assaults in the Military and Their Civilian Aftermath Hershey/Crocker

The panel will discuss sexual assault in the military and the resources available for its victims. There will be a brief description of some of the legal issues involved. A United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Judge Advocate will describe the legal process within the military when a military victim accuses another servicemember of a sexual assault. The Army JAG will also discuss the support available to these victims through the military, including the Special Victim Counsel program. A Veterans Administration specialist will talk about the treatment of veterans who were victims of sexual assault. A California Senator will talk about possible legislative options for a state in light of federal preemption.

### PANELISTS

**Stephanie R. Cooper, LTC, JA**

*Chief, Operations Branch, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Criminal Law Division*

**Danette Montoya, LCSW**

*Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator, San Francisco VA Health Care System*

**The Honorable Eileen C. Moore**

*California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three*

**State Senator Tom Umberg**

*California District No. 34: Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Midway City, Orange, Rossmore, Santa Ana, Seal Beach and Westminster in Orange County*

## Concurrent Sessions

### Women Judges and Leadership: Overcoming Challenges and Breaking New Ground Bradbury/Rose

Although all women judges face challenges on the bench, those women judges who serve in positions of leadership on their courts face unique challenges. This panel will explore the unique challenges and opportunities faced by women judges in achieving and assuming positions of leadership and accomplishing their goals as court leaders.

The panelists will share how they have overcome challenges and broken new ground on their courts. Participants will learn what they can do both to prepare to achieve and assume positions of leadership on their courts and what they can do to support women seeking positions of leadership on their courts.

### MODERATOR

**The Honorable Maame E. Frimpong**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

### PANELISTS

**The Honorable Marcella A. Holland**

*Baltimore City Circuit Court*

**The Honorable Margaret Morrow**

*President and CEO, Public Counsel; U.S. District Court, Central California (Retired)*

**The Honorable Adrienne C. Nelson**

*Oregon Supreme Court*

### Judicial Tools for Creating a Bias-Free Courtroom for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People Watercourt

Rule 2.3 of the California Code of Judicial Conduct mandates judges perform their duties without bias or prejudice, and further requires that judges ensure lawyers refrain from manifesting any bias or prejudice. Yet when Lambda Legal asked thousands of LGBT persons to assess how well courts protect their rights, 19% of those responding reported hearing a judge, attorney or other court employee make negative comments about a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Receive the tools necessary to address and eliminate bias towards transgender and gender non-conforming persons in the courtroom. Become familiar with terminology related to gender identity and expression. Understand the courtroom challenges that are faced by transgender and gender non-conforming persons, including bias in jury selection, and gain new strategies for providing a bias-free courtroom.

### PANELISTS

**Todd Brower**

*Judicial Education Director, Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law*

**The Honorable Victoria Kolakowski**

*Superior Court of California, County of Alameda*

**The Honorable Kristin L. Rosi**

*Chair, NAWJ LGBTQ Committee; ALJ, Administrative Hearing Bureau, California Department of Insurance*

**The Honorable Therese M. Stewart**

*California Court of Appeal, First District, Division Two*

12:00PM – 1:30PM



Erwin Chemerinsky

## Keynote Luncheon

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Robyn Crowther**

*Managing Partner of Steptoe & Johnson LLP*

### U.S. Supreme Court Update

**Erwin Chemerinsky**

*Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law at University of California, Berkeley School of Law*

Presentation of the NAWJ Equal Access to Justice Student Scholarship Award to

**Zarish Akram**

*Loyola Law School, Los Angeles*

Museum/Bunker Hill

1:30PM – 2:30PM

### NAWJ Judicial Independence/ Informed Voters - Fair Judges Project Committee Meeting

Bradbury/Rose

2:00PM – 4:00PM

### 2019-2020 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting

Hershey/Crocker

4:00PM

### Vendors and Exhibitors Close

Bunker Hill Foyer

4:00PM – 5:00PM

### NAWJ Resource Board Meeting

Bradbury/Rose

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019

6:00PM – 11:00PM

## NAWJ AWARDS BANQUET

Ballroom

Presentation of the 41st Annual Conference Recognition Award to

**Judge Elizabeth Allen White**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Presentation of the Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year Award to

**Judge Holly J. Fujie**

*Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Presentation of the Normal Wikler Excellence in Service Award to

**Annette Boyd Pitts**

*Director, Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning*

Presentation of the Florence K. Murray Award to

**Jerrilyn Malana, Esq.**

*Chief Deputy District Attorney for Human Resources, San Diego County District Attorney's Office*

Presentation of the Mattie Belle Davis Award to

**Shibani Malhorta**

*Senior Justice Advisor, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. State Department*

Cocktail Reception: 6:00PM–7:00PM

Gala and After Hours Dancing: 7:00PM–11:00PM

Presentation of the Lady Justice Award to

**Kathy Ireland**

*Business Entrepreneur, Author*

**Farewell by Outgoing NAWJ President, The Honorable Tamila E. Ipema**

Swearing-In and Remarks of Incoming NAWJ President

**The Honorable Bernadette D'Souza**

*Parish of Orleans, Civil District Court, Louisiana*

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019

7:30AM – 9:00AM

## Farewell Breakfast

Bradbury/Rose



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**AHILAN T. ARULANANTHAM** is Senior Counsel at the ACLU of Southern California. He litigates cases involving immigrants' rights, including *Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder*, the first case to establish a federal right to appointed counsel for any group of immigrants; *Jennings v. Rodriguez*, which he argued twice before the United States Supreme Court; and *Ramos v. Nielsen*,

a challenge to the Donald Trump Administration's plan to end the Temporary Protected Status program for immigrants who have lived here for decades. He has also testified before the United States Congress, and served as a Lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School and at the University of Irvine School of Law, where he taught Preventive Detention. His parents are Sri Lankan Tamil immigrants who left Sri Lanka to escape race discrimination and sporadic violence. He has represented several Sri Lankan Tamil refugees during the course of his work with the ACLU. Prior to joining the ACLU in Los Angeles, Mr. Arulanantham worked as Assistant Federal Public Defender in El Paso, Texas for two years. Before that he was a fellow at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project in New York, and a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt. He has been recognized as a MacArthur Fellow.



**RUSSELL STEVEN BALISOK** is an attorney and educator. Following college and five years in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict serving as an assault helicopter pilot, he attended Southwestern University, and was admitted to practice in California 1975. In 1983, Mr. Balisok accepted his first cases against skilled nursing facilities. In 1991, following

enactment of California's Elder Abuse Act (Welf. & Inst. Code §15657), he was asked to contribute a chapter to CEB's *California Elder Law-An Advocate's Guide*, entitled "Actions Against Skilled Nursing Facilities." Recently, he authored a practice guide and treatise, *Elder Abuse Litigation*, by The Rutter Group which is updated annually. This Rutter Group guide is widely used by California lawyers practicing in the area of elder abuse. Since 1989, he has regularly presented programs for California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, Inc., California's Continuing Education of the Bar, Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles and The Rutter Group. His particular interests and hobbies are suing participants in managed care such as Medicare-HMOs, for placing their interests in profit above and at the expense of needed patient care.



**MARCIA BERNICAT** is a career member of the Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, and is currently Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. She served as Ambassador to Bangladesh from 2015 to 2018, and to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau from 2008 to 2011. Previously she was

Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Human Resources, a position she held from 2012 to 2015. Domestically, she served in the Department of State as Office Director for India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bhutan in the Bureau of South Asian Affairs from 2006 to 2008; and from 2004 to 2006 as the Senior-Level Director and Career Development Officer in the Bureau of Human Resources. Ms. Bernicat was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown, Barbados from 2001 to 2004, and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi from 1998 to 2001. She was Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Casablanca, Morocco from 1995 to 1998, Deputy Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India from 1992 to 1995, and Desk Officer for Nepal and India in the Bureau of Near East and South Asian Affairs from 1988 to 1990. Earlier in her career, she was Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, Watch Officer in the Department's Operations Center, Consular Officer in Marseille, France, and Political/Consular Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bamako, Mali. A native of New Jersey, Marcia Bernicat received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Lafayette College and a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she gained private sector managerial experience working for the Procter and Gamble Manufacturing Company on Staten Island, New York. Her languages are French, Hindi and Russian.

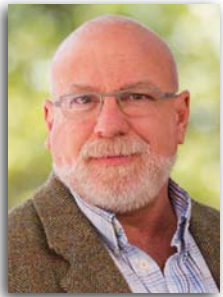


**ANITA BOTTI** serves as Executive Director of the Exodus Institute, a nonprofit that mobilizes private and international sector resources to address the forced migration crisis. During her tenure at the U.S. Department of State, Ms. Botti served as Chief of Staff in the Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues from 2009 to 2014. Previously, she served

as a Legislative Liaison Officer in the Department's Bureau of Legislative Affairs, and served as the first Congressional Coordinator for the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs for the Under Secretary for Economic and Business and Agricultural Affairs. In 1997, Ms. Botti was seconded to President Clinton's Interagency Council on Women, and served as Chair of the U.S. Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Human Beings. She developed and promoted a three-pronged anti-trafficking strategy: (1) prevention through the development of economic alternatives for women, (2) protection of, and assistance to, trafficked victims, and (3) prosecution of the traffickers. Ms. Botti worked closely

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with Congress to gain bipartisan support for, and ultimate passage of, a new law entitled the “Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000.” Ms. Botti also represented the United States in domestic and international fora dealing with trafficking and other major international issues affecting women. Ms. Botti began her career at the Department of State in 1985, serving in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. As Director of the U.S. Refugee Reception and Placement Program, she had direct oversight of the cultural orientation, admission, and resettlement of over 100,000 U.S. bound refugees. She worked closely with the United Nations High Commissioner’s staff to develop protection guidelines and programs for unaccompanied refugee minors living in refugee camps. Before joining the State Department, she served with the Peace Corps. From 1972 to 76, she worked as Desk Officer for the Caribbean, and Deputy Director for the Latin American Region. She has served on the board of Private Agencies Cooperating Together (PACT), a U.S. nonprofit working in development worldwide. She holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in demography.



**TODD BROWER** is the Judicial Education Director for the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy at UCLA School of Law. He is a professor of Constitutional Law at Western State College of Law in California, and its Director of the Institute for Global Law and Policy. He has an LL.M from Yale Law School, a J.D. from Stanford Law School, an A.B. from

Princeton University, and was a Fulbright Scholar in France. Professor Brower served on the California Judicial Council’s Access and Fairness Advisory Committee and is the author of various law review articles, research studies and publications on the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons in the courts of the United Kingdom, California and New Jersey. He has worked with the courts of several nations in Europe, Africa, and North and South America, with many U.S. states and federal agencies on judicial education programs, and with international and national judicial organizations. He is the current Vice-President of the National Association of State Judicial Educators.



**CHARLOTTE A. BURROWS** was nominated to serve as a Commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in 2014, and re-nominated in 2019. By unanimous vote, the U.S. Senate confirmed her to a second term ending in 2023. At the Commission, she has advocated for strong federal enforcement of employment laws – focusing in particular

on pay equity, as well as initiatives to combat harassment and retaliation and to promote diversity in employment. Before joining

EEOC, Commissioner Burrows served as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Obama Administration, where she worked on a broad range of civil and criminal matters, including employment discrimination, voting rights, and implementation of the Violence Against Women Act. Commissioner Burrows is also a veteran of Capitol Hill, where she worked for the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy on a variety of high-profile legislative issues including the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. Earlier in her career, she was a litigator in the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division and an associate with the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP. Commissioner Burrows is a former judicial clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School.



