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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

As the 36th President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 Midyear Meeting and Leadership Conference, and the Inaugural Lady Justice Awards Gala. NAWJ, founded in 1979, is the Nation's leading voice for women in the judiciary. Our theme this year is 'Honoring our Past-Pressing Toward the Future for Access, Fairness, and Diversity.'

The beautiful setting of Beverly Hills, California provides the perfect location for the dynamic energy of our members and friends, as we gather to take up the issues of the day, to reconnect, build relationships, and to recognize the pioneering and impactful achievements of our heroes. This Midyear Conference is inspired by the strength and tradition of service of those who have paved the way for our future.

The Gala Reception and Dinner personifies the spirit of celebrating and uplifting outstanding professionals who promote justice, and for the first time NAWJ will honor a selection of exceptional individuals, with the NAWJ Lady Justice Award. Congratulations to all of our honorees: Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Retired), United States Supreme Court; Justice Joan Dempsey Klein (Retired), California Court of Appeal; Justice Vaino Hassan Spencer (posthumously), California Court of Appeal; Senior Judge Dorothy W. Nelson, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; Jackie Lacey, Los Angeles County District Attorney; Janet Langhart Cohen, Emmy-Nominated journalist and playwright; Nina Shaw, Esq., entertainment attorney and activist, and Sharon Stone, actress and activist.

After NAWJ business, law students will join us to "Meet the Judges," and the gathering will officially open with a lovely Welcome Reception, featuring new judges and first-time attendees. Our Chief Justice of the State of California, Hon. Tani Cantil-Sakauye will provide words of inspiration, followed by greetings from the Hon. Virginia Phillips, Chief Judge of U.S. District Court's Central District. Attorney Pamela Samuels Young is featured as the luncheon speaker. Our educational sessions include leading thinkers on the topics of elder drug safety, entertainment, the media's intersection with the Internet age, and diversity in the entertainment industry. Our fabulous Gala Reception begins with a red carpet entrance, where we will proudly honor California Law School Deans, before the rest of our magical evening begins.

NAWJ is extremely grateful for the generous support of our sponsors and our Resource Board members. Without your commitment and care, this special occasion would not have been possible. Thank you to the Friends Committee, the Midyear Planning Committee, and NAWJ staff for your hard work and support. I also extend many thanks to the NAWJ 2016-2017 Board for your tireless efforts in furtherance of the NAWJ mission of access, fairness and diversity.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as President of this outstanding organization. Your overwhelming devotion to NAWJ inspires me every single day.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Diana Becton".

HONORABLE DIANA BECTON
Contra Costa Superior Court
President, National Association of Women Judges

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

7:30 am - 6:30 pm	REGISTRATION	Lobby/Wilshire Wall
8:30 am - 12:00 pm	NAWJ Strategic Planning Committee Meeting	Whittier Room
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	NAWJ 2016-17 Board of Directors Meeting	Whittier Room
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	NAWJ 2016-17 District Directors Meeting	Whittier Room
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	NAWJ Resource Board Meeting	Palm Room
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Meet the Judges	Presidential Suite
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION	Aqua Star Pool
	Featuring New Judges and First-Time Attendees	
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	DINE-AROUND	

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

7:30 am - 8:00 pm	REGISTRATION	Lobby/Wilshire Wall
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Buffet Breakfast Provided	Wilshire Ballroom
8:30 am - 8:45 am	WELCOME ADDRESS by HON. VIRGINIA PHILLIPS Chief Judge, United States District Court, Central District of California	Wilshire Ballroom
8:45 am - 10:15 am	DRUG SAFETY AND THE AGING POPULATION: NAVIGATING MEDICATION USE Moderator: Presiding Judge Patricia Banks (Retired) Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois Panelists: • Steven Castle, MD , UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine • Virginia Herold , CEO, California Board of Pharmacy • Professor Bradley R. Williams, PharmD, BCGP , University of Southern California, School of Gerontology	Wilshire Ballroom
10:30 am-12:00 pm	HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD – PART 1 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA IN THE INTERNET AGE This panel will explore the evolution and delivery of media content. In addition, the panelists will discuss whether the law has kept up with these technological changes. Finally, the panel will offer opinions about what to expect in the future from the media and how we can anticipate receiving media content. Moderator: Judge Beverly Reid O'Connell , United States District Court, Central District of California Panelists: • Miriam Hernandez , ABC7 Eyewitness News • Elaine Paul , Chief Financial Officer, Hulu • Ben Sheffner , SVP and Associate General Counsel, Copyright & Legal Affairs, Motion Picture Association of America	Wilshire Ballroom

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY CONTINUED

12:25 pm - 1:45 pm	KEYNOTE LUNCHEON Speaker: PAMELA SAMUELS YOUNG, ESQ. Attorney, Author and Anti-trafficking Advocate Greetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presiding Judge Daniel Buckley, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles• Assistant Presiding Judge Kevin Clement Brazile, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles• Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles	Wilshire Ballroom
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Signing by Pamela Samuels Young, Esq.	Lobby, Wilshire Ballroom
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD - THE SEQUEL DIVERSITY AND THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY Panelists will discuss the issue of diversity in the entertainment industry. They will discuss how movies and television shows are developed and marketed. They will also discuss what audiences want to see and the business implications regarding diversity. Finally, they will discuss “pipeline” issues and what we can expect to see in the future. Moderator: Judge Samantha P. Jessner Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Franklin Leonard, Creator, The Black List• Christopher Mack, Senior Vice President, Warner Brothers Television Workshop• Professor Stacy L. Smith, USC Annenberg School of Communications and Journalism• Courtenay Valenti, Co-President of Production, Warner Brothers Studios	
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	RED CARPET ARRIVAL	Outside the Wilshire Garden
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	GALA RECEPTION HONORING LAW SCHOOL DEANS Dean Jackie Gardina , Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law Dean Andrew T. Guzman , University of Southern California Gould School of Law. Dean Eric Halvorson , Trinity Law School Dean Judith McKelvey (posthumous), Golden Gate University School of Law Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin , UCLA School of Law Hon. Dorothy W. Nelson , Former Dean, University of Southern California Gould School of Law Dean Susan Westerfield Prager , Southwestern Law School Dean Deanell Reece Tacha , Pepperdine University School of Law, former Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Dean Rachel Van Cleave , Golden Gate University School of Law Dean Michael Waterstone , Loyola Law School Dean and President Mitchel L. Winick , Monterey-San Luis Obispo-Kern County Colleges of Law <i>Special recognition for Professor of Law Suzanne B. Goldberg, Executive Vice President, Office for University Life, Columbia University.</i>	
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	NAWJ LADY JUSTICE AWARDS GALA (See page 22 for dinner program details)	Wilshire Ballroom

