



COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUDGES OF THE STATE COURTS OF APPEAL

2018 Annual Meeting
San Diego, California
November 13-17, 2018

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



NANCY L. ABELL, ESQ. is a partner resident with Paul Hastings LLP in Los Angeles, California. She is a trial lawyer who works exclusively in the representation of private and public employers in all aspects of employment law and litigation. From 2000 to April 2014 she was the Global Chair of Paul Hastings' employment law practice, which has been recognized as Labor & Employment Litigation Department of the Year by *The American Lawyer* and the recipient of *Chambers USA's* 2013 Award for Excellence in Labor & Employment.

In December 2014 Ms. Abell was one of 50 lawyers recognized on The National Law Journal's inaugural "Litigation Trailblazers & Pioneers" list of professionals who have changed the practice of litigation through the use of innovative legal strategies. In 2010 she was named as one of the decade's 40 most influential lawyers (one of three employment lawyers) by The National Law Journal. In 2014 Ms. Abell was recognized by Chambers USA as one of the top-ranked employment defense lawyers in California and by the Legal 500 as one of America's leading employment litigators and counselors. She is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, has been named in The Best Lawyers in America for more than 25 years and was named UCLA School of Law Alumni of the Year for Professional Achievement. Ms. Abell is the 2016 recipient of the Learned Hand Award, presented annually by the AJC Los Angeles to an attorney for professional achievement and community leadership.

Ms. Abell's clients include major technology companies, defense contractors, manufacturing companies, law firms, entertainment companies, financial institutions, and retailers. She has successfully defeated numerous high-profile discrimination and wage-hour class actions, represented numerous leading national law firms in partner and glass ceiling cases and defended members of the judiciary.



HON. FREDERICK P. AGUIRRE, RET. has served the legal community as an attorney and judge with passion and dignity for over 43 years. After 15 years on the bench, he retired from the Orange County Superior Court on February 28, 2017 and is now available to serve as mediator, arbitrator and private judge. As a judge he presided over numerous cases in the areas of family law, government liability, business/contractual matters, and all types of personal injury including medical malpractice. Prior to the bench he was in private practice for 28 years and was the managing general partner of a 92-unit retirement community in Placentia, California.

Judge Aguirre has been heavily involved in the community throughout his career. In 2014, he was named one of the "101 most influential Latinos in the US" by Latino Leaders Magazine. He has held leadership positions with the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association and the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association. He founded the Orange County Superior Court Leadership Academy in 2007. Judge Aguirre currently serves as president of Latino Advocates for Education and as Judge Advocate of the Orange County Council of the Navy League. Judge Aguirre speaks fluent Spanish.

In his spare time, Judge Aguirre enjoys spending time with his family, playing handball and piano, and is currently writing a book on WWII Latino Veterans at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.



CHRISTOPHER J. ARRIOLA is the Supervising Deputy District Attorney in the Community Prosecution Unit at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office in San Jose, CA. He has served as trial attorney on the Sexual Assault, Three Strikes and General Felony Units and worked as a Community Prosecutor and as the Supervising DDA of the Juvenile Justice Unit. He previously worked at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office after graduating from Stanford University and then Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley in 1995.

Mr. Arriola grew up in Southern California and is the grandchild of Mexican Immigrants. While in law school he published his Senior Thesis on the 1947 school desegregation case Mendez v. Westminster and later consulted on the Emmy Award winning PBS documentary about the case.

Mr. Arriola has been twice President of La Raza Lawyers of California, as well as President of the Santa Clara County Bar Association in 2006. He has served as Judicial Chair of California La Raza Lawyers of California for over a decade and is passionate about diversifying the bench in California and the Nation. He has served on many committees and boards including Senator Barbara Boxer's Judicial Selection Committee for the Federal District Court and the Stanford Alumni Association Board of Directors. He lives in San Jose with his wife and two children.