**THE HONORABLE TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE.** During her nine years in office, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye has emerged as one of the country’s leading advocates for equal access to justice, civic education, civility, and reform of court funding models and procedures that unfairly impact the poor. When she was sworn into office in January 2011 as the

28th Chief Justice of California, she was the first Asian-Filipina American and the second woman to serve as the state’s chief justice.

In recent years, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye has raised awareness of the unfair financial impact of fines, fees, and the bail system on the poor. She is a leading national advocate calling for bail system reform by addressing concerns about fairness and public safety. In California, she has convened two workgroups to identify ways to make pretrial release decisions that will treat people fairly, protect the public, ensure court appearances, and evaluate pretrial detention programs. In addition, she has asked federal authorities to protect the integrity of the state court system by not arresting undocumented residents at courthouses.

As leader of California’s judicial branch and chair of the Judicial Council, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye has led the judicial branch out of the state’s worst fiscal crisis since the Great Depression. She has improved the branch’s efficiency, accountability, and transparency in how it conducts business, sets policy, and discloses information. When she became Chief Justice, she opened meetings of the Judicial Council and its advisory bodies that were once closed to the public and has made public comment more accessible. Judicial Council meetings are now webcast, as are state Supreme Court oral arguments. She expedited court rules that required disclosure of any settlement agreements involving judicial officers for which public funds were spent. She also appointed a committee to recommend how judicial branch entities can prevent and address harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and inappropriate conduct at their workplaces.

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She has been recognized for her early work on domestic violence issues, support for minority bar associations, and for advancing the role of women and minorities in the legal profession. The Chief Justice is a leader in revitalizing civic learning through her Power of Democracy initiative. She, along with other state leaders, fulfilled one of the initiative's goals in July 2016 when the state Board of Education unanimously approved an instructional framework that encourages civic learning. In 2019, she was honored with the Sandra Day O'Connor Award by the National Center for State Courts for her work inspiring, promoting, and improving civics education.

The Chief Justice has also convened leaders to address such issues as implicit bias, human trafficking, and truancy. All the Chief Justice's initiatives support her vision for a judicial branch that provides physical access through safe and secure courthouses, remote access through technology initiatives, and equal access to all Californians.



**THE HONORABLE EMILY CHAFA** recently retired from managing the Iowa Workforce Development UI Appeals Bureau. She began those duties in July, 2015. She worked as an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) with Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) conducting hearings and issuing decisions in unemployment appeals from April to July, 2015. For

several years, Judge Chafa was an ALJ with the Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) of the State of Iowa's Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA), hearing a variety of appeals from IDOT, DHS and IWD. She previously worked as the attorney for the Misclassification Unit of Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Legal Aid, as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Des Moines for 17 years, as a prosecutor for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and as an associate attorney at a law firm in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Wartburg College and received her B.A. degree from Drake University. She received her J.D. degree from Loyola School of Law in Chicago. She is licensed to practice law in Iowa and Illinois.



**ERWIN CHERMERINSKY** became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law. Prior to assuming this position, from 2008 to 2017, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law at University of California, Irvine School of

Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. Before that he was Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke

University from 2004-2008, and from 1983 to 2004 was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. He also has taught at DePaul College of Law and UCLA Law School. He is the author of eleven books, including leading casebooks and treatises about constitutional law, criminal procedure, and federal jurisdiction. His most recent books are, *We the People: A Progressive Reading of the Constitution for the Twenty-First Century*, and *Closing the Courthouse Doors: How Your Constitutional Rights Became Unenforceable* and *Free Speech on Campus* (with Howard Gillman). He also is the author of more than 200 law review articles. He writes a regular column for the *Sacramento Bee*, monthly columns for the *ABA Journal* and the *Daily Journal*, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court. In 2016, he was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2017, National Jurist magazine again named Dean Chemerinsky as the most influential person in legal education in the United States. He is an undergraduate of Northwestern University (1975), and a graduate of Harvard Law School (1978).



**CHRISTOPHER CHERNEY** has been a California-licensed nursing administrator since 1997. He has worked as an administrator for seven nursing home organizations. In 2001, he was the first employee of Kaiser Permanente's first and only freestanding nursing home in San Leandro, California. Since 2013, he has taught eight different courses on health

care and gerontology to more than 800 students at San Jose State University and San Francisco State University. He has worked on more than 100 cases in nine states as a testifying expert witness. He received a B.A. in Biochemical Sciences from Harvard University, and an M.A. in Gerontology from San Francisco State University.



**THE HONORABLE MING W. CHIN** was appointed to the California Supreme Court in March, 1996. Before being named to the high court, Justice Chin served from 1990 to 1996 on the First District Court of Appeal, Division Three, San Francisco. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeal, Justice Chin served on the bench of the Alameda County Superior Court. He began

his legal career as a prosecutor in the Alameda County District Attorney's office and later was a partner in an Oakland law firm specializing in business and commercial litigation. Justice Chin earned his bachelor's degree in political science and law degree from the University of San Francisco. Justice Chin has authored landmark decisions in areas such as DNA, toxic tort insurance



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coverage, surrogate parents, and hate crimes. He was a member of the National Academies' Committee on the Development of the Third Edition of the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence. He is Vice Chair of the California Judicial Council and has chaired the Council's Commission for Impartial Courts, Court Technology Advisory Committee, and Science and the Law Steering Committee. He is an author of two California Practice Guides: *Employment Litigation* and *Forensic DNA Evidence: Science and the Law*.



**THE HONORABLE JUDITH C. CHIRLIN**, former Executive Director of the Western Justice Center, is a part-time neutral with Judicate West. Now retired, she was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1985, and retired from the court on September 30, 2009. 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 University of Southern California Law School (JD). 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 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 was a member of the Board of the American Bar Association's Center for Rule of Law Initiatives ("ROLI"). She is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the CEELI Institute in Prague, the Czech Republic. In 2011, she served as vice-chair of a Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to investigate and report on safety and security at LAX. She served as a member of the Strategic Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Chief Justice of California to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the functioning of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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. She was the American Bar Association'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. Judge Chirlin also participated in the development of and then taught a special course for the first female judicial candidates admitted

to the Iraqi Judicial Training Institute ("JTI") since the 1970's. The first session of that program was held in Turkey, the second (which included as participants judges who teach at the Iraqi JTI) in Jordan in July and October of 2006, respectively.

She has taught "Train the Trainers" courses focusing on effective methods of adult education for a variety of groups in programs in The Czech Republic, Jordan, Georgia, Oman, Ecuador and Moldova. In March, 2009 she was one of six instructors (the only American) in a course on International Human Rights Law for Iraqi lawyers, conducted in Prague. She then traveled to Kurdistan and was one of two "international experts" in conferences on "Judicial Federalism" and "Judicial Independence." The conferees were the highest level of Judges, Ministry officials and Members of Parliament from Iraq and Kurdistan (the northern region of Iraq.) In July of that year, she spent a week in Prague with the members of the Iraqi Committee on Judicial Independence to help them design their plan for enhancing judicial independence in Iraq. And in March, 2010 she served as Faculty Dean in a "Train the Trainers/Intellectual Property" course for judges and judicial educators from Kazakhstan.

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 them 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. That program, which Judge Chirlin facilitated, was held in Washington, D.C. in June, 2013. 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. In January of 2012, she travelled to Libya with a team from ROLI to assess the legal system and identify projects the ABA can do to assist the Libyans in establishing the Rule of Law. In December of 2012 she again worked with the Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, helping develop and then facilitate a weeklong program in Miami for "country teams" from 12 English speaking Caribbean countries. The purpose of the program was to help the teams develop programs to combat gender based violence.



**LT. COLONEL STEPHANIE COOPER** currently serves as Operations Branch Chief in the Criminal Law Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General in the Pentagon in Washington D.C. In that capacity, Officer Cooper advises the Chief, Criminal Law Division, Assistant Judge Advocate General, JAGC leadership, and

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Army leaders on aspects of military justice. She assists in the synchronization and integration of criminal law training while providing information and assistance to Staff Judge Advocates, Chiefs of Military Justice, and other military justice practitioners in the field. Her previous assignments include: Chief of Criminal Law, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Plans Officer & Boards Officer, Personnel, Plans, and Training Office, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Washington D.C.; Brigade Judge Advocate, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Government Appellate Attorney, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, Ballston, VA; Trial Counsel, 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany; and administrative/Operational Law Attorney, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany. LTC Cooper was deployed to Ramadi, Iraq from January 2006 to February 2007 with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, serving as both an Operational Law Attorney and the Officer-in-Charge of a Female Engagement Team. She was also deployed from June, 2011 to June, 2012 to Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, as the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade. LTC Cooper graduated from Norwich University in 2001. After commissioning as a 2LT in the United States Army, she received an educational delay to attend law school. She graduated from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, in 2004, earning her Juris Doctorate. LTC Cooper graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 2016, Judge Advocate Officer's Graduate Course in 2013 (earning an LL.M. with a specialty in International Law), and the Judge Advocate Officer's Basic Course in 2005.



**PATRICIA CUMMINGS** is Supervisor of the Conviction Integrity and Special Investigations Unit in the Office of the District Attorney for Philadelphia. She has practiced criminal and juvenile law for over 25 years. Before moving to Philadelphia in February, 2018, she was Director of Policy and Litigation for The Innocence Project of Texas, and General Counsel for the Texas

Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, where she led the policy efforts during the 84th and 85th Regular Legislative Sessions of Texas. During the 83rd Texas Regular Legislative Session, she helped secure criminal discovery reform with the passage of the Michael Morton Act in 2013, after having served as a pro bono member of Michael Morton's legal team. Ms. Cummings began her career as a briefing attorney for the Eighth District Court of Appeals in El Paso, Texas. After leaving the court, she went to work for the Williamson County Attorney's Office in Georgetown, Texas as the County Juvenile Prosecutor. She then transitioned into private practice where she focused her attention on criminal and juvenile defense. From 2002 to 2014, she taught at the Criminal Defense Clinic at the University of Texas, School of Law. She is also one of three former Special Fields Bureau Chiefs to lead the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) in the Dallas County

District Attorney's Office. The Dallas CIU has been responsible for numerous exonerations in Dallas County since its establishment in 2007. Ms. Cummings grew up in El Paso, Texas and is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center.



