

ROADMAP TO JUSTICE

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Welcome

Equal justice under the law is one of America's most proudly proclaimed and widely violated legal principles. It embellishes courthouse entries, ceremonial occasions, and an occasional constitutional decision. But it comes nowhere close to describing the justice system in practice. Millions of Americans lack any access to the system, let alone equal access. It is a shameful irony that our nation, which has the world's greatest concentration of lawyers, also has one of the least adequate systems for legal assistance. It is more shameful still that the inadequacies attract so little concern.

The Roadmap to Justice Project seeks to bring greater visibility and expertise to this issue. Its goal is to draw leaders in the field together to chart a national agenda for access to justice for those who need it most. Through a series of structured conversations with leading experts, we hope to develop a plausible plan for the reorganization of legal processes, ethical rules, court procedures, and pro bono programs.

This forum, sponsored by the Stanford Center on the Legal Profession and the Sokolove Charitable Fund, provides a starting point for an ongoing effort to turn the tide on this increasingly significant issue.

We thank you for joining us.

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Forum Agenda

- 9:00-10:45am Welcome, overview of project and priorities
Jim Sokolove
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- Deborah L. Rhode**
Director, Stanford Center on the Legal Profession
E.W. McFarland Professor of Law
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- 10:45-11:00am Break
- 11:00am-12:30pm Communications, political and funding strategies
Meredith McBurney
Project Consultant
American Bar Association Resource Center for Access to Justice
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch
Student Lounge / Crocker Garden
- 1:30-2:45pm Breakout sessions on narrowly tailored topics
- 2:45-3:00pm Break
- 3:00-4:45pm Developing an action plan, strategies for evaluation and ongoing collaboration
- 4:45-5:00pm Conclusion
- 5:30-7:00pm Reception

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Deborah L. Rhode

E.W. McFarland Professor of Law
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Deborah L. Rhode is one of the nation's leading scholars in the fields of legal ethics and gender, law, and public policy. An author of 20 books, including *Women and Leadership* and *Moral Leadership*, she is the most frequently cited scholar in legal ethics. She is the director of the Stanford Center on the Legal Profession.

Professor Rhode is the former president of the Association of American Law Schools, the former chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession, the founder and former director of Stanford's Center on Ethics, and the former director of the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford. She also served as senior counsel to the Minority members of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary on presidential impeachment issues during the Clinton administration. She has received the American Bar Association's Michael Franck award for contributions to the field of professional responsibility; the American Bar Foundation's W. M. Keck Foundation Award for distinguished scholarship on legal ethics, and the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award for her work on expanding public service opportunities in law schools. She is currently a columnist for the *The National Law Journal* and vice chair of the board of Legal Momentum (formerly the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund).

Before joining the Stanford Law faculty, Professor Rhode was a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.



James G. Sokolove

Founder, The Law Offices of James Sokolove, LLC
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Recognized as the pioneer and leader in legal services marketing, Attorney James Sokolove is the founder and chairman of The Law Offices of James Sokolove, LLC, a nationwide affiliation of law firms concentrating in personal injury law.

Jim has been driven by his passion to provide quality representation and equal access to the civil justice system for everyone, irrespective of ethnicity, income or geography. He has been listed in the *Boston Business Journal* as one of Boston's 100 Most Influential Business People of the 20th century and by *Massachusetts*

Lawyers Weekly as one of the most influential attorneys of the past 25 years, for increasing access through marketing to our legal system.

Jim is a tireless servant of the community, advocate for the poor and disabled with a continuing commitment to public service. Among his many awards for his pro-bono and charitable work, Jim was the recipient from President Ronald Reagan of a Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives. He volunteers time with local legal services and serves as a mentor to beginning business entrepreneurs.

For over twenty five years Jim's personal character and exemplary professional standards have been reflected in the impressive success of his firm, its longstanding and valued affiliate relationships and its continuing commitment to community work.

Jim has been awarded the highest ranking of AV by Martindale Hubbell. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and the Suffolk University School of Law and makes his home in Newton, MA.