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HONORABLE PATRICIA BANKS is former Presiding Judge of the Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, the first and only Division of its kind in the country. Prior to that assignment, Judge Banks served as a Trial Judge in the Domestic Relations and Law Divisions. She was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in March



1994. Before her career on the bench, she practiced extensively in the areas of probate and family law. As a young attorney, Judge Banks was a staff attorney with Sears, Roebuck & Company specializing in advertisement and employment law; staff attorney with the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities; and the United States Department of Labor. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has several certifications in mediation, including advanced training in Adult Guardianship and Eldercare mediation. Judge Banks is Chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging, and serves on the Advisory Board of Concordia University Chicago, Center for Gerontology. Judge Banks is the author of "Legal Access for Elders: A Workable Court Model in Cook County, Illinois," published in ABA Commission on Law and Aging's Bifocal (2016); she is the co-editor of the ABA Experience Magazine's "Courts and the Elderly" (Spring 2014) and co-authored "Elder Protection Courts: Judicial Perspective, Holistic Approach" (Spring 2014); she authored "A New Age and a New Court for Older Litigants" published in American Bar Association's (ABA) Experience Magazine (2012) and "Birth of the Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division, Circuit Court of Cook County" published in NAELA News (2014).

HONORABLE DIANA BECTON is a Superior Court Judge in Contra Costa County, assigned to a Felony Trial Department. Judge Becton was appointed to the bench in 1995, and has served in numerous leadership roles including, Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge, Supervisor Civil Fast Track, Supervisor Felony Criminal Calendar, Supervisor Richmond Branch



Court, and Presiding Judge of the former Richmond Municipal Court.

Judge Becton is President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) for 2016-17. For 38 years, NAWJ has served as the nation's leading voice for jurist dedicated to ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women and other historically disfavored groups. She previously served as NAWJ President-Elect, Vice President of Publications, Secretary and District 14 Director. Judge Becton is a member of the National Bar Association Judicial Council, and currently serves on the Executive Board as Treasurer.

Judge Becton is a member of the Bethlehem Missionary Church in Richmond where she teaches and preaches. She is on the Ministers Team, leads the Women's Retreat, is Co-Leader for the Sick & Shut in Ministry, and is an usher. Judge Becton serves as faculty, for the Leadership Institute of Allen Temple Baptist Church, teaching Theology and Black Theology

Judge Becton is a native Californian. She attended Oakland Public Schools, graduating from Castlemont High. Most recently, Judge Becton earned a Masters of Theological Studies at Pacific School of Religion (2015), and the Certificate of Theological Studies (2014). She attended law school at night while raising two young sons, and working for the City of Richmond, supervising the Housing Finance Division. In private practice, she specialized in real estate, business and landlord tenant law, at a law firm in Point Richmond where she became a partner, and thereafter she started a solo law practice in Richmond, California.

She is Co-Chair of the Contra Costa Superior Court Diversity Committee that developed a Judicial Mentoring Program, matching judges and lawyers who are interested in seeking a judgeship.

She was appointed to The State Bar Council on Access and Fairness Committee, and is Vice Chair. In 2008, the Chief Justice, appointed her to the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions, and in 2007 to the Judicial Council Access and Fairness Advisory Committee (re-appointed 2010; 2014), where she Chaired the Women of Color Subcommittee, and provided oversight for development of a Mentoring Program for court staff and managers. In 2015 she was appointed to the State Bar Mentoring Task Force. She was appointed to serve on the California Community Corrections Coordinating Committee in 2010, the Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee (2010 - 2015), the New Judges Education Committee (2007-2009), the Access and Fairness Education Workgroup (CJER) (2012), the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC), elected to the TCPJAC Executive Committee, (2011-12), and the Executive Board of the California Judges Association.

Judge Becton continues to participate in many community outreach activities. In 2016, she convened "Clean Slate Day" at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, CA where her team helped over 800 individuals clean the slate of criminal records and traffic tickets. She continues to coordinate with the faith community to bring this service to churches throughout the Bay Area. In 2015 Judge Becton served as Co-Chair of the "Know Your Rights" Youth Symposium for West Contra Costa County, as part of a national dialogue to educate communities.

She serves on the Board of Directors for Castlemont High School Alumni Association, and organizes a Career Day for the students. She mentors many students who are frequent visitors to her courtroom. In 2012 she accepted the invitation to join the Advisory Board supporting the law academy at De Anza High

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School in Richmond, CA. Judge Becton is the co-convenor and moderator for “Get Your House in Order,” a panel of experienced professionals who volunteer to provide tools for a full circle of care, including end of life preparations.

Judge Becton served as faculty/lecturer for the following: panelist, Informed Voters-Fair Judges Project (2017), panelist, Implicit Bias in Decision Making (2016), moderator, JNE Commission, Implicit Bias (2016), Council on Access & Fairness, Judicial Appointments (2016), panelist, My Brother’s Keeper (2015), panelist for the 4th Annual J. Alfred Smith Sr. Lecture Series (2015), Viet Nam Criminal Courts, Presenter, Judicial Diversity (2015); “So You Want To Be A Judge” California Women Lawyers, (1999, 2009, 2011, 2012/13); Senate Committee Hearing, State of California; “Public Access to Justice in the Wake of Budget Cuts” (2012), “You Should Be A Judge”, Golden Gate University (2012), Dean Judith McKelvey Women’s Reunion; Panelist, “Miss Representation” Screening (2012), Public Safety Realignment Forum (2011), Social Media-Pushing the Limits of Legal Ethics (2011), Contra Costa Bar Association Women’s Section, Courtroom Control (2010), CABL, Judicial Section; California Judicial College Seminar Leader (2008), California Judicial College, Faculty (1999 – 2002), Civil Law & Procedure Institute (Jan.2001, April 2002, and Jan. 2009).