**EILEEN M. DECKER** is a co-founder of Pacific Intelligence & Cyber, an investigation, intelligence and cybersecurity firm. She currently serves as the President of the Los Angeles Police Commission; a Fulbright Specialist in Cybersecurity Law & Policy; and an Adjunct Professor in Cybersecurity, Privacy, and National Security Law at USC, UCLA, and Pepperdine Law Schools. Until

March 2017, she served as the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, she served as Los Angeles Deputy Mayor for Homeland Security and Public Safety for nearly six years (the only Deputy Mayor to serve in this position for two Los Angeles Mayors). Prior to being Deputy Mayor, she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for almost 15 years, becoming the first Chief of the National Security Section and in this capacity was responsible for all counterterrorism and counterintelligence cases in the district. Prior to becoming an AUSA, she worked in private practice at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, and served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Gary L. Taylor. Ms. Decker received her undergraduate and law degrees from New York University, a Master's Degree in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, and was a Wasserstein Fellow at Harvard Law School. She is a Past President of the Women Lawyers of Los Angeles (WLALA), and currently serves on the Los Angeles County Bar Association's President's Advisory Committee on Women in the Legal Profession, the LACBA-WLALA Joint Task Force on the Retention and Promotion of Women Lawyers, and the LACBA Section on Privacy & Cybersecurity.



**KELLY DERMODY** is Managing Partner of the San Francisco office of Loeff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP. She chairs the firm's Employment Practice Group and represents employees in class, collective, and #MeToo actions. In 2012, she served as President of the Bar Association of San Francisco. She is a member of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and

the American Law Institute. She is a past member of the ABA Labor and Employment Law Section governing Council, where she also previously served as Co-Chair of the Section's Annual Conference, Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession, and Equal Employment Opportunity Committee. The *Daily Journal* has selected her as one of the top 100 attorneys in California, top 75 labor and employment lawyers in California, and top 100 women litigators in California. In 2016, the *Recorder* awarded

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her the “Dragon Slayer” award for her litigation work. She has received awards from charitable and civic organizations, including the National Association of Women Judges, the Anti-Defamation League, the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, California Rural Legal Assistance, Legal Momentum, Equal Rights Advocates, Centro Legal de la Raza, and Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom. She received a B.A. degree *magna cum laude* from Harvard University and a J.D. degree from Berkeley Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Before joining Lief Cabraser, she clerked for the Hon. John T. Nixon, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.



**THE HONORABLE LEE SMALLEY EDMON** is Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal’s Second Appellate District, Division Three. Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeal, she was Judge of the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles from August 2000 to January 2015, Presiding Judge 2011 to 2012, and Assistant Presiding Judge 2009

to 2010. From 2007 to 2008, she was Supervising Judge of the Civil Departments. Before serving as Judge, Justice Edmon was an attorney in private practice for 19 years: Dewey Ballantine LLP from 1987-2000; Adams Duque & Hazeltine from 1981 to 1987; and in general civil litigation practice, with an emphasis on business litigation. Justice Edmon’s service in the Judicial Council of California includes: a member of Task Force on Trial Court Fiscal Responsibility (2013-2014); member of the Trial Court Budget Working Group (2011-2012); member of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee Executive Committee (2011- 2013); member of the Judicial Council of California (2008 -2010); Chair of the Judicial Council Litigation Management Committee (2009-2010); member of the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Governing Committee (2006-2008); Civil & Small Claims Advisory Committee (Chair, 2006 - 2008; Member, 1998-2005), and member of the Judicial Service Advisory Committee (2002-2005). Justice Edmon was also active in the California Judges Association as a member of the Board of Directors (2013-2014), Civil Law & Procedure Committee (2003-2008), Government Relations Committee (2010-2014), and Planning Committee for CJA Midyear Meeting (2004). A recipient of numerous awards, most recently she has been honored with the Outstanding Jurist Award by the Los Angeles County Bar Association.



**THE HONORABLE PETER ESPINOZA** is the Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry, created in 2015 and whose responsibilities had been jointly overseen by DHS and District Attorney’s Office officials. The agency was created pursuant to a motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sheila Kuehl,

who credited a report by District Attorney Jackie Lacey addressing the challenges of releasing mentally ill low-level offenders from jail and placing them in treatment. Supervisors estimated that at least 40 percent of the funds will be allocated towards housing and 50 percent for the cost of expanding existing successful or promising diversion and anti-recidivism programs, especially those that are community based. Immediately prior to his appointment to the Office of Diversion and Reentry, he was a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. Judge Espinoza was named a commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1990. He was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1994. He was elevated to the Superior Court by Gov. Wilson in 1997. During his 22-year judicial career, he has served in a variety of leadership roles, including Supervising Judge of the Southeast District and later of the criminal courts; member of the court Executive Committee, and member of the search committee that recommended candidates for the Clerk/Court Executive Officer position when it last became vacant. A graduate of San Francisco State University, where he majored in social work while assisting poor Spanish-speaking clients of the Legal Community Legal Defense Office as a volunteer, Judge Espinoza earned his law degree from UCLA in 1980. While in law school, he chaired the Chicano Law Students Association. After graduation from law school, he obtained a Reginald Heber Smith fellowship and worked for San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services. He then joined that Orange County Public Defender’s Office, where he worked from 1981 to 1983. He was in private practice in Los Angeles and then Downey between 1984 and 1990, mostly handling public interest, juvenile, and dependency cases.



**DENISE FEIL, MD, MPH** is Director of Training and Education for Geriatric Psychiatry at the Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VA-GLA) and a Health Sciences Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences in the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She is also the Movement Disorders Psychiatrist

for the VA Southwest Parkinson’s Disease Research, Education and Clinical Center (PADRECC). She was a Fellow in Geriatric Psychiatry at UCLA, Department of Psychiatry, Neuropsychiatric Institute (1999-2001) after completing her Psychiatry Residency from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California (1995-1999). She received her medical degree from McGill Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1995). Prior to attending medical school, Dr. Feil received a Masters in Public Health (MPH) from UCLA’s School of Public Health after volunteering in Congo (formerly Zaire) for several years.

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**MIKE FEUER** is City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles. As Los Angeles' chief lawyer and prosecutor for the last six years, he has brought an innovative, problem-solving focus that combines tough and effective prosecution with initiatives to improve public safety and the quality of life throughout the city. He also has been at the forefront of key national issues ranging

from gun violence prevention and consumer protection—see the Wells Fargo fake accounts scandal-- to justice system reform. He is a former member of both the California State Assembly and Los Angeles City Council.



**THE HONORABLE MAAME E. FRIMPONG** is a Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, currently assigned to a felony trial courtroom in the Metropolitan Courthouse. Judge Frimpong serves as the Site Judge for the Metropolitan Courthouse, supervising a dozen bench officers handling misdemeanor and traffic matters. She also serves as the Assistant Supervising Judge of

the Criminal Division, with supervisory responsibility for traffic matters throughout the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Prior to her appointment, Judge Frimpong served as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, an innovative federal agency whose mission is to reduce poverty around the world. From 2007 to 2015, she served in several positions at the U.S. Department of Justice, including Counselor to Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Consumer Protection Branch, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division and Trial Attorney in the National Courts Section of the Civil Division's Commercial Litigation Branch. Over the course of her time in the Justice Department, she handled a wide array of matters from national security and immigration to government contracts to consumer protection and civil rights. She was an Associate at Morrison and Foerster LLP from 2002 to 2007, litigating intellectual property matters. She served as law clerk for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2001 to 2002. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University. Judge Frimpong was born and raised in the Los Angeles area.



**FRANK FOX** has practiced law for 35 years since earning his law degree from Stanford Law School. After forming Majors & Fox in 1992 in San Diego, he served as lead litigation counsel for Fortune 500 companies in over 100 business litigation matters. Around the turn of the century, he and his firm began representing vulnerable consumers victimized by predatory payday

lenders, proprietary vocational schools, rent-to-own companies, an understaffed nursing home chain, a so-called "military friendly" lender, dishonest financial advisors and unscrupulous insurance agents. Mr. Fox's work in this has been reported in cases like *Brack v. Omni Loan Company, Ltd.* (2008) 164 Cal.App.4th 1312, *Shuts v. Covenant Holdco LLC* (2012) 208 Cal.App.4th 609, and *Mahan v. Charles W. Chan Ins. Agency, Inc.* (2017) 14 Cal. App.5th 841. Mr. Fox is a frequent speaker on elder financial abuse, and has provided training to attorneys and Adult Protective Service workers. His work has been recognized by the California Consumer Federation, which gave him its Consumer Champion Award; Consumer Attorneys of California which nominated him as "Streetfighter of the Year;" and California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, which honored him with its William F. Taylor Memorial Award in recognition of his efforts in promoting justice for elder financial abuse victims.



**THE HONORABLE JENNIFER GEE** served as the District Chief Judge with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges in San Francisco, CA. from 2007 to 2019. She presided over formal hearings under 84 diverse, labor-related statutes and regulations, including the Longshore & Harbor Workers Compensation Act, the whistleblower

protection provisions such as the Clean Air Act, Energy Reorganization Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, and Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as statutes relating to alien certification, child labor laws, civil rights, and minimum wage disputes. She has been a judge since 1982, and has served with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board hearing personnel-related cases involving federal employees, California State Bar Court hearing attorney discipline cases, California Department of Insurance hearing insurance regulation cases, and the Office of Hearings and Appeals for the Social Security Administration hearing Social Security disability benefits cases. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for eight years as a trial attorney, specializing in employment discrimination. Judge Gee received a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of California at Berkeley and Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall, University of California Berkeley School of Law. She is Past President of California/Nevada Women Judges Association and previously served on the board of directors of the National Association of Women Judges. She has

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taught numerous continuing legal education courses in ethics, employment discrimination, and MSPB law. Judge Gee has served as faculty for The National Judicial College (NJC) since 1994. She is currently serving her second term on the Faculty Council representing Administrative Law jurisdiction. She was awarded the NJC Robert Payant award for Teaching Excellence in 2018.



**THE HONORABLE RUPA SEARIGHT GOSWAMI** is the first South Asian woman on the bench in the state of California. She was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in 2013. Although born in India, she grew up in rural Ohio and Florida. Prior to joining the bench, she served as a federal prosecutor at the United States Attorney's Office for more than 11 years where she

earned the prestigious Director's Award. As an AUSA, she was recognized by former Attorney General Eric Holder, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Department of Homeland Security, and the Humane Society for her work tackling cyber fraud, environmental crimes, child sex tourism, and crimes involving endangered species. Prior to becoming a federal prosecutor, she clerked for United States District Court Judge Nora M. Manella, and Judge Terence T. Evans, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She was also a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. A graduate of the University of Chicago, she holds both an MBA in Finance and Accounting from the Booth School of Business, and a JD from UCLA School of Law. In 2016, she sat by designation on the California Court of Appeal. Currently, she teaches at University of Southern California's Gould Law School and is a member of Governor Newsom's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee. A past president of the South Asian Bar Association of Southern California ("SABA"), she lives in Los Angeles with her husband, mother, and children.



**THE HONORABLE KIMBERLEY BAKER GUILLEMET** of View Park-Windsor Hills was appointed to Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court in February, 2018. Judge Guillemet had served as Director of the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Reentry since 2015. She served as a Deputy Attorney General at the California Department of Justice, Office of

the Attorney General from 2008 to 2015, and was an attorney at Disability Rights California from 2005 to 2008. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University.



