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Speakers and Panelists include:



Judge Ann Breen-Greco

Independent Administrative Judicial Professional
Chicago, Illinois
(NAWJ Human Trafficking Committee Co-Chair)

Judge Elizabeth R. Finn

former Presiding Judge Glendale City Court
Judge Pro Tempore, El Mirage City Court
(Moderator)



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Speaker/Panelist Bios



Judge Ann Breen-Greco
Independent Administrative Judicial Professional
Chicago, Illinois
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Judge Breen-Greco is a Past Chair of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division and past Commissioner of the ABA's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence. She is currently the liaison from the Judicial Division to the Commission on Women in the Profession. She is a past Chair of the ABA Judicial Division's National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary (NCALJ), and a past co-chair of the Judicial Division's Outreach Network Committee. Judge Breen-Greco is currently the National Association of Women Judges' District 8 Director and an NAWJ past Vice President of Districts. She also serves as co-chair of the NAWJ's Human Trafficking Committee.

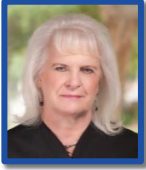
She has also served as Chair of the Illinois State Bar Association's (ISBA) Administrative Law Section and the ISBA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, the Illinois Association of Administrative Law Judges (IAALJ), and is a past board member of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges (NAALJ).

Judge Breen-Greco has organized a number of conferences for administrative law judges and has been a faculty member at seminars for administrative law judges. She also developed the first Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program in Illinois for Administrative Law Judges, which was sponsored by IAALJ. Most recently she developed several CLE programs on police/community relations. She is also a certified restorative justice facilitator/peacemaker for peace circles. She has organized a number of seminars on human trafficking and violence against women. She was a presenter on "Human Trafficking in Persons", to the Mid-East and North Africa Judges (MENA) for the International Association of Women Judges.

As an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association's Women and the Law Committee she developed a number of programs on transgender rights. As the parent of a transgender son she advocates on behalf of transgender youth.

Judge Breen-Greco is the recipient of a number of awards and recognition. She is actively involved in mentoring law students at her alma mater, Chicago Kent College of Law, and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. She has for a number of years worked with the ABA's Judicial Clerkship Program and the ABA's Law School Student Committee, as well as serving as a judge in numerous ABA and Law School mediation/negotiation competitions for law students. She is an active member of the Judicial Division's Standing Committee on Diversity in the Profession and has been involved as a presenting Judge in the SCDJ's mid year and annual outreach program to elementary and high schools throughout the country. She has also been a presenter for the Judicial Division's annual outreach program in local Chicago elementary and high schools.

Judge Breen-Greco obtained her J.D. from Chicago Kent College of Law.



Judge Elizabeth R. Finn
El Mirage City Court, Judge Pro Tempore
El Mirage, Arizona
(Moderator)

The Honorable Elizabeth R. Finn is the former Presiding Judge for Glendale City Court in Arizona. She has spearheaded the development of specialized courts such as Domestic Violence Treatment Court, DUI Review Court, DV Supervised Probation Court and a Mental Health Court. She also served as a pilot with another city to conduct competency examinations at the city court level as opposed to those cases being transferred to general jurisdiction court. Based on the success of the program, the Supreme Court had a state law passed that allowed all counties to delegate this authority to limited jurisdiction courts. She has written most of Arizona's domestic violence laws, designed the protective order forms and created the first Benchbook for protective orders and was a member of the Supreme Court Committee elevating the Benchbook to Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure. For the new Arizona system for protective orders called AZPoint, her Court spearheaded this project for the entire state applicable to every court and every law enforcement agency in the state. At 40 years of service, she is the longest sitting judge in Arizona. Judge Finn is a Past Chair of the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges currently serving as a member of the Executive Committee. She currently serves as the Editor for the Conference for the Judicial Record, is a member of the Standing Committee on Diversity in the Judiciary, member of the Judicial Division's Professionalism and Ethics Committee as well as the Technology Committee.

She serves on two Arizona Supreme Court Committees by virtue of being appointed by the Chief Justice: Limited Jurisdiction Committee and the Mental Health Committee. Judge Finn currently serves as the Chair of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court Governing Council consisting of 50 city and justice of the peace courts.



