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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE NAWJ PRESIDENT



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Welcome to NAWJ’s 40th Annual Conference, “Shaping the Future of Justice in the Emerging Legal Landscape.”

I extend sincere thanks to Conference Co-Chairs, Judge Orlinda Naranjo and Laura G. Tamez, Esq; Education Conference Co-Chairs, Justice Eva Guzman and Justice Gina Benavides; Gala Committee Co-Chairs, Judge Karen Sage and Judge Catherine Torres-Stahl and the entire planning committee for their leadership and dedication in convening an outstanding conference. I also extend heartfelt thanks to the Friends Committee Co-Chairs, Chief Justice Catherine M. Stone (Ret.) and Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson (Ret.) and members for their generosity and support of NAWJ and our mission. Lastly, special thanks to our conference planner, Maricela Garcia and her staff; NAWJ staff: Executive Director, Connie Pillich; Senior Programs and Publications Manager, Lavinia Cousin; NAWJ Administrator, Mary-Kathleen Todd; and partners at Calibre, Karen Roche and Patty Lovett, for their valuable assistance. Once again, we welcome our new Executive Director, Connie Pillich, to the NAWJ family and look forward to meeting her in San Antonio.

NAWJ is honored to salute Legendary Journalist and News Anchor, Mr. Dan Rather, for his courage and tireless commitment to informing audiences on the most pressing issues facing our nation and beyond. In these perilous times, we need individuals like Mr. Rather to lend his authentic voice to speak truth to power.

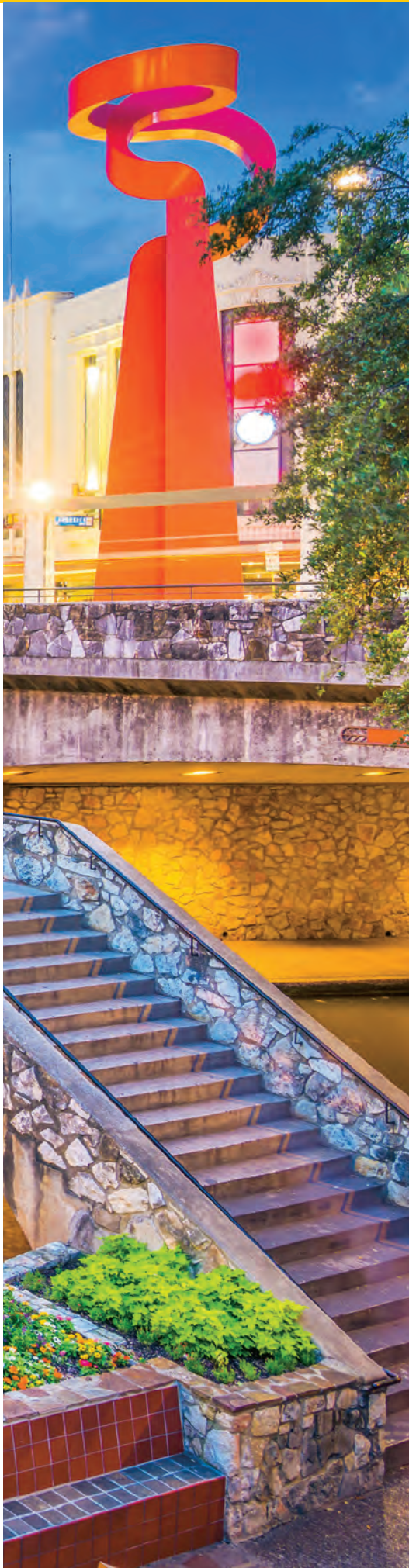
Our 40th Annual Conference coincides with San Antonio’s Tricentennial Celebration, which will host various events and exhibitions to highlight this vibrant city’s rich and diverse history, arts, culture and cuisine. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of the various cultural offerings that San Antonio has to offer.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy our conference and San Antonio.

Sincerely,

Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy

Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy
38th NAWJ President
Supreme Court of the State of New York
Civil Term, New York County



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS



DEAR FRIENDS:

Welcome to San Antonio! ¡Bienvenidos a San Antonio! We are proud to host the 40th Anniversary 2018 National Association of Women Judges Conference. Conference attendees will have the amazing opportunity to attend a private reception at the historic Alamo, which is located footsteps away from our conference hotel, the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk. The iconic Alamo Mission was built in 1718. For Texans, the battle at the Alamo in 1836 is an enduring symbol of heroic resistance and the struggle for independence from the tyranny of Mexico. Today more than 2.5 million people a year visit the Alamo. Like NAWJ, San Antonio’s commitment to a rich cultural diversity was recognized when it received the National League of Cities Diversity Award in 2016.

Judicial independence is an important fundamental principal tenet of American democracy. This year’s annual conference theme is “Shaping the Future of Justice in the Emerging Legal Landscape.” The subjects covered by our sessions reflect the current attack on our courts and the undermining of judicial independence and the free press. The legendary Dan Rather’s remarks entitled “Truth, Justice, and the American Way” will address the importance of a free and independent press and an independent judiciary, especially in today’s national climate. The emerging legal landscape sessions include the evolution of virtual currencies; social media and the privacy and constitutional issues; how emerging research in neuroscience shows how judges and juries access and determine quantitative and qualitative information; and the role of the courts in addressing mentally ill persons where our jails and prisons become the primary institutions for them.

We are delighted to host judges and lawyers from all over the country and over 37 international judges. We look forward to exchanging ideas and best practices with each other on topics of human trafficking, corruption, and gender equality. We also look forward to networking and the opportunities to share bread, a glass of wine, and the exquisite local cuisine, especially our Mexican dishes.

Many thanks to President Tanya R. Kennedy, our Friends Committee Co-Chairs, Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Wallace Jefferson (Ret.) and Chief Justice Catherine M. Stone (Ret.) IV Court of Appeals San Antonio, and our Education Co-Chairs Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman and Justice Gina Benavides, XIII Court of Appeals, Edinburg, Texas. Their incredible efforts, leadership, and their enthusiastic commitment have made this an outstanding Conference.

Please enjoy the Conference, the camaraderie, and San Antonio and its Museum of Art, Institute of Texan Culture, The Market Square, the Riverwalk, the Missions, Broadway shows at the Majestic Theatre, and many more attractions.

Con mucho carino, (with much affection)

Hon. Orlinda L. Naranjo

Hon. Orlinda L. Naranjo
419 District Court, Austin, Texas

Laura Tamez, Esq.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

8:00 am–6:00 pm	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Los Rios Foyer
9:00 am–3:00 pm	2017-2018 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting	Chula Vista
3:00 pm–4:00 pm	Optional Excursion: Private River Boat Cruise (This activity is limited to attendees who paid in advance. Boat pick-up at 2:40 p.m. at the River Level of the Hyatt Regency)	Hyatt Regency
4:00 pm–5:30 pm	New Judges and First Time Attendees Meeting	La Vista Terrace
4:00 pm–5:30 pm	International Judges Meeting	La Vista Terrace
5:30 pm–7:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION	La Vista Terrace

**The State Bar of Texas has accredited 21.25 MCLE and State Bar College hours, and 5.75 Ethics, for the conference’s education sessions. Please be sure to complete each session’s attendance sheet, including signing in before and signing out after each session.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018

7:00 am–7:45 am	Free Zumba Class	Chula Vista
7:30 am–8:45 am	BREAKFAST	Regency East 1/2
7:30 am–8:30 am	NAWJ Committee Meetings	Regency East 1/2
7:30 am–8:30 am	NAWJ Resource Board Meeting	Chula Vista Boardroom
8:00 am–6:00 pm	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Los Rios Foyer
9:00 am–9:30 am	OPENING CEREMONY WELCOME	Regency East

NAWJ PRESIDENT, Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy
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Honorable Orlinda L. Naranjo
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Presentation of the Mattie Belle Davis Award to
Karen Johnson-McKewan, Esq. Co-Chair, NAWJ Resource Board
by NAWJ President Tanya R. Kennedy

9:30 am–10:30 am	PUBLIC POLICY’S ROLE IN JUDGING	Regency East
	District Judge David O. Carter U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	

This session will discuss how public policy considerations could play into the decisions of a federal District Court judge. Public policy can amount to moral principles widely shared or not widely shared. An acceptable decision in San Francisco or New York is not perhaps acceptable in Louisville or Tallahassee. Public policy can amount to moral principles or standards of conduct that are widely shared in a particular society. But, public policy considerations can also derive from information or ideas that are not already widely shared or known or popular. Judges are not here to make public policy, but public policy considerations arise in many of the decisions that a judge makes. Sometimes public policy arises and provides an opportunity, but often their occurrences are thrust upon us. The session will also address how policy considerations play into written decisions; case management; and how public policy considerations can lead judges to step out sometimes and make the tough decision that a law may be outdated.

10:30 am–10:45 am	Break
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10:45 am–11:45 am	ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE JUDICIARY Harriet Miers, Esq., Locke Lord LLP First Woman President of the Texas Bar Association	Rio Grande Ballroom
12:00 pm – 1:20 pm	KEYNOTE LUNCHEON TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE AMERICAN WAY Dan Rather, President and CEO of News and Guts	Regency East
1:20 pm- 1:30pm	Presentation of the “Defender of the American Way” Award To Dan Rather by NAWJ President Tanya R. Kennedy	
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break	
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS SESSION 1: Dark Web and Virtual Currencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Una A. Dean, Esq., Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP• Dixie L. Johnson, Esq., Partner, King & Spalding• Marjorie J. Pearce, Esq., Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP	Rio Grande East

This panel discussion will provide a comprehensive overview of the foundations, evolution and legal context of cryptocurrency- and blockchain-based technologies and markets. Included in the presentation will be a discussion of how virtual currencies are used in dark marketplace transactions as well as how cryptocurrencies and blockchain-based technologies are increasingly used in mainstream markets and financial products. Throughout, we will discuss the current legal landscape and challenges, from both law enforcement and regulatory perspectives, that are finding their way to the courts.

