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## ***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.

Ms. Abell has been the prevailing lead counsel in many seminal cases that have shaped employment discrimination class action law. She regularly presents training sessions for justices and judges, including the Council of Chief Judges, on employment issues.

Ms. Abell is Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the UCLA Law Women LEAD initiative to advance women in the legal profession, a member of the Board of Advisors of the UCLA School of Law, a member of the Advisory Board of the American Employment Law Council, and a Governor Emeritus and past Chair of the Board of Governors of the Institute for Corporate Counsel.

Ms. Abell graduated first in her class from Pitzer College of the Claremont Colleges. She graduated Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers from the UCLA School of Law. While there, Ms. Abell was co-winner of the Roscoe Pound Moot Court Competition, a member of the National Moot Court Team and an extern clerk to the Honorable Shirley Hufstedler, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to studying law, she was the Affirmative Action Director of the City of Los Angeles.



**CATHARINE BIGGS ARROWOOD** is a Partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh. She litigates and arbitrates for both large and small businesses and has considerable experience with regulated companies. She focuses on resolving problems that threaten the viability of a business. Her clients have included educational institutions, utilities, insurance companies, accounting and law firms, health care and biotech firms, banks and commercial aerospace companies.

Ms. Arrowood has chaired or served as president of a number of organizations, including the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Symphony. She has chaired her firm's management committee and served as a member of its board and compensation committee. She presently serves on the Board of Directors of K. M. Biggs, Inc., a real estate development company, and Rex Healthcare, a large hospital and medical company which includes a venture capital subsidiary that invests in medical related companies.

Ms. Arrowood is a member of Direct Women, an organization dedicated to increasing the number of women lawyers on public boards of directors. She presently serves on the Executive Committee of Direct Women and chairs its Marketing Committee.

Since 2003, Ms. Arrowood has served on the Panel of Neutrals for the American Arbitration Association and, since 2009, has been a member of the Panel for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. She regularly serves as an arbitrator and mediator. She also serves as co-chair of the International Dispute Resolution Group for Terralex, a global network of 17,000 lawyers in 100 countries.



**HON. ROGER W. BOREN** was born on September 11, 1941, and has lived in California since the age of 12. After graduating from the University of California (Berkeley), he served as a U.S. Army officer (Military Intelligence) during the Vietnam War and in the Army Reserve until 1979.

Upon graduating from the UCLA School of Law, he served as a California Deputy Attorney General, 1973-1984. As head of the Attorney General's Los Angeles Office of Special Prosecutions, he prosecuted organized crime and prison gang cases throughout California. He was the head prosecutor in the famous "Hillside Strangler" trial and convicted Angelo Buono of the murder of 9 young women in Los Angeles. Governor George Deukmejian appointed him a judge of the Newhall Municipal Court in 1984 and elevated him in 1985 to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. As a Superior Court judge, Justice Boren presided over the "Twilight Zone" trial involving the deaths of an actor and 2 children caused by a helicopter crash during the filming of a movie. He also presided over several death penalty cases.

Justice Boren was appointed to the Court of Appeal by Governor Deukmejian in 1987, and Governor Pete Wilson appointed him Presiding Justice of Division Two of the Second Appellate District in 1993. Since 2004, Justice Boren is also the Administrative Presiding Justice of the Second Appellate District, responsible for managing the personnel, facilities, and budget of the Court.

He has been an instructor in judicial education and was the chair of the Appellate Courts Committee of the California Judges Association (1998-2003). He was an advisor to the National Center for State Courts regarding a publication to assist trial judges, entitled "Managing Notorious Cases." He has served on various judicial committees and organizations, including the California Judicial Council, the policy body of the California state courts and the Chief Judges Council of State Courts of Appeal. He was a member of the state committee which drafted the new California Criminal instructions that were subsequently adopted by the Judicial Council.



**MARTIN H. BRINKLEY** a native of Raleigh, N.C., was appointed the 14th Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Law by Chancellor Carol L. Folt on July 1, 2015. He shares with James Cameron MacRae (Dean, 1899-1909), the distinction of being the only practicing lawyer to become dean in the history of Carolina Law.

During 22 years in private law practice in Raleigh, Dean Brinkley worked primarily in the fields of corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, antitrust, insurance, public finance and charitable organizations law. As a partner at Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, L.L.P., he was lead outside counsel to corporate organizations in the manufacturing, distribution, food and beverage, and insurance industries. He led Smith Anderson's regulatory and governmental affairs practice and was recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Who's Who Legal International: M&A and Corporate Governance* in the

fields of corporate law and governance, mergers and acquisitions, and nonprofit organizations law.