Participant Biographies



Richard Abel

Michael J. Connell Professor of Law, Emeritus
UCLA Law School

Richard Abel teaches Torts, Legal Profession, and Law and Social Change. Over the years, he has been president of the Law and Society Association, editor of African Law Studies and of the Law & Society Review, and member of the editorial boards of other journals in the law and society field in the United States, Europe, and Australia. He participated in the founding of the Conference on Critical Legal Studies in 1977 and helped organize the meeting on "Law and Racism: The Sounds of Silence." At UCLA, he has been faculty coordinator for the Public Interest Law Program.

Professor Abel spent two years after law school reading African law and legal anthropology in London, and then a year of field work in Kenya studying the ways in which primary courts staffed by and serving the African population had preserved indigenous notions of law and procedure within European institutions. He began teaching at Yale in 1969 and spent the 1971-72 year practicing with the New Haven Legal Assistance Association.

Professor Abel's most recent books are English Lawyers between Market and State: The Politics of Professionalism (2003), Speaking Respect, Respecting Speech (1998); Lawyers: A Critical Reader (1997); Politics by Other Means: Law in the Struggle Against Apartheid, 1980-1994 (1995); The Law & Society Reader (1995); Speech and Respect (1994); American Lawyers (1989); The Legal Profession in England and Wales (1988); The Politics of Informal Justice (editor, 1982); and Lawyers in Society (co-editor, 1988-89).



Hon. Simeon Acoba

Justice, Supreme Court of Hawaii

Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. was appointed to the Hawai'i Supreme Court in May 2000. Prior to his appointment to the supreme court, he was an associate judge at the Intermediate Court of Appeals from 1994-2000, a circuit court judge from 1980-1994 handling both civil and criminal cases, and a per diem district court judge from 1979-1980. He currently serves as Chair of the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission.

Justice Acoba received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawai'i with honors, and his Juris Doctorate from the Northwestern University School of Law. He was admitted to practice law in the federal and in the Hawai'i state courts on October 9, 1969. He started his career as a law clerk to then-Chief Justice William Richardson of the Hawai'i Supreme Court, was a special assistant to Harlan Cleveland, then-President of the University of Hawai'i, served as a deputy attorney general, and later was engaged in the private practice of law. During his practice he also served as a special deputy attorney general in the occupational safety and health area and in the public utilities area, as a house of representatives majority attorney, and as an adjunct professor at the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i.

Justice Acoba was born on March 11, 1944 in Honolulu. He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children.



Maureen Alger
Partner, Cooley Godward Kronish LLP

Maureen P. Alger is a partner in the Cooley Godward Kronish Litigation department and also serves as the Firm's Pro Bono Partner. She joined the Firm in 1999 and is a resident of the Palo Alto office.

As Pro Bono Partner, Ms. Alger is responsible for the development and administration of the Firm's Pro Bono practice. She also supervises many pro bono matters.

Prior to her focus on the Pro Bono practice, Ms. Alger's practice focused on complex commercial litigation matters and appellate and writ proceedings. She has represented clients in a wide range of appeals and writ proceedings in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Ninth and Federal Circuits, and the California appellate courts.

Ms. Alger is also a leader in the promotion and coordination of pro bono work regionally and nationally. She is a founder of the Bay Area Pro Bono Roundtable, the Bar Association of San Francisco's Pro Bono Committee, and the national Association of Pro Bono Counsel (APBCo). She is also an active member of the State Bar of California's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS).

Before joining Cooley, Ms. Alger served as a law clerk to the Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Ms. Alger received a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where she served as an editor for the Columbia Law Review. She received a B.A. degree with high honors from the University of California at Berkeley, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Ms. Alger is a member of the State Bar of California. She is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth and Ninth Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of California.



Dmitry Bam
Incoming Fellow (Access to Justice)
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Dmitry will be joining the Stanford Center for the Legal Profession as a Fellow in August 2009. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School, where he was an Articles Editor on the Stanford Law Review. After graduation, Dmitry clerked for Judge Barry G. Silverman on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He then practiced law at Morrison & Foerster and Jones Day. He is admitted to the bar in New York and Colorado.