SESSION 2: Lucia v. SEC: Consequences of Expanding Judicial Appointment of Administrative Law Judges	Rio Grande Central
Moderator: Chief Administrative Law Judge Brenda Murray, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission	
Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anton Metlitsky, Esq., Partner, O'Melveny & Meyers LLP• Professor of Law Gillian Metzger, Columbia Law School• Professor of Law Richard J. Pierce, Jr., George Washington University	

Lucia v SEC involved the authority of administrative law judges (ALJs) at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), an independent agency that enforces federal securities law. In 2012, an ALJ found that Ray Lucia had committed fraud, fining him and his company \$300,000. On appeal, Lucia insisted the penalty was invalid because the ALJ was illegally appointed. At the SEC, ALJs are typically appointed by a chief ALJ, and Lucia argued that ALJs qualify as “officers” and must thus be appointed by commissioners. The majority opinion found since ALJs exercise “significant authority” in applying the law, and therefore count as officers who must be appointed pursuant to the Constitution. Lucia’s ALJ was not, so the penalty against him is invalid. In

November, 2017, the Commission appointed its ALJs to their positions, one of whom, panelist Chief Administrative Law Judge Brenda Murray, will discuss the proceedings that took place surrounding the case. The session will discuss criteria to consider in appointment of ALJs. It will focus on the potential effects Lucia may have on the appointment process and on the removal power. Should subject matter expertise be a criterion for appointment as an ALJ? Agencies have long argued that it should be, but many ALJs think it should not. The panel will also address the strategic considerations in litigating the case when the government would not defend the judgment, and the potential consequences of the court’s decision on the issue for non-ALJ executive branch positions.

SESSION 3: Ethics Roundtable for International and National Judges	Rio Grande West
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Judith Chirlin (Ret.), Executive Director, Western Justice Center, Los Angeles Superior Court• Judge Lisette Shirdan-Harris, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District, PA, NAWJ International Director	

This interactive session, moderated by Judge Lisette Shirdan-Harris and Judge Judith Chirlin, is designed to give the International judges attending the conference an opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices with U.S. NAWJ members. The program encourages participation in a roundtable format with judges from different countries and regions. The format is designed to encourage each roundtable to be comprised of judges representing different regions to allow for the best exchange. The discussions will be led by a panel of judges from different countries. Topics will include human trafficking, corruption, and gender equality. The goal is to hear about ethical issues unique to different courts and discuss resources available to aid the judges as they explore the issues, challenges, and safeguards available to them. Are there Codes of Judicial Conduct? Are there people in place to report unethical behavior? What are the consequences for unethical behavior? Are there consequences for reporting unethical behavior? Is there training in place to address ethical issues in the various courts? Is there independence of the judiciary in your court? This program is open to all conference attendees.

2:45 pm–3:30 pm	ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW INITIATIVE Hilarie Bass, Esq., Co-President, Greenberg Traurig LLP President (2017-2018), American Bar Association	Regency East
3:30 pm–3:45 pm	BREAK	
3:45 pm-5:15 pm	CONVERSATIONS WITH NAWJ LEGENDS Presiding Justice Judith McConnell, California Court of Appeal Fourth Appellate District, interviews Senior Judge Martha Craig (Cissy) Daughtrey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Hon. Dana Fabe (Ret.) Chief Justice Alaska Supreme Court interviews Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, District of Columbia Court of Appeals.	Regency East

Through conversations with two remarkable NAWJ leaders and legends, this session will explore their career paths, the events and people who influenced them, and the obstacles they faced as pioneers on their courts. Among other topics, they will discuss the workings of their courts, what chief judges can do to improve collegiality and productivity; how they have encouraged diversity in the profession and access to justice; and their secrets for maintaining work-life balance.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018 continued

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	RECEPTION AT THE ALAMO Sponsored by the Center for Women in Law	
(The Alamo is located across the street from the Hyatt Regency at 300 Alamo Plaza. Attendees who paid for a private tour should go to the Alamo, and volunteers will direct you to the tour. The tour begins at 6:00 p.m.)		
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Sponsored by Los Angeles 2019 NAWJ Annual Conference Committee	Chula Vista

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

7:00 am–6:00 pm	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Los Rios Foyer
7:00 am–7:45 am	Free Zumba Class	Chula Vista
7:30 am–8:15 am	BREAKFAST	Regency East 1/2
7:30 am-8:15 am	District Meetings	Regency East 1/2
8:15 am–9:15 am	#METOO: EXPANDING THE CONVERSATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wendy McGuire Coats, Esq., Partner, Fisher PhillipsJocelyn Frye, Senior Fellow, Center for American ProgressJustice Rebeca Martinez, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals	Regency East 1/2
9:15 am - 10:30 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS SESSION 1: A System in Crisis: Mental Health and the Justice System Honorable Milton L. Mack, Jr. Michigan State Court Administrator	Rio Grande East
Our mental health systems lack the capacity to intervene timely in the course of a person’s mental illness resulting in our jails and prisons becoming the primary institutions for persons with mental illness. This session will explore problems in the current system; how the problems developed, strategies to address the problems; and the role of the courts in addressing the problems.		
	SESSION 2: Race, Gender, Sexuality and the Judiciary Sharon A. Navarro, Ph.D., University of Texas at San Antonio	Rio Grande West
10:30 am–10:45 am	Break	

10:45 am–12:00 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS SESSION 1: Dementia in the Courtroom	Rio Grande East
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Robert Abrams, Esq., Co-founder and Executive Partner, Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLPEllyn S. Kravitz, Esq., Partner, Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP		
This session will highlight the special role lawyers and judges have to educate their communities about dementia. Topics discussed will include: definition of dementia, its variants, relationship between dementia and mental health; treatment options; impact on caregivers; appointment of Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and the legal impact of Guardianship Orders; ethical issues of reporting a judge for diminished mental capacity, and the rules of conduct for judges; dementia and criminality; end of life decisions; age discrimination; attorney malpractice due to diminished mental capacity; government initiatives. Key cases from around the country will be used to frame discussion.		
	SESSION 2: Social Media and the Judiciary	Rio Grande West
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cynthia Gray, Director, Center for Judicial Ethics, National Center for State CourtsJudge M. Sue Kurita, County Court at Law #6, El Paso, Texas		

This session will analyze the advisory opinions and discipline decisions on social media and judicial ethics as published in the spring and summer 2017 issues of the Judicial Conduct Reporter. Speaker will introduce the topic and discuss issues related to judicial duties: “friending” attorneys, disqualification and disclosure, ex parte communications and independent investigations, and comments on pending cases. Additional topics will cover off-bench conduct: conduct that undermines public confidence in the judiciary, commenting on issues, abusing the prestige of office, providing legal advice, disclosing non-public information, charitable activities, political activities, and campaign conduct.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	FRIENDS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON	Regency East 1/2
Remarks from Jill Dash, Esq., Vice President of Strategic Engagement, American Constitution Society		
	THE SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE Monika Bickert, Esq., Head of Product Policy and Counterterrorism for Facebook	
1:30 pm–3:00 pm	NEUROSCIENCE OF JUDICIAL DECISION MAKING-PART I	Regency East 1/2
Kimberly Papillon, Esq., Senior Education Specialist, California Judicial Council		

Did you know that brain scans can tell us what keeps us from effectively solving problems, helps us to innovate, motivates us, scares us and fools us? How can we use these studies to help judges make effective, efficient and equitable decisions even under extreme pressure? In this highly interactive course participants will explore emerging research in neuroscience and how it affects the decisions made by judges. Neuroscientific studies will be used to explain how judges determine veracity, intelligence, threat, and competence in a diverse society. fMRI studies will be used to reveal how litigants, attorneys and jurors may react to women in positions of authority. The course will pinpoint the areas where discretion is utilized by judges and where cases can be affected by unconscious processes and subtleties. The participants will explore new methods for reaching the goal of impartial decision-making in the courts. The course will identify ways to increase fairness guided by science.

3:00 pm–3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 pm–4:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
	SESSION 1: The Intersection of Popular Opinion and Judicial Decision-Making in the Federal Trial Courts	Rio Grande West
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas• Magistrate Judge Rebecca A. Rutherford, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas	
This program will explore how public opinion and politics potentially impact the outcome of federal trial court decisions in cases involving hot button/high public interest issues.		
	SESSION 2: Judges and Justices Under Attack: How the Informed Voters Project Can Help!	Rio Grande Central
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annette Boyd Pitts, Education Chair, NAWJ Informed Voters Project; Executive Director, Florida Law Related Education Association• Justice Robin Hudson, Supreme Court of North Carolina, NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee Co-Chair• Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Florida Supreme Court, NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee Co-Chair	
Attempts to politicize the courts and influence judicial selection processes are growing. From Iowa to Florida to Kansas, and many states in-between, such attempts have targeted the removal of judges for specific decisions unpopular with special interests or the political majority. But the courts were not intended to be a political or representative branch, swaying in the wind of public opinion. Judges should make decisions based on the facts and the law. Numerous national polls and surveys document the limited knowledge held by Americans about our government, and its corresponding institutions and processes. This session will highlight the vulnerabilities of the judicial branch in the midst of these present day challenges. To ensure an educated and informed public, one that is aware of the role of the courts in our constitutional structure, the National Association of Women Judges has created the Informed Voters, Fair Judges Project. This model educational program is designed to bring public attention to the role of the courts, judicial decision-making, and judicial selection processes, as well as the present-day challenges threatening a fair and impartial judiciary and ultimately the rule of law. This session will highlight current new resources and opportunities available through the project.		
3:15 pm–4:30 pm continued	SESSION 3: Neuroscience of Judicial Decisionmaking Part II	Rio Grande East
	Kimberly Papillon, Esq., Senior Education Specialist, California Judicial Council	
6:00 pm–8:00 pm	Dine Around, Riverwalk Tours, Boat Rides. Free evening	
8:00 pm–10:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Hosted by the Bexar County Women's Bar Association	Atrium Suite

7:30 am–8:30 am	REGISTRATION INFORMATION DESK	Los Rios Foyer
7:30 am–8:45 am	NAWJ Annual Business Meeting (Breakfast)	Regency East 1/2
9:00 am–10:00 am	U.S. SUPREME COURT UPDATE Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd, Texas Supreme Court	Regency East 1/2
A sitting Texas Supreme Court Justice will summarize the U.S. Supreme Court's recent term, highlighting developments and decisions of particular interest to other state judges and justices.		
10:00 am–10:10 am	Video: NAWJ “#WETOO IN THE LEGAL WORKPLACE” Meeting on Capitol Hill Justice Tanya R. Kennedy, NAWJ President	Regency East 1/2
10:15 am–10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am–12:15 pm	CONVERSATION WITH JUDGE VANESSA RUIZ President, International Association of Women Judges, Introduction of documentary, The Judge.	Regency East 1/2
Film screening: THE JUDGE The Judge offers a unique portrait of Judge Al-Faqih Kholoud—her brave journey as a lawyer, her tireless fight for justice for women, and her drop-in visits with clients, friends, and family. With unparalleled access to the courts, THE JUDGE presents an unfolding vérité legal drama, with rare insight into both Islamic law and gendered justice. In the process, the film illuminates some of the universal conflicts in the domestic life of Palestine—custody of children, divorce, abuse—while offering an unvarnished look at life for women and Shari'a. Directed by Erika Cohn. Running time is 82 minutes.		
Lunch on your own and free time to Explore San Antonio.		
12:15 pm–1:15 pm	NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee Meeting Informed Voters-Fair Judges Program	Chula Vista Boardroom
1:45 pm–3:45 pm	2018-2019 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting	Chula Vista
4:00 pm–5:00 pm	2018-2019 NAWJ District Directors Meeting	Live Oak
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	COCKTAIL RECEPTION Entertainment by students from Guadalupe Mariachi Academy	Regency Foyer

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6, 2018 continued

7:00 pm–10:00 pm **NAWJ ANNUAL GALA BANQUET** Regency East ½

SILENT AUCTION

NAWJ ANNUAL BANQUET
featuring works by Conspire Theatre

The Gala dinner features performance by Conspire Theatre of Austin, Texas. Conspire Theatre’s mission is to offer incarcerated women and their allies a healing and empowering experience through theatre and creative writing. Their vision is that every woman realizes her potential as a creative, worthy being.