Summer Stephan
San Diego County District Attorney
San Diego, California
(NAWJ Human Trafficking Committee Co-Chair)

District Attorney Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families, providing justice to the most vulnerable, and is a national leader in the fight against human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Summer is focused on advancing public safety through fair and equal justice, bringing solutions to complex issues with a unique data-driven, commonsense approach that works to address the root causes of certain crimes driven by mental illness and addiction. As District Attorney, she leads the second-largest DA's Office in California, managing a professional staff of 1,000 employees, serving as the People's Prosecutor for San Diego County and its more than three million residents. Summer leverages her extensive courtroom, management and leadership experience to set clear public safety priorities in collaboration with law enforcement and the community, keeping San Diego County one of the safest urban regions in the United States.

Summer rose through the ranks to become the elected District Attorney. As a trial prosecutor, she tried more than 100 jury trials, including cases of complex homicides, sexually-violent predators, child molestation, sexual assaults, school shooting, and human trafficking-related cases. She served as Chief of the DA's North County Branch and Chief of the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, a special victims unit she pioneered. In June of 2018, San Diego County voters overwhelmingly elected Summer as District Attorney.

DA Stephan holds leadership positions in public safety on the national, state and local levels, which includes serving as a vice-president of the National District Attorneys Association, co-chair of the California District

Attorneys Association Human Trafficking committee, and the National Association of Women Judges Human Trafficking committee. Summer served on the Governor's Task Force for High-Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually-Violent Predators. She spearheaded the innovative "Know the Price" campaign, which focused on reducing sexual assaults on college campuses. She also led the award-winning "The Ugly Truth" human trafficking awareness campaign as well as the "San Diego Opioid Project," aimed at reducing opioid overdoses. Summer led a coordinated effort to protect the community from targeted mass violence with a School Threats Task Force that implemented a unified protocol with all 42 school districts in San Diego County. In addition, she began an effective Veterans Treatment model in North County inspired by a heroic Marine Corps veteran.

Summer is the recipient of numerous local, state and federal awards, including an FBI commendation for organized crime prosecution, outstanding achievement award from the Deputy District Attorneys Association for the complex prosecution for the rape and murder of an elderly woman. She was named an "Angel of Anti-Human Trafficking" and a "Modern Day Abolitionist." She was selected as the 2017 *Southern California District Attorney of the Year* by Crime Victims United, was awarded the *Pathbreaker Award* by Shared Hope International, and received the 2019 *Humane Award* for her work in fighting animal cruelty.

Summer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.



Judge Bobbie J. McCartney
Judicial Officer
Office of the Secretary, USDA

Chief Judge Bobbie J. McCartney joined the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Administrative Law Judges (USDA OALJ) in April of 2016 and conducts rulemaking and adjudicatory hearings throughout the country in proceedings that are subject to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. § 551, et seq. under approximately 50 statutes administered by USDA agencies which require APA hearings.

Prior to joining the USDA, Judge McCartney served as the Deputy Chief Judge with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) where she adjudicated some of the most complex cases referred to the FERC for hearing under the Federal Power Act, the Natural Gas Act, the Interstate Commerce Act and the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Prior to joining FERC, Judge McCartney served as the Deputy Chief Judge of the Office of Hearings and Appeals for the Social Security Administration (SSA) where she shared full responsibilities with the Chief Administrative Law Judge for managing its nationwide operation of over 1100 ALJ's in 140 Hearing Offices throughout the United States. Prior to her appointment to that position, Judge McCartney served as the Hearing Office Chief Judge of the Billings, Montana Hearing Office and later as the Hearing Office Chief Judge of the New Orleans, LA Hearing Office.

Judge McCartney also has extensive and diverse litigation experience having served as a senior trial attorney with the United States Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor's Regional Office in Dallas, Texas for almost 15 years where she received numerous Exceptional Achievement Awards for her work. In addition, she served in that office as the Counsel for Employment Standards Administration, a supervisory trial attorney position, before becoming a United States Administrative Law Judge in 1994.

Judge McCartney obtained her BA from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, her JD from the University of Houston and her LLM from Southern Methodist University. She has also attended classes at the Universities of Oxford and London. She is a member of the Texas and Colorado Bars and has been admitted to practice before numerous state and federal courts as well as the United States Supreme Court.