Judge Becton has two adult sons. In her spare time she enjoys travel, golf, cooking, reading, and is a student in martial arts.

DR. STEVEN C. CASTLE is Professor of Geriatric Medicine at UCLA, Clinical Director of Geriatrics at the VA Greater Los Angeles and is a Governor appointee to the California Commission on Aging. He is also the first physician certified as a FallPROOF™ Instructor from Cal State Fullerton. His degrees are from Miami University and Ohio State School of Medicine. He did his



residency in Internal Medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship at UCLA. He has received over \$2.8 million in grant funding, including from the National Institute on Aging for studies on immune function with aging, from NIA and National Science Foundation for developing protective headwear to reduce brain injury in older adults; as well as mobility and balance awareness programs in affordable retirement communities. He has over 60 publications and has over 400 invited presentations nationally and internationally.

Dr. Castle is also President and CEO of DrBalance, Inc; a web-based platform (www.DrBalance.com) to provide solutions for mobility and balance changes in older adults, as well as support of quality improvement projects and medicolegal consultation across the healthcare spectrum.

He has received many awards and honors, including the Clinician of the Year from the American Geriatrics Society and six

teaching awards at UCLA. He was a finalist at the 2015 GE/Stanford Healthcare Hackfest and was awarded as a Patient Safety Champion in 2017, for contributions for advancing a Culture of Safety for Veterans by the VA National Center for Patient Safety.

HONORABLE LEE SMALLEY EDMON is Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal’s Second Appellate District, Division 3. Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeal, she was Judge of the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles from August 2000 to January 2015, Presiding Judge 2011 to 2012, and Assistant Presiding Judge 2009 to 2010. From 2007 to 2008 she was Su-



pervising Judge of the Civil Departments. Before serving as a judge, Justice Edmon was an attorney in private practice for 19 years as a lawyer: for Dewey Ballantine LLP from 1987-2000, Adams Duque & Hazeltine from 1981 to 1987, and in general civil litigation practice, with an emphasis on business litigation.

Justice Edmon’s service in the Judicial Council of California includes: a member of Task Force on Trial Court Fiscal Responsibility (2013-2014); member of the Trial Court Budget Working Group (2011-2012); member of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee Executive Committee (2011- 2013); member of the Judicial Council of California (2008 -2010); Chair of the Judicial Council Litigation Management Committee (2009-2010); member of the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Governing Committee (2006-2008); Civil & Small Claims Advisory Committee (Chair, 2006 - 2008; Member, 1998-2005), and member of the Judicial Service Advisory Committee (2002- 2005). Justice Edmon was also active in the California Judges Association as a member of the Board of Directors (2013-2014), Civil Law & Procedure Committee (2003-2008), Government Relations Committee (2010-2014), and Planning Committee for CJA Mid-Year Meeting (2004).

A recipient of numerous awards, most recently she was honored with the Outstanding Jurist Award by the Los Angeles County Bar Association in 2013.

MIRIAM HERNANDEZ is a general assignment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News. Ms. Hernandez was born in Santa Barbara and raised in Santa Paula. When she was 12 years old, she got her first paying job writing a weekly youth column for the Santa Paula Daily Chronicle. In college, she studied anthropology and theater at UCLA, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree. She was awarded her master’s degree in communications at the University of Minnesota.



Her television career was launched at the NBC affiliate in San Diego. She has worked in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and

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New York reporting for CNN, USA TODAY ON TV, WUSA and Good Morning America. She joined ABC7 in 1998. Ms. Hernandez has covered the Mexico City earthquake, political turmoil in Central America, and the Oklahoma City bombing. She was the first reporter allowed by the U.S. Marshal Service to take a TV camera behind the vaulted doors of the Federal Witness Protection Program. Ms. Hernandez was named by Hispanic Magazine as one of the top 100 women in communications. She's won several Valley Press awards and Emmy nominations.

VIRGINIA HEROLD became executive officer of the Board of Pharmacy in January 2007. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Herold served as assistant executive officer of the Board for 16.5 years, and interim executive officer for seven months.



A graduate of the University of California, Ms. Herold holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. Her education

involved a blend of consumer protection, economics and textile chemistry. She has focused her career on consumer protection. Before coming to the Board, she served as publications editor for the Department of Consumer Affairs and manager of the Department of Consumer Affairs Legislation Office.

As executive officer, Ms. Herold works closely with and advises the 13 Board of Pharmacy members in the development of policy and in the administration of the board's enforcement, licensing and regulatory programs to further the board's consumer protection mandate. The Board regulates over 130,000 licensees in 13 separate licensure classifications including pharmacists, pharmacies and drug wholesalers.

FRANKLIN LEONARD is the founder of the Black List, the yearly publication highlighting Hollywood's most popular unproduced screenplays and the startup birthed to continue its mission. Over 225 Black List scripts have been produced as feature films earning more than 175 Academy Award nominations including three of the last six Best Pictures and seven of the last fourteen screenwriting Oscars. Mr. Leonard has worked in development at Universal Pictures and the production companies of Will Smith, Sydney Pollack and Anthony Minghella, Leonardo DiCaprio, and John Goldwyn. Since 2010, he has been named one of Hollywood Reporter's 35 Under 35, Black Enterprise magazine's "40 Emerging Leaders for Our Future," AOL Black Voices "30 Black Hollywood Game Changers," the Wrap's "12 Innovators Who Are Changing Hollywood," and Fast Company's "100 Most Creative People in Business."



CHRISTOPHER MACK is the Vice President of the Warner Bros.