**LINDA GREENHOUSE** is the Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law, and Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence, at Yale Law School. She covered the Supreme Court for *The New York Times* between 1978-2008 and writes a biweekly op-ed column on law as a contributing columnist. Ms. Greenhouse received several major Journalism awards during her 40-year career

at *The Times*, including the Pulitzer Prize (1998) and the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from Harvard University's Kennedy School (2004). In 2002, the American Political Science Association gave her its Carey McWilliams Award for "a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics." Her books include a biography of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, *Becoming Justice Blackmun*; *Before Roe v. Wade: Voices That Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling* (with Reva B. Siegel); *The U.S. Supreme Court, A Very Short Introduction* and *The Burger Court and the Rise of the Judicial Right*, with Michael J. Graetz. Her latest book is *Just a Journalist: Reflections on the Press, Life, and the Spaces Between*, published by Harvard University Press in 2017. In her extracurricular life, Ms. Greenhouse is President of the American Philosophical Society, the country's oldest learned society, which in 2005 awarded her its Henry Allen Moe Prize for writing in jurisprudence and the humanities. She also serves on the council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the national Senate of Phi Beta Kappa, and is one of two non-lawyer honorary members elected to the American Law Institute, which in 2002 awarded her its Henry J. Friendly Medal. She is a 1968 graduate of Radcliffe College (Harvard) and earned a Master of Studies in Law degree from Yale Law School (1978), which she attended on a Ford Foundation fellowship. She is married to Eugene R. Fidell, Florence Rogatz Lecturer in Law at Yale. Their daughter, Hannah, is a filmmaker in Los Angeles.



**BENJAMIN HENWOOD, PhD, LCSW** is a recognized expert in health and housing services research whose work connects clinical interventions with social policy. Dr. Henwood has specific expertise in improving care for adults experiencing homelessness and serious mental illness, as well as in the integration of primary and behavioral health care. His research has

been funded by the National Institutes of Health - including the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and National Institute on Aging - and he has served as the methodological lead for the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count since 2017. The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is the largest unsheltered count in the United States. He is a co-author of *Housing First*, published by Oxford University Press, and is co-lead of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare's Grand Challenge to End Homelessness. Dr. Henwood is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work.

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**THE HONORABLE MARCELLA A. HOLLAND** is a 1980 graduate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who majored in Political Science; and a 1983 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, receiving the Alumni Association Prize. Upon her admission to the Bar in December 1983, she was sworn in as Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore

City and remained there for 13 years, the last nine years assigned to the Economic Crimes Unit, before appointment on September 18, 1997 as Associate Judge on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. In March, 2001, she became Judge in Charge of the Domestic Docket. On November 8, 2003, Judge Holland began her appointment as Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, the first African American woman to hold that position in the state of Maryland. As Administrative Judge, she handled operations in three judicial buildings, managed a budget of approximately \$15 million, staff of hundreds, 16 Masters, and 32 associate judges in addition to media relations, governmental relations and planning for a new criminal courthouse. Judge Holland retired from this position as an active judge on November 30, 2013, but as a Senior Judge continues to sit occasionally in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Judge Holland is an active Bar member, belonging to and serving in many capacities with various bar associations. She is a member of the American Bar Association; (Delegate and member of the Executive Committee, National Conference of State Trial Judges; Chair, various JD committees, including Courts & Community Relations, 2018 to 2019, member and participant in Judicial clerkship Program; Co-Chair, Standing Committee on Diversity, 2018 to 2019); National Bar Association (Board of Governors, 1989 to 1990, 1992 to 1993; 2010 to 2011), NBA Judicial Council Executive Committee member, 2004-2012; serving in various capacities culminating in election as Chair in August, 2010); Maryland State Bar Association (Editorial Advisory Board, 1994-, Board of Governors, 2001 to 2003); Bar Association of Baltimore City; Monumental City Bar Association (President, 1991 to 1992); Alliance of Black Women Attorneys. When she became a judge, Judge Holland joined the National Association of Women Judges and became President of the Maryland Chapter in June, 2000. She was elected Treasurer of NAWJ in 2013; has served consecutive two year terms as Project Committee Chair, served as Co-Chair in 2018 and 2019 of NAWJ's Congresswomen's Caucus; and will assume the position of Finance Chair in the 2019 to 2020 bar year.

Judge Holland has articles published in the *Maryland State Bar Journal*: "Judicial Administration-A New Judge's Perspective" (July/August 1999), and "The Emergence of Maryland's African-American Women Attorneys" (July/August 1995). She was the subject of the November/December 2016 *MSBA Journal* article "Integration in a Post-Brown World: A Conversation with Judge Marcella A Holland."



**THE HONORABLE PEGGY FULTON HORA** is President of the Justice Speakers Institute, LLC. She retired from the California Superior Court after serving 21 years. She had a criminal assignment that included presiding over the Drug Treatment Court. She is former dean of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California, and has been on the faculty of the National

Judicial College (NJC) for 25 years. She is the recipient of the 2017 V. Robert Payant Award for Teaching Excellence presented by the Faculty Council of the NJC. Judge Hora was a Senior Judicial Fellow for the National Drug Court Institute and the Global Centre for Drug Treatment Courts. Judge Hora is an international leader in the solution-focused courts movement, and has written comprehensively on justice issues. Approximately 200 journals and law reviews have cited her work. She was a 2009 to 2010 Thinker in Residence appointed by the Premier of South Australia to study and make recommendations on the Australian justice system. She was a visiting scholar at the University of Tasmania School of Law. Her international work includes speaking at conferences worldwide and hands-on training on drug courts and therapeutic jurisprudence in Israel, United Kingdom, Argentina, Chile, Bermuda, South Africa, Italy, Pakistan, France, Japan, Russia, The Netherlands, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. She is Honorary President of the International Therapeutic Jurisprudence Society, of which a judicial award has been named in her honor. She is a recipient of the Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award from California Judges Association and recipient of the Rose Bird Award from California Women Lawyers. She was honored as Woman of the Year by the California legislature.



**THE HONORABLE ROBIN E. HUDSON** has been serving as Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of North Carolina since January 2007. She was reelected in 2014, and her current term runs through 2022. Previously, she served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from January 2001 through December 2006. She is the first woman in North Carolina elected to

an appellate court without having been appointed first. Justice Hudson graduated from Page High School in Greensboro, then attended Yale University in 1973, and the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1976. She was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1976, and practiced law out of Raleigh and Durham until her election to the Court of Appeals. Her private practice concentrated on workers' compensation and civil and criminal litigation, and included numerous appeals. Justice Hudson was a member of the steering committee that founded the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys in 1978, and has been a member of the organization ever since. She is a longtime member of the Wake County Bar Association and the North

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Carolina Bar Association, and has served as a vice president of the latter. She has served on the Family Court Advisory Committee since 2001. She is past president of the Women's Forum of North Carolina. Since 2014, she has been co-chair of NAWJ's Judicial Independence Committee, which oversees the award-winning Informed Voters Project (IVP). She is married and has two grown children, two beautiful granddaughters and a handsome grandson. She is a Georgia native, but has lived in North Carolina since her early teens.



**THE HONORABLE TAMILA E. IPEMA** has served as a judicial officer for nearly 14 years. She has experience in family, criminal, and civil courts. She previously practiced as an immigration defense attorney; Assistant District Counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice in immigration matters; judicial research attorney; and a supervising research attorney for the Los Angeles

Superior Court. She also served as a California Superior Court Commissioner in both Los Angeles and San Diego Counties prior to her appointment as a Judge to the San Diego Superior Court. Judge Ipema has served on the California Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee and the California Judicial College Curriculum Committee. Judge Ipema is President of the National Association of Women Judges for 2018-2019. Judge Ipema received her Bachelor's Degree from Damavand College in Tehran, Iran. She received her Master's degree from the University of Louisville, and her J.D. degree from Brandeis School of Law in Louisville, Kentucky. She received an LL.M. Degree in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University School of Law.



**THE HONORABLE CURTIS E.A. KARNOW** is a Judge on the California Superior Court, County of San Francisco. He has served in the complex litigation department, and was Presiding Judge of his court's Appellate Division. He was a member of California's Judicial Council task forces and working groups on appellate division rules, temporary judges, electronic discovery, e-filing, and electronic access,

and was a member of the Council's Committee on Civil & Small Claims, chairing the subcommittee on discovery and rules reform. Judge Karnow is a member of the California Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions, and of the American Law Institute (ALI). Judge Karnow is a graduate of Harvard College and his J.D. is from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was an editor of the Law Review. He clerked for U.S. District Judge Louis Pollak (E.D.PA.), was an assistant U.S. Attorney, and is author of or contributor to 16 books in the legal field, including his *Litigation*

*In Practice*, and is co-author of California's leading treatise on civil procedure, *Rutter Guide-Civil Procedure Before Trial*, as well as other books and articles including on the legal process, discovery, experts, settlement, class actions, summary judgment, statistics, implicit bias, bail, and artificial intelligence. Judge Karnow has lectured at law schools including Yale, University of San Francisco, Stanford, Hastings, and New York University, and teaches civil litigation to new and experienced California judges.



**THE HONORABLE KARLA KERLIN** presides over several collaborative courts including the Office of Diversion & Reentry (ODR) Court and the Department of State Hospitals Diversion Program for persons who are homeless and have a severe mental health disorder. Judge Kerlin also runs the Maternal Health Court for defendants who are in custody and pregnant. These specialty courts employ a holistic team

approach. Judge Kerlin was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2008. Prior to becoming a judge, she was a Deputy District Attorney for 18 years with experience in sex crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, and high profile homicides. Judge Kerlin has a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, and a J.D. from Southwestern Law School.



**PIPER KERMAN** is the author of the memoir *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*, which was been adapted by Jenji Kohan into an Emmy Award-winning series for Netflix. She collaborates with nonprofits, philanthropies, and other organizations working in the public interest, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Women's Prison Association and the advisory boards of the PEN America

Writing For Justice Fellowship, InsideOUT Writers, Healing Broken Circles and JustLeadershipUSA. She has been called as a witness by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security to testify on the subject of women and girls in the criminal justice system, by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights to testify on solitary confinement and women prisoners, and by the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs and Homeland Security Committee to testify about the federal Bureau of Prisons. Ms. Kerman has spoken at the White House on re-entry and employment in honor of Champions of Change, as well as on the importance of arts in prisons and the unique conditions for women in the criminal justice system. In 2014, she was awarded the Justice Trailblazer Award from John Jay College's Center on Media, Crime & Justice, and the Constitutional

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Commentary Award from The Constitution Project. In 2015, the Equal Justice Initiative recognized Piper as a Champion of Justice. She is a frequent invited speaker to students of law, criminology, gender and women's studies, sociology, and creative writing, and also to groups that include the International Association of Women Judges, National Association of Counties, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Criminal Justice Association, the American Probation and Parole Association, the American Correctional Association's Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force, public defenders, justice reform advocates, and formerly and currently incarcerated people. She is a graduate of Smith College. She lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her family and teaches writing in two state prisons as an Affiliate Instructor with Otterbein University.