After serving as Executive Articles Editor of the *North Carolina Law Review* as a student at Carolina Law, Dean Brinkley clerked for Chief Judge Sam J. Ervin, III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In 2011-12 he was President of the North Carolina Bar Association, the youngest lawyer to lead the nation's preeminent voluntary state bar in more than 50 years. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Dean Brinkley is a recipient of the North Carolina Bar Association's Citizen Lawyer Award, Carolina Law's Pro Bono Alumnus of the Year Award, and other awards recognizing his pro bono service to individuals and charitable institutions. He has served on the boards of and acted as pro bono counsel to more than 30 nonprofit organizations. He is presently a trustee of the North Carolina Symphony, the North Caroliniana Society, Saint Mary's School and the North Carolina Chamber Music Institute. He is Vice Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and a former Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Vestryman of Christ Church in Raleigh.



**KARL E. CAMPBELL, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor of History at Appalachian State University where he teaches courses in North Carolina and Recent U.S. history. His book *Senator Sam Ervin, Last of the Founding Fathers* (UNC Press) won the North Caroliniana Book of the Year Award for 2007. He has written numerous articles on civil liberties, civil rights, and North Carolina history.

In 2003 his essay "Claghorn's Hammurabi: Senator Sam Ervin and Civil Rights," won the Robert D. W. Conner Award for the best article published in the *North Carolina Historical Review*. In 2012 Appalachian State University presented Karl with the Transforming North Carolina Research Award. Dr. Campbell earned his B.A. in History and Political Science from Warren Wilson College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His present projects include writing a biography of Governor Luther Hodges and editing a book of essays tentatively titled *North Carolina Revised: Towards A New History of the Old North State*. Karl lives in Banner Elk with his wife Kathy, who is the minister at Crossnore Presbyterian Church, and his daughter Joanna, who attends Centre College in Kentucky.



**HON. CORY J. CIKLIN** is chief judge of the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal. He was appointed to the court by Governor Charlie Crist on December 10, 2008 and retained by voters in 2010. His current term ends on January 3, 2017. Judge Ciklin filed to stand for retention in 2016.

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

Judge 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, Judge 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. Judge 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.



**MIKE DAHN** is Global Head of Westlaw Product Management at Thomson Reuters, Legal. Mike currently leads a team of professionals focused on driving product innovation in Westlaw and helping customers better understand the value of Westlaw's new capabilities.

Mike has led new product development projects for Thomson Reuters for 16 years. In that time, he and his team led the design of ResultsPlus, Graphical KeyCite, and Medical Litigator. Then in 2007 – 2010, Mike led the large redesign project for Westlaw that resulted in the launch of WestlawNext. Most recently, he and his team have launched Westlaw Answers, Westlaw Research Recommendations, and folder analysis capabilities. They are currently exploring how cognitive computing technologies can be applied to solve problems for lawyers.

Prior to joining Thomson Reuters, Mike was head of libraries and intranet development for Carlton Fields, a law firm in Florida. Mike is also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, where he was a cryptologic linguist.

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**RUFUS L. EDMISTEN** is the founding partner in the Edmisten & Webb Law Firm in Raleigh, North Carolina, specializing in government representation and civil law. Clients include/have included ResCare, General Motors, Pepco, Oracle Corporation, Altria Corporate Services, SAS, Deloitte, Sprint, AECOM, EMC, CSC, Sebesta, CarFax, Great-West Life, EMC, Pepco and MorphoTrust.

Mr. Edmisten has pursued a distinguished career in government, serving North Carolina as Attorney General from 1974 to 1984 and Secretary of State from 1989 to 1996. As Attorney General he was North Carolina's chief law enforcement officer and was instrumental in launching the state's Criminal Justice Information Network.

Rufus Edmisten was a nominee for North Carolina Governor in 1984. He later practiced law for several years. From 1964 to 1974, he was an aide to United States Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and was chief legal counsel to Senator Ervin during his chairmanship of the Senate Watergate Committee. He personally served the subpoena on President Nixon for the Watergate tapes.

An honors graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and of the George Washington University Law School, Mr. Edmisten is a member of the North Carolina State Bar and of the North Carolina, American, and Federal Bar Associations. He is founder and general counsel of the non-profit Foundation for Good Business of the Extra Special Super Kids Scholarship Program. He plays leadership roles in several other charitable and historical groups.