Workshop where he has oversees the Studio's efforts to identify new writing talent for its comedy and drama series. Mr. Mack has been with WBTV since 2005. Prior to joining the company, he was an independent writer-producer through his Seemack Productions, involved in the writing and production of multiple hours

of primetime series television, including stints as a staff writer on "ER" and story editor on "The Practice," among others. Before that, Mack worked at NBC Entertainment as Manager, Primetime Series Programs.

HONORABLE SAMANTHA P. JESSNER is a Judge for the



Superior Court of Los Angeles County in California. She was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on March 16, 2007, to succeed Chris Conway. She ran unopposed in November 2016, winning re-election automatically. Prior to that appointment, she served in the United States Attorney's Office from 2002 to

2007, as Assistant Inspector General in the Office of the Inspector General from 2001 to 2002, as Litigation Counsel for The Boeing Company from 2000-2001. In November, 2016 Judge Jessner was appointed to serve a four-year term on the Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions (CJEO), an independent committee appointed by the court to help inform the judiciary and the public on judicial ethics topics. Judge Jessner received a bachelor's degree from Stanford University, and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

HONORABLE VIRGINIA PHILLIPS is Chief Judge of the United



States District Court for the Central District of California. She was appointed by President Clinton on November 15, 1999. Judge Phillips graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Riverside and received her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1982. Before her

appointment to the bench, Judge Phillips was a partner in Best, Best & Krieger. She has served in leadership roles with various bar and community organizations, including the Inland Counties Federal Bar Association. She was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Jury Trial Improvement Committee at its formation in 2002, and served as Chair of the Committee from 2008 to 2011.

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HONORABLE BEVERLY REID O'CONNELL sits as a judge



in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. She was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2013. Judge O'Connell currently chairs the Court's Technology Committee. She serves as a faculty member at the B.E. Witkin Judicial College,

teaching new judges on the topic of admissibility of electronic evidence. Prior to her federal appointment, she sat on the Los Angeles Superior Court, appointed in 2005 by California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She was the Supervising Judge of the North Valley District, supervising three courthouses and 26 judges. As a sitting judge, Judge O'Connell tried over 150 cases, including special circumstance murders, gang, and fraud cases. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge O'Connell served as an assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. She was the Deputy Chief of the General Crimes Section, training all new assistant U.S. attorneys in the Greater Los Angeles area. She first began her legal career as an associate at the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, specializing in litigation matters.

In 2014 Judge O'Connell received the Distinguished Service Award from the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles for her commitment to public service. In 2015 the South Asian Bar Association awarded Judge O'Connell its Judicial Appreciation Award for her creation of the "Power Lunch" program, exposing high school students to the justice system. In 2015, Pepperdine University School of Law awarded Judge O'Connell its Distinguished Alumnus Award. Judge O'Connell graduated from UCLA, with a BA in political science, and received her JD, *magna cum laude*, from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1990, where she served as the managing editor of the *Pepperdine Law Review*. She has lectured as an adjunct professor of law at both Pepperdine University School of Law and Loyola Law School, teaching basic and advanced trial advocacy skills. Judge O'Connell holds the distinction of being.

ELAINE PAUL is the Chief Financial Officer, Strategy & Business



Development. Prior to joining Hulu, Ms. Paul served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy at the Walt Disney Company, where she led various acquisitions, new business initiatives, and strategic investments, including Disney's original investment in Hulu in 2009. In addition to her tenure in Corporate Strat-

egy, she previously served as Vice President, Business Development for the Walt Disney Internet Group, where she led a team responsible for developing strategic partnerships and worked to enhance and monetize the online assets of the company. Ms. Paul also worked on various M&A, strategy, and

growth initiatives, including Disney's investment in Hulu and the merger of Disney-owned joint ventures A&E and Lifetime. Prior to her time at Disney, Ms. Paul worked as an Associate at McKinsey & Company and a Financial Analyst at Morgan Stanley & Company. Ms. Paul holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a degree in Economics from Stanford University.

PAMELA SAMUELS YOUNG is an attorney, author and anti-



trafficking advocate. For 15 years Ms. Young served as Managing Counsel for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. in Southern California, specializing in labor and employment law. While practicing law, she began moonlighting as a mystery writer to satisfy her desire to see women

and people of color depicted in the legal thrillers. Now a full-time writer, Ms. Young has been dubbed "John Grisham with a sister's twist" and has penned seven award-winning novels. Her thriller *Anybody's Daughter* won an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Fiction and has been hailed as a teaching tool on the subject of child sex trafficking. Ms. Young is also a natural hair enthusiast and the author of *Kinky Coily: A Natural Hair Resource Guide*, a book dedicated to empowering women of color to discover the true beauty of their kinky coils.

Prior to joining Toyota, Ms. Young served as Employment Law Counsel for Raytheon Company and also spent several years as an associate with the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles. A former journalist, Ms. Young worked as a television news writer at WXYZ-TV in Detroit and later as a news writer and associate producer at KCBS-TV in Los Angeles. While a graduate of UC Berkeley's School of Law, she holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in broadcasting from Northwestern University.

A frequent speaker on the topics sex trafficking, fiction writing and pursuing your passion, Ms. Young is also a diehard member of Sisters in Crime, an organization dedicated to the advancement of women mystery writers. To find out more about Ms. Young or to read an excerpt of her books, visit her website at www.pamelasamuelsyoung.com.

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Counsel, Copyright & Legal Affairs, at the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., where he specializes in copyright and other intellectual property policy and runs the MPAA's amicus brief program. Mr. Sheffner previously held in-house legal positions at NBCUniversal and Twentieth Century Fox, and worked as an

associate in the Century City office of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where he litigated copyright and other cases for major movie studios, television networks, and record labels. In 2008, Mr. Sheffner served as Special Counsel on Senator John McCain's presidential campaign, where, among other responsibilities, he handled the campaign's copyright, trademark, and other intellectual property issues. Mr. Sheffner served as a law clerk for the Hon. M. Margaret McKeown on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2000-2001. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Sheffner worked as a political reporter in Washington, DC, where he covered congressional elections, the term limits movement, campaign finance reform, and various other issues related to Congress' internal politics and administration. Mr. Sheffner received an A.B. from Harvard College in 1993 and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 2000.