MARY BETH BEAZLEY has taught legal writing for nearly 35 years. She has held numerous leadership positions in legal education, including President of the Legal Writing Institute, Chair of the ABA's Communication Skills Committee, and President of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. Her previous academic appointments include faculty positions at Vermont Law School, the University of Toledo, and The Ohio State University College of Law, where she taught legal writing for 29 years. Professor Beazley is the author of the text *A Practical Guide to Appellate Advocacy* and co-author of *Legal Writing for Legal Readers*. She also contributed a chapter to the

compilation *The Law of Harry Potter*, and she believes that she wrote the first law review article that quoted Hogwarts student Parvati Patil. Her current scholarship focuses on behavioral aspects of legal writing and legal reading, and on the impact that digital platforms have on cognitive aspects of legal reading.



LISA BLUE, Ph.D., J.D. is an American trial lawyer. With a background in psychology, she worked in the field for nearly a decade before becoming a jury consultant and receiving her law degree. She then became an assistant district attorney in Dallas County, Texas before joining the Baron & Budd law firm. Following her time with Baron & Budd, she started her own firm, Baron and Blue, and was elected President of the American Association for Justice in 2014. Blue is also a philanthropist through the Baron and Blue Foundation.



AMY DIVINE BOLEY, J.D. has worked at Thomson Reuters for over 23 years and has held a variety of leadership roles, including regional client management in Minneapolis and global asset management in Switzerland. Since 2013 she has led product management teams for Westlaw and has specialized in analyzing and explaining thorny research issues that arise in litigation and their solutions, most recently with a focus on AI solutions.

Amy earned her B.A. in Journalism at the University of Minnesota and her J.D. at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, MN.



HON. CORY J. CIKLIN is chief judge of the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal. He was appointed to the court by then-Republican Governor Charlie Crist on December 10, 2008, and retained by voters in 2010 and 2016. His current term expires on January 2, 2023.

Ciklin began his legal career as an intern at the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County in 1980. The following year, he became the vice president and counsel of The Florida Sheriff's Youth Fund. From 1983 to 1991, he was a senior associate with the law firm Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane & O'Connell. In 1991, Ciklin became a magistrate judge and served on the Palm Beach County Traffic Court until 1994. During his time, he also worked in the Palm Beach

County Attorney's Office. He became a Palm Beach County Court judge in 1995. From 1998 to 1999, he was the administrative and presiding judge of the domestic violence division in Palm Beach County. In 2000, he returned to the County Court. Ciklin was the administrative and presiding judge of the North County Courthouse from 2003 to 2004. He then became the administrative and presiding judge of the Gun Club Criminal Justice Complex. In 2008, he served again as the presiding judge of the North County Courthouse.

Ciklin graduated from Florida State University in 1978. From 1978 to 1979, he attended Samford University Cumberland School of Law. He then returned to Florida State and received his J.D. from the College of Law in 1981.



WENDY McGUIRE COATS is a partner and appellate counsel in the San Francisco office of Fisher Phillips. She is a certified specialist in Appellate Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. Leading the firm's California Appellate Practice, she represents clients in all aspects of appellate litigation in state and federal appellate courts, particularly in navigating questions of first impression or rapidly evolving labor and employment issues.

Wendy also serves on the Board of Directors of Women Chefs & Restaurateurs and as President Elect of the Contra Costa County Bar Association. She speaks and writes frequently on the issues of leadership, mentorship, and coaching feedback for followership as they define and shape our evolving workplace cultures.