Steve Binder

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Steve Binder is a deputy public defender with the San Diego Office of the Public Defender, where he has practiced since 1989. Steve represented clients in the mental health and welfare fraud specialty units. He founded the Homeless Court Program (HCP) in 1989 and authored a grant request for Dept. of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance funding for it. Mr. Binder has received many awards for his work on it. In 2007 the HCP received the “Defender Program of the Year” by the California Public Defender Association in 2007; was selected as one of fifteen finalists for the Innovations in Government Awards by the Ash Institute/Kennedy School of Government-Harvard University in 2004; awarded, “Outstanding

Community Service Award” from the San Diego Bar Association in 2004 and the “E Stanley Conant Award” from the Board of Directors of Defense Programs in San Diego in 2002. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans presented him with the “Unsung Hero Award” in 2000, the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego presented him the “Volunteer Attorney of the Year” in 1990, and the Public Defender Association presented him the “Community Service Award” in 1999. The American Bar Association presented the “Hodson Award” to the San Diego County Office of the Public Defender for outstanding service by a public agency with the Homeless Court. He is a Fellow with Ashoka Innovators for the Public working fulltime to further replication of the Homeless Court Program. He is a former Chair and current Special Advisor to the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty.



Gary Blasi

Professor of Law, UCLA Law School

Gary Blasi joined the UCLA faculty with a distinguished 20-year record of public interest practice. He teaches clinical and public interest lawyering courses, including Fact Investigation in Complex Matters and Clinical Seminar in Public Policy Advocacy. He is one of the founding and core faculty of the law school's unique David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy. He practices, teaches, conducts research and writes about advocacy on behalf of children in substandard schools, homeless families and individuals, low income tenants, low wage workers, and victims of discrimination. He has received numerous awards for distinction in the field of public interest law and for providing legal services to the poor. In 2007, he was named one of the top 100 lawyers in California, cited as the “go-to lawyer for community groups in need of advice.”

Professor Blasi's research draws on cognitive science and social psychology to better understand how lawyers acquire expertise, how people understand the causes of problems like homelessness or poverty, how advocates can best deal with the consequences of racial and other stereotypes, and how large bureaucracies can better respond to the needs of poor people and people living with disabilities. He has also served as Director of the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, which supports research and education on issues critical to working people, taught at Stanford and lectured at universities in England, Australia, Brazil, Hong Kong and China.

Professor Blasi became a lawyer without attending law school. After graduate study at Harvard, where he was a Graduate Prize Fellow and Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Professor Blasi served as a legal apprentice in a community law office in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, where he also began his practice. In 1978, he joined the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, where he coordinated advocacy including complex litigation in the areas of housing, welfare, homelessness, and redevelopment.



John Bouman
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John Bouman was named president of the Shriver Center effective January 1, 2007. He also remains the Shriver Center's director of advocacy, his position since 1996. He joined the Shriver Center in May 1996 after twenty-one years at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, where he supervised public benefits advocacy from 1985. He also worked in several Chicago neighborhoods and held a position as a specialist in the foundation's Elderly Law Project. He has won numerous awards for his career and accomplishments in antipoverty legal and advocacy work. He is recognized for being one of the most effective and thoughtful public-benefit advocates in the country. He is credited by many legislators, administrators, providers, and other advocates for his leadership in the design and implementation of Illinois's new welfare law in 1997. Recently he led the successful statewide effort to create the FamilyCare program to provide health care insurance to up to 300,000 working poor parents of minor children. In November 2002 he was named to Governor-elect Rod Blagojevich's key transition team committee focusing on the state's budget crisis. Bouman is lead counsel in *Memisovski v. Maram*, a successful case establishing substantial reforms in children's health care in Illinois. He is a founding and current member of the steering committee of the National Transitional Jobs Network. He is a frequent lecturer and trainer on a variety of social policy, advocacy, and lawyering subjects. He is a 1975 graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law and member of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and the Chicago Bar Association.

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Kathleen Brockel is the NTAP Executive Director. Prior to this position she was the Executive Director of Law Access New Mexico – a statewide legal services helpline. While in New Mexico she served as Co-Chair of the State Bar of New Mexico Legal Services and Programs Committee and she was a Commissioner with the New Mexico Commission on Access to Justice. Kathleen was also a board member of the Equal Access to Justice Campaign. Previously she has served as the Assistant Director at the ACLU of New Mexico, a staff attorney at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality in Ohio and was the Executive Director of AIDS Survival Project in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated Cum Laude from Georgia State University College of Law.