STACY L. SMITH (Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara,



1999) joined the USC Annenberg faculty in the fall of 2003. Her research focuses on 1) content patterns pertaining to gender and race on screen in film and TV; 2) employment patterns behind-the-camera in entertainment; 3) barriers and opportunities facing women on screen and behind-the-camera in studio and

independent films; and 4) children's responses to mass media portrayals (television, film, video games) of violence, gender and hypersexuality. Since 2005, Dr. Smith has been working with a team of undergraduate and graduate students to assess portrayals of males and females in popular media. Over two-dozen projects have been completed, assessing gender in films (e.g., 500+ top-grossing movies from 1990 to 2009, 180 Academy Award® Best Picture nominations from 1977 to 2010), TV shows (e.g., 1,034 children's programs, two weeks of prime time shows), video games (e.g., 60 bestselling), and point-of-purchase advertising (e.g., jacket covers of DVDs, video games). Currently, Dr. Smith is the director of a research-driven initiative at USC Annenberg on Media, Diversity, and Social Change. In addition to research, Dr. Smith is passionate about teaching. She currently teaches the undergraduate COMM 203 – Introduction to Mass Communication course at USC Annenberg. Dr. Smith has been recognized for her outstanding teaching, receiving multiple awards from different constituencies on campus.

COURTENAY VALENTI was named Executive Vice President,



Production, Warner Bros. Pictures in 2004. Ms. Valenti joined Warner Bros. Pictures in 1989 as a creative executive and became Vice President, Production, in 1991, moving up to the post of Senior Vice President, Production in 1996. She has overseen the development and production of such Warner Bros. Pictures

releases as "You've Got Mail," "A Walk To Remember," "The Iron Giant," "Queen Of The Damned" and the upcoming films "A Very Long Engagement," "Phantom Of The Opera," "Duma," "Class Action," "Happy Feet" and "The Ant Bully." Ms. Valenti began her career at Lehman Brothers in New York and segued into entertainment as an assistant to filmmaker Tony Bill. Ms. Valenti has deep entertainment industry ties and is the daughter of the late Motion Picture Association of America president Jack Valenti. At Warner Bros., Ms. Valenti was also intimately involved in the Harry Potter franchise, including the recent "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." She also helped guide studio's animation offerings, with a particular focus on its Lego movies.

DR. BRADLEY R. WILLIAMS, PHARM.D is Professor of Clinical



Pharmacy and Clinical Gerontology at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Pharmacy and the USC Davis School of Gerontology. Dr. Williams received his Pharm.D. from the University of Southern California in 1977, after which he completed a residency in Geriatrics at the University of Southern

California. He joined the faculty at USC in 1979. His responsibilities at the School of Pharmacy include a geriatrics clinical clerkship, teaching in an elective in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice, and directing a joint Pharm.D./Master of Science in Gerontology offered with the Davis School of Gerontology. In his clinical practice, Dr. Williams is a member of the inter-professional Geriatric Assessment Program (GAP) in Family Medicine.

Dr. Williams is a board-certified geriatric pharmacist. He is a founding member and past chair of the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy and is a past member of the Board of Directors for the California Geriatrics Society. Dr. Williams' professional affiliations include the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Geriatrics Society, and Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Williams is a chapter author for "Applied Therapeutics: The Clinical Use of Drugs", and is a member of the editorial board for "The Consultant Pharmacist".



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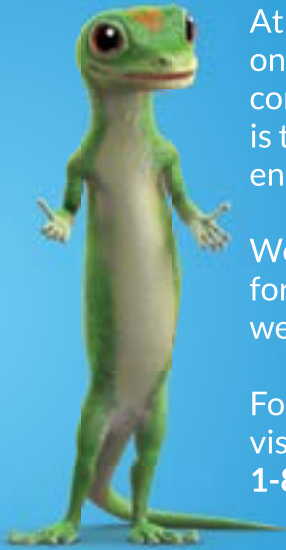
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Giselle Fernandez is a television journalist, producer and filmmaker. As president of her own production, management and consulting company, Ms. Fernandez focuses on Latin-themed projects for English and Spanish language distribution. She also consults on marketing to the Latino consumer. Ms. Fernandez is a founding member of President Obama's Futuro Fund. Her board memberships include the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, and recent honors include a 2014 Imagen Award and a 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Golden Mike Foundation. Ms. Fernandez holds a B.A. in journalism from California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Fernandez completed her first feature length documentary in 2004, "Our Story", the compelling tale of an eleven year old Hispanic boy with cancer who hoped telling his story would shed light on the health care crisis facing low income kids in the Latin community.

Ms. Fernandez has won five Emmy Awards for international coverage. She has made significant contributions to the CBS and NBC networks. Among her numerous posts, Ms. Fernandez anchored NBC's weekend edition of the "Today Show" and Sunday edition of the "NBC Nightly News." She also handled special and foreign assignments for the NBC network. Prior to that, Ms. Fernandez served at CBS News substituting for Paula Zahn on "CBS This Morning," Dan Rather on the "CBS Evening News" and Connie Chung on the "CBS Weekend News". Additionally, Ms. Fernandez was a regular contributor to CBS "Sunday Morning," "Face the Nation" and "48 Hours." Her on the spot coverage of international news stories from locations such as the Gulf War, the US Invasions of Haiti and Panama, the Somalia and Bosnian Wars, Hurricane Andrew, the 1993 World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings, and interviews with global leaders like Fidel Castro, Henry Kissinger, Presidents William Clinton and George H.W. Bush, Vice-President Albert Gore and U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, garnered this news veteran five Emmy Awards.

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The first graduate of UCLA law school to be appointed to the bench, the Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein’s list of honors and accomplishments is immense, but she may be best known for founding and leading professional organizations for women lawyers and judges. She was founding president of California Women Lawyers (CWL), which combats gender bias in the courts, supports legislation and court decisions for women’s and children’s rights and advocates for greater diversity in the profession, and co-founder and first president of the National Association for Women Judges, the leading voice for women jurists.