EMCEE: Maria Elena Torralva Alonzo

Former News Anchor for KMOL-TV and the first Latina to anchor a newscast at the local and national level, Maria Elena Torralva Alonzo is married to Judge Al Alonzo.

NAWJ 2018 AWARD HONOREES

Justice Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year

Hon. Bea Ann Smith (Ret.)
NAWJ President 2002-2003

Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award

Hon. Bernadette D’Souza
NAWJ Secretary

Hon. Marcella A. Holland
NAWJ Project Chair

Hon. Lisa S. Walsh
NAWJ President 2015-2016

10:00 pm- 12:00 am **DJ AND DANCING WITH JC** Regency West

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018

8:00 am–10:00 am **FAREWELL BREAKFAST** Chula Vista



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September 10, 2018

Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, President
Hon. Orlinda Naranjo, Conference Co-Chair
Ms. Laura G. Tamez, Conference Co-Chair
National Association Women Judges

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Supreme Court of Texas, I welcome you and the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges to San Antonio. Your leadership in achieving fairness and equality in the courts is an inspiration throughout the country. Improving access to justice for all has long been a priority of the Supreme Court of Texas, and we are proud to join with you in furthering that goal.

I’m especially pleased that you will honor my friend for many years and former colleague on the appellate bench, NAWJ’s former president and Texas’ own Bea Ann Smith, as the Honorable Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year. Her contributions to the justice system have been extraordinary.

I know your Conference will be informative, but I encourage you to take time while here to enjoy San Antonio’s many attractions, from the historic Alamo to the lovely River Walk. Enjoy your stay.

Cordially,

Nathan L. Hecht
Chief Justice



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to welcome all in attendance to the National Association of Women Judges 40th Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Throughout our country, and especially here in Texas, women make boundless contributions in all sectors of our government, economy and society. Women are leaders in communities and businesses across the nation, and their innovation and achievements help enrich our lives in immeasurable ways.

As a former district judge, Texas Supreme Court justice and attorney general, I have had the privilege of working with some of the most talented legal minds our nation has to offer — and I know firsthand that there is a need for qualified and compassionate professionals in our judicial system. I commend each of you here today for the critical role you play in protecting the rights of individuals under the rule of law and ensuring justice for all.

To those from out of town, welcome to San Antonio, one of the oldest cities in the country, as it celebrates its 300th anniversary! From its rich history and pivotal role in the formation of the Lone Star State to jubilant entertainment, great music, fantastic food, and good times, there is something in the Alamo City for everyone to enjoy.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you all an enjoyable and informative conference.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott
Governor



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

October 3, 2018

TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES:

I am honored to welcome you to the National Association of Women Judges 40th Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Congratulations to NAWJ on your 40th Anniversary!

While you are here, I hope you will experience firsthand why San Antonio was designated one of national Geographic Traveler's "Best of the World" in 2018. Your visit to San Antonio comes at a particularly special time, as the city is celebrating its Tricentennial anniversary in 2018. San Antonio was founded at the crossroads of emerging cultures. That history has been the basis for the diversity, inclusion, and acceptance that has guided our community for the past 300 years.

On behalf of the City of San Antonio, I wish all of you a very successful conference and enjoyable stay.

Sincerely,

Ron Nirenberg, Mayor
City of San Antonio

JUSTICE JOAN DEMPSEY KLEIN HONOREE OF THE YEAR

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



HONORABLE BEA ANN SMITH

The Honorable Bea Ann Smith has been a trained mediator for twenty years and served as a justice on the Third District Court of Appeals in Texas for sixteen years. She was a dedicated Professor of undergraduates and law students at the University of Texas. Judge Smith taught a course called "The Face of Justice" for undergraduates at the University of Texas at Austin. She earned her J.D. with honors from the University of Texas

School of Law, and was associate editor of the Texas Law Review, and Order of the Coif. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas's Plan II program, receiving Phi Beta Kappa honors and extracurricular awards as a campus leader. As a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, she earned her M.A. degree from Brandeis University. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Thomas Gibbs Gee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Smith served as President of the National Association of Women Judges in 2002-03, and served as chair of the International Outreach Committee. She also served on the board of the International Association of Women Judges. She has delivered a paper on the Independent Judiciary as Trustee of our Constitutional Rights to the Law School of The University of Sienna, Italy, and in 2006 delivered a paper on the Appointment and Removal of Judges at the Eighth Biennial Conference of the IAWJ in Sydney, Australia. She has published articles in administrative law, family law, and on judicial administration and judicial independence.

In 2006 Smith received the "Defender of Democracy Award" from People for the American Way. She has been an active member of the state's Administrative and Public Law Council since 1998 and served on the Judicial Panel for Multi-District Litigation in Texas. Judge Smith was a founding director of Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas. She has also been active in supporting the arts and choral music in Austin. She continues to be involved in judicial education nationally and internationally.

Judge Smith has been an angler for about as long as she has been a mediator. She suggests that fly-fishing has taught her several skills she relies on to conduct a successful mediation: *Be patient, pay close attention, and stay with the process until you unravel the most hopeless knot or land the most wily trout.*



MATTIE BELLE DAVIS AWARD

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



KAREN JOHNSON-MCKEWAN, ESQ.

Karen G. Johnson-McKewan, an Intellectual Property partner in Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's San Francisco office, is a trial lawyer with thirty-two years of experience. She concentrates her practice on complex intellectual property and commercial litigation for technology and consumer products companies. She was recently selected to serve as one of eight members of the firm's Management Committee. Karen served as Orrick's San Francisco Office Leader from 2005-2008. She was named one of the 100 "Most Influential Women in Bay Area

Business," by the San Francisco Business Times in 2007 and 2009; and "Forever Influential" in 2010. Karen was also named one of the "Top Women Litigators" by the Daily Journal (California), in 2010.

Ms. Johnson-McKewan has significant experience litigating and trying particularly intricate cases where simplifying complex technology issues is invaluable, and in finding creative solutions to client problems that lie at the intersection of multiple legal disciplines. Her engagements have involved matters in technology, internet, media, financial, e-commerce, retail, software and gaming industries in a diverse set of courts and multiple arbitral bodies. She has led intellectual property and complex commercial litigation teams for companies such as Oracle, NVIDIA, Netflix, VMWare and Levi Strauss & Co.

Ms. Johnson-McKewan joined NAWJ's Resource Board in 2005, and served as co-chair from 2006 to 2009. Among her many accomplishments during this period, Karen secured Forster-Long, Inc.'s partnership in producing a statistical summary of gender ratios of the judiciary in every state of the country. In 2011, she assumed the responsibilities of co-chair of the Resource Board for a second time and, together with Elaine Metlin, Esq., played a critical role in moving NAWJ forward. She continues to serve as co-chair of the Resource Board, along with Cathy Winter. Karen also served as vice-chair of NAWJ's California Coordinating Committee for the Informed Voters-Fair Judges Project (IVP) in that project's first year.

With Ms. Johnson-McKewan support, Orrick has provided substantial resources for NAWJ's Informed Voter-Fair Judges Project in the form of generous financial contributions and pro bono work of its attorneys, who preserved NAWJ's tax-exempt status and the independence of IVP's Intellectual property. Ms. Johnson-McKewan has served on several panels, including NAWJ's 2018 Midyear Meeting panel 'Somebody IS Watching Me - Cybersecurity, Privacy, and the Internet of Things'. In 2015, she received NAWJ's Florence K. Murray Award for Leadership. NAWJ appreciates Karen Johnson-McKewan's dedication for the past twelve years and commitment to further NAWJ's mission to ensure "Equal Access to Justice for All."

JUSTICE VAINO SPENCER LEADERSHIP AWARD

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



HONORABLE BERNADETTE D'SOUZA

The Honorable Bernadette D’Souza was elected as the first Family Court Judge at Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans on February 1, 2012. Judge D’Souza was previously a practicing attorney in public interest law for over 18 years, many of them as Managing Attorney of the Family Law and Domestic Violence Unit at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. Judge D’Souza received her Juris Doctor degree from Tulane University School of Law in 1992. Upon graduation she dedicated her legal career to public interest law representing indigent clients in family law, housing, and domestic violence cases. She has spent over a decade promoting awareness to domestic violence issues by devoting time to educating and supervising law students from Tulane Law School and from around the country post-Katrina. Judge D’Souza served as adjunct professor at Tulane Law School, teaching a course on family law and domestic violence and instructing students through a clinical externship program. She also served as a guest lecturer at Loyola University College of Law on topics of domestic violence and poverty law. Judge D’Souza now serves on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges faculty of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence.

Judge D’Souza has participated in numerous speaking engagements including continuing legal education programs for the Louisiana State Bar Association and New Orleans Bar Associations. Due to her experience in family law and dedication to ensuring that legal services are available to all who need them, Judge D’Souza was appointed to the Louisiana Commission on Women’s Policy and Research by Governors Mike Foster and Kathleen Blanco. Additionally, she served on the City of New Orleans Mayor’s Domestic Violence Advisory Committee. Judge D’Souza is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and served on its Access to Justice Committee; the New Orleans Bar Association and served as past chair of the Family Law Committee; the American Bar Association Family Law Section Domestic Violence Executive Committee; the A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court; and the Association for Women Attorneys. She is a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation where she served as chair of the Judicial Liaison Committee and chair of the Development Committee. Judge D’Souza has been appointed by the Supreme Court to the Self-Represented Litigants Task Force and the Committee on Bar Admissions.