Judge Chris Ann Kelley
Acting Supreme Court Justice
Criminal Term, Felony Sex Offense Part
Suffolk County, New York

Judge Chris Ann Kelley was appointed to the Court of Claims by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo in June 2018 and presently serves as an Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court assigned to the Suffolk County Court Felony Sex Offense Part. Chris was first elected a Suffolk County District Court Judge in 2007 and was re-elected in 2013. During her tenure as a District Court Judge and Acting County Court Judge, Judge Kelley served in a Criminal Court Trial Part, the Domestic Violence Part, and the dedicated Driving While Intoxicated Part. After her appointment to the Court of Claims, Judge Kelley sat in Suffolk County Family Court for two years handling a myriad of cases involving children and families.

Judge Kelley began her legal career in 1985 as an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County, working in the District Court Bureau, Grand Jury Bureau, Family Crime Bureau and East End Bureau. After leaving the District Attorney's Office, she worked in private practice for 14 years as a sole practitioner, handling civil and criminal litigation and representing parents and children in Family Court proceedings. Judge Kelley also represented indigent adults in Criminal Court and Family Court as a member of the Assigned Counsel Defender Plan. Between 2002 and 2007, Judge Kelley served as a Court Attorney-Referee in the Suffolk County Supreme Court Integrated Domestic Violence Part and in the Suffolk County Family Court.

Judge Kelley graduated cum laude with a B.A. in English literature from SUNY Stony Brook (1981) and earned her J.D. degree from Western New England College School of Law (1984). Judge Kelley also attended the Institute on International and Comparative Law in Dublin, Ireland in the summer of 1984, studying International Human Rights. She is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association where she presently serves on the County Court Committee, Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee and the LGBTQ Law Committee, which she founded and co-chaired during the first three years of its existence. Judge Kelley will serve as a Director of the Suffolk County Bar Association from 2021 until 2025. Judge Kelley is also a member of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association, the Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and she is a member and former co-chair of the Suffolk County Women in the Court's Committee. Currently, Chris is co-chair of the Women in the Court's Committee Human Trafficking Subcommittee. Judge Kelley is also a member of the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges and a member of the National Association of Women Judges, serving on the LGBTQ Committee and Human Trafficking Committee. Judge Kelley is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Touro Law Center where she has taught a course in "Selected Topics in Criminal Justice."

Chris resides in Port Jefferson with her wife, two children and rescue dog, Lily.



Jessica O'Connor
Assistant State Attorney
Deputy Chief, Special Victims Unit
State Attorney's Office, 13th Judicial Circuit
Hillsborough County, Florida

Jessica O'Connor graduated from Stetson University College of Law in 2009. Prior to law school she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology with a minor in Sociology from the University of Florida. After graduating from law school, Jessica was hired as an Assistant State Attorney for the 13th Judicial Circuit in October of 2009. During her tenure with the SAO, she has been assigned to several divisions to include juvenile, drug, felony line, and economic crimes. Since November of 2016 Jessica has been assigned to the Special Victims Unit and was promoted to Deputy Chief of the unit in March of 2019. As a prosecutor in the Special Victims Unit, Jessica has prosecuted sex crimes involving adults and children, child abuse, child neglect, child homicide, and Human Trafficking.



Carmen G. Kcomt
HT & DV Programs Director
La Maestra Community Health Centers
San Diego, California

Carmen Kcomt served in the judicial power of Peru for 10 years as a family and Juvenile Judge. She's also a foreign attorney, has worked for the United Nations, been a professor for two leading Peruvian universities, a guest lecturer at USD, a member of the American Bar Association, and she is an author, having written more than 90 articles and co-authored two textbooks on domestic violence and children's human rights.

She's the past delegate representing California and Honorary member before the Refugee Congress and a member of the Victim Advisory board with the District Attorney's Office of San Diego.

She has received many accolades, of which some notable ones are: Local Hero of Hispanic Heritage award by KPBS National Broadcast, Distinguished Citizen award by The San Diego County Bar Association, The Manual Wiley Award by San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program for her work helping the poor, and the Social Empowerment Award by the University of California San Diego.

Presently, Ms. Kcomt is the director of Victim Assistance, Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence programs with La Maestra Community Health Centers and manages the largest international human trafficking program in San Diego, California.