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Terry Brooks is the Director of the American Bar Association Division for Legal Services, and Chief Counsel to the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid & Indigent Defendants. Since 1988, he has lead the ABA staff department providing legal counsel, project management and logistical support for 11 standing committees and commissions which collectively serve the public by improving access to justice for the poor and those of modest means, and serve the profession by assisting lawyers with key professional and personal issues. As SCLAIID counsel, Mr. Brooks has developed projects to: (1) gather and analyze information about national resources supporting delivery of civil and criminal legal services for the poor, (2) provide leadership, produce resource materials and put forth policy/legislative proposals on assistance with educational debt and recruitment and retention of lawyers in public interest careers, (3) provide the leadership and policy support of the organized bar for an effective right to counsel in the context of both civil and criminal matters, (4) develop and promote clear guidelines for effective systems and programs to provide civil legal services and indigent

criminal defense services to the poor, and (5) advocate for increased state and federal funding for civil legal aid and indigent criminal defense services. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.



Alan Carlson
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Alan Carlson has more than 32 years of experience working in state and local justice systems across the country and internationally. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Superior Court of California for the County of Orange, California, a large, urban, unified state trial court. His responsibilities include those of court administrator, clerk of court, and jury commissioner.

Previously, he served as the President of the Justice Management Institute (JMI) providing technical assistance to states and local jurisdictions, workshops for justice system personnel, and research on the operation and management of justice system entities. Areas of particular experience include criminal caseload management, management of large urban courts, funding of trial courts, public access to court records, and privacy concerns in sharing justice system information.

Prior to joining JMI, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the Superior Court of California for the County of San Francisco; a 65-judicial officer unified state trial court. Other positions he has held in his professional career include Director of Court Services, California Administrative Office of the Courts; Executive Officer and Jury Commissioner, Monterey County Superior Court, Salinas, CA; Assistant Executive Officer and Jury Commissioner, Alameda County Superior Court, Oakland, CA; and Staff Attorney, Western Regional Office, National Center for State Courts, San Francisco, CA. He holds a JD Degree from Hastings College of Law and a BS Degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



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Joseph Chairez is a partner in the Costa Mesa office of the national law firm of Baker & Hostetler. As an experienced litigator, Mr. Chairez has successfully handled a broad range of complex litigation including insurance coverage, products liability, labor and employment matters and environmental cost recovery. Mr. Chairez is a featured speaker at Continuing Legal Education Seminars on equal access to justice issues, trial practice and insurance coverage litigation.

Mr. Chairez is a Governor on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California, where he serves on various committees, including as State Bar liaison to the California Commission on Access to Justice. Mr. Chairez is the immediate past co-chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice, where he also served as vice-chair of the Language Barrier Committee. For the State Bar, Mr. Chairez has been a member of the Diversity Pipeline Task Force and the Justice Gap Fund Task Force.

Mr. Chairez is the past President of the Orange County Bar Association and immediate past President of the OCBA Charitable Fund. He is a past President of the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association and a member of the Executive Committee of the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund. He is on the Board of Directors of the El Viento Foundation and former Board member of the Public Law Center.

Mr. Chairez received his Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California at Berkeley and his Juris Doctorate from University of California at Davis School of Law.



Tiela Chalmers

Executive Director
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Tiela Chalmers is the Executive Director of the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco. She has served in that role since March of 2006, succeeding the irreplaceable Tanya Neiman; prior to that date, she served as Managing Attorney of VLSP. Chalmers joined VLSP in 1997, specializing in Landlord-Tenant matters, and in client intake.

Chalmers received her Bachelors degree in History from Swarthmore College, and her Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of the Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Order of the Coif. She went on to work for 10 years at the law firm of Farella, Braun + Martel in San Francisco in business litigation before moving to VLSP. She has two fabulous kids.