Additionally, Judge D’Souza has served on many community boards. She served as President of the Greater New Orleans YWCA, Tulane University Women’s Association and the Auxiliary to the American Academy of Neurology. She served as Chairman of the Board of the WRBH - Radio for the Blind and as a board member (Secretary) of the Institute for Mental Hygiene. Judge D’Souza is a Mayoral appointee on the Board of Total Community Action. Upon election to the bench, Judge D’Souza became a member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) and was appointed as Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Committee. She was elected to the Board of NAWJ as District Director and currently serves as its Secretary, Chair of the Personnel Committee and Co-chair of the Executive Director Search Committee.

Judge D’Souza is married to Dr. Terence D’Souza and has three children, Lloyd, Vanessa and Christine, sons-in-law, Michael DePetrillo and David Gelb and two grandsons, Aidan and Dylan DePetrillo.



HONORABLE MARCELLA A. HOLLAND

The Honorable Marcella A. Holland is a 1980 graduate of the University of Maryland - Baltimore County, where she majored in Political Science. She is also a 1983 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, which awarded her the Alumni Association Prize. While at Maryland Law School, she was active in many organizations, The Black Law Students Association (B.L.S.A.), serving as President, 1982-83; Chapter Justice, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Representative, Student Bar Association; Articles Solicitation Editor, International Trade Law Journal, and Member, Moot Court Board, 1982 and 1983. Judge Holland also found time to participate in the Asper Internship Program, working for the Hon. Robert M. Bell during his tenure on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Upon her admission to the Maryland State Bar Association in December 1983, Judge Holland 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 her 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. She continues as a Senior Judge sitting occasionally in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

As a Judge, she was involved continuously in judicial committees and projects. Among her judicial activities, past and present: Co-Chair, Family Law Committee (2002-2003); Chair, Custody Subcommittee (2002-2005); Member, Legislative Committee (1999-2002); Judicial Council (2006-2009); Justice Matters Editorial Board (2002 -2013), and Chair of the Conference of Circuit Court Judges (2010-2012) giving her a seat on the Judicial Council and membership in the Judicial Cabinet. Judge Holland has lectured on various aspects of family law, case management, judicial reform and handling cases involving self-represented litigants in her home state, other states and the country of Morocco.

Among her many activities, past and present: Joshua Johnson Council, Baltimore Museum of Art; Druid Hill Y.M.C.A.; Co-Chair, Baltimore Teen Court Advisory Committee (2001-2003); Bridge Beyond Bars Advisory Committee; Girl Scouts, (2003-, Chair, Advisory Committee, 2015-); Friends of Soulful Symphony (2004-2009); Board of Visitors, University of Maryland Law School (2008-). The Baltimore City Mayor Kurt Schmoke appointed her to the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation in April, 1988, for which she became the first African American woman to hold the position of Chair, serving two terms. In addition to the above, currently she is a member of the Ashe Circle, an affinity group for the Reginald F Lewis Museum; the Board of the Monumental City Bar Foundation, serving as Grants Committee Chair; and on the Board of Visitors for the University of Maryland Carey Law School.

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; National Bar Association (Board of Governors, 1989-90, 1992-93; 2010-11), 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 (2001-2003); Co-Chair, Program Committee (2003-2005), Co-Chair, Courthouse Construction Committee 2011-, Co-Chair, Bench/Bar Conference (2016); Bar Association of Baltimore City (Chair, Minority Clerkship Program Subcommittee (1990-97), and Member-At-Large (1996-98), Program Committee, 2002-); Monumental City Bar Association, President, (1991-92), 80th Anniversary Committee (2015); Alliance of Black Women Attorneys. Judge Holland was Co-Chair of the NBA Convention Committee which was instrumental in bringing this national attorney association back to Baltimore in the summer of 1995, drawing approximately 2,000 attorneys, spouses, guests and children. She chaired the 2002 NBA Midyear Meeting, and was a member and advisor for the 2011 NBA Annual Meeting in Baltimore. 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 and is serving her second two year term as Project Committee Chair, both positions placing her on the Executive Committee of this organization.

Judge Holland has authored two 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.

Throughout the years Judge Holland has constantly mentored young people by participating in various programs and one-on-one counseling. She is proud to have mentored 16 law clerks, two of whom are now judges, one in the state of Maryland, and one in New York.



HONORABLE LISA S. WALSH

The Honorable Lisa Walsh is a Circuit Court Judge, currently presiding in the Criminal Division of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Miami-Dade, Florida. She previously served in the Circuit's Civil and Dependency divisions. From 2008 to 2011, Judge Walsh was a County Court Judge assigned to the Civil Division. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law for 16 years in trial and appellate state and federal courts, and also served as a Special Master for the City of Miami Beach.

Judge Walsh received an "AV Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was named in Super Lawyers and Florida Trend Legal Elite. Judge Walsh was the President of Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Vice-Chair of a Florida Bar Grievance committee, a member of the Board of Directors for Legal Services of Greater Miami, where she was awarded for her commitment to equal justice, and a member of the Florida Bar Criminal Executive Council and the Appellate Rules Committee. Judge Walsh is the recipient of the 2018 Florida Bar Young Lawyer's Division Outstanding Jurist Award, the 2018 MDTLA Judge Steven Levine Award, the 2017 Dade County Bar Association President's Award as Outstanding Community Leader and the 2010 Judge Alan Schwartz Judicial Excellence award. She has received the "Devorah Judge" Award by the Miami Jewish Legal Society. She was named "Outstanding Woman in Government & Law" by the Miami-Dade Commission for Women, received the 2015 Mattie Belle Davis Award from Miami-Dade FAWL, and the 2015 Alumni Leadership Award by the University of Miami Law School. Judge Walsh has mentored for Educate Tomorrow and Big Brothers/ Big Sisters. She is an Adjunct Professor of appellate advocacy at St. Thomas Law School. She has been part of the faculty and administration of Florida's Advanced Judicial College, Florida Judicial College, and the Florida Circuit Court Conference education committee since 2008. Judge Walsh was President of the National Association of Women Judges for the 2015-2016 year. She served on NAWJ's Board of Directors for five years prior to assuming presidency.

Judge Walsh obtained her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and her law degree from the University of Miami School of Law. She is married to attorney David Rosendorf and is the proud mother of two children.



ROBERT ABRAMS, ESQ. is the co-founder and an Executive Partner at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP. He served as Chair of both the Elder and Health Law sections of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). He also served as guest editor of the historic 2011 issue of the NYSBA Journal which was titled “Are You Prepared for the Elder Years?” At the request of NYSBA, he served as an Editor for the following legal resources: *Guardianship Practice in New York State*; a joint project with the New York State Medical Society titled: *The Legal Manual for New York Physicians*; and, at the direction of the Honorable Jonathan Lippman, former Chief Judge of New York State, *The Legal Manual on Public Health Emergency Preparedness*. Mr. Abrams has twice been invited to participate in the once in a decade White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA), the first of which was hosted by President Bill Clinton in 1995 and the second hosted by President George W. Bush in 2005. Mr. Abrams received his law degree from the evening division of New York Law School. While attending law school at night, he worked in an administrative capacity in a nursing home. He passed the New York State Nursing Home licensure test the same year he passed the Bar exam. He received a Master’s degree in Public Administration from New York University, which included course work completed at Fresno State University of the California University System. Bob graduated with honors from Brooklyn College where he received his bachelor’s degree in special education.



HILARIE BASS, ESQ. is co-president of international law firm Greenberg Traurig and a trial attorney with a successful 30-plus year career. She is currently immediate past president of the American Bar Association. At Greenberg Traurig, she helps chart the course for the multi-practice firm with approximately 2,000 attorneys across 38 offices worldwide. She currently serves on the firm’s Executive Committee and previously served an

eight-year term as national chair of its 600-member litigation department. Ms. Bass has successfully represented high-profile corporate clients in jury and non-jury trials involving hundreds of millions of dollars in controversy. She has worked and settled more than 100 cases, tried more than 20 cases to conclusion, and argued numerous appeals. In recognition of that success, she was inducted into The American College of Trial Lawyers. She is also the founder and former chair of Greenberg Traurig’s Women’s Initiative. Ms. Bass is widely recognized for her pro bono work on behalf of two foster children that led to the elimination, and declaration as unconstitutional, of Florida’s 20-year old ban on gay adoption. She has dedicated herself to supporting the mission of the ABA for more than 30 years, beginning as a young lawyer. She previously served as Chair of the Section of Litigation, the ABA’s largest section, where she spearheaded the creation of a Task Force on Implicit Bias in the Justice System. She also served as Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, and as a member of the Board of Governors, House of Delegates and the State of Florida representative, on the Nominating Committee. Bass serves as Vice Chair of University of Miami’s Board of Trustees. She was formerly Chair of the United Way of Miami-Dade County and a member of the ABA Commission on Women. Ms. Bass is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 1981, summa cum laude; Editor, *University of Miami Law Review*), and George Washington University (B.A., 1975, magna cum laude). She is admitted to the Florida; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida; and U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida Bars.



MONIKA BICKERT is Facebook’s Vice President for Global Policy Management and Counterterrorism. Her global team manages the policies for what types of content can be shared on Facebook and how advertisers and developers can interact with the site. Ms. Bickert originally joined Facebook in 2012 as lead security counsel, advising the company on matters including child safety and data security. Prior

to joining Facebook, she served as Resident Legal Advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, where she specialized in Southeast Asian rule of law development and response to child exploitation and human trafficking. Ms. Bickert also served as Assistant United States Attorney for 11 years in Washington, DC, and Chicago, prosecuting federal crimes ranging from public corruption to gang-related violence. She received a B.A. in Economics and English from Rice University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



HONORABLE ANNA BLACKBURNE-RIGSBY was sworn in as Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on March 17, 2017. As Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, she chairs the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration for the District of Columbia. Prior to becoming Chief Judge, she was nominated by President George W. Bush in August 2006 to serve as an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Before that, Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby, nominated by President William Jefferson Clinton, served as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 2000-2006, and served as a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 1995-2000. Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and received the Duke University Presidential Leadership Award. Following graduation from Duke University, she was selected to be one of twelve Public Affairs Fellows of the Coro Foundation in San Francisco, California. She earned her law degree from Howard University School of Law, graduating in the top five percent of her class. While in law school, she served as the Lead Articles Editor of the *Howard Law Journal* and served as the Co-Captain for the Charles Hamilton Houston Moot Court Team. Following law school, Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was an associate at the law firm of Hogan Lovells US LLP (formerly Hogan and Hartson) in Washington, DC, where she litigated commercial, real estate, employment discrimination, and education matters before state and federal courts and

administrative agencies. Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby later joined the District of Columbia Office of the Corporation Counsel (now the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General), where she served as Special Counsel to the Corporation Counsel, working as part of the senior management team. She then served as Deputy Corporation Counsel in charge of the Family Services Division, where she managed the Division’s 65 attorneys and support staff, responsible for handling child abuse and neglect, child support enforcement, and domestic violence cases.