GEOFFREY COWAN is the Dean Emeritus of the Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism and Director of the Annenberg Center of Communication Leadership & Policy at the University of Southern California. He also holds the Annenberg Family Chair in Communication Leadership and is one of the 21 University Professors at USC. Professor Cowan is an award-winning educator, government official, best-selling author, playwright, and Emmy-Award winning producer. His publications include *The People v. Clarence Darrow: The Bribery Trial of America's Greatest Lawyer*, which was praised in the Wall Street Journal as the best

book ever written about a trial lawyer, and (with the late Leroy Aarons), *Top Secret: The Battle for the Pentagon Papers*, which has been performed around the United States and had two three-week runs in China. His widely praised book, *Let the People Rule: Theodore Roosevelt and the Birth of the Presidential Primary*, was released in paperback on January 17, 2017. During the administration of President Bill Clinton, Professor Cowan headed the Voice of America. Then, from 2010 to 2016, Professor Cowan served as the inaugural President of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, where he hosted three presidential summits, including the historic meeting in 2013 between President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping of China. A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, Cowan is married to Aileen Adams and they have two children, Gabriel Cowan and Mandy Wolf.



PAMELA S. KARLAN is the Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law and a founder and co-director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic at Stanford Law School. The Clinic has represented parties in more than fifty merits cases before the Court (and in numerous cases at the certiorari stage) and a wide range of amici curiae (from the bipartisan leadership of the House Judiciary Committee to labor unions, and from overseas voters to survivors of torture). Pam herself has argued eight.

Pam's primary scholarship involves constitutional litigation, particularly with respect to voting rights and antidiscrimination law. She has published dozens of scholarly articles. She is also the co-author of three leading casebooks and a monograph on constitutional interpretation: *Keeping Faith with the Constitution*. She has received numerous teaching awards.

Pam received her B.A., M.A., and J.D. from Yale. After clerking for U.S. District Court Judge Abraham Sofaer and Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, she practiced law at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, focusing on employment discrimination and voting rights. Her public service includes a term as a commissioner on the California Fair Political Practices Commission, which implements and enforces the State's campaign finance, lobbying, and conflict of interest laws. She also served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice. There, she received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service (the Department's highest award for employee performance) for work in implementing the Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Windsor* and the John Marshall Award for Providing Legal Advice for her work on Title VII and gender identity.

Pam is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and the American Law Institute. In 2016, she was named one of the Politico 50 — a group of “thinkers, doers, and visionaries transforming American politics”; earlier in her career, the American Lawyer named her to its Public Sector 45 — a group of lawyers “actively using their law degrees to change lives.”



HON. CURTIS A. KIN presides over criminal matters for the Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County. He sits on the criminal law curriculum committee for the Judicial Council of California and served as a Justice Pro Tempore for the California Court of Appeals in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Kin served as an Assistant United States Attorney for 13 years in the Los Angeles Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California. During his tenure as a federal prosecutor, he served in multiple positions, including Chief of the Appeals Section and Chief of the General Crimes Section for trials and investigations. Judge Kin also served as Chief of the Domestic Security and Immigration Crimes Section, overseeing federal prosecutions of complex immigration fraud schemes, alien smuggling rings, and human trafficking organizations. In 2008, he received the U.S. Attorney General's Award as trial counsel for the largest human trafficking case ever tried to verdict by the U.S. Department of Justice and has regularly provided training to and taught judges, government officials, law enforcement officers, and victims' rights advocates on criminal immigration and human trafficking matters throughout the United States and abroad.

Prior to working as a federal prosecutor, Judge Kin was a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, in New York and served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Jed S. Rakoff for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District New York and then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Kin graduated with honors from Stanford Law School and received his undergraduate degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California.



CAROL C. LAM is Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at QUALCOMM Incorporated in San Diego, California. From 2002 to 2007, she was the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California. Prior to her confirmation as United States Attorney, Ms. Lam was a judge of the Superior Court in San Diego, where she presided over a criminal trial calendar. From 1986 to 2000, Ms. Lam served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of California, where she was Chief of the Major Frauds Section. Ms. Lam is a recipient of the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service and the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney. In 2007 she was named one of California's Top 100 Attorneys and one of California's Top 75 Women Litigators by the Los Angeles Daily Journal, as well as Outstanding Attorney of the Year by the San Diego County Bar Association. Ms. Lam is a recipient of the 2012 Legal Momentum Women of Achievement award and the 2012 Trailblazer Award from the National Association of Pacific Asian Bar Associations. She serves on the Stanford Board of Trustees. Ms. Lam received her B.A. in Philosophy from Yale University, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.