**THE HONORABLE JULIE KOCUREK** has been the Presiding Judge of the 390th District Court since her appointment by Governor George W. Bush on October 1, 1999. Judge Kocurek earned her J.D. from St. Mary's School of Law and B.A. in Economics from the University of Texas. She has been Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since

1998. She served as the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Courts of Travis County for four years. She is on the Juvenile Board, and is Chair of the Purchasing Board for Travis County. She also serves as the Chair of the Third Judicial Region Capital Attorney Selection Committee, and is on the Criminal Justice Section Council of the State Bar of Texas. She has served as Chair, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Criminal Law Section of the Travis County Bar Association. Judge Kocurek is a former President of the Texas District Judge's Association of Texas. She has also served on the Travis County Mental Health Project and presided over the first felony mental health court in Travis County. In the community, she serves on the Helping Hand Home Community Advisory Board, and founded and served as co-chair of The Austin/Travis County "Do the Write Thing" Challenge Program for 13 years. She is a member of the Calvert Inns of Court. Most importantly, she is a wife, and mother of 19 year-old twins.



**THE HONORABLE VICTORIA KOLAKOWSKI** became the first and only openly transgender trial judge in the United States when she was elected to the Alameda County Superior Court in November, 2010. As a judge, she has served in both civil and criminal trial assignments. She recently completed a year as the Supervising Judge of the Collaborative Courts, with subject

matter oversight over all of the treatment courts (drug, behavioral health, veterans) in Alameda County. Judge Kolakowski is also

passionate about ensuring and expanding access to justice, particularly for those with limited resources. She serves on the Judicial Council of California's Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness, and is the California Council of Churches' representative on the California Commission on Access to Justice. Judge Kolakowski has received numerous awards, including the Pioneer in the Law Award from California Women Lawyers in 2014 and the Distinguished Service Award from the Alameda County Bar Association in 2015. She was a community grand marshal for San Francisco Pride in 2011, and marched with BALIF, the local LGBT Bar Association. In March 2019, Judge Kolakowski was honored by the California State Assembly as the 2019 Woman of the Year for the 18th Assembly District. She has been a member of NAWJ since 2006 and lives in Oakland with her wife Cynthia Laird, their Pembroke Welsh Corgi Darby, and cat Espresso.



**JESSIE KORNBERG** joined Bet Tzedek as President and CEO in 2014. During her tenure, the agency grew to address the most pressing legal issues facing low-income families, including the nation's first transgender medical-legal partnership, Los Angeles' first low-income tax and small business start-up clinics, and a family preparedness program to respond to growing

concerns surrounding the deportation of undocumented parents. Prior to taking the helm at Bet Tzedek, she distinguished herself as a trial attorney at Los Angeles based litigation firm Bird Marella. Among her achievements there, she led the trial team that prevailed in one of the ten largest intellectual property verdicts of 2013, served as pro bono counsel in ground-breaking inmate-safety litigation on behalf of the inmates of the Angola death row facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and chaired the firm's pro bono program. Prior to joining Bird Marella, Ms. Kornberg served as the first executive director of Ms. JD, which she established as a national voice on issues concerning women and law. Her earliest exposure to impact litigation and strategic policy work – which intersect with two of Bet Tzedek's core strengths – came while serving as a legal fellow with NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (now known as Legal Momentum). Other economic justice work included projects with the Los Angeles Community Action Network, Homes for the Homeless, and the Institute for Children and Poverty. Following law school, Ms. Kornberg was a clerk to Chief Judge Jon P. McCalla of the U.S. District Court in Memphis, Tennessee. She earned her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law, where she was editor in chief of the Women's Law Journal. She holds a bachelor's degree in American history from Columbia College of Columbia University. In 2016, she was named to the American Bar Association's inaugural list of "40 Under 40," and in 2017, she joined the UCLA School of Law Board of Advisors. In 2019, she joined the board of the Los Angeles Urban League.



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**THE HONORABLE SHEILA JAMES KUEHL** is Supervisor representing Los Angeles County's Third District. She was elected on November 4, 2014, assumed office on December 1, 2014. She is Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Among her accomplishments in her first three years on the Board: providing funding and services for the homeless and affordable

housing seekers; increased services and support for caregivers of foster children; supporting the creation of the Office of Child Protection; creating oversight of the Probation Department; reforming adult and juvenile justice systems to emphasize "second chance" and anti-recidivism programs; kicking off a Women and Girls Initiative; removing barriers to service for those in need of physical health, mental health and substance abuse treatment; and serving and supporting LGBTQ youth who comprise almost 20% of foster kids. She is Chair of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee. Supervisor Kuehl served eight years in the State Senate, and six years in the State Assembly. She was the Founding Director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College and was Regents' Professor in Public Policy at UCLA. She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly, and the first openly gay or lesbian person elected to the California Legislature. She authored 171 bills signed into law, including legislation to establish paid family leave, nurse to patient ratios in hospitals; protect the Santa Monica Mountains, prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and disability in the workplace, and sexual orientation in education. Prior to her election to the Legislature, she was a public-interest attorney, drafting and fighting to get into California law more than 40 pieces of legislation relating to children, families, women, and domestic violence. She was law professor at Loyola, UCLA and USC law schools, and co-founded and served as Managing Attorney of the California Women's Law Center. Supervisor Kuehl graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978. In her youth, she was known for her portrayal of Zelda Gilroy in the television series, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."



**LAURIE L. LEVENSON** is David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy at Loyola Law School, and a Visiting Professor at UCLA School of Law. She teaches evidence, criminal law, criminal procedure, ethics, anti-terrorism, and white collar crime. Professor Levenson served as Loyola's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1996 to 1999. She is also the founding Director of the Loyola

Center for Ethical Advocacy and Loyola's Project for the Innocent. Prior to joining Loyola Law School's faculty in 1989, Professor Levenson served for eight years as an Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles. While a federal prosecutor, she tried a wide variety of federal criminal cases. She served as Chief of the Training Section and Chief of the Criminal Appellate Section of the U.S. Attorney's

Office. In 1988, she received the Attorney General's Director's Award for Superior Performance and commendations from the FBI, IRS, U.S. Postal Service, and DEA. Professor Levenson received her J.D. in 1980 from UCLA School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1977. In law school, she was the Chief Article Editor of the Law Review. After graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Judge James Hunter, III, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Professor Levenson is the author of numerous books and articles. She lectures regularly throughout the country and internationally for the Federal Judicial Center, National Judicial College, international bar associations, community groups and legal societies. She also testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee, California Legislature and the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Professor Levenson has been a legal commentator for CBS, CNN, ABC, NBC and NPR. She has commented on a wide range of high-publicity cases, including the O.J. Simpson murder trial, Rodney King beating trial, Michael Jackson molestation case, Scott Peterson murder trial, Bernard Madoff investigation, Clinton impeachment, and Robert Mueller Investigation. Professor Levenson has been the recipient of the Professor of the Year Award from Loyola Law School and the Federal Judicial Center.



**JUDY LONDON** is Directing Attorney of Public Counsel's Immigrants' Rights Project. From 1996 to 2000, she was Legal Director of the Central American Resource Center ("CARECEN") in Los Angeles and focused her work on securing enactment of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act ("NACARA"). She joined Public Counsel in 2002, where she

has expanded the agency's impact litigation, detention work, and launched the agency's unaccompanied minors representation program. From 2007 to 2018, she was a Lecturer at UCLA School of Law where she taught a clinical course on asylum law. In 2015, she was recognized with the Robert W. Kenny Award by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild. She received her law degree from UCLA in 1990, and her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1985.



**JOY D. LYNGAR** has been a judicial educator for 20 years. She was named Provost of the National Judicial College (NJC) in 2018 after serving as the chief academic officer for 10 years. Over the past decade, Ms. Lyngar has led her department to record achievement. NJC now educates 10,000 judges and court service professionals each year through in-

person and on-line courses. Through the Great Recession and its accompanying decimation of court budgets, Ms. Lyngar was able to maintain NJC's national impact by securing millions of dollars

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in federal grants. Before joining NJC, Ms. Lyngar spent 10 years at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, most recently as Director of the Juvenile and Family Law Department. For the last 13 years, she has partnered with allied national organizations and liaised with Boards of Trustees to ensure the education provided to our nation's judiciary is timely, accessible, interactive, and designed to improve justice. Prior to her work in judicial education, Ms. Lyngar practiced law in Canada working in a general practice firm that handled criminal defense, civil litigation, and family law. Ms. Lyngar received a Bachelor's Degree and Juris Doctor from the University of Saskatchewan. She is also a regular faculty member for NJC and serves on the Board of the National Association of State Judicial Educators.



**THE HONORABLE CONSUELO B. MARSHALL** began her career as a Deputy City Attorney in Los Angeles where she was the first woman hired as a lawyer by the Los Angeles City Attorney's office. She later entered private practice at the Los Angeles law firm of Cochran & Atkins (Johnnie Cochran and Nelson Atkins) and left private practice for the bench, serving as a

Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner, Inglewood Municipal Court Judge, and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. Judge Marshall was appointed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter. In 2001, she became the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the Central District of California (and the first woman of color to serve as Chief Judge in any federal district west of the Mississippi).

Judge Marshall has been a faculty member of The Rutter Group and the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School. She has lectured in Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Yugoslavia, Italy and Greece. She is an active member of the International Association of Women Judges, and was a delegate to the Pacific Judicial conferences in Vanuatu, Tonga, French Polynesia, the Solomon Islands, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Most recently, Judge Marshall spoke and presented a paper on "Self-Represented Litigants and Access to Justice" at the International Organization for Judicial Training in Bordeaux, France, and at the Pacific Judicial Conference in Honiara, Solomon Islands. She chaired the Ninth Circuit Pacific Island Committee from 2006-17. This Committee oversees judicial training for the Pacific Islands of Guam, Saipan, Palau, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

She currently serves on the RAND Institute for Civil Justice Board of Overseers and is a board member of Equal Justice Works. Judge Marshall has also been active in the local non-legal community, serving on the Board of Directors for the Weingart Center, a non-profit facility for the homeless, and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She has been a recipient of many awards.



**THE HONORABLE JUDITH McCONNELL** was appointed to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One in August, 2001 and took office upon her confirmation October 3, 2001. On September 25, 2003 she was confirmed as Presiding Justice of the court. On September 29, 2003 she was appointed by the Chief Justice as Administrative Presiding Justice of the Fourth Appellate District. She served for 23 years as a trial judge in San Diego (21 years on the Superior Court and two years on the Municipal Court). Her colleagues on the Superior Court twice elected her Presiding Judge. She also served as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and Supervising Judge of the family, appellate, and civil law and motion departments during her tenure on the Superior Court.

During Justice McConnell's judicial career, she has worked to improve the court system through better case management and to make the courts more accessible to the public. Justice McConnell served two terms on the California Judicial Council, the rule making body for the state courts, and chaired the council's Superior Court and Planning committees. She was a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Jury System Improvement, the Commission on the Future of the Courts, and the Advisory Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts. In 2005, she was elected by the Supreme Court to serve on the Commission on Judicial Performance, an independent state agency responsible for judicial discipline, and served as chair from 2009 to 2012. In 2007, the Chief Justice appointed her to the Commission for Impartial Courts, where she served as chair of the Public Information and Education Task Force. She chaired the Leadership Group for Civic Education and currently chairs the Power of Democracy Steering Committee, established to improve civic education in California and to implement the recommendations of the California Task force on K-12 Civic Learning, which she co-chaired. In 2016, she received the Chief Justice's Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership for her work in improving civic learning. Justice McConnell received a J.D. degree in 1969 from the University of California, Berkeley Law, and a B.A. degree in 1966 from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. Justice McConnell began her legal career in San Diego in 1969 at the State of California, Department of Transportation. She served as a trial attorney in the Department's Legal Division until 1976, when she entered private practice until her appointment to the San Diego Municipal Court in December 1977.