**HON. SAM J. ERVIN, IV** was born in Morganton, North Carolina, on November 18, 1955. Justice Ervin attended the Burke County public schools before receiving an A.B., magna cum laude, from Davidson College in 1978 and a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1981. From 1981 to 1999, Justice Ervin engaged in the general practice of law in Morganton. During that time, he appeared in a wide variety of civil, criminal, and administrative matters, including many proceedings before the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the North Carolina appellate courts. In 1999, Justice Ervin was nominated to serve on the Utilities Commission by former Governor

James B. Hunt, Jr., and, following confirmation of his nomination by the General Assembly, took office as a member of that body. In 2007, Justice Ervin was nominated for a second term as a member of the Utilities Commission by former Governor Michael F. Easley and confirmed by the General Assembly. While serving on the Utilities Commission, Justice Ervin testified before the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality of the House Energy and Commerce Committee on two occasions and served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal and the Committee on Electricity of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Justice Ervin was elected to serve as a Judge of North Carolina Court of Appeals at the 2008 general election and served in that capacity from January 1, 2009, until he took office as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina on January 1, 2015, following his election to that position at the 2014 general election. Justice Ervin lives in Morganton, is married to Mary Temple Ervin, and has two step-children and two children.



**HON. SUSAN PEIKES GANTMAN** election to a ten-year term on the Superior Court was confirmed in January 2004, and she won retention in 2013. She was elected by her peers as the President Judge of the Superior Court in January 2014.

*Employment:* law clerk to Montgomery County Common Pleas Judge Richard S. Lowe; solicitor, Montgomery County Office of Children and Your and Montgomery County Housing and Community Development; assistant district attorney, Montgomery County; private law practice, 1981-1991; partner, Sherr, Joffe &

Zuckerman P.C., 1991-1998; senior member and co-chair of Family Law Section, Cozen O'Connor, 1998-2003.

President Judge Gantman has received numerous recognitions, including Honoree, Brandeis Law Society Law Day, 2015; Honoree, Montgomery Bar Association Annual Dinner, 2014; awarded Women of the Year 2014, The Legal Intelligencer; Anne X. Alpern Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession; Margaret Richardson Award, Montgomery County Bar Association; Outstanding Service, Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, Super Lawyer, Philadelphia Magazine; Federation Award, Bond of Faith.

*Education:* University of Pennsylvania (B.A. cum laude, M.A., 1974); Villanova University School of Law (J.D., 1977).



**CHARLES G. GEYH** is the John F. Kimberling Professor of Law at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. His work on judicial independence, accountability, selection, administration and ethics has appeared in over seventy books, articles, book chapters, reports, and other publications. In 2016, he was awarded a Carnegie fellowship to write a book on state judicial selection.

Geyh has served as an expert witness in the Senate impeachment trial of Federal District Judge G. Thomas Porteous; Director of and consultant to the ABA Judicial Disqualification Project, and as Reporter to four ABA Commissions (the Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the Commission on the 21st Century Judiciary, the Commission on the Public Financing of Judicial Campaigns, and the Commission on the Separation of Powers and Judicial Independence). He has likewise served as Director of the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Independence; Consultant to the Parliamentary Development Project on Judicial Independence and Administration for the Supreme Rada of Ukraine; Assistant special counsel to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on the impeachment and removal of Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Rolf Larsen; Consultant to the National Commission on Judicial Discipline & Removal; and legislative liaison to the Federal Courts Study Committee.

He received his B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin in 1980 and graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school in 1983, after which he clerked for the Honorable Thomas A. Clark on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, worked as an associate at the Washington D.C. law firm of Covington & Burling, and served as counsel to the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, before beginning his teaching career in 1991. He joined the faculty at Indiana University in 1999, has served as the law school's associate dean for research, and is the recipient of three faculty fellowships, three Trustees teaching awards, and the Wallace teaching award.