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby chaired the District of Columbia Courts’ Standing Committee on Fairness and Access, and served on the District of Columbia’s Access to Justice Commission. Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was the Chair and Moderator of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and is the Past President of the National Association of Women Judges (2013-2014). Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has taught Trial Advocacy at the Harvard Law School and teaches Professional Responsibility as an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. She has also taught Continuing Legal Education courses for the District of Columbia Bar.



HONORABLE JEFFREY S. BOYD is Supreme Court Justice for the Texas Supreme Court. He joined the court on December 3, 2012, after being appointed by Governor Rick Perry to fill Justice Dale Wainwright’s unexpired term. Justice Wainwright resigned September 30th. Justice Boyd was the governor’s chief of staff since September 2011. Before that he was Governor Perry’s general counsel. Justice Boyd is a graduate of Abilene Christian University, and earned his law degree summa cum laude from Pepperdine University, where he graduated second in his law school class. After graduation he clerked for Judge Thomas M. Reavley on the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. He spent 15 years with Thompson & Knight L.L.P. in two stints, leaving first in 2000 to join then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn as deputy attorney general for general litigation and continuing with Attorney General Greg Abbott. He

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rejoined Thompson & Knight as senior partner in 2003. In January 2011, he left Thompson & Knight to join the Governor's Office as general counsel. Justice Boyd was named a Texas Super Lawyer for government practice in 2004 and in 2006-2010. He has been a Supreme Court Advisory Committee member since 2003. He has served as board president and director of Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, as chair and director of Goodwill Industries of Central Texas and as a director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He is serving a one-year term as president of the American Inns of Court, Robert W. Calvert Inn. Before he went to law school, he worked as youth and family minister of the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ in Austin and was on the Brentwood Christian School board from 1994 to 2000. He and his wife, Jackie, have twin daughters, Hanna and Abbie, and a son, Carter. Justice Boyd was re-elected on November 4, 2014, for a term that began on January 1, 2015, and will expire on December 31, 2020.



HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER is Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Judge Carter was nominated on June 25, 1998. He received his commission on October 22, 1998. Prior to serving on the federal bench, Judge Carter began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney with the Orange County District Attorney's Office in 1972, where he became the senior deputy district attorney in charge of the office's homicide investigations. Subsequently he joined the Orange County Superior Court, after a brief period as a Municipal Court Judge. Judge Carter has overseen several cases involving international terrorism, including *United States v. Afshari, et al.* (2009), which involved nine defendants charged with providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, and *United States v. Leung* (2005), which involved a Chinese spy charged with unauthorized appropriation of classified documents related to national defense. Since 1994, he has been a visiting professor teaching *The International Law of Narcotics Trafficking and Terrorism* at the University of California, Irvine. Judge Carter has been a lecturer and advisor for numerous international counter-terrorism programs, including: Judiciary of Bosnia on behalf of the U.S. State Department; Sandiganbayan (Philippine Appellate and Supreme

Courts) on behalf of the American Bar Association Asia Law Initiative and USAID; Supreme Court and High Court of Malawi on behalf of the United States Treasury Department; National Congress of Mexico on behalf of USAID; Judiciary of Armenia on behalf of the U.S. State Department; Judiciary and Attorney General of Afghanistan on behalf of the U.S. State Department; judges in South Asia on behalf of the United Nations; and Judiciary of Indonesia on behalf of the U.S. State Department among others. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, and received a Bronze Star for Valor and two Purple Hearts. Judge Carter holds a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles (1967), and a J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles (1972).



HONORABLE JUDITH CHIRLIN is currently the Executive Director of the Western Justice Center (WJC), and a part-time neutral with Judicate West. She was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1985. She is a graduate of The George Washington University (BA in Political Science), Rutgers University (MA in Politics from the Eagleton Institute of Politics) and the USC Law School (JD). She was the first woman to serve in the Judicial Fellows Program (now known as "Supreme Court Fellows Program") where she worked on the staff of the Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice Warren Burger on projects to improve the administration of justice.

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. (Those

courses were taught in Eastern Europe.) Both the former (Interim) Justice Minister of Iraq and the first judge in the trial of Saddam Hussein were participants in the first session of the Iraqi courses. 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 of 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 of 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 US Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, Judge Chirlin helped develop and then facilitated a 2 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 recently 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 at 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.

Judge Chirlin retired from the Los Angeles Superior Court, effective September 30, 2009. In November of 2011, she became Executive Director of the Western Justice Center in Pasadena, California. WJC designs and promulgates programs to foster alternative dispute resolution in the courts and peaceful resolution of conflicts in schools and communities. WJC has recently created the *Institute for Safe & Inclusive Schools* which offers a number of innovative programs to address bias, bullying and the myriad of other problems facing our schools today. She also works part-time in private dispute resolution; she has started a non-profit foundation to support justice system improvement projects that enhance the rule of law. She also continues in her work in the international arena.



WENDY MCGUIRE COATS, ESQ. is a certified specialist in Appellate Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. She is a partner in the San Francisco office of Fisher Phillips, and leads the firm's California Appellate Practice. She represents clients in all aspects of appellate litigation in state and federal appellate courts, particularly in navigating questions of first impression or rapidly evolving labor and employment issues. She has briefed dozens of appeals and writes in the United States Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit and Federal Courts of Appeals, the California Supreme Court, and the California Court of Appeal. She is a skilled oral advocate, who has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Court of Appeal, and

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the California Supreme Court. Ms. Coats serves as Treasurer of the Contra Costa County Bar Association Board of Directors, and chairs the Membership & Education Committee. Before entering private practice, Ms. Coats clerked for the Honorable Ronald S.W. Lew of the United States District Court, Central District of California. She is a graduate Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D., 2005, Editor-in-Chief of the Pepperdine Law Review) and University of Missouri (BSEd.1996). She is admitted to: California State Bar; California Courts of Appeal; California Superior Court; Supreme Court of California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; and U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to law school, she taught high school English, studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, lived in London, and trained as a Writing Fellow with the Missouri Writing Project.



ERIKA COHN is an Emmy award-winning director/producer who Variety recognized as one of 2017's top ten documentary filmmakers. Most recently, she completed *The Judge*, a film about the first woman judge to be appointed to the Middle East's Shari'a courts.

The film premiered at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival, and will be broadcast on PBS' 2018 Independent Lens series. Ms. Cohn co-directed/produced, *In Football We Trust*, an Emmy award-winning, feature documentary about the unique faith and culture that ultimately drives young Pacific Islander men into the NFL, which premiered at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival and was broadcast on PBS' 2016 Independent Lens series. Her work has been supported by IFP, the Sundance Institute, Tribeca Institute, Hot Docs, Sheffield, ITVS, Women in Film, BAVC and the CPB Producer's Academy among others. In 2013, Ms. Cohn founded Idle Wild Films, Inc., which has released three feature documentaries and produced numerous branded content and commercial spots, including Gatorade's Win from Within series, for which she received a 2016 Webby award nomination. She is an avid photographer and served as a U.S. Ambassadorial Film Scholar to Israel/Palestine.



JILL DASH, ESQ. is Vice President of Strategic Engagement for the American Constitution Society (ACS). She joined ACS in 2008 and oversees its work on several special projects, including judicial nominations and interactions with the judiciary; state courts, money and politics; the Voting Rights Institute and other network engagement on voting; and development of the ACS professional pipeline.

Before joining ACS, Dash was a litigator at Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP in various areas including securities, tort litigation, and civil rights. Previously, she practiced at the Federal Trade Commission Division of Advertising Practices and at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. She currently serves on the board of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

Dash received her J.D. from Duke University School of Law and her B.A. in American Studies magna cum laude with distinction from Cornell University. She clerked for the Hon. Laura Taylor Swain in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.



SENIOR JUDGE MARTHA CRAIG DAUGHTREY became the first woman Assistant U.S. Attorney, and the first female prosecutor in Tennessee. After serving as U.S. Attorney she joined the Davidson County District Attorney's Office. She would later teach full-time for three years at Vanderbilt University, her alma mater, until she was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. There, she became the first woman to sit on a Tennessee court of record. After 15 years on the state's Criminal Court of Appeals, Judge Daughtrey was elected to the Tennessee Supreme Court. Judge Daughtrey continued teaching on Vanderbilt's adjunct faculty until her election to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1990, where she was—once again—the first woman to join the five-judge panel. She was appointed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals by President Bill Clinton in 1993; she assumed senior judge status in 2009.

Judge Daughtrey, who taught criminal procedure, evidence, and family law, made it her mission to mentor the increasing number of women students and developed a Women and the Law course. "In 1973, there were 50 women at Vanderbilt, and Cissy was a mentor to all 50 of us," NAWJ member Judge Aleta Trauger, Class of 1976, who sits on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, recalled. "She helped us start the Women Law Students Association, which still exists, and spurred us on to start the Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women. Despite her important role, she believed and instilled in us that supporting each other did not entail separating ourselves from the mainstream bar."

Until she took senior status in 2009, her work involved a strenuous schedule of travel between Nashville and Cincinnati, Ohio, where the court is headquartered and the oral arguments are held. As a Senior Judge, she still handles a substantial caseload, but she is enjoying the freedom to spend more time with her husband, Larry Daughtrey, a former political columnist for The Tennessean who is retired from a career as one of the most well-respected political reporters in the state; her daughter, Carrie Daughtrey, Class of 1994, an Assistant U.S. Attorney who teaches on Vanderbilt's adjunct law faculty, and her two granddaughters, one of whom is her namesake, nicknamed Mattie.

Judge Daughtrey's served on the faculty of the Appellate Judges Seminar at New York University for almost 30 years, and has been a member of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division for more than 25 years, having served as chair in 1989-90. Her ABA work includes past service as a member of the House of Delegates, the executive committee of the Appellate Judges' Conference, which she chaired in 1985-86, the Board of Editors of the ABA Journal, and the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession. She currently serves on the Council of the ABA's Section on Legal Education, which is the accrediting body for America's law schools. She participated in an ABA-sponsored delegation that consulted with the drafters of the new Romanian constitution in 1991. She has served as president of the National Association of Women Judges (1985-86), a director of the Nashville Bar Association (1988-90), and a board member of the American Judicature Society (1988-92). In 2003, the ABA honored Judge Daughtrey with

the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, among numerous other honors. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School (J.D., 1968, Order of the Coif).