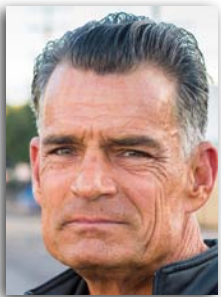
**DONNA MELBY** is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, International Society of Barristers, Litigation Counsel of America and the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She has successfully tried multiple cases to jury verdict in state and federal courts across the country, international

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and domestic arbitrations, and court trials across a broad range of complex civil and employment-related cases. Her practice includes class and individual actions, employee mobility, whistleblower, race discrimination and all discrimination matters, sexual harassment, hostile work environment, contract, conspiracy, Equal Pay Act and complex business litigation of all types. Her caseload includes “MeToo” threatened litigation involving CEOs, general counsels, executives and law firm partners. For 10 years she served as co-chair of the Paul Hastings Employment Law practice in Los Angeles, as chair of the firm’s Women’s Initiative and as chair of Global Diversity. Paul Hastings’ Employment Law practice has been named Labor & Employment Litigation Firm of the Year by *The American Lawyer*.

Ms. Melby recently completed a three-year term as a member of the California Judicial Council, the policy-making body of the California Judiciary, the largest in the United States. She served as the only lawyer on the California Judicial Council’s Executive and Planning Committee, Litigation Management Committee, PCLC and other committees. Immediately prior to service on the California Judicial Council, she served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts for six years, followed by three years as co-chair of the National Lawyers Committee for the National Center. She is the sole California lawyer to serve by appointment of the Conference of Chief Justices on the Civil Justice Initiative Project (CJI), a national initiative focused on improving the delivery of justice in the civil courts across the United States. CJI authored “A Call to Action,” a white paper approved by the Conference of Chief Justices in 2016.

Ms. Melby is former national president, national vice president and national president-elect of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the first woman elected to serve. She is a past trustee of the ABOTA Foundation and the first female president, vice president, and president-elect of the Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA.



**THE HONORABLE CRAIG MITCHELL** attended UCLA as an undergraduate. During college he conducted field research in North Dakota on the Standing Rock and Turtle Mountain Reservations. He also worked for the United Farmworkers on various boycott efforts. Following college he taught high school for 17 years, primarily in South Los Angeles and for two years in East

Los Angeles. Every summer he would drive 10 students across country to visit Washington D.C. in an effort to encourage his students to consider careers in public service. Almost 40 years after beginning his teaching career, he remains close friends with many of his former students. In his early thirties, he attended law school in the evenings, graduating from Southwestern Law School in 1991. While in law school he continued to teach full time. Following law school, he practiced criminal defense and family law. In 1994, he was hired by the District Attorney’s Office

and began his career as a prosecutor, prosecuting sexual abuse, domestic violence and murder. By the end of his career in the District Attorney’s Office he was prosecuting more murder cases than any other prosecutor in the office. In 2005 he was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the Superior Court. He presides over a felony trial court in downtown Los Angeles, handling primarily cases carrying a life sentence. For 24 years he has coached a high school mock trial team with the Constitutional Rights Mock Trial Program. Many of the students he has coached are now attorneys. In 2001, he founded The Skid Row Running Club, training people recovering from drug or alcohol addiction to run marathons. He runs three days each week with participants, beginning 5:30 am. In 2003, he took a group of runners to run the Accra Marathon in Ghana, West Africa. In 2005, twenty-five members of the running club participated in the Rome Marathon. In 2006, even more runners traveled to Da Nang Vietnam to run the Marathon. This program is vital to the success of those in recovery as it instills discipline, a sense of achievement and provides a support network for each member.



**HOLLY J. MITCHELL** is State Senator for the 30th District of California, which include Culver City, Ladera Heights, Westmont and the Crenshaw, Downtown, and Florence neighborhoods of Los Angeles. Senator Mitchell has had dozens of bills signed into law reforming criminal justice, expanding healthcare, securing women’s reproductive rights, halting the

trafficking of minors and reducing the number of children in poverty. Previously, Senator Mitchell worked as CEO of Crystal Stairs, at the Western Center for Law and Poverty, and in the State Senate’s Health and Human Services Committee. She was born in Los Angeles, is a CORO fellow, and is a UC Riverside alumna. Her current committee assignments include: Budget and Fiscal Review (chair); Health; Insurance; Labor and Employment; Joint Committee on Rules. Select Committees: Social Determinants of Children’s Well-Being (chair).



**DANETTE MONTOYA** is a veteran, who has over 20 years of experience working nationally as a Certified Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor, and as an advocate to end sexual assault. She is a licensed clinical social worker, and the Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator for the San Francisco Veteran Administration (VA) Health Care System. Her experience spans

counseling adolescents involved in human trafficking, working and volunteering as a sexual assault crisis counselor, and serving

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as a child advocate and community educator bringing awareness inside schools, hospitals and correctional institutions. Ms. Montoya co-founded a child and family safety center, taking an active role as the family advocate and lead forensic interviewer. She has provided expert testimony for survivors of sexual assault/abuse during legal proceedings, and has been an instructor for the National Child Protection Training Center for Forensic Interviewers. Ms. Montoya interned at the VA Trauma Recovery Program focusing on veterans that experienced Military Sexual Trauma and/or Combat Trauma.



**THE HONORABLE EILEEN C. MOORE** graduated *cum laude* from University of California Irvine in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She received her Juris Doctor from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1978. In May, 2004 she graduated from the University of Virginia with a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process. Justice Moore was admitted to the California State Bar in

1978 and to the United States District Court, Central District of California, in 1984. Justice Moore was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Orange in 1989 by Governor George Deukmejian, and to the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division Three in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis. She has lectured extensively at education programs for lawyers and judges, and, in 1990, she was a lecturer of business law at the University of California Irvine Graduate School of Management. Justice Moore is author of the Bancroft Whitney's California Civil Practice series. She has published numerous articles on a variety of legal issues. From 1996 to 2000 Justice Moore chaired the Orange County Family Violence Council, leading the community in its response to domestic violence. For her efforts in this area, Justice Moore was twice honored by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Justice Moore spent her nonjudicial legal career in private practice in Newport Beach. From 1965 until 1972 she practiced as a registered nurse, including service as a combat nurse in Vietnam. She is a member of Vietnam Veterans of America.



**THE HONORABLE MARGARET MORROW** is President and CEO of Public Counsel. She retired from the United States District Court for the Central District of California in 2016. Judge Morrow was appointed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California on March 8, 1998. While on the bench, she handled a full civil and criminal docket.

Among the cases she has decided are *Sarei v. Rio Tinto*, an Alien Tort Claims Act case concerning alleged human rights abuses in Papua New Guinea; *Cano v. Davis*, a Voting Rights Act case that challenged the lines drawn in the 2001 decennial redistricting;

*Neilson v. Union Bank of California*, which resulted in a \$26 million settlement benefitting victims of the Reed Slatkin Ponzi scheme; and *United States v. Valenzuela*, which resulted in the conviction of defendants who forced Guatemalan girls and young women to work as prostitutes in downtown Los Angeles. She built and for ten years oversaw the Central District's ADR program, and for more than fifteen years, has led the effort to build a new federal courthouse in Los Angeles. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner in the Los Angeles office of Arnold & Porter. Before joining Arnold & Porter in 1996, she was one of the founding partners of Quinn, Kully & Morrow, and a partner at Kadison, Pfaelzer, Woodard, Quinn & Rossi. During her years in practice, she handled cases in both the trial and appellate courts, representing plaintiffs and defendants. She was counsel of record in several precedent-setting cases involving employment law, bad faith, insurance coverage and arbitration. Judge Morrow is Past President of the State Bar of California, having served as its first woman president in 1993-94. She is also Past President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (1988-89) and its Barristers Section (1982-83). While President of the Barristers Section, she was instrumental in starting the bar association's pro bono Domestic Violence Clinic, which today is housed in the Los Angeles Superior Court, and helps thousands of people a year. As Barristers' President, she was also involved in starting a pro bono Hospice/AIDS program, which helped clients with end of life legal issues. As President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, she spearheaded the association's adoption of a Pro Bono Policy that was endorsed by major firms and individual lawyers throughout the county, and that led to a significant increase in the number of pro bono hours devoted to helping those who are underrepresented due to poverty or lack of resources. She also served for several years on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants was a member of the Commission to Draft an Ethics Code for Los Angeles City Government and the Public Commission on Los Angeles County Government. Judge Morrow received her B.A. degree *magna cum laude* with honors from Bryn Mawr College in 1971, and her J.D. degree *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1974. For the past sixteen years, she has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Bryn Mawr College, where she presently serves as the Chair of its Committee on Trustees.



**JOHN MUFFLER** is the Director of MOSAIC Threat Assessment Systems for Gavin de Becker & Associates, providing safety and security strategies for schools, workplaces, houses of worship and the judicial community on violence intervention and prevention. Prior to this position, he retired as the head of the National Center for Judicial Security (NCJS) and for the

U.S. Marshals Service, responsible for researching, training and assessing security measures and countermeasures for the global judicial community. Accepted into the U.S. Department of State's

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Fulbright Specialist Program, he has lectured on judicial security, protective intelligence, and threat assessment and management across the globe. He conducted risk assessments for numerous foreign governments for high-visibility terrorism trials and developed capacity building initiatives related to the justice sector. He is a faculty member of the National Judicial College and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He has been published in legal, law enforcement and homeland security magazines on judicial security and was the executive producer of an award winning court security video series, Project 365. His professional affiliations include: The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals; Executive Board, International Association of Chiefs of Police's International Managers of Police Academy and College Training committee; Chair, Liaison Officers Association of Washington, D.C. (international police), Chair, NCJS; Advisory Board, National Center for State Courts; Advisory Board, Blue HELP; court security committee, National Sheriffs' Association; adjunct instructor, Virginia Center for Policing Innovation. He has an M.S. from St. Joseph's University, a B.S. from Temple University, and is an alumnus of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Executive Leaders Program.



**THE HONORABLE ADRIENNE NELSON** was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court on January 2, 2018, making her the first African American to sit on the state's highest court and on any appellate state court. Her election to a six-year term in November 2018 made her the first African American woman elected statewide in Oregon. In 2006, she was appointed as a

trial judge on the Multnomah County Circuit Court in Portland, Oregon, making her the second African American female judge in the state of Oregon. Prior to her judicial appointments, she worked as a public defender with Multnomah Defenders, Inc., then as an associate with the Bennett, Hartman, Morris and Kaplan, LLP law firm, and as the Senior Attorney/Coordinator of the Portland State University Student Legal and Mediation Services. Justice Nelson earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Criminal Justice *summa cum laude* from the University of Arkansas.

Justice is a frequent speaker on several topics including diversity, inclusion, equity, leadership and professional development. Judge Nelson also serves as a mentor to many people. Currently, she sits on the American Bar Association (ABA) Standing Committee on Public Education, is the Oregon delegate to the ABA House of Delegates (before this position, she had been elected seven times as an Oregon State Bar (OSB) delegate), chairs the Lewis and Clark Law School Judge Roosevelt Robinson Scholarship Committee and is president of the Owen M. Panner American Inn of Court.