Diane Chin

Director, Equal Justice Works / West

Diane T. Chin joined Equal Justice Works in March 2008 as Director of Equal Justice Works/West. In this role, she spearheads Equal Justice Works' new office in San Francisco and develops programs to support and train Equal Justice Works Fellows and alumni throughout California and the West, in addition to assisting with fellowship selection and policy reform initiatives. Prior to joining Equal Justice Works, Diane served as the Associate Director of the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at UC Berkeley Law School. She was the founding director of the Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law at Stanford Law School and a Lecturer in Law. Before joining the world of academia, Diane was a civil rights activist, serving as Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, a civil rights advocacy and services organization in San Francisco, Senior Trial Attorney for the

Office of Citizen Complaints of the San Francisco Police Commission, Housing Attorney with Protection & Advocacy, Staff Attorney and Director of the Racial Violence Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, and Skadden Fellow at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the Boston Bar Association. Diane also served on the National Advisory Committee of Equal Justice Works for two years, on the Pro Bono & Public Service Committee of American Association of Law Schools, as its Program Co-Chair, and the Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section of the American Bar Association. She is a graduate of Mills College and Northeastern University School of Law. Diane was one of the members of the first class of Skadden Fellows and is the co-editor of *Beyond the Big Firm: Profiles of Lawyers Who Want Something More* (Aspen Publishers, 2007).



Hon. Michele Christiansen

Judge, Third District Court of Utah
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Judge Michele M. Christiansen was appointed to the Third District Court in April 2007 by Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. At the time of her appointment, Judge Christiansen was general counsel to Gov. Huntsman. Judge Christiansen received a law degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1995. She then served as a judicial law clerk for one year with the Honorable Tena Campbell, United State District Court Judge for the District of Utah, following which she joined the Salt Lake law firm of Parsons Behle & Latimer. In March 1998, Judge Christiansen joined the United State Attorney's Office, District of Utah, as an Assistant United States Attorney. In January 2005, she was appointed executive director of the Utah Commission on Criminal and

Juvenile Justice. Judge Christiansen co-chaired the Utah Methamphetamine Joint Task Force and chaired the Utah Sexual Violence Council. She served as a member of the Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Panel, the Utah Sentencing Commission Executive Committee, the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council, the Governor's Violence Against Women and Families Cabinet Council, the Initiative on Utah Children in Foster Care, the Salt Lake County Bar Association Executive Committee, and the Access to Justice Council.



Michelle Williams Court
Director of Litigation
Bet Tzedek Legal Services

Michelle Williams Court is Bet Tzedek's Director of Litigation. Prior to joining Bet Tzedek, Michelle litigated state and federal discrimination cases, First and Fourth Amendment constitutional claims, predatory lending cases, and a wide variety of other public interest and civil rights cases. In addition, Michelle served as a Civil Rights Fellow with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where she participated in several ground-breaking Fair Housing Act cases. Michelle is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and serves as Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities Elder Rights Committee. She served by appointment by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George on the Judicial Council Probate Conservatorship Taskforce and also served on the California State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation.

Michelle has served as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School and is a volunteer faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). She has held several leadership positions in women's bar associations, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2008 by Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles in recognition of her dedication to public service. Michelle was featured as a 2006 Southern California Super Lawyers "Rising Star," was named as a Southern California Super Lawyer in 2007 and 2008, and was named one of California's Top 20 lawyers Under 40 years old. Michelle is a graduate of Pomona College and Loyola Law School.



Scott Cummings
Professor of Law, UCLA Law School

Scott Cummings teaches Business Associations, Professional Responsibility, and Community Economic Development. He is currently faculty chair of the Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy. His scholarship focuses on the organization and practice of public interest law, and he is currently working on projects that examine the operation of small public interest firms, the development of public interest law systems abroad, and the role of lawyers in the anti-sweatshop movement in Los Angeles. Professor Cummings' articles appear in the Stanford Law Review, California Law Review, Duke Law Journal, and the UCLA Law Review.

In law school, Professor Cummings served as executive editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. He clerked for Judge A. Wallace Tashima of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge James B. Moran of the Northern District of Illinois. In 1996, Professor Cummings was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to work in the Community Development Project at Public Counsel in Los Angeles, where he provided transactional legal assistance to nonprofit organizations and small businesses engaged in community revitalization efforts.



Hon. Michael Douglas

Justice, Nevada Supreme Court
Chair, Nevada Access to Justice Commission

Justice Michael L. Douglas, the first African American justice in Nevada’s history, was appointed to the Court in March 2004, and thereafter twice elected. His Nevada legal career began as an attorney with Nevada Legal Services in 1982. Two years later he was hired by the Clark County District Attorney’s Office, where he worked until 1996, when he was appointed to the District Court bench. He served as Chief Judge and Business Court Judge, along with handling a variety of civil and criminal cases. He has been active in groups fighting domestic violence and also co-chairs the Access to Justice Commission and Specialty Court Funding Committee.