**ELLEN M. GREGG, ESQ.** is an accomplished trial lawyer who has litigated cases at all levels of state and federal courts. Ellen brings this experience to bear in her role as Practice Team Leader to the Womble Carlyle Case Management Facility (“CMF”), which was established in 1997 to assist in-house and outside trial counsel with management of mass tort litigation. A high tech legal knowledge management (LKM) system and central clearinghouse, the CMF creates and administers virtual law firms nationwide, allowing in-house, national and local counsel in multiple jurisdictions to communicate with each other in real time in a secure environment, to electronically and instantly access all work product, and to reduce costs. Ellen works directly with general counsel in Fortune 500 companies to develop and implement custom legal knowledge, case and matter management systems that integrate compliance, early case assessment (ECA), LEAN/Six Sigma and crisis management goals. Her recent efforts include an emphasis on business intelligence and predictive analytics as they may be applied to her clients’ litigation. In Ellen’s years of trial practice prior to leading the CMF, she handled a broad range of cases including medical malpractice, wrongful death, insurance coverage, errors and omissions, professional liability, civil rights, class actions and complex product liability claims. Throughout her career with Womble Carlyle, Ellen has served in a variety of leadership roles, particularly in the areas of firm management. Currently Vice Chair of the Firm, she is a member of the Firm Management Committee, Executive Committee and is actively involved in firm professional development and recruiting activities. In 2002, she was honored by the Firm for her many contributions with the W. P. Sandridge, Sr. Distinguished Service Award for Service to the Firm. Ellen also actively participates in the NCBA (CLE and Women in the Profession committees), served as a member of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, and serves the Winston-Salem community through her involvement in the United Way of Forsyth County, NC, Habitat for Humanity and the American Heart Association. Ellen is proud to have started her career as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. John C. Martin.



**HON. ERIKA L. HADLOCK** is Chief Judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals. Chief Judge Hadlock lived in Florida and eastern Washington State as a child. She came to Oregon in 1981 to attend Reed College, where she majored in chemistry. After working as a chemist for a few years, Judge Hadlock moved to Ithaca, New York, to attend law school at Cornell, where she graduated in 1991 with honors and with a certificate in public law.

Judge Hadlock returned to Oregon promptly after law school graduation and began her practice at a private law firm. After a few years at the firm, where she focused on commercial and environmental litigation, Judge Hadlock got a job in the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. She spent the next 16 years working in public service, mostly at Oregon DOJ, until Governor John Kitzhaber appointed her to the Court of Appeals in 2011. In late 2015, Judge Hadlock was appointed Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals effective January 1, 2016.

Judge Hadlock lives with her husband in Portland. Her non-work activities include learning to play the piano, hiking, and swimming; she is also an active member of the World Affairs Council of Oregon.



**ROGAN KERSH** received his B.A. from Wake Forest in 1986, and returned as provost and professor of political science in July 2012. In this role he oversees the University's academic mission and programs, working closely with President Hatch, the deans, and faculty and administrative colleagues to support and enhance research, teaching, and graduate and undergraduate programs of the College of Arts and Sciences as well as Wake Forest's Schools of Business, Divinity and Law. He also coordinates academic programming with the administration of the School of Medicine.

Prior to arriving at WFU, Kersh was associate dean of NYU's Wagner School of Public Service, where he was professor of public policy. Kersh has published three books, on American political history and on health policy; a new edition of his *By the People: Debating American Government* (with James Morone) will be published in 2016 by Oxford University Press. He has published over 50 academic articles, and does frequent media commentary on U.S. politics. He has been a Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, a Luce Scholar, a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow, and is an elected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. In 15 years' teaching at Yale, Syracuse, and NYU he won four university-wide teaching awards. Kersh received his Ph.D. in political science from Yale in 1996, and has professional experience in the U.S. Congress, the British Parliament, and at think tanks in Tokyo and Washington, DC.



**DAHLIA LITHWICK** is a senior editor at Slate, and in that capacity, writes the "Supreme Court Dispatches" and "Jurisprudence" columns. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Harper's*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, and *Commentary*, among other places. She won a 2013 National Magazine Award for her columns on the Affordable Care Act. She has been twice awarded an Online Journalism Award for her legal commentary and was the first online journalist invited to be on the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press. Ms. Lithwick has testified before Congress about access to justice in the era of the Roberts Court. She has appeared on CNN, ABC, *The Colbert Report*, and is a frequent guest on *The Rachel Maddow Show*. Ms. Lithwick earned her BA from Yale University and her JD degree from Stanford University.



**WILLIAM (BILL) P. MARSHALL** is currently the Kenan Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina. Marshall was Deputy White House Counsel and Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States during the Clinton Administration. He has also served as the Solicitor General of the State of Ohio. Marshall has published extensively on freedom of speech, freedom of religion, federal courts, presidential power, federalism, and judicial selection matters. He teaches civil procedure, constitutional law, election law, first amendment, federal courts, freedom of religion, the law

of the presidency, and media law. Marshall received his law degree from the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a native of Nashua, New Hampshire.