In the community, Justice Nelson sits on the Reed College Board of Trustees, Self-Enhancement, Incorporated (SEI) Board of Directors, Oregon Community Foundation Metropolitan Portland Leadership Council, and the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Advisory Board (GSBB). On September 16, 2015, the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington named her a Marie Lamfrom Woman of Distinction. In May, 2015 Justice Nelson was named a member of the class of 2015 of the Council on State Government (CSG) Henry Toll Fellows, making her one of eight Oregonians selected for this leadership program. On October 2, 2014, Portland State University Center for Women's Leadership honored her for her leadership at their Eighth Annual Women's Leadership Luncheon. On October 1, 2011, Lewis and Clark Law School named her a distinguished honorary graduate for her mentoring and diversity activities at the school. In 2003, Justice Nelson received the Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLs) Judge Mercedes Diez award for promotion of women and minorities in the legal profession and in the community.



**PETER NEUFELD** co-founded and is Special Counsel at the Innocence Project, a national non-profit organization which uses DNA evidence to exonerate the wrongly convicted. The Project also assists legislatures and executive branches as well as police, prosecutors, and defense attorneys to bring about reform in criminal justice.

In its 27 years of existence, 365 individuals have been exonerated in the United States through post-conviction DNA testing. The Project has been instrumental in the passage of federal legislation and more than a hundred state statutes to improve the quality of justice. You can read about each of these cases at [www.innocenceproject.org](http://www.innocenceproject.org). Peter Neufeld is a founding partner in the New York civil rights law firm of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP. His focus is constitutional law and civil rights. He has lectured and taught students, lawyers, judges, legislators and scientists on subjects at the intersection of science and criminal justice. Before co-founding the Innocence Project, he taught trial advocacy at Fordham University Law School. From 2014 to 2017, Mr. Neufeld served as a Member of the National Commission on Forensic Science, established by the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. From 1995 to his resignation in 2016, he served on the New York State Commission on Forensic Science which regulates two dozen crime laboratories in the state. He is a member emeritus of the boards of the Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Neufeld received his law degree from New York University School of Law.

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**GEORGE E. NOWOTNY** is a Partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois, Co-Chair of the National Healthcare Practice, and Chair of the firm's National Elder Law Practice, which has over 200 attorneys practicing in 17 states. Mr. Nowotny specializes in cases involving claims of "profits over patient care," and has obtained defense verdicts in several states including

California, New York and Oregon, and diverse locales within California including San Francisco, San Diego and Compton. He has successfully tried cases against well known "Reptile Lawyers" from California, Florida, Texas and Washington. He is Specialty Counsel for two large multistate insurance companies and the largest national Assisted Living Operator. Mr. Nowotny is a long standing member of ABOTA with the rank of Advocate, and has successfully obtained elder abuse/neglect defense verdicts on behalf of skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE), and acute care hospitals. Mr. Nowotny presents seminars on trends in elder abuse litigation to attorneys, insurance claims analysts, long term care operators and management companies.



**GREGORY L. OGDEN** is a professor of law at Pepperdine University where he has taught since 1978. He teaches administrative law, civil procedure, professional responsibility, and remedies. He is a graduate of UCLA, (BA, *cum laude*) UC Davis School of Law (JD, Law Review Editor), and he has two LL.M's, one from Temple University in legal education, and one from Columbia

University in administrative law. He has been an administrative law consultant to the Administrative Conference of the United States, and to the California Law Revision Commission. He has taught administrative law for 40 years, and was the principal author of California Public Agency Practice, (three volumes, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. 1989), and California Public Administrative Law (two volumes, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. 1997), the leading treatise on California administrative law. He has authored several articles, most recently the following article in the Journal of the NAALJ: Ogden, Gregory L., "The Role of Demeanor Evidence in Determining Credibility of Witnesses in Fact Finding: The Views of ALJ's", 20 Journal of NAALJ 1 (2000). Professor Ogden has been the faculty editor of the Journal of the NAALJ for 20 years starting with the 2000-2001 academic year, when the Journal editorial responsibilities was taken over by Pepperdine University School of Law. He was on the planning committee for the Evidence for ALJ's program hosted at Pepperdine Law School in May, 2001. In 2006, he was appointed Reporter for the Drafting Committee for the Model State Administrative Procedure Act revision project sponsored by the National Conference of Commissioners for Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). He completed his service in that capacity when the 2010 Model Act was adopted by the Uniform Law Commission in July, 2010.



**RUBEN PINUELAS** spent nearly 15 years in prison following his wrongful conviction for conspiracy to commit murder, 12 of those years in solitary custody. After winning his release, Mr. Pinuelas attended Pierce College and majored in psychology. He graduated in 2019 with a 4.0 GPA, and was on the Dean's Honor List every semester.

After being accepted by universities throughout the United States, he attend Pomona College. He is currently a freshman majoring in psychology with a minor in philosophy. Following his release from prison, Mr. Pinuelas served as a judicial extern for the Van Nuys Superior Court, and as a legal intern for Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent. He has also worked as a demolition crew leader in construction. He performs community service at Shepherd Church, Porter Ranch and the Pet Adoption Fund, Canoga Park, as well as serves as a motivational speaker and mentor for high school students. Mr. Pinuelas is a frequent speaker and was the Keynote Speaker at Wrongful Conviction Day, Spanish American Institute, Exoneree Retreat and Wellness Summit, UCLA Center for Community Colleges Partnerships, EOP&S Awards Ceremony, Los Angeles Pierce College, and the Commencement Speaker at the West Valley Occupational Center. He has received several scholarships and awards, including the Mona Field Scholarship and President's Award from Los Angeles Pierce College Foundation. He also received a Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship from University of California, Berkeley.



**ANNETTE BOYD PITTS** is National Education Chair of NAWJ's Informed Voters- Fair Judges Project, and Director of the Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning at Florida Southern College. She is the principal author of The Florida Bar Benchmarks Adult Civic Education Program. Working with the Constitutional Judiciary Committee, and The Florida Bar

Law Related Education Committee, she designed a wide range of law-focused civic learning programs and resources to educate students and adults about the courts and the Constitution. She is a veteran civics, government and law trainer and entrepreneur working with teachers, attorneys, judges, and the public, serving on multiple committees to develop state education standards and policy in civics and government. She was instrumental in the development of the inaugural courts institute for teachers held annually at the Florida Supreme Court since 1996. She has also served on the design team for a new innovative digital app to introduce students and young adults to Florida law. Ms. Pitts has worked in 25 countries to advance education for democracy and design civic learning initiatives. She has administered trilateral international civic engagement programs with civil society organizations in multiple countries. She was Executive Director of the Florida Law Related Education Association where she assisted

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in the design and scripting of new animations to educate the public about the courts, judicial selection, and judicial decision-making.



**THE HONORABLE CATHERINE PRATT** is a Judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court. She has overseen juvenile delinquency cases in Compton, California since 2007. In 2011, in conjunction with efforts by the Los Angeles Probation Department, she created and implemented STAR Court, a collaborative court to work with commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). Since then, she has

worked with over 500 CSEC youth on probation. Preliminary data show that these youth are spending less time in custody, have higher graduation rates and the vast majority have not been re-arrested for prostitution, either as a juvenile or an adult. Judge Pratt now provides training for judges and other professionals throughout the country on how to work with CSEC children. In 2015 and 2016, she consulted with the Obama administration and the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention on creating trauma and gender informed court environments. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Pratt represented the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services in dependency cases and in several federal class actions concerning the adequacy of services for foster children, including the *Katie A.* litigation. Early in her legal career, she handled civil business disputes, often representing Wall Street financial firms. She attended law school at the University of Southern California and as an undergraduate at University of California at Berkeley. She was born and raised in Southern California.



**THE HONORABLE KRISTIN L. ROSI** has been on the bench since 2007, and serves as the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the California Department of Insurance. Judge Rosi is also a Mental Health Hearing Officer for the Alameda County Superior Court, and is Senior Adjunct Professor at Golden Gate University. Judge Rosi has been an active member of NAWJ

since 2008, serving as the Co-Chair of Administrative Judiciary Committee and the LGBTQ Committee. She also sits on the Board of the International Association of LGBTQ Judges, serving on their Education committee. Judge Rosi also holds a position on the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's National Conference of Administrative Law Judiciary and is the Conference's Editor to the ABA's Judicial Record. Judge Rosi holds an A.B. from Smith College in Women's Studies and Psychology, a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she was a Public Interest Scholar. She will receive her Master's in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2019. Judge Rosi lives in the Bay Area and has a six year old son.



**CATHY SCHULMAN** a Best Picture Academy Award-winning producer and veteran film executive, is President and CEO of Welle Entertainment, a film and television production and finance company started in 2017. Ms. Schulman was most recently the Head of Production for STX Entertainment. Having joined the company as one of its initial senior executives,

she managed twelve pictures, annually. Recent films under her purview include *Bad Moms*, written and directed by The Hangover's Jon Lucas and Scott Moore, and starring Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, and Christina Applegate; and *The Edge of Seventeen*, written and directed by Kelly Fremon Craig, and starring Woody Harrelson and Hailee Steinfeld, which garnered a Golden Globe nomination. Under her own Bull's Eye Entertainment banner, Ms. Schulman produced *Crash*, directed by Paul Haggis and starring Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, and Terrence Howard. In addition to receiving the Best Picture Oscar in 2006, *Crash* received Academy Awards for Best Original Screenplay and Best Editing. She also developed and arranged the financing for Martin Scorsese's *Gangs of New York*. Ms. Schulman served as the Board President of Women In Film, the industry's leading advocacy organization for women in media, from 2011 to 2018. She is also a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, a USC Stark Program producer's mentor, and has taught graduate level film producing at UCLA and the Dodge College of Film Media and Arts at Chapman University, where she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate. She has also served as a judge for the prestigious Samuel Goldwyn Writing Awards. She is a notable industry spokesperson and public speaker and most recently gave the 2016 media address for International Women's Day at the United Nations. She is a graduate of Yale University, with a double major in Theater Studies and History of Art. She is the mother of one daughter and resides in Los Angeles, California.



**JONATHAN SHAPIRO** is an Emmy, Peabody, and Humanitas Award winner, and creator and executive producer of the Amazon Prime series *Goliath* (Golden Globe winner for Best Actor in a Drama Series, Billy Bob Thornton). He is currently the executive producer and co-writer of the DirectTV series of Stephen King's *Mr. Mercedes*, as well as a consulting producer

on the upcoming HBO series *The Undoing*, starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Grant, and has written numerous episodes of television shows including *The Blacklist*, *Boston Legal*, *The Practice*, *Life*, and *The Firm*. The author of two books, *Deadly Force* (2015) and *Lawyers, Liars, and the Art of Storytelling* (2014), Mr. Shapiro is an adjunct professor at UCLA Law School. His first play, *Sisters in Law* about Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, premiered April, 2019 at the Phoenix

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Theater, and moves to the Wallis-Annenberg Theater September, 2019. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Mr. Shapiro practiced law as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, as well as a Trial Lawyer for Main Justice, as well as Of Counsel at Kirkland & Ellis. A graduate of the University of California Berkeley School of Law, he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from Harvard University, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oriel College, Oxford University.