HON. M. MARGARET McKEOWN was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1998. Before her appointment, Judge McKeown practiced law at Perkins Coie in Seattle and Washington, D.C., where she specialized in antitrust and intellectual property and was the firm's first woman partner. Judge McKeown is past President of the Federal Judges Association and previously chaired the US Judicial Conference Codes of Conduct Committee. She chairs the Ninth Circuit Workplace Environment Committee and was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to the National Workplace Conduct Working Group. She is also Chair of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative Board, a member of the ALI Council, and Chair of the Georgetown Law School Board of Visitors. She has lectured and taught throughout the world on intellectual property, international law, human rights law, litigation, ethics, judicial administration, and constitutional law. She was awarded the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement award, the California Bar IP Vanguard Award, and the Girl Scouts Cool Women Award, among others.



MICHAEL D. RAMSEY is the Hugh and Hazel Darling Foundation Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he teaches and writes in the areas of Constitutional Law, Foreign Relations Law and International Law. He is the author of *THE CONSTITUTION'S TEXT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS* (Harvard University Press 2007), co-editor of *INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE* (Cambridge University Press 2011), and co-author of two casebooks, *TRANSNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE* (Aspen 2015) and *INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS: A PROBLEM-ORIENTED COURSEBOOK* (12th ed., West 2015). His scholarly articles have appeared in publications such as the *Yale Law Journal*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *Georgetown Law Journal* and the *American Journal of International Law*. He received his B.A. magna cum laude from Dartmouth College and his J.D. summa cum laude from Stanford Law School. Prior to teaching, he served as a judicial clerk for Judge J. Clifford Wallace of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and for Justice Antonin Scalia of the United States Supreme Court, and practiced law with the law firm of Latham & Watkins, where he specialized in international finance and investment. He has taught as a visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, in the Department of Political Science and at the University of Paris – Sorbonne, in the Department of Comparative Law.



HON. RICHARD A. ROBINSON was born December 10, 1957, in Stamford, Connecticut. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut in 1979 and a Juris Doctor degree from West Virginia University School of Law in 1984. He was admitted to the West Virginia Bar and the Connecticut Bar, and is a member of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia and the U.S. District Court, Connecticut.

From 1985-1988, Justice Robinson was Staff Counsel for the City of Stamford Law Department. In 1988, he became Assistant Corporation Counsel in Stamford where he remained until his appointment as a Judge of the Superior Court in 2000. He remained a Superior Court Judge for the next seven years during which time he served as a Presiding Judge (Civil) for the New Britain Judicial District (May 2003-September 2006), Presiding Judge (Civil) and Assistant Administrative Judge for the Ansonia/Milford Judicial District (September 2006-September 2007), and Presiding Judge (Civil) for the Stamford Judicial District (September 2007-December 2007). He was appointed as a Judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court on December 10, 2007, a Justice of the Supreme Court on December 19, 2013 and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on May 3, 2018.

Justice Robinson's career is complemented by an array of public and judicial service. He served as President of the Stamford Branch of the NAACP (1988-1990); General Counsel for the Connecticut Conference of the NAACP (1988-2000); President of the Assistant Corporation Counsel's Union (AFSCME) (1989-2000); Commissioner of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (1997-2000); Chair of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (1999-2000); New Haven Inn of Court member (2002-present); Judicial Education Curriculum Committee member (2002-present); Judicial Education Committee

member (2003-2014); Faculty at several Judicial Institutes as well as spring and fall lectures (2003-present); Civil Commission member (2005-2014); Court Annexed Mediator (2005-2014); Lawyers Assistance Advisory Board member (2007-present); Bench-Bar Foreclosure Committee (2007-2014); Legal Internship Committee; and Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency (2009-present). Connecticut Bar Association's, Young Lawyers Section Diversity Award (2010); NAACP 100 Most Influential Blacks in Connecticut; Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows, Life Fellow Board member of Discovering Amistad, Inc.; Henry J. Naruk Judiciary Award (2017).