**BRAD MEHLENBACHER, PhD** has been doing research on the differences between print and online media since the early 1980s, studying how they inform human communication, instruction, collaboration, and learning. At NC State University, Brad is Associate Professor of Distance Learning (Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development), Primary Area Faculty Member with Human Factors and Applied Cognition (Psychology), Affiliated Faculty Member with Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media (English/Communication), and with the Digital Games Research Center (Computer Science). He is author of the CCCC's 2012 Best Book in Technical and Scientific Communication, *Instruction and Technology: Designs for Everyday Learning* (MIT Press, 2010), and co-author of *Online Help: Design and Evaluation* (Ablex, 1993). He has consulted for the Computer Science Department at Carnegie Mellon; Apple Computer; SAS Institute; IBM-Toronto and IBM-RTP.



**HON. MARY C. NOBLE** - In 2006, after serving fifteen years as a Fayette Circuit Court judge, Justice Noble was elected to the Supreme Court from the Fifth Supreme Court District, which comprises, Fayette, Franklin, Scott, Woodford, Bourbon, Clark, Madison, Jessamine, Boyle, Mercer and Anderson Counties. She was re-elected to the Supreme Court unopposed in 2008. In 2010, she was appointed Deputy Chief Justice. In 2011, she became the first woman to preside at the Kentucky Supreme Court in a case in which the Chief Justice was recused.

Deputy Chief Justice Noble obtained her undergraduate degree, majoring in English, and her Master's degree, majoring in Psychology, from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tn. She obtained her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in December, 1981.

Deputy Chief Justice Noble began her legal practice at the law firm of Bryan and Fogle in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, in 1982, where she primarily practiced school law and insurance defense. In 1983, she began a general litigation practice in Lexington, continuing to represent school boards and doing civil plaintiff's cases and criminal defense. She also served as Domestic Relations Commissioner for Fayette Circuit Court, Third Division, for two years until her election to the circuit bench in 1991. She served two terms as Chief Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court and the region, the first woman to serve in such capacity in the over 200-year history of Fayette Circuit Court.

In 1996, Deputy Chief Justice Noble, Chief Justice Minton and District Judge Henry Webber established the Court of Justice Drug Court program. She presided as a Drug Court judge for ten years. She has also served on the Board of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals,

is a member of the organization's Hall of Fame, and has been invited to speak about Drug Court-related topics throughout the country.

Deputy Chief Justice Noble chairs the Family Court Rules Committee, and led efforts to draft the first statewide Family Court Rules of Practice and Procedure. She previously chaired the Civil Rules Committee. Currently, she heads the Court of Justice Committee working on juvenile justice issues, and chairs the Juvenile Justice Rules of Practice and Procedure Committee. She also chairs the committee working on developing court-related alternative dispute strategies.



**HON. JACK M. SABATINO** is Deputy Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the state's intermediate appeals court. He previously was a state trial judge in Trenton, where he presided over a hundred civil jury trials. Before his judicial appointment, he was an Associate Dean at Rutgers Law School-Camden, where continues to teach Evidence annually. His career includes private practice in litigation, service as an Assistant State Attorney General, and full-time law teaching. He has published numerous articles. He chairs the N.J. Supreme Court Committee on the state's civil court rules, and also serves on the N.J. Supreme Court Committee on Evidence. 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.



**KANNON K. SHANMUGAM** is a partner at the law firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington. He heads the firm's Supreme Court and appellate litigation practice. Kannon is the only lawyer to have joined the firm as a lateral partner in the last 30 years. Widely recognized as one of the nation's premier appellate advocates, Kannon has argued 18 cases before the Supreme Court, including several of the most significant business and criminal cases heard by the Court in recent years. Beyond the Supreme Court, he has argued dozens of appeals in courts across the country. Kannon has been named *The American Lawyer's* Litigator of the Week twice in the last year, most recently for the Second Circuit's reversal of a \$1.3 billion judgment obtained by the government against Bank of America.

Kannon joined Williams & Connolly in 2008 after serving as an Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Department of Justice. Born and raised in Lawrence, Kansas, he received an A.B. *summa cum laude* in classics from Harvard; an M. Litt. in classics from the University of Oxford, where he was a Marshall Scholar; and a J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was executive editor of the law review and argued for the winning side in the moot-court competition. After graduation, he served as a law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court and Judge J. Michael Luttig on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.