Susan Feathers

Executive Director, Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law,
Stanford University

Susan Feathers is the Executive Director of the Levin Center. Prior to joining Stanford Law School, she served as the Assistant Dean for Public Interest at the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she directed the Public Service Program and oversaw a faculty mandated pro bono requirement, the Toll Public Interest Scholars Program, student-run clinical projects, public interest counseling and funding. While at Penn, the Public Service Program became the first and only law school pro bono program to receive the ABA Pro Bono Publico Award. She has also served as a Director of Public Interest Counseling and Programming at Yale and Brooklyn Law Schools; a clinical staff attorney for Hofstra’s Constitutional Litigation, Criminal Defense, and Housing Rights Clinics; and Associate Appellate Counsel at the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Appeals Bureau in Manhattan. She

received her B.A. and her M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a Benjamin Franklin Scholar and elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. from Northeastern Law School in 1987.



Mary Lavery Flynn

Director, Legal Services Outreach
State Bar of California, San Francisco

Mary Lavery Flynn (formerly Mary Viviano) has been working on statewide legal services issues for over 28 years. She currently serves as staff to the California Commission on Access to Justice, a blue ribbon group established in 1997 to expand the availability of the legal system for all Californians, regardless of income. She was instrumental in the establishment of the \$10 million Equal Access Fund and the State Bar’s Justice Gap Fund. She helped publish *The Path to Equal Justice Report* [2002] and *Language Barriers to Justice in California* [2005], and *The Action Plan for Justice* [2007].

She has worked on expansion of the availability of limited scope legal assistance and of court-based self-help centers.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Mary began her career as an associate with Lillick, McHose & Charles in San Francisco, was executive director of the Public Interest Clearinghouse, from 1980 to 1992, and Director of the State Bar’s Office of Legal Services from 1992 to 1998. She has done extensive consulting with legal services programs across the country, served as President of the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC), was a board member for the Bar Association of San Francisco as well as several legal services programs, and has been active with many state and local bar association activities designed to increase access to the legal system for low and moderate income Californians.



Joan Messing Graff
President, Legal Aid Society

Graff, 63, has been executive director of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco-Employment Law Center (LAS-ELC) since 1981, the first woman to lead the 90-year-old organization, which provides direct legal services to the working poor, including free legal clinics in San Francisco, San Jose and Berkeley.

Its work has expanded over those years from general legal aid to a wider focus on employment law assistance for the working poor, covering issues that include wage and hour violations, unemployment compensation, family and medical leave, public school access for disabled students and discrimination based on disability, parenthood and sexual orientation.

In the last 25 years, the society has won cases covering discrimination based on pregnancy, sex, accent and disabilities. A 1996 landmark decision held that undocumented workers have standing to bring retaliation claims against employers who report them to the INS. In 2001, it won a case that found unlawful the state's practice of requiring job applicants to complete non-job related medical questionnaires.

It also has backed legislation and launched numerous initiatives created to assist or protect low-income workers.

After graduating from Columbia Law School in 1967, Graff went to work in Washington, D.C., at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, then in its infancy. She moved to San Francisco in 1970 and began to work as a part-time volunteer for Davis, Dunlap and Williams, and with its three partners co-founded Equal Rights Advocates (ERA) in 1974.

She was the recipient of the prestigious Loren Miller award in 2006. This award is the California Bar's highest honor and is given annually to an attorney who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to legal services and personally done significant work in extending legal services to the poor.



Irma Herrera
Executive Director, Equal Rights Advocates

Irma D. Herrera is the Executive Director of Equal Rights Advocates, a San Francisco based organization whose mission is to protect and secure equal rights and economic opportunities for women and girls through litigation and advocacy. During its 33 year history ERA's lawyers have successfully litigated cases numerous impact cases and greatly expanded opportunities for women. ERA is part the legal team in the on-going battle against Wal-Mart, in the case of *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*, the largest civil rights class action in which women charge Wal-Mart with systematically denying them equal pay, promotions and training opportunities. During a three year hiatus from practicing law in the 1980s she taught law and social justice and worked as a free lance journalist. Her articles on legal and cultural issues were published in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Newsday*, and *Ms. Magazine*. Irma pursues a dream of

someday finding work life balance so she can enjoy spending more time with her spouse and teenage son and pursuing her many interests.



