



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES  
41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

October 15-19, 2019 | Los Angeles, California | Omni Los Angeles at California Plaza

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019**

**International Judges Tour of Courts**

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**NAWJ 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors Meeting**

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**First-time Attendees/New Member Mentor/Mentee Meeting**

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**International Judges Reception**

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**WELCOME RECEPTION at the OMNI LOS ANGELES HOTEL**

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019**

**NAWJ Committee Meetings**

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**OPENING WELCOME CEREMONY**

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

***Conference Chair***

The Honorable Elizabeth Allen White, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

***NAWJ President***

The Honorable Tamila E. Ipema, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

***City Attorney***

The Honorable Mike Feuer, City of Los Angeles

***Public Defender***

Ricardo Garcia, Law Offices of Los Angeles County Public Defender

***Chief Judge***

The Honorable Virginia A. Phillips, United States District Court, Central California

***Presiding Judge***

The Honorable Kevin C. Brazile, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

***Deputy Assistant Secretary of State***

Heather Merritt, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)

***ABA President***

Judy Perry Martinez, Of Counsel at Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**Science for Judges: Unique Concerns in DNA Testing**

From solving a cold case through familial database searches (like [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)), to exonerating the wrongfully convicted, to limiting damages in a civil trial, DNA evidence continues to receive attention from the news media because of its perceived power in our courtrooms. Learn about the latest trends in DNA collection and analysis. Understand some of the new technologies that are being used in forensic DNA laboratories. After this session you will be able to rule with greater precision on the admissibility of DNA genetic evidence. This session is sponsored by funding from the State Justice Institute through a grant to The National Judicial College in collaboration with the Justice Speakers Institute, LLC.

Panelists:     **The Honorable Benes Aldana** (Judge, Retired), President, The National Judicial College  
                  **The Honorable Ming W. Chin**, Supreme Court of California  
                  **The Honorable Peggy Hora** (Judge, Retired), Justice Speakers Institute, LLC

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

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

Panelists:     **Ahilan Arulanantham**, Senior Counsel, ACLU of Southern California; MacArthur Fellow (2016)  
                  **Anita Botti**, Acting Executive Director, The Exodus Institute  
                  **Judy London**, Directing Attorney, Immigrants' Rights Project, Public Counsel  
                  **Lindsay Toczylofsk**, Executive Director, Immigrant Defenders Law Center

## **KEYNOTE LUNCHEON**

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

### **IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

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

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 a.m.

### **Transcending Traditional Roles: Tackling Homelessness in the Courtroom and Beyond**

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

Panelists: **Mike Feuer**, City Attorney, Los Angeles  
**Professor Benjamin Henwood, PhD, LCSW**, University of Southern California School of Social Work  
**Sheila James Kuehl**, Supervisor, Third District, Los Angeles County  
**Carol A. Sobel**, Attorney, Law Office of Carol A. Sobel

*or*

### **Protecting our Elders: Problems and Solutions for Elder Abuse**

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

Speakers: **Russell Steven Balisok**, Balisok & Associates, Inc  
**Christopher Cherney**, California Licensed Nursing Home Administrator  
**Dr. Denise G. Feil, MD**, Gerontologist  
**Frank J. Fox**, Majors & Fox  
**George Nowotny**, Partner, Lewis Brisbois

**JUDICIAL SECURITY: FROM THE PERSONAL TO THE VIRTUAL**

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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**Reception of the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges (IALGBTQ)**

Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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**NAWJ, WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES**

**and the CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS**

**present**

**LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: A CENTURY OF WOMEN PROGRESS**

**A RECEPTION at the WALT DISNEY HALL**

*Celebrating NAWJ's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Women Lawyers of Los Angeles' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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**Film Screening: Skid Row Marathon, A Documentary**

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

**Hospitality Suite (and NAWJ Retired Judges Committee Meeting)**

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019**

### **Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles**

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

### **Exercise: Option #1 Yoga Class (\$30) or Option #2 Zumba with Marilu (\$20)**

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

### **NAWJ District Meetings**

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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