In 1974, after CWL, Justice Klein joined with then Justice Vaino Spencer, to coordinate their efforts in support of women nominated to federal and state supreme courts. The seeds of these early collaborations grew into an organization to promote increasing the number of women in the judiciary and to address the gender bias problems experienced by the few women who were on the bench. More than 100 women judges gathered at the Westwood Marquis in Los Angeles, California from October 25-28, 1979 to convene NAWJ’s first national conference. That Conference concluded with three resolutions: supporting the passage of the ERA; espousing the importance of getting a woman on the Supreme Court; and seeking to change the ABA standards as they related to judicial codes of conduct and membership in discriminatory clubs.

By 1980, just one year after the founding Conference, membership in NAWJ increased to 273 and included a number of male judges. When President James Carter took office in 1977, there were only ten women ever appointed to the federal bench. By the time he met with NAWJ in October 1980, he had appointed 38 more. Justice Klein testified before the

United States Congress on behalf of the nomination of Sandra Day O’Connor to the Supreme Court, and was chair of a California Highway Patrol committee on the employment of women as CHP officers.

A great leader and an inspiring role model for so many, the Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein served as the Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. She retired in December 2014 after a distinguished 51-year career on the bench. Her appointment by Governor Pat Brown to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1963 began a prodigious career that included publishing 507 opinions. She went on to the Superior Court in 1975, and three years later was elevated to the Court of Appeal. Governor Jerry Brown appointed her Presiding Justice in the Los Angeles appellate court in 1978. There she initiated city-wide Bail by Mail, and a Los Angeles County Planning and Research unit for the courts. In May 1980, the U.S. Information & Culture Agency (USICA) selected Justice Klein, accompanied by Mr. Klein, to lecture on the U.S. judicial system throughout Brazil, Argentina and Peru.

Beyond the courtroom, Justice Klein has lectured for the California Judges Association, the Continuing Education of the Bar Program, State Bar, and at UCLA, USC and Loyola Universities. She was a professor of Judicial Administration, night class, USC. Justice Klein is a frequent speaker for service and women’s organizations, as well as other groups, and has had numerous articles published.

A fifth generation California, Justice Klein was born in San Jose, California on August 18, 1924. She earned BA from San Diego State College in 1947, and her LL.B from University of California, Los Angeles Law School in 1955, and was admitted to the State Bar of California later that year. From 1955-1963, she was Deputy Attorney General for the California State Department of Justice.

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HONORABLE VAINO HASSAN SPENCER

*Founder, National Association of Women Judges;
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In 1974, after having founded the Black Women Lawyers Association, Justice Spencer joined with the former California Appeals Court Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, who co-founded the California Women Lawyers, to coordinate their efforts in support of women nominated to federal and state supreme courts. The seeds of these early collaborations grew into an organization to promote increasing the number of women in the judiciary and to address the gender bias problems experienced by the few women who were on the bench. More than 100 women judges gathered at the Westwood Marquis in Los Angeles, California from October 25-28, 1979 to convene NAWJ's first national conference.

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We have been warmly greeted [everywhere], and we've gotten tremendous support, even from local judges who were openly resentful of our organizing initially. They have come around to be quite supportive, and they've demonstrated that in supporting the various programs that we have addressing gender bias and race bias in our courts.

A trailblazer for women and African Americans in the legal profession, Justice Spencer served as the Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. She retired in September 2007 after a distinguished 46-year career on the bench. After private practice from 1952-1961, her appointment to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1961 confirmed her status as a true pioneer, when she became California's first black woman judge, and the third in the nation. She went on to the Superior Court in 1976, and four years later was el-

evated to the Court of Appeal. Beyond the courtroom, Justice Spencer served on the California Law Revision Commission, National Judicial Council, Judicial Council of California, and Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Constitutional Rights, and was an officer and director of the Los Angeles County Commission on Justice. She held leadership posts in over two dozen professional and community organizations including the Democratic State and County Central Committees, the Democratic Minority Conference, the California Mental Health Association, the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation, the NAACP Executive Board, the National Bar Association, and the Langston Bar Association.

Throughout the years, Justice Spencer remained closely involved with Southwestern Law School, her alma mater, serving on boards and committees, receiving the schools Outstanding Judicial Officer award in 1989. Her numerous other honors include initiation into the Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame (1991); Honoree of the Year (1992) from the National Association of Women Judges; the Lifetime Achievement Award (1991) from the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association; the Trailblazer Award (1985) from the National Association of Business and Professional Women; the Bernard Jefferson Appellate Justice Award (1983) from the California Association of Black Lawyers; and the Judge Ernestine Stahlhut Award (1976) from the Los Angeles Women Lawyers Association.

Justice Spencer was born in Los Angeles on July 22, 1920. She graduated from Los Angeles Polytechnic High School, Valedictorian, of the Class of Summer 1938. She earned BA from Los Angeles City College in 1949. She graduated with an LL.B from Southwestern University School of Law in 1952, and was admitted to the State Bar of California later that year.

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Emmy Nominated Journalist and Playwright

Janet Langhart Cohen is an Emmy nominated broadcast journalist whose interviews have gained national attention. Ms. Cohen's interviews have included world figures and dignitaries, history makers and pop icons. The short list of diverse interview subjects includes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., David Duke, Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, President Bill Clinton, Geoffrey Holder, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Lauren Hutton. Ms. Cohen has shared hosting duties with some notable newsmakers such as Julian Bond, and continues her high profile interviews most recently, with Clayborne Carson, for CSPAN's "After Words". Her mark on communications has been honored, most recently as an inductee to the Indiana Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Cohen is a native of Indianapolis, where she grew up in a segregated housing project. She entered the public eye in the 1960s as a model for the Ebony Fashion Fair. Within a few years she was breaking racial and gender barriers becoming the first Black woman in America to host a nationally syndicated show, "Good Morning." Her broadcasting credits include work for both ABC and NBC network television, Entertainment Tonight, BET, the Armed Forces Network, as well as print journalism for the Boston Herald. She served as a spokeswoman for US News & World Report and Avon Cosmetics, and has been featured in Vogue, Bazaar, Encore, Jet, Glamour, Tan, W, Ebony, Boston and Washingtonian magazines. In addition, she has served as a judge for the White House Fellows Program, and the Miss America Pageant, an unprecedented three times.