John R. Jones

Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP
Immediate Past Chair, Texas Commission for Access to Justice

John Jones was born in Lufkin, Texas on June 11, 1959 and resided in Houston, Texas for most of his youth, where he graduated early from E. L. Furr High School in 1976. After graduation, he attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1980. While at Sam Houston State University, he received many awards and honors including a Department of Army Scholarship, the L.P. Gentry Award, Dean's list, Military Order of World Wars Award, Distinguished Military Student and Distinguished Military Graduate Awards, the Reserve Officer's Association of America Award, and the outstanding member of

Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society. Upon graduation, Mr. Jones was commissioned as a regular Army second lieutenant and reported for active duty. He served in the United States Army from December 1980 until September 1987 in a variety of command and staff assignments where he also received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Parachutist's Badge. During his military service, Mr. Jones received a Master of Science degree in Management Science (Systems Management) from American Technological University and obtained the rank of captain. Subsequent to his Army service, Mr. Jones entered Texas Tech University School of Law where he was awarded the American Jurisprudence awards for contracts and trial advocacy. He graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1990. He was also a member of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity at Texas Tech University.



William Kennedy

Managing Attorney
Legal Services of Northern California

Bill Kennedy is the Managing Attorney of the Sacramento office of Legal Services of Northern California ("LSNC") a position he has held since 1990. He has been an advocate for low income families for the past 35 years in both urban and rural counties. His legal work has focused primarily on civil rights, housing policy and the nexus between the two. In recent years he has counseled local community groups on economic development including development of affordable housing, jobs, child care and transportation.

He has tried cases in 23 California counties and has served on several local bench bar committees on case handling procedures. He trains young attorneys on trial practice techniques, appropriate to the county where the case is to be tried. The LSCN service area covers an area in California the size of the state of Ohio.

Mr. Kennedy has published articles on a race equity practice, community economic development strategies, military base closures and enforcement of regional mandates in the American Bar Association Journal and the National Clearinghouse Review.



Linda Kim
Associate Director
Public Interest Clearinghouse

Linda Kim is the Associate Director of the Public Interest Clearinghouse (PIC). Ms. Kim has been with PIC for six years and has also served as Staff Attorney, Senior Attorney, and Director of LawHelpCA. In her current role she implements statewide strategic initiatives designed to increase access to legal help for underserved Californians and works with numerous statewide collaborations relevant to PIC's mission to increase access to justice by building infrastructure and partnerships in the legal community.

Prior to her tenure at PIC, Ms. Kim developed legal advocacy projects in Cambodia and Indonesia, clerked with the State Bar of California Office of Chief Trial Counsel, and while at the University of San Francisco School of Law lobbied at the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Kim serves on the Regulations and Restrictions Committee of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association's (NLADA) Civil Policy Group and is on the Family Partnership Committee of Habitat for Humanity San Francisco.



Andrew King-Ries
Assistant Professor of Law
University of Montana School of Law
Co-Chair, Equal Justice Task Force of Montana

Professor King-Ries teaches Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Justice, White Collar Crime, and Law and Literature. He was a speechwriter for the Secretary of Education, Lauro Cavazos; a clerk for the United States Court of Appeals of the Eighth Circuit; and, for eight years, was a prosecutor, specializing in domestic violence cases, for the King County Prosecutor's Office in Seattle, Washington. Professor King-Ries is married, has a six-year-old son, and a fourteen-year-old dog. Professor King-Ries graduated from Brown University in 1988 with a degree in History. He received his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis, where he was Order of the Coif and an editor on the

Washington University Law Quarterly.



David Lash
Managing Counsel
Public Interest and Pro Bono Services, O'Melveny & Meyers LLP

David Lash is a counsel in the adversarial department of O'Melveny's Los Angeles office and a member of the Business Trial and Litigation practice. He also serves as Managing Counsel of the firm's public interest and pro bono services.