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

**Jonathan Shapiro**, Former Federal Prosecutor, Screenwriter and Executive Producer, Playwright; Author of *Deadly Force* (2015) and *Lawyers, Liars, and the Art of Storytelling* (2014); Adjunct Professor, UCLA Law School

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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

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

Panelists: **The Honorable Peter Espinoza**, Director, Los Angeles County Office

of Diversion and Reentry, Department of Health Services  
**The Honorable Kimberly Baker Guillemet**, Superior Court of  
California, County of Los Angeles  
**The Honorable Karla D. Kerlin**, Superior Court of California, County of  
Los Angeles  
**The Honorable Craig J. Mitchell**, Superior Court of California, County  
of Los Angeles

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### **Challenging Times for Judicial Independence - Administrative to Appellate**

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

Panelists: **The Honorable Emily Chafa**, UIA Appeals Manager, Iowa Workforce Development UI Appeals Bureau  
**The Honorable Jennifer Gee**, Office of Administrative Law Judges, U.S. Department of Labor (Retired)  
**The Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall**, U.S. District Court, Central California  
**Professor Gregory L. Ogden**, Pepperdine University School of Law  
**The Honorable A. Ashley Tabaddor**, President, National Association of Immigration Judges

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### **Culture Change: Perspectives on the Future of Work In the World of “Me Too”**

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

The court of public opinion frequently sets the stage long before courts of law ever become involved. Join us for a discussion from different perspectives—legislative, judicial, and private sector, as we together explore and address the challenges of cultural

change, inside and outside the workplace, through proactive engagement, inclusion, collaboration, and innovation.

Panelists: **Commissioner Charlotte A. Burrows**, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
**Donna Melby**, Partner, Litigation and Employment Law Departments, Paul Hastings  
**State Senator Holly J. Mitchell**, California District No.30: Culver City, Ladera Heights, Westmont, Crenshaw, Downtown, Florence neighborhoods of Los Angeles  
**Cathy Schulman**, President and CEO, Welle Entertainment; Board President Emerita, Women in Film

## **FRIENDS LUNCHEON**

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **LINDA GREENHOUSE**

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

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Panelists: **Patricia Cummings**, Supervisor, Conviction Integrity & Special Investigations Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Philadelphia  
**Professor Laurie L. Levenson**, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles; Founder, Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent.  
**Peter Neufeld**, Partner, Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP; Co-founder of the Innocence Project  
**Ruben Pinuelas**, Exoneree

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### **International Tea and Ethics**

This roundtable of international and U.S. based judges will convene over tea for a discussion of hot topics in global ethics. Our facilitator will lead small group discussions of hypothetical questions throughout this interactive program. Each small group, will be seated in roundtable formation, and will have its own discussion lead. After discussion, proposed solutions will be presented to the whole group.

Facilitator: **The Honorable Judith C. Chirlin**, California Superior Court, Los Angeles County (Retired)

### **PIPER KERMAN**

Time: 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

### **Asian Pacific Islander Women Judges Reception sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Women lawyers Alliance of Southern California**

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **District Directors Meeting**

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **DINE AROUND**

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Be sure to sign up and join others at Los Angeles restaurants specially selected by our Dine Around Committee. Meet in the lobby at 6:30 p.m. for our 7:00 p.m. reservations.

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

Time: 10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019**

### **Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles**

Time: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

### **Exercise: Option #1 Yoga Class (\$30) or Option #2 Zumba with Marilu (\$20)**

Time: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

### **NAWJ Annual Business Meeting and Investiture of New Officers**

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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

This session will discuss the current political environments, and introduce a variety of threats facing judges around the country, including attack ads during campaigns, legislative proposals which may include proposed amendments to state constitutions designed to limit judicial independence or to retaliate for specific decisions, threatened or actual impeachments and recalls of judges, public disparagement by media and by the other branches of government, amongst other threats. Discussion of recommendations will include partnerships with other national organizations, and the work of NAWJ educational programs to increase public awareness of the extent of the problem and the benefits of resistance. Examples of successful efforts to defeat these efforts around the country will also be shared.