Anne & Emmett, Janet Langhart Cohen's groundbreaking play, is an imaginary conversation between Anne Frank and Emmett Till. Anne Frank recounts her experience hidden in an attic during the Holocaust, and Emmett Till tells his tragic tale of racial hatred and violence in the American South. They then share in the search for reconciliation and hope in this memorable work that has received critical acclaim throughout the United States and as far away as Jerusalem.

Mrs. Cohen said, "I wrote the play as a call to action to help eradicate racism and anti-Semitism". Anne and Emmett, two very different teenagers, lived in societies that couldn't protect them because of hatred and the inaction of silent witnesses.

While the hate that took their lives still lives, the play not only reminds us to remember but to act. Towards that end, she and Secretary Cohen founded Race and Reconciliation In America, a non-profit organization that holds conferences that invite people of all races and ethnicities to engage in open and honest dialogue to bring about understanding, tolerance and a higher level of humanity in our conduct.

LADY JUSTICE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



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HONORABLE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

Justice (Retired) United States Supreme Court

The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor was born in El Paso, Texas on March 26, 1930. She received her B.A. and LL.B. from Stanford University, and was a member of the Order of the Coif and Board of Editors of the Stanford Law Review while in law school.

She served as Deputy County Attorney of San Mateo County, California from 1952–1953 and as a civilian attorney for Quartermaster Market Center, Frankfurt, Germany from 1954–1957. From 1958–1960, she practiced law in Maryvale, Arizona, and served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona from 1965–1969. She was appointed to the Arizona State Senate in 1969 and was subsequently reelected to two two-year terms. During those years, she was Senate Majority Leader, Chair of the State, County and Municipal Affairs Committee, and member of Legislative Council, Probate Code Commission, and Arizona Council on Intergovernmental Relations.

In 1975, she was elected Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court and served until 1979, when she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals by Governor Bruce Babbitt. President Ronald Reagan nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat September 25, 1981. Justice O'Connor retired from the Supreme Court on January 31, 2006. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees.

Since stepping down from the Supreme Court, Justice O'Connor has been actively engaged in promoting civics education and preserving the independence of the judiciary. In addition to serving as Founder and chairperson of iCivics Inc (2009), Justice O'Connor is a member of the Executive Board, ABA Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative; Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation; Advisory Committee of the American Society of International Law, Judicial; Executive Committee of the ABA Museum of Law; Advisory Commission of the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress; and as co-chair of the National Advisory Council, Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, and the National Advisory Council for the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools.

She has been served in numerous roles for the College of William and Mary as Chancellor, Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President covering years 1975–1981; for the Heard Museum as member and co-chair of the National Advisory Council covering years 1967–2011; for the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History as member of the Advisory Board since 2006; for the ABA Commission on Civic Education and Separation of Powers as a member since 2005; and as a member of the Selection Committee of the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum covering years 2005 to the present.

LADY JUSTICE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



NINA SHAW

Entertainment Attorney and Activist

Nina Shaw is a founding partner of the firm Del Shaw Moonves Tanaka Finkelstein & Lezcano. Her practice centers primarily in the television, motion picture and live stage arenas. Ms. Shaw was born and raised in Harlem and the Bronx, and educated in the New York City public school system. Her clients include actors, writers, producers and directors, as well as entrepreneurs and entertainment executives. After graduating with a B.A. from Barnard College, she earned her J.D. at Columbia University Law School, and began her legal career in the Entertainment Department of the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers.

Ms. Shaw is a past Daily Variety Dealmaker Impact honoree and has been named to The Hollywood Reporter's Women in Entertainment Power 100. She is a recipient of the Women in Film Crystal Award and has been honored by the Beverly Hills Bar Association as the Entertainment Lawyer of the Year. Last year she was honored at the annual Essence Black Women in Hollywood Luncheon. In her acceptance remarks she used her speech to relay the industry's stark realities, urging talent to forge beyond "we can do better" platitudes about Hollywood homogeneity by making demands.

She went on to share that actors of color should make their displeasure known and make sure that their representatives — agents, lawyers, publicists and the like — do not turn out to all be white men.

And that if talent wants to empower women, they should hire women, adding: "If you're a white man who advocates change, then hire someone other than white men. Do it for your wives, your sisters, your daughters."

Ms. Shaw generously shares her knowledge and experience with a number of worthy causes. She became a Big Sister in *The Hollywood Reporter* 2011 Women in Entertainment Mentoring Program, is currently a board member of Independent School Alliance for Minority Affairs. She continues to serve on the Columbia Law School West Coast Advisory Board.

LADY JUSTICE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



HONORABLE DOROTHY W. NELSON

Senior Judge (Retired), United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

After initially thinking she would join social work as a career, the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson turned to the profession with the “inside edge”, law, and obtained her law degree from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Law School after receiving a bachelor’s degree in political science from UCLA in 1950. She was admitted to the State Bar of California the following year graduation from law school. For her first job out of law school, she worked as a research associate at the University of Southern California Law School alongside USC law professor James Holbrook, on a project to investigate the courts in Los Angeles and recommend improvements. The study was titled ‘Survey of Metropolitan Courts-Los Angeles Area,’ and recommended 32 changes to the state legislature, most of which were adopted, including the creation of a court executive officer, the consolidation of courts, the improvement of juror pay, and the keeping of court statistics. The following year, Judge Nelson joined USC’s faculty as the first woman law professor. There she became a pioneer in teaching mediation and arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution.

During her tenure as a law professor, Judge Nelson was involved in a number of other law-related activities. She was involved in private practice, handling family, juvenile, and adoption matters. She also formed two major corporations, Woolstone Inc. and California Limestone, and did all their legal work. In addition, she served on the Federal Indigent Defense Panel and wrote trusts and wills. Eventually, she was named its interim dean at USC Law in 1967, and dean in 1969, becoming the first woman dean of a major American law school. After she served 10 years as dean, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1979. She assumed senior status on the court in 1995.