UNA A. DEAN, ESQ. is a distinguished former federal prosecutor and partner in Fried Frank's White Collar Defense, Regulatory Enforcement & Investigations and Cybersecurity Practices. Ms. Dean represents individuals and institutions in critical

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HONORABLE DANA FABE began her third term on the Alaska Supreme Court July 1, 2012, having served two previous terms as Chief Justice, from 2000-2003 and 2006-2009. She retired in June, 2015 after being appointed to the Court in 1996, and serving as the Court's first woman Chief Justice. During both previous terms, she served as second vice-president of the Conference of Chief Justices. She clerked for Justice Edmond W. Burke of the Alaska Supreme Court in 1976-77; served as a staff attorney for the Alaska Public Defender Agency from 1977-81; and served as Chief Public Defender for Alaska from 1981-88 by appointment of the governor. She was a member of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association in 1987-88. She was appointed to the superior court bench in Anchorage in 1988 and was Deputy Presiding Judge of the Third Judicial District from 1992-95, as well as a Training Judge. She currently chairs the Alaska Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, the Alaska Supreme Court Fairness, Diversity, and Equality Committee, and the Alaska Court System's Law Day Steering Committee. She serves on the Advisory Council of the American Judicature Society and is chair of its Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. She was President of the National Association of Women Judges (2009-2010), and founded Success Inside and Out, an NAWJ reentry program for women prisoners, and Mentor Jet, an NAWJ mentoring program for students. She is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. B.A., Cornell University; J.D., Northeastern University School of Law. She is married to Randall Simpson and they have one daughter.



JOCELYN FRYE is a senior fellow at American Progress, where her work focuses on a wide range of women's issues, including work-family balance, pay equity, and women's leadership. Prior to joining American Progress, Ms. Frye served for four years as deputy assistant to the President Barack Obama and director of policy and special projects for First Lady Michelle Obama, where she oversaw the broad issue portfolio of the first lady, with a particular focus on women, families, and engagement with the greater

Washington, D.C., community. Her responsibilities included working on the first lady's two signature initiatives, combating childhood obesity and supporting military families, and managing the young women's component of the White House Leadership and Mentoring Initiative, a program connecting selected local high school students with current and former White House staff as mentors, and providing students with a mix of career exploration, college preparation, and educational opportunities. Before joining the Obama administration, Ms. Frye served as general counsel at the National Partnership for Women and Families, where she concentrated on employment and gender-discrimination issues, with a particular emphasis on equal-employment-enforcement efforts and employment barriers facing women of color and low-income women. During her 15-year tenure at the National Partnership, she testified before Congress and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on federal enforcement of employment-discrimination laws and analyzed the effectiveness of federal equal-employment-enforcement efforts. Prior to her work at the National Partnership, she worked for four years as an associate at Crowell & Moring, a Washington, D.C., law firm, concentrating in the white-collar crime-practice area. Ms. Frye received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from Harvard Law School. She is a proud native of Washington, D.C.



CYNTHIA GRAY has been director of the Center for Judicial Ethics, a national clearinghouse for information about judicial ethics and discipline that is part of the National Center for State Courts, since October, 1990. She summarizes recent cases and advisory opinions, answers requests for information about judicial conduct, writes a weekly blog (at www.ncscjudicialethicsblog.org), writes and edits the *Judicial Conduct Reporter*, and organizes the biennial National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. She has made numerous presentations at judicial education programs and written numerous articles and publications on judicial ethics topics. A 1980 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law, Ms. Gray clerked for Judge Hubert L. Will of the

United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois for two years and was a litigation attorney in two private law firms for eight years.



HONORABLE ROBIN E. HUDSON is a Georgia native, but has lived in North Carolina since her early teens. She 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 either appellate court without having been appointed first. Justice Hudson graduated from Page High School in Greensboro, then 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 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 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 a 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.



DIXIE L. JOHNSON, ESQ. represents businesses and individuals in securities enforcement investigations, and conducts internal investigations for corporate board committees and companies. As a partner in King & Spalding's Special Matters and

Investigations group, Ms. Johnson co-leads its Securities Enforcement and Regulation practice. She appears regularly before the SEC, DOJ, FINRA, PCAOB and other federal and state authorities. Since she joined King & Spalding in early 2014, the government has closed almost two dozen investigations without charging her clients. Ms. Johnson brings to her clients solid judgment and strategic insight from over 30 years of experience in representing public companies, financial institutions, investment managers, broker-dealers, public accounting firms, boards of directors and boards of trustees, law firms, corporate officers and others. She is a Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel and a member of the Lead Director Network, regularly interacting with lead directors, presiding directors, and non-executive board chairs from many of the largest companies in the world. Public companies and regulated entities seek her representation in complex securities-related government investigations. Chambers USA, Legal 500, Benchmark, Who's Who and others all consistently rank Ms. Johnson as a leading lawyer, and Chambers included our practice on the 2017 short list of firms for Securities and Financial Services Regulation. She also served in multiple leadership roles within the American Bar Association, including as Co-Chair of the Fellows Committee, Business Law Section Chair and as Chair of the Federal Regulation of Securities Committee. Before becoming a lawyer, Dixie served for six years as a public school teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico (J.D., Order of the Coif), New Mexico Highlands University (M.B.A., summa cum laude), and Oklahoma Baptist University (B.A., magna cum laude).



HONORABLE TANYA R. KENNEDY is a Supreme Court Justice and former Supervising Judge of Civil Court, New York County. She is also President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). Upon her election to Civil Court in 2005, Justice Kennedy has presided in the Criminal and Civil Courts of the City of New York, as well as the Family and Supreme Courts of the State of New York. Prior to joining the judiciary, Justice Kennedy served as

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Principal Law Clerk to former Associate Justice Barry A. Cozier in the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. She also served as Principal Law Clerk to Justice Cozier in the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County. Justice Kennedy commenced her legal career at the New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel, where she worked in both the Bronx Family Court and Bronx Tort Divisions and was promoted to Deputy Assistant Chief while assigned to the Tort Division. In August 2017, she was appointed Chair of the New York City Bar Association Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, and as an Advisory Board Member of Penn State Law. Justice Kennedy previously served as an Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law for ten years. Her numerous honors include the 2017 Diversity Leadership Award from Penn State Law; the 2015 Alumni of the Year Award from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; the 2014 NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch Outstanding Community Service Award; the 2015 Salarie Kee Activism Award from the Harlem Hospital Center Community Advisory Board; and the 2013 Brooklyn Technical High School Alumni Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award. She received her law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and was elected to Cardozo’s Board of Overseers in June 2017.



ELLYN S. KRAVITZ, ESQ. is a Partner at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP. She concentrates her practice in elder law, special needs planning, estate planning, estate administration, guardianship, and veterans’ benefits. Ms. Kravitz holds the designation of a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA), awarded by the National Elder Law Foundation as accredited by the American Bar Association. She is also accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to present and prosecute claims for veterans’ benefits. Ms. Kravitz is an active member of the New York State Bar Association where she is an active member of both the Elder Law and Special Needs Section and Trusts and Estate Sections. She is member of the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section and

serves as the current Co-Vice Chair of the Guardianship Committee. Previously, she served as co-chair of the Estate and Tax, Legal Education and Health Care Committees. Ms. Kravitz is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Trusts and Estates section and serves as the Chair of its Elderly and Disabled Committee. She previously served as Co-Chair of the Elder Law Committee of the Westchester County Bar Association. She is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and the New York State Chapter of NAELA. She is also a member of the Board of the Estate Planning Council of New York City, Inc. Ms. Kravitz was former co-chair of the Long Island Alzheimer’s Foundation (“LIAF”) Legal Advisory Board. She also serves on the Legal Advisory Committee of the Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program of Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. and on the Benefit Committee of the Kellner Family Pediatric Liver Disease Foundation. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the New England School of Law, and her LL.M. in estate planning from the University of Miami. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.



HONORABLE M. SUE KURITA has been the Presiding Judge of El Paso County Court at Law Number Six since its creation in 1998. On April 12, 2018 Judge Kurita was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to the Judicial Commission on Mental Health. She serves on the Texas Supreme Court’s Grievance Oversight Commission. She is presently serving on the State Bar of Texas standing committee on Administration of Rules of Evidence. Judge Kurita served as Vice-President of the National Association for Women Judges, and is serving as Education Committee Co-Chair for its 2018 Annual Conference. In 2010, the Texas Supreme Court appointed Judge Kurita to the State Commission for Judicial Conduct, where she served as Vice-Chair from 2013-2015. Judge Kurita’s article “Social Media and Judicial Ethics” was published in the *St. Mary’s Law Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics*, Volume 7, Number 2, 2017. Judge Kurita is a Clinical Professor of Business Law at the University of Texas-El Paso; Adjunct Professor

at Park University and Excelsior College. In 2013, Judge Kurita received the Daniel H. Benson Public Service Award from The Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Association. Judge Kurita is committed to furthering legal and judicial education. She is a frequent speaker at seminars including the National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics; Texas Association of Counties; and the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar. Judge Kurita is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso (BA); and Texas Tech University School of Law. Additionally, Judge Kurita is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute completing the Modern Greek Language Course. Judge Kurita is one of the 100 women featured in JoAnne Gordon’s recently published book *100 Happy Women at Work*. Judge Kurita has received the City of El Paso Conquistador Award and was named a Woman Trailblazer by the El Paso Bar Association.



HONORABLE BARBARA M. G. LYNN is United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Judge Lynn assumed the federal bench in 2000. On May 1, 2016, she became the Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas, the first female Chief in Texas. A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Virginia, Judge Lynn graduated first in her class from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1976. She then joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, where she served on the firm’s executive committee from 1983-99. Judge Lynn has chaired the American Bar Association’s Section of Litigation and its Judicial Division. She was designated by the National Law Journal in 1998 as one of the 50 most influential women attorneys in the country. In 2004, she was recognized as Judge of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of ABOTA. Judge Lynn is the Past Chair of the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and is a Fellow and former Committee Chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She is Past President of the Dallas Chapter of the International Women’s Forum. In 2006, she was recognized by the Women and the Law Section

of the State Bar of Texas as the Sarah T. Hughes Woman Lawyer of Achievement. In 2011, a new American Inn of Court chapter in Dallas, dedicated to intellectual property, was chartered and was designated by its founding members as The Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn American Inn of Court. In 2012, Judge Lynn was the recipient of the Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award and the Athena Award of the Dallas Regional Chamber. Judge Lynn is a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Inn of Court Foundation and is a Judicial Advisor to Working Group 10 of the Sedona Conference, on patent litigation. She is one of three patent pilot judges on her court.