**CAROL SOBEL** is a lawyer in private practice in Southern California. Over the past two decades, she has coordinated multiple lawsuits challenging the treatment of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles and Orange County. Her work includes, among other cases, *Santa Monica Food Not Bombs v. City of Santa Monica*, 450 F.3d 1022 (9th Cir. 2006) (challenging ordinance adopted to restrict food sharing programs), *Jones v. City of Los Angeles*, 444 F.3d 1118 (9th Cir. 2006) (enjoining nighttime application of Los Angeles' "sit,lie,sleep" ordinance in public spaces); *Lavan v. City of Los Angeles*, 634 F.3d 1022 (9th Cir. 2012) (finding 4th and 14th Amendment protections for property of unsheltered homeless individuals); *Desertrain v. City of Los Angeles*, 754 F.3d 1157 (9th Cir. 2014); and *CPR for Skid Row v. City of Los Angeles*, 779 F.3d 1098 (9th Cir. 2015) (holding that "disruption of a public meeting law" could not be applied to arrest homeless activists protesting on Skid Row).

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**THE HONORABLE DEBRA L. STEPHENS** has been a member of the Washington State Supreme Court since January 1, 2008. She previously served as a judge for Division Three of the Court of Appeals. Justice Stephens is a native of Spokane, Washington, where she practiced law until taking the bench. Her legal work focused on appellate practice, with over 125

appearances in the Washington Supreme Court, in addition to appearances in the Washington Court of Appeals, Idaho Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and as counsel of record in the United States Supreme Court. From August, 1995 until April, 2007, she helped coordinate the Amicus Curiae Program of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association Foundation, the longest standing institutional "friend of the court" program in the State. She also taught as an adjunct professor at Gonzaga University School of Law, in areas including federal and state constitutional law, community property, appellate advocacy, and legal research and writing. In addition, she was a contributing author to the Washington Appellate Practice Deskbook, and a prolific writer and speaker at continuing legal education programs.

On the Supreme Court she currently serves on the Administrative, Court Education, Budget, Personnel, and Electronic Content Management Committees. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Courts and Science Institute (NCSI), and Chairs NCSI's Center for Graduate and Professional Judicial Science Education. A proud member of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, Justice Stephens regularly volunteers at youth and justice events across the state. She also serves on the YMCA Youth and Government Advisory Board, and is a member of the Olympia Rotary Club. Justice Stephens entered law school when her daughter was just five weeks old. Upon graduation from law school, she served as a staff attorney for the Honorable Fred L. Van Sickle, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. Justice Stephens is the first judge from Division Three of the Court of Appeals to serve on the Washington State Supreme Court, and the first woman from Eastern Washington to do so. She grew up in Spokane, graduating from West Valley High School, which inducted her into its alumni "Hall of Fame" in 2012. She graduated from Gonzaga University, and taught speech communications and coached the debate team at Spokane Falls Community College before entering law school. She attended Gonzaga University School of Law as a Thomas More Scholar, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1993.



**THE HONORABLE THERESE M. STEWART** was appointed Associate Justice to the First Appellate District in June 2014 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. She serves in Division Two. Before joining the Court, Justice Stewart served for 12 years as the Chief Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco where she oversaw the City's diverse litigation

practice. In that capacity, she managed, under the City Attorney, a law office of about 300 employees, including about 200 attorneys. During her tenure as Chief Deputy, she also litigated a number of groundbreaking cases on behalf of the City, including *In re Marriage Cases* and *Perry v. Brown*. Justice Stewart began her career as an associate at the San Francisco law firm of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin, where she litigated a wide range of business cases at the trial and appellate level. She spent the first 20 years of her career at Howard, Rice, becoming a partner in 1988. Justice Stewart has served on the American Bar Association's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Commission. From 2007 to 2009, she served on the Public Information and Education Task Force of the Judicial Council's Commission on Impartial Courts. Among many activities, she is co-chair of the California Judges Association's LGBT Judges Committee, aiding the Governor's appointments secretary in identifying and vetting LGBT candidates for judicial office. Justice Stewart received her B.A. with distinction from Cornell University in 1978, and graduated Order of the Coif at Boalt, U.C. Berkeley School of Law in 1981. She clerked for Judge Phyllis A. Kravitch on the Eleventh Circuit from



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1981 to 1982. Justice Stewart is a third generation San Franciscan and lives with her wife Carole Scagnetti in San Francisco.



**THE HONORABLE A. ASHLEY TABADDOR** was elected President of the National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ) in 2017. She served as the Western Regional Vice President from 2012 to 2015. Prior to that, she served as a local representative for the Los Angeles Immigration Court Judges. Judge Tabaddor assists NAIJ and its membership with a

variety of day to day work related concerns of members, including negotiations with management on issues of concern to the judicial corps. Judge Tabaddor was appointed to the bench in November, 2005. She is also an Adjunct Professor at UCLA Law School and has served as an adjunct faculty for a number of other law schools. Prior to her appointment, she worked in various capacities within the U.S. Department of Justice, including service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, trial attorney with the civil division handling federal appellate litigation, and a judicial law clerk. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in 1994 from UCLA and her Juris Doctorate in 1997 from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Judge Tabaddor is actively involved with the legal and non-legal community, mentoring and speaking regularly before bar associations, conferences, symposiums, organizations and schools.



**LINDSAY TOCZYLOWSKI** is Co-founder and Executive Director of the Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef), a social justice law firm that defends immigrant communities against injustices in the legal system. She is a social entrepreneur who works to increase access to justice for immigrants and to remain at the forefront of the movement for universal representation.

ImmDef represents the most marginalized immigrants in California, and is one of the largest deportation defense providers in the state. Previously, she was Directing Attorney for representation programs at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, and Staff Attorney at Kids in Need of Defense and the Children's Law Center of California. She also served as the Overseas Operations Director at Asylum Access, an international nonprofit that fights for the rights of refugees in the global South. She was recently named one of California's Top 40 Under 40 Lawyers by the *Daily Journal*. She is the proud mother of two revolutionaries-in-training, Maya and Santiago, and they are her inspiration to keep fighting for social justice every day.



**STATE SENATOR TOM UMBERG** is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, former federal criminal prosecutor, three term state legislator, small business owner and Deputy Drug Czar for President Clinton. Senator Umberg began his military service at the Korean DMZ and served three overseas tours. He served active military duty in 2009, leading the U.S. military effort to

attack corruption within the Afghan Army and Police, for which he was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone. As a federal criminal prosecutor, Senator Umberg had a 100% conviction rate, trying numerous white collar, civil rights and gang cases. He successfully tried over 100 cases to verdict or judgment. Senator Umberg served as Deputy Drug Czar for President Bill Clinton where he was responsible for foreign drug interdiction, counter-drug intelligence and international drug policy. He has a deep understanding of the strategies and resources we need to stop the current opioid epidemic and to put an end to senseless gun violence in our communities. Senator Umberg served three terms in the State Assembly, representing central Orange County. He authored 76 laws that bring more than \$563 million in funds to Orange County. Senator Umberg founded and built a successful veteran-owned small business in Orange County, recognized as one of California's preeminent boutique law firms by "Best Lawyers" and *The Daily Journal*. Senator Umberg lives in Orange County with his wife Robin, who is a Retired Brigadier General. They have three adult children and one grandchild.



**THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH ALLEN WHITE** is a Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court. She was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1997, and elevated in 2000 upon unification. Judge White graduated from UCLA, and obtained her Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School in 1981. Judge White currently presides in a Civil Court

at the Stanley Mask Courthouse. She taught Civil Discovery at Judges College, and has been a frequent lecturer for judicial education. Judge White has served as an Instructor for UCLA's Attorney Assistant Training Program, Adjunct Faculty at USC's Gould School of Law and Adjunct Faculty at Loyola Law School where she taught Civil Discovery. She is the author of *The Rutter Group's Paralegal Manual - Civil Procedure Before Trial* and co-author of the *Paralegal Manual - Civil Trials and Evidence* and the *Paralegal Manual - Personal Injury*. In addition to serving as NAWJ's District 14 Director, Judge White is Chair of NAWJ's 2019 Annual Conference, "City of Dreams, City of Angels: A Century of Women's Progress", taking place in Los Angeles, October 15-19, 2019.

## Welcome from Friends Committee Chair

DONNA M. MELBY



*Dear NAWJ Members, Angels of California and Friends,*

*Welcome to the City of Angels, Los Angeles, California, for City of Dreams, City of Angels: A Century of Women's Progress, the 41st Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. Thank you for joining us.*

This Conference is the realization of NAWJ's vision that began more than a year ago. Without the tireless work of so many NAWJ members and friends in the legal community and beyond, the dream could not have come true. The overwhelming support of the entire legal community, including law firms, law schools, and the people and businesses which work with them, made this conference possible. That support is a testament to the importance of and your commitment to the work of NAWJ to promote equal justice, insure access to the court for all, and to prioritize inclusion in every aspect of the work of the courts. Thank you.

NAWJ president, Tamila Ipema, deserves special recognition for her exemplary leadership on behalf of NAWJ this year. As good leaders do, Judge Ipema surrounded herself with an extraordinary team. Judge Elizabeth Allen White, conference chair and deserving recipient of the 41st Annual Conference Recognition Award, is the talent at the helm of the Conference team. Words are not adequate to express the deep appreciation for the leadership Judge White has exemplified over the past year with consistent dedication, organization, and focus that allows the celebration of women's progress inside and outside the administration of justice with this outstanding conference. Judge White, together with her program chairs, Justice Lee Edmon and Judge Samantha Jessner, and her gifted planning committee have put together a conference that will long be remembered by the many who have come together, nationally and internationally, to focus on the third co-equal branch and the issues of significance which face it daily. Thank you Judge White, Justice Edmon, Judge Jessner and every member of the planning committee and volunteers who support them.

Sincere congratulations to each honoree of this Conference. Thank you for your exemplary service to the cause of justice. Special thanks to Chief Justice, Tani Cantil-Sakauye for your inspirational leadership in the midst of years of challenges. It is fitting that you be honored with the Justice Vaino Spencer

award. She, like you, was a trail blazer, a respected jurist and role model, who many here at the conference were lucky enough to know well, respect, and will always remember.

Congratulations to 2019 Lady Justice honoree, Kathy Ireland, author, entrepreneur, CEO of KIWW, board member, wife, mother, daughter and treasured friend. Your life of service to others, dedication to inclusion, compassion and work on behalf of women, children, and people in need, locally, nationally and internationally, is remarkable. You make us proud every day. Thank you.

Congratulations to Judge Holy J. Fujie, deserving honoree of the Joan Dempsey Klein award as well as to Jerrilyn Malana, who NAWJ has chosen to honor with the Florence Murray Award. Thanks and congratulations to Shibani Malhotra who NAWJ has chosen to honor with the Mattie Belle Davis Award and to Annette Boyd Pitts deserving honoree of the Norma Wikler Excellence in Service Award. Thank you for your service and dedication.

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