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Division Chief Formaker joined the faculty of the National Judicial College in 2010. She has served as a moderator and speaker on numerous panels for OAH and bar organizations on subjects ranging from judicial ethics to gender equality in the legal profession. Division Chief Formaker has served for many years on the Board of Governors of California Women Lawyers and on the Board of Governors of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Administrative Judiciary Committee of the National Association of Women Judges. Division Chief Formaker was a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Bioethics Committee. She was named a Woman of Achievement by California Women Lawyers and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

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