HONORABLE MILTON L. MACK, JR. was appointed Michigan State Court Administrator in 2015. Judge Mack previously served as a judge for the Wayne County Probate Court from 1990 to 2015, and as Chief Judge from 1998 to 2015. He is a member of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and was the author of its 2016-2017 policy paper, “Decriminalization of Mental Illness: Fixing a Broken System.” He currently serves as a member of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder’s Mental Health Diversion Council, and in 2004 served on former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm’s Michigan Mental Health Commission. A frequent author and lecturer on probate and mental health issues; he wrote “Involuntary Treatment for the 21st Century” published in the *Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal* in 2008. In 2017, he was awarded the Snyder-Kok Award by the Mental Health Association in Michigan and was named Judge of the Year by the Michigan Guardianship Association and Advocate of the Year by NAMI Michigan. In 2014, he received the Mental Health Champion Award from NAMI Metro. In 2011, he received the Frank J. Kelley Public Service Award from the State Bar of Michigan and was also named one of the 25 Leaders in the Law by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. In 2010, he received the Treat Award for Excellence from the National College of Probate Judges and in 1999 received the Tom Bradley Leadership Award from the National Association of Regional Counsels.

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HONORABLE REBECA C. MARTINEZ is the second of five children born to Antonio F. Martinez, a Vietnam War veteran, and his wife, Manuela, of over 55 years. She has lived in military bases all around the country and moved to Corpus Christi, TX just before her father's retirement. Justice Martinez graduated from Incarnate Word Academy with honors and later earned distinction as a University Scholar at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Justice Martinez received her law degree from Boston University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts and upon graduation was the honored recipient of the Faculty Award. After clerking with a large prestigious Boston law firm, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C., Justice Martinez returned to Texas to serve with U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District Eduardo de Ases, and later for Justice Federico Hinojosa on the Thirteenth Court of Appeals. Justice Martinez's private practice began as associate counsel at Thornton, Summers, Biechlin, Dunham Brown. She provided representation and trial defense to individuals, small businesses, and large corporations. Her practice included every aspect of defending cases involving personal injury, premises and products liability, construction defect, oil and gas, environmental and toxic tort, as well as multi-party class action defense. Justice Martinez then served as Of Counsel to the Law Offices of Ramon Garcia, P.C. in Edinburg, Texas, one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas. As President of her own law practice, she continued to represent individuals and entities involved in multi-party litigation both in state and federal court, including actions involving toxic tort, product defect, premises and property liability claims, and enlarged her practice to include family law and criminal defense. As a member of the State Bar Pro Bono College, the College of the State Bar, the Joseph M. Pritchard Inn, the William S. Session Inns of Court, among others, Justice Martinez has been recognized for her outstanding service to the legal profession and to the public. She is a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the San Antonio Bar Foundation, and has served on the Board of the National Association of Woman Judges, the Curriculum Committee for the Texas Center for the

Judiciary, and the Mexican American Bar Association, to name just a few. She currently lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband David and family.



HONORABLE JUDITH MCCONNELL was appointed to the California 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 2 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.

In 1997, Justice McConnell was elected to the American Law Institute. In addition, Justice McConnell has been on the faculty for numerous educational programs for judges and lawyers on such topics as case management, ethics, juvenile law and civil procedure. She served on the governing board for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research. Justice McConnell received a J.D. degree in 1969 from the University of California, Boalt Hall School of 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.



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Columbia Circuits); and the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of Texas Bars. He is a graduate of Harvard University (J.D., 2005, magna cum laude), and the University of Pennsylvania (B.A., B.S., 1999, summa cum laude).



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HARRIET MIERS, ESQ. is a member of Locke Lord LLP's Litigation and Public Policy sections, and one of the firm's former managing partners. She returned to Locke Lord in May, 2007 after serving in the administration of President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2007 as Staff Secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff For Policy, and Counsel to the President. Prior to joining the White House, Ms. Miers had a distinguished career in her commercial litigation practice, representing a broad range of clients in varied industries. In 1972, after clerking for U.S. District Court Judge Joe E. Estes, Ms. Miers was the

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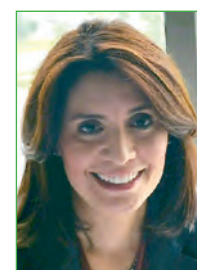
first woman hired at the Locke Purnell Boren Laney & Neely. Eventually, Ms. Miers became the first woman to lead the firm, then known as Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, when she was elected President of the firm in 1996. In 1999, when Locke Purnell merged with Houston-based Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, she became Co-Managing Partner, serving until she left to join the Bush Administration. (In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated Ms. Miers to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States, which nomination was later withdrawn.)

Throughout her career, Ms. Miers has been committed to public service. She has served in many professional and community volunteer positions, and is a strong advocate of pro bono work and the advancement of minorities in the profession. In 1985, Ms. Miers was selected as the first woman President of the Dallas Bar Association. In 1989, Ms. Miers was elected to a two-year term as an at-large member of the Dallas City Council. She then was invited to run for President of the State Bar of Texas, and was elected to serve in 1992 as the first woman President of the State Bar. From 1995 until 2000, appointed by Governor George W. Bush, Ms. Miers served as the Chairwoman of the Texas Lottery Commission. Over the years, Ms. Miers also served in many leadership roles in the American Bar Association, including Chair of the Board of Editors of the American Bar Journal and the Texas State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. She currently serves as a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs. Ms. Miers also serves as a Commissioner of the Texas Access to Justice Commission and Chair of its Legislative Committee, and Co-Chair of the Legal Services Corporation Leaders Council, a group of high-profile and influential leaders from various industries across the country formed to help raise public awareness of the need to increase resources to provide legal aid for the poor. Ms. Miers was chosen for induction into the prestigious Texas Legal Legends, the highest award bestowed by the State Bar of Texas. In 2005, Ms. Miers received the Sandra Day O'Connor award from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Ms. Miers holds a B.S. from Southern Methodist University (1967), and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law (1970). She is admitted to the Texas and District of Columbia' Bars.



HONORABLE ORLINDA NARANJO has served as judge of the 419th District Court in Austin, Travis County since December 27, 2006. Prior to her election to the district court, Judge Naranjo served as judge of the Travis County Court at Law No. 2 from 1995 until

December 31, 2006. She received a B.S. degree in Biology from New Mexico Highlands University in 1977, and earned her law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1985. She is licensed to practice law in New Mexico (1985) and Texas (1988). From 1985 until her election to the bench in 1994, Judge Naranjo worked in the litigation departments of Butt Thornton & Baehr, P.C. (Albuquerque, NM), and the City of Austin and the Austin firm of Small, Craig & Werkenthin, P.C. Judge Naranjo served as a Commissioner on the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct from 2013-2018 (investigates allegations of judicial misconduct or disability, and disciplines judges); Texas Judicial Council from 2000-2013 (policy making body for the Judiciary); Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee; a member of the Texas Indigent Task Force from 2002 to 2008. Other organizations; National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts; District Director for the National Association of Women Judges; Chair of the State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Jury Service; Master and former President of the Robert Calvert Chapter (Austin) of the American Inns of Court 1993-present (President 1998 and 2013); Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, 1992-Present; The Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, 1994-1997; Hispanic National Bar Association; Hispanic Bar Association of Austin; Travis County Bar Association; Travis County Women Lawyers Association; and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Judge Naranjo is actively involved in the Austin legal and non-legal community and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her leadership and public service, including 2016 Austin Bar Association/Foundation David Walter Community Excellence Award, and the 2007 New Mexico Highlands University "Distinguished Alum". She is married to James Ewbank, a law partner with Cokinos and Young, LLC, has two daughters Alena and McLean, and twin granddaughters, Simone and Adrienne. She is co-chair of this 2018 NAWJ Annual Conference.



SHARON A. NAVARRO, PH.D. was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. After receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas at El Paso, she went on to receive her master's and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin at

Madison. She is Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is an expert consultant on Latinas in American politics and authored several books and articles on the subject. Her most recent publications include Race, Gender, Sexuality, and the Politics of the American Judiciary (2018) Latinas in American Politics (2016), Latino Urban Agency (2013), co-authored Politicas: Latina Public Officials in Texas (2008), and authored Latina Legislator: Leticia Van De Putte and the Road to Leadership (2008).



KIMBERLY PAPILLON, ESQ is a nationally recognized expert on medical, legal and judicial decision-making. She has served as regular faculty at the National Judicial College since 2005. She has delivered over 100 lectures nationally and internationally on the implications of neuroscience, psychology and implicit association in the analysis of decision-making in the fields of business, medicine, education and the law. She has lectured to medical students and faculty, as well as physicians nationwide and in Australia on the neuroscience of decision-making in differential diagnosis and treatment. She has been appointed to the Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence's "think tank" for physician education. She has provided presentations to the judges of the High Court of New Zealand, the National Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, the D.C. Court of Appeals, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and numerous other national judicial organizations. She has been appointed to the National Center for State Courts, National Training Team on Implicit Bias a "think tank" for national judicial education. She has produced documentaries on neuroscience and

judicial decision-making which have received national recognition. She is a member of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society. Her most recent academic article on neuroscience and decision-making was published in *Court Review*, the peer-reviewed journal of the American Judges Association. Ms. Papillon is an attorney who previously served as California's Statewide Fairness Education Project Manager and Senior Education Specialist for the California Judicial Council's Administrative Office of the Courts. Prior to that she worked as an attorney in large law firms representing Fortune 500 Companies, government entities and tech start-ups. Ms. Papillon holds a B.A. degree from U.C. Berkeley, and a J.D. degree from Columbia University School of Law.



HONORABLE BARBARA PARIENTE has been a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida for 20 years and served as the Chief Justice from 2004-2006. She graduated at the top of her class from the George Washington University Law School. Her legal

career began with a two year federal district court clerkship. From 1975-1993 she specialized in civil litigation. In September 1993, Justice Pariente was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal, where she served until her appointment to the state's highest court. After an organized attack in 2012 against Justice Pariente and two of her colleagues up for merit retention, Justice Pariente became co-chair of NAWJ's Judicial Independence Committee which oversees the Informed Voters Project, a non-partisan voter education project designed to educate voters about the importance of a fair and impartial judiciary. Justice Pariente is the 2017 recipient of the Sandra Day O'Connor Judicial Independence Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers. Her most recent publication is an article she co-authored in the University of Florida Law Review, "A New Era for Judicial Retention Elections: The Rise of and Defense Against Unfair Political Attacks." Justice Pariente is married to the Honorable Frederick A. Hazouri, who retired as a judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal and now serves as a mediator. She is the proud mother of 3 children and 11 grandchildren.