**JONATHAN SHAPIRO** has spent the last 16 years writing and producing some of television’s most iconic shows, including *The Blacklist*, *The Practice*, *Life*, and *Boston Legal*. An Emmy, Peabody, and Humanitas Awards winner, he and David E. Kelley are the creators and executive producers of *Goliath*, a legal thriller on Amazon Prime. In addition to his work in television, he is also the author of two recent books: the memoir “*Liars, Lawyers, and the Art of Storytelling*” (ABA Publishing) and the novel “*Deadly Force*” (Ankerwycke Press). Prior to writing for television, Jonathan spent a decade as a federal prosecutor and as an adjunct law professor at Loyola Law School and the University of Southern California’s Gould School of Law. He is a member and the former chairman of the California Commission on Government Economy and Efficiency, as well as the founder and director of the Public Counsel Emergency for Torture Victims. He is a graduate of Harvard University, a Rhodes Scholar at Oriel College, Oxford University, and received his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



**NEIL S. SIEGEL** is the David W. Ichel Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at Duke Law School, where he also serves as co-director of the Program in Public Law and director of the DC Summer Institute on Law and Policy. His research and teaching focus on U.S. constitutional law and federal courts.

Professor Siegel’s scholarship identifies ways in which pluralistic approaches to constitutional interpretation can accommodate changes in society and the needs of American governance while remaining disciplined and bound by the rule of law. His articles on collective action federalism justify robust, but limited, federal power. His writings on judicial statesmanship seek to understand how participants in the practice of constitutional law attempt to secure the legitimacy of constitutional law. His constitutional theory scholarship analyzes how perceptions of the clarity of the constitutional text are affected by extra-textual considerations. His work on sex equality and reproductive rights examines competing mediating principles of equality and identifies ways in which equality values are protected under both equal protection and substantive due process. And his separation of powers research documents the role of historical practice in partially constituting executive and judicial power.

Professor Siegel teaches Duke Law students, undergraduates in Duke University’s Trinity College and Duke Law’s DC Summer Institute, and judges in Duke’s Master of Judicial Studies Program. He also offers U.S. Supreme Court updates and other talks at judicial conferences and law firms around the country.

Professor Siegel served as special counsel to Senator Joseph Biden during the confirmation hearings of John Roberts and Samuel Alito. During the October 2003 term, he clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. He also served as Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General during

the tenure of Solicitor General Theodore Olson, and as law clerk to Fourth Circuit Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III.

In 1994, Professor Siegel received his B.A. (Economics and Political Science), summa cum laude, from Duke University. In 1995, he received his M.A. (Economics) from Duke. In 2001, he received his J.D. and a Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, both from UC Berkeley.



**JASON P. STEED** is an appellate attorney in Dallas, Texas. He has represented clients in both civil and criminal appeals in appellate courts across the country—including the Supreme Court of Texas, the Supreme Court of California, the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the Supreme Court of Alaska, and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has an MFA in creative writing and a Ph.D. in American literature, and was an English professor before defecting to law school. He blogs about appellate practice and legal writing at [formalegalis.org](http://formalegalis.org), and he tweets at [@5thCircAppeals](https://twitter.com/5thCircAppeals). He has five children and drives a boring car.



**HON. EDWIN H. STERN** began his judicial career in 1981 when he was appointed to the bench by then-Governor Brendan T. Byrne. He served in the Superior Court Law Division in Hudson County and Essex County before he was elevated to the Appellate Division in 1985. In 1998, Judge Stern became a presiding judge in the Appellate Division and then, in 2004 became the Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division. He was temporarily assigned to fill a vacancy on the New Jersey Supreme Court in September, 2010 until his mandatory retirement in June, 2011. He is now serving as “Of Counsel” at Gibbons P.C. in Newark, N.J. doing appellate work as well as conducting mediations and arbitrations.

Over the course of his judicial career, Judge Stern authored more than 3,000 opinions including more than 400 published opinions. He was on many Supreme Court committees including serving as the Judicial representative on the New Jersey Sentencing Commission and the Commission on Professionalism in the Law.



**E. GREGORY WALLACE** is Associate Professor of Law at Campbell University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Professor Wallace teaches constitutional law with a concentration on religious freedom, firearms law and the Second Amendment, free speech, and constitutional interpretation.

Professor Wallace holds the LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from the University of Virginia School of Law. His doctoral dissertation was entitled “Higher Call: Foundations of Religious Freedom in American Constitutionalism.” He received his J.D. degree with high honors from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock School of Law, where he graduated first in his class, was editor-in-chief of the law review, and won a

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