HON. RODIN ROOYANI was appointed as an Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, based in Los Angeles, in January 2016. From April 2009 to January 2016, Judge Rooyani served as an Immigration Judge at the Los Angeles Immigration Court. From November 2004 to April 2009, Judge Rooyani served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California where she was assigned to the Criminal Division's National Security Section handling cases involving counterterrorism, counterespionage, and the illegal export of sensitive technologies. From 1998 to 2004, she served as a trial attorney with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service and as an Assistant Chief Counsel with the Department of Homeland Security entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Rooyani received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995 from George Mason University and a Juris Doctor in 1998 from the University of Maryland School of Law. Judge Rooyani is admitted to the Maryland and California Bars.



HON. JACK M. SABATINO, P.J.A.D. is Deputy Presiding Judge for Administration of the New Jersey Appellate Division. He previously was a trial judge in Mercer County, where he presided over a hundred civil jury trials and where he also sat in the Family Part. Before his judicial appointment, he was an Associate Dean at Rutgers Law School in Camden, where he has taught Evidence for over twenty years. His career includes private practice in litigation, service as an Assistant State Attorney General, and full-time law teaching. Author of numerous articles, he chairs the N.J. Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice, and also serves on the N.J. Supreme Court Committees on Evidence and Judicial Education. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a Member of the American Law Institute. He is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he is a regular co-instructor in the Winter Trial Advocacy Workshop, and a summa cum laude graduate of Yale College.



BARBARA TANNENBAUM is president of Dynamic Communication, LLC and a faculty member in the Department of Theatre Arts and Performance Studies at Brown University. Dynamic Communication has delivered communications programs on six continents. These programs teach participants how to maximize the power of their communications. Clients have included Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Chanel, Google, BuzzFeed, Omega Institute, CVS, The International Monetary Fund, Blackstone, Franklin Templeton, First Republic, Bank of America, Intel, IBM, Microsoft, Reliance Industries, and a variety of leading law firms.

Her work in the non-profit sector includes trainings for Museum of Fine Arts – Boston, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, The Studio Museum of Harlem, Rhode Island School of Design, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, Princeton University, Wellesley College, Smith College, and the Chief Judges Council.

Dr. Tannenbaum has been awarded many professional and academic honors, including Business & Professional Women’s Businesswoman of the Year and numerous outstanding professor-of-the-year awards at Brown University.

Barbara earned her doctorate in communication studies with a minor in social psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research interests include gender and communication and how power is achieved via persuasiveness.



KRIS VIRTUE is a Senior Director within Qualcomm's Global Information Security and Risk Management Organization where he oversees the organization’s Cyber Security and Threat Management team. In this role, he has responsibility for cyber incident response, threat intelligence, security monitoring, application security and cyber investigations. Kris also oversees Qualcomm’s eDiscovery collections team which partners with Qualcomm’s Legal Department to manage legal hold data collection and preservation. In addition to his security related duties, Kris also has responsibility for the overall IT organization supporting Qualcomm's Cyber

Security Solutions business unit, providing comprehensive IT service delivery to the business unit.

Over his nearly 18-year tenure with Qualcomm, he has held numerous roles within IT, including leadership roles across all aspects of the information security program, infrastructure, middleware and data integration teams. He has extensive experience in security architecture, incident response, compliance, security operations, identity management and security technology.

Kris also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Cyber Center of Excellence, a non-profit dedicated to accelerating the regional economy by promoting alignment and collaboration within the Cyber community.

Kris holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and a Master's degree in Architecture Based Enterprise Systems Engineering from the University of California, San Diego, and is CISSP and CISM certified.