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MARJORIE J. PEARCE, ESQ. is a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP. She serves as Co-Managing Partner of the firm's New York office and is a founding leader of the firm's Virtual Currency team. She is a litigator, with a practice focus on white collar criminal defense,

virtual currency, regulatory matters, and complex civil litigation. In her more than 30 years of practice, she has handled matters across the criminal and regulatory spectrum. Ballard Spahr's Virtual Currency team is composed of lawyers from nearly every practice area in the firm, and aids clients in myriad matters related to virtual currency and the blockchain, including matters related to initial coin offerings, developing and implementing new products, navigating the complicated maze of government regulation and enforcement, advising on issues related to blockchain technology, and protecting both the data and the consumers who use it. She is a board member of the Digital Currency & Ledger Defense Coalition and is a frequent speaker and writer on virtual currency and blockchain issues. Ms. Pearce has been admitted to the District of Columbia, New York, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Bars. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center (J.D. 1983, cum laude; Managing Editor, *Tax Lawyer*), and Tufts University (B.A. 1980, magna cum laude).



RICHARD JAMES PIERCE, JR. is Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law at George Washington University. He has taught and researched in the fields of administrative law and regulatory practice for 40 years. He has published 125 scholarly articles and 20 books on

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Supreme Court. He is a Senior Fellow at the Administrative Conference of the United States. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1972, Order of the Coif), and Lehigh University (B.S., economics).



ANNETTE BOYD PITTS is National Education Chair of NAWJ's Informed Voters- Fair Judges Project, and Executive Director of the Florida Law Related Education Association. 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. Presently, she is assisting in the design and scripting of new animations to educate the public about the courts, judicial selection, and judicial decision-making. She resides in Tallahassee, Florida and can be reached at staff@flrea.org.



DAN RATHER joined CBS News in 1962. He quickly rose through the ranks, and in 1981 he assumed the position of Anchor and Managing Editor of the CBS Evening News, a post he held for 24 years. His reporting across the network helped turn 60 Minutes into an institution, launched 48 Hours as an

innovative news magazine program, and shaped countless specials and documentaries. Upon leaving CBS, Mr. Rather returned to the in-depth reporting he always loved, creating the Emmy Award-winning Dan Rather Reports on HDNet. Now, building upon that foundation, he is president and CEO of News and Guts, an independent production company he founded that specializes in high-quality non-fiction content across a range of traditional and digital distribution channels.



HONORABLE VANESSA RUIZ was installed as the President of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) at its 14th International Biennial Conference in Buenos Aires Argentina on May 5, 2018. Judge Ruiz is a past president of the US National

Association of Women Judges (2005-2006), and former chair of the IAWJ's Board of Managerial Trustees. She is also Senior Judge for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and the first and only Hispanic to serve on the Court. She was appointed to the Court by President William Jefferson Clinton in 1994. Judge Ruiz was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975. Following law school, Judge Ruiz was in private practice, beginning her career at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in Washington, D.C., where she worked on international commercial and intellectual property transactions and arbitration. She then became Senior Counsel to Sears World Trade, Inc. Judge Ruiz was a founding member of Sloan, Lehner & Ruiz, a firm specializing in litigation and international matters, which later merged into the firm of Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz, where she became partner. In 1991, Judge Ruiz entered the Office of Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia (now Office of the Attorney General) as Deputy for the Legal Counsel Division. She became Principal Deputy in 1993, and Corporation Counsel in 1994. At the court, Judge Ruiz chairs the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct and is a member of the Access to Justice Commission. Judge Ruiz participates in a number of local, national and international legal

organizations. Judge Ruiz has served on the Executive Committee of the Council for Court Excellence and the D.C. Bar's Pro Bono Programs Committee. As a member of the National Hispanic Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association of D.C., Judge Ruiz mentors Latino law students, speaks to law students about judicial clerkships, and participates in programs designed to educate the Hispanic community about the judicial system. She is a member of the American Law Institute.

Judge Ruiz has taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and is co-author of *Europe Without Frontiers: A Lawyers' Guide* (BNA 1989). Judge Ruiz is married to David E. Birenbaum, a retired partner of Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson and former US Ambassador to the UN for Management and Reform. They have two children and two stepchildren.



HONORABLE REBECCA RUTHERFORD was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas on January 26, 2018. Judge Rutherford is a native Texan, born in San Antonio and raised in

Lubbock. She graduated from Southern Methodist University (SMU), in Dallas, earning a B.A. in History, summa cum laude, with Honors in the Liberal Arts. Judge Rutherford is certified by the state of Texas to teach English, Reading, and History, and she taught middle school Language Arts before going to law school. Judge Rutherford attended SMU School of Law, where she was a member of the Barristers, an Articles Editor for the SMU Law Review Association, and a student attorney in the SMU Civil Clinic. Judge Rutherford graduated second in her class, magna cum laude, and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Following law school, Judge Rutherford clerked for the Honorable A. Joe Fish, United States District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and then joined Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas. As an Associate in the Real Estate Section at Thompson & Knight, she represented individual and institutional clients in various real estate transactions and real estate related litigation matters. Judge Rutherford returned

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to the Northern District of Texas court family in 2004, and worked as a judicial law clerk to several judges in the Northern District, including the Honorable Chief Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn and Magistrate Judges Paul Stickney and Jeff Kaplan. Judge Rutherford was twice recognized as the District Chambers Staff Person of the Year, in 2013 and 2017. Judge Rutherford is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar College, the Federal Bar Association, the Dallas Bar Association, and the Dallas Women's Lawyers Association. She is a Dallas Bar Foundation Fellow. She has been an Associate and a Barrister in the Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court and is a current Barrister in the Barbara M.G. Lynn American Inn of Court. She has published numerous articles and is a frequent presenter at CLE events and bench bar conferences.



HONORABLE LISETTE SHIRDAN-HARRIS was elected to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in November 2005 and retained for a second term in 2015. She has served in all three divisions of the court: Domestic Relations branch of the Family Division; Major Felony branch of the Criminal Trial Division; and currently is a Team Leader in the Complex Litigation Section, Non-jury and Arbitration Appeal branch of the Civil Trial Division. She is a frequent speaker and panelist for continuing legal education for lawyers and judges and at community programs. Judge Shirdan-Harris was appointed Co-Chair of the First Judicial District's Judicial Education Committee and appointed to the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges' Education Committee. She is the International Director of the National Association of Women Judges and serves on the board of the International Association of Women Judges as one of two North American delegates. She is a former chair of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter and is an active member of several civic and professional organizations. Before taking the bench, she maintained a private practice concentrating in representing entertainment industry clients and non-profits and served as Legal Counsel and Administrator for a multi-employer benefit fund,

Laborers' District Council Prepaid Legal Fund. Judge Shirdan-Harris is a Philadelphia native who attended Oakwood College and Temple University and earned her law degree at Loyola University of Chicago. She travels the globe in her spare time, both professionally and personally, and has completed the International Judicial Academy, Sir Richard May Seminar on International Law and International Courts in The Hague, Netherlands; Loyola University of Chicago School of Law's London Comparative Advocacy Program in England; was an NGO attendee at the Second Annual International Conference on Racial and Gender Equality in Geneva, Switzerland and traveled with the National Bar Association on a legal exchange in the Kingdom of Morocco.



LAURA TAMEZ, ESQ. is a shareholder with the Herrera Law Firm, where she practices civil litigation including cases relating to construction injury and oil rig litigation, medical malpractice and trucking accidents. She dedicates much of her practice to representing injured workers and their families. She served as first chair and lead counsel in a construction site amputation injury case where a Bexar County jury awarded the Plaintiff \$2.8 million. She was recently involved in a medical malpractice case as lead counsel resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement. She was one of the lead litigators in a construction defect case resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement for 65 families. Ms. Tamez is Past President of the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association, and the first woman recipient of its prestigious San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association Pat Maloney, Sr. Courage Award. She has testified before the Texas Senate State Affairs Committee, House Insurance and Industry Committee and the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee on behalf of TTLA. She attended Texas A&M University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She then received her J.D. at St. Mary's University School of Law. Ms. Tamez was born in Brownsville, Texas. Ms. Tamez is co-chair of NAWJ's 40th Annual Conference here in San Antonio.



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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE, MILITARY AND
SPECIALIZED COURTS**

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

BANKRUPTCY CARD AND HOW TO PLAY IT

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

BAR TO THE BENCH

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

COLOR OF JUSTICE PROGRAM

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

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

INFORMED VOTERS-FAIR JUDGES PROJECT

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

MENTORJET

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

THE STORYBOOK PROJECT

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

SUCCESS INSIDE AND OUT

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

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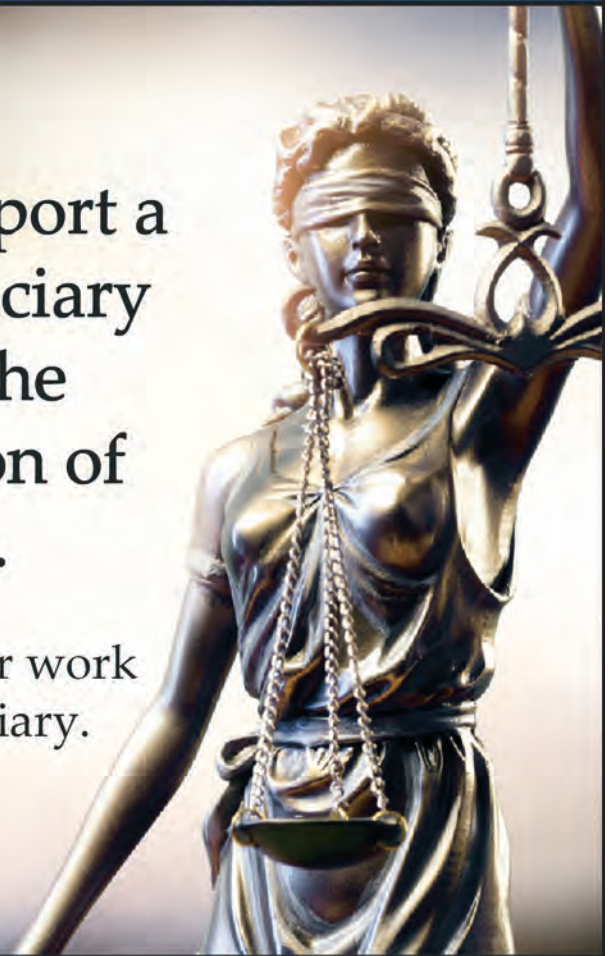
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