Panelists: **Annette Boyd-Pitts**, Education Chair, NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee; Director, Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning  
**The Honorable Robin E. Hudson**, Supreme Court of North Carolina; Co-Chair, NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee  
**The Honorable Curtis E.A. Karnow**, California Superior Court, County of San Francisco  
**The Honorable Debra L. Stevens**, Washington State Supreme Court; Co-Chair, NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee

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### **Human Trafficking: A Discussion of Interventions that Work in the United States and Internationally**

Panelists: **Marcia Bernicat**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
**Kelly Dermody**, Managing Partner, Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP  
**The Honorable Rupa S. Goswami**, Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles  
**Jessie Kornberg**, President & CEO, Bet Tzedek  
**The Honorable Catherine J. Pratt**, Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

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

A single-actor live play about the roots of hate crimes: HORIZON LINE explores bias-motivated behavior through the eyes of Danny Curtis, a young white man on a path of escalating destruction, and the people in his life who influence his choices, for better and for worse. HORIZON LINE tells a story of conflicting impulses and loyalties in the life of an impressionable young man. Danny loves art and yearns to create a happy

picture of himself and his world. However, his desire to fit in, to be seen and to be heard, lead him toward acts that destroy property, frighten people and place his own future in jeopardy.

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Sexual Assaults in the Military and Their Civilian Aftermath**

The panel will discuss the continuing problem of sexual assaults in the military and the lack of recourse for its victims. There will be a brief description of some of the legal issues involved. An Army Colonel will describe the legal process within the military when someone accuses another member of the military of a sexual assault. A Veterans Administration specialist will talk about the treatment of veterans who were victims of sexual assault. A California Senator will talk about possible legislative options for a state in light of federal preemption.

Panelists: **Colonel Stephanie R. Cooper**, Judge Advocate General's Corp (JAG)  
**Danette Montoya, LCSW**, Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator, San Francisco VA Health Care System  
**The Honorable Eileen C. Moore**, California Court of Appeal, Fourth District  
**State Senator Tom Umberg**, California District No. 34: Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Midway City, Orange, Rossmoor, Santa Ana, Seal Beach and Westminster in Orange County

*or*

### **Women Judges and Leadership: Overcoming Challenges and Breaking New Ground**

Panelists: **The Honorable Maame E. Frimpong**, Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles  
**The Honorable Marcella A. Holland**, Baltimore City Circuit Court  
**The Honorable Margaret Morrow**, President and CEO, Public Counsel; U.S. District Court, Central California (Retired)  
**The Honorable Adrienne C. Nelson**, Oregon Supreme Court

*or*

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

Rule 2.3 of the California Code of Judicial Conduct mandates judges perform their duties without bias or prejudice, and further requires that judges ensure lawyers refrain from manifesting any bias or prejudice. Yet when Lambda Legal asked thousands of LGBT persons to assess how well courts protect their rights, 19% of those responding reported hearing a judge, attorney or other court employee make negative comments about a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. This panel will provide judges with the tools necessary to address and eliminate bias towards transgender and gender non-conforming persons in the courtroom. Judges will be introduced to terminology related to gender identity and expression and will be given a

picture of the courtroom challenges faced by transgender and gender non-conforming persons. Judges will leave with new strategies for providing a bias-free courtroom, including how to combat bias in jury selection.

Panelists: **Todd Brower**, Judicial Education Director, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law  
**The Honorable Victoria Kolakowski**, Superior Court of California County of Alameda  
**The Honorable Kristin L. Rosi**, Chair, NAWJ LGBTQ Committee; ALJ, Administrative Hearing Bureau, California Department of Insurance  
**The Honorable Therese M. Stewart**, California Court of Appeal, First District, Division Two

### **KEYNOTE LUNCHEON**

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **ERWIN CHEMERINSKY**

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

### **NAWJ Judicial Independence/IVP Committee Meeting**

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### **2019-2020 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting**

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **NAWJ Resource Board Meeting**

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **NAWJ ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Gala and After Hours Dancing: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019**

### **Farewell Breakfast**

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.