In 1985, Judge Nelson and a group of attorneys and judges established the Western Justice Center Foundation to develop a research center to promote peaceful resolution of conflict among children, courts, community, and government. Since its founding, the Western Justice Center Foundation has developed a number of programs designed to teach conflict resolution to children, youth, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. Included among these programs are the Children’s Workshop, the Models of Unity Program, court workshops, the Peer Mediation Invitational, and Creative Classroom Management, which trains K-6 teachers to infuse conflict resolution education throughout the curriculum and to maximize child-centered problem solving.

Judge Nelson is author of ‘Judicial Administration and the Administration of Justice’ (West 1957), chapter in *Women Lawyers, Perspectives on Success*, Harcourt, Brace, Janovich 1984- and numerous articles on women’s issues and alternative dispute resolution. She is Chair Emerita, Board of Directors of Western Justice Center; Delegate, United Nations Women’s Conference in Mexico City (1975) and Beijing (1995); Co-Chair, Sino-American Conference on Mediation and Arbitration, Beijing, China (1992), and member of the Board Advisors, Institute for the Study of Women and Men, the Advisory Committee of the National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality of Women and Men, and the Advisory Committee Tahirih Justice Institute dedicated to assisting women refugees.

LADY JUSTICE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD



JACKIE LACEY

42nd District Attorney for Los Angeles County

District Attorney Jackie Lacey has spent most of her professional life as a prosecutor, manager and executive in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. On Dec. 3, 2012, she was sworn in as the 42nd District Attorney. She was re-elected four years later without opposition. She is the first woman and first African-American to serve as Los Angeles County District Attorney since the office was established in 1850. A Los Angeles native and graduate of the University of Southern California Law School, District Attorney Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation, with a workforce of approximately 1,000 lawyers, 300 investigators and 800 support staff employees. District Attorney Lacey joined the office in 1986. She won national attention for her successful prosecution of the county's first race-based hate crime murder.

She is committed to safeguarding children from human sex traffickers, seniors from financial elder abuse and our communities from environmental crimes that threaten our health and livelihood. District Attorney Lacey established the Conviction Review Unit to assess claims of actual innocence based on newly discovered evidence. She also appointed the office's first Professional Responsibility Advisor. District Attorney Lacey launched the Financial Elder Abuse Outreach Campaign to alert seniors about scams that target them and their assets. She also assembled the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Environmental Crimes Rollout Team, which dispatches specially trained prosecutors and investigators to the scene of environmental threats and industrial accidents involving occupational deaths or serious injuries. And, she created the Human Sex Trafficking Section, the Complex Child Abuse Section and a special unit dedicated to protecting children from abuse through the enhanced monitoring of the countywide electronic suspected child abuse reporting system.

As founder and chair of the Criminal Justice Men-

tal Health Project for Los Angeles County, District Attorney Lacey leads a multidisciplinary group devoted to diverting people who are mentally ill out of the criminal justice system for nonviolent offenses. As part of that effort, District Attorney Lacey initiated an ambitious plan within her office to provide free training to first responders on how to safely de-escalate incidents involving people in a mental health crisis.

For five years, District Attorney Lacey dedicated one lunch hour a week to teaching fifth-graders at Lorena Street Elementary School in Boyle Heights about the criminal justice system. As District Attorney, she has led an effort to share Project LEAD, the office's law-related education program, with other prosecutorial agencies across the country and internationally.

District Attorney Jackie Lacey is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine. She began her legal career as an associate in a small civil law firm. She then became a trial deputy in the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office.

LADY JUSTICE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD



SHARON STONE

Actor, Producer, Director, Writer, Song Writer/Lyricist, Activist, Humanitarian

Sharon Stone began her career in New York, working as an internationally successful model in print and as an actor appearing in network television. Ms. Stone caught the eye of Woody Allen, and subsequently made her film debut in, *Stardust Memories*. In 1992, Ms. Stone starred in the blockbuster, *Basic Instinct*, and in 1995, Ms. Stone earned a Golden Globe Award and Academy Award nomination for her role in Martin Scorsese's *Casino*. Other film credits include, *The Muse*, *Sphere*, *Total Recall*, *Sliver*, *Bobby*, *The Quick and the Dead*, *Alpha Dog*, *Fading Gigolo*, and *Lovelace*. Ms. Stone earned an Emmy Award for her role on *The Practice*, and her recurring role on *Law & Order* garnered some of the highest ratings in prime time for the franchise series. In 2015, Ms. Stone starred in the TNT drama series, *Agent X*, and in 2016. In 2017, Ms. Stone will appear in features *The Disaster Artist* directed by James Franco, *A Little Something for her Birthday* directed by Susan Walter, and an HBO limited series *Mosaic*, directed by Steven Soderbergh.

In 1995, at the Cannes film festival, Sharon stepped in for Dame Elizabeth Taylor at the amfAR Gala. She has continued her work with the organization for 20 years as the Global Fundraising Chairperson, raising hundreds of millions to find a cure, and achieve major treatment advances, including pediatric care for those suffering from AIDS. Ms. Stone is a Knight Commander of Arts and Letters in France. In 2002, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) honored Ms. Stone for her contribution in combatting the AIDS epidemic. Later the same year, Ms. Stone was presented with a 'Global Institutes Healthcare & Medicine Humanitarian Award' by a special assembly of one hundred of the nations most prestigious doctors. In 2005, Ms. Stone wrote the lyrics for the title track song *Come Together Now* for the charity relief album for Hurricane Katrina released by Universal Records Company. In 2007, Ms. Stone received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Edinboro State University. Ms. Stone is a committee chair for YALA, a ground breaking young peoples peace initiative. She has co-chaired Planet Hope which has been providing care to single mothers and children for decades. In 2013, Ms. Stone was honored by the Nobel Peace Laureates at the Nobel Peace Summit in Poland where she was given the 'Peace Summit Award' by His Holiness the Dalai Lama for her continuous humanitarian work. Ms. Stone is a single mother of three adopted sons and resides in Los Angeles, California.

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