David's experience includes representing and counseling clients on a wide range of issues relating to complex business litigation, including trial and appellate representation, real estate matters, corporate governance, board relations, labor and employment, and all areas of public policy and community relations. His background includes extensive experience in real estate litigation matters, including environmental and CEQA litigation on behalf of regional real estate developers. He manages the firm's nationwide pro bono program and oversees its substantive and administrative growth.

Prior to joining O'Melveny, David was Executive Director of Bet Tzedek, one of the largest and most successful non-profit legal services agencies in the United States.



Hon. Lora Livingston

Judge, 261st Judicial District Court of Texas
ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants

Judge Livingston is a 1982 graduate of the UCLA School of Law. She began her legal career as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow assigned to the Legal Aid Society of Central Texas in Austin, Texas. After completion of the two-year fellowship program, she continued to work in the area of poverty law until 1988 when she entered private practice with the law firm of Joel B. Bennett, P.C. In 1993, she and S. Gail Parr formed a partnership and opened the law firm of Livingston & Parr. She was engaged in a general civil litigation practice with an emphasis on family law. In January, 1995, she was sworn in as an Associate Judge for the District Courts of Travis County, Texas. After her successful election, Judge Livingston was sworn in as Judge of the 261st District Court in January, 1999. She is the first African-American woman

to serve on a district court in Travis County, Texas.

In 1992, she received the “Outstanding Attorney” award from the Travis County Women Lawyers Association. In 2005, she received both the Texas Access to Justice Commission Pro Bono Champion Award and the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation Harold F. Kleinman Award. Judge Livingston was also the recipient of the 2005-2006 Texas Center for the Judiciary Exemplary Judicial Faculty Award. She was awarded the Women of Distinction Award in 2006 by the Lonestar Girl Scouts Council and the Community Service Award in 2007 by the Austin Independent School District.

Judge Livingston is a frequent speaker at continuing legal and judicial education programs. She is currently a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and she is passionate about initiatives that promote access to justice.



Larry Marshall

Professor of Law, David and Stephanie Mills Director of Clinical Education,
and Associate Dean for Public Interest and Clinical Education
Stanford Law School

A nationally renowned advocate for reform of the U.S. criminal justice system, Lawrence C. Marshall has been widely recognized for both his activism and teaching. As the director of Stanford's legal clinics, Professor Marshall has committed himself to creating an integrated clinical experience that serves the needs of each and every student at Stanford Law School. Much of his scholarly work has focused on issues surrounding the application of the death penalty. Professor Marshall co-founded the world-renowned Center on Wrongful Convictions, for which he served as legal director and represented many wrongly convicted inmates, including a

number of inmates who had at one time been sentenced to death. Professor Marshall is also deeply involved in a national movement to implement innovative reforms in legal education in order to ensure that law students are best prepared to enter the legal profession.

Before joining the Stanford faculty in 2005, Professor Marshall was a professor of law and legal director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law and of counsel at Mayer, Brown & Platt. Early in his career, Professor Marshall clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for Judge Patricia M. Wald of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Meredith McBurney

Project Consultant

American Bar Association Resource Center for Access to Justice

Meredith McBurney, a consultant since 1997, specializes in resource development for access to justice and other advocacy organizations. She works with volunteer and staff leadership to develop and implement effective strategies to improve visibility and increase resources. Her current work includes serving as Resource Development Consultant for the American Bar Association's Resource Center for Access to Justice Initiatives and Management Information Exchange (MIE). She has over 30 years experience working with legal aid programs. From 1981 to 1997, she was the Executive Director of Colorado's IOLTA program and the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado, the statewide fundraising organization. She began her legal aid career as the administrator for Colorado Rural Legal Services.



De Miller

President

Legal Services of New Jersey

Melville D. Miller, Jr. has served as President and General Counsel for Legal Services of New Jersey since 1974. A graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Law School, Mr. Miller has served on the boards of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the Project Advisory Group, the Coalition for Legal Services in Washington DC, several advisory committees of the Legal Services Corporation, and in numerous roles within the legal services community of the state of New Jersey. He is a co-founder of the New Jersey Study Group on Work, Poverty & Welfare (statewide welfare coalition) and the New Jersey Anti-Poverty Network (1999). He is also the author or co-author of several major publications, including *You and the Law in New Jersey: A Resource Guide*, a 500-page guide to

New Jersey law; published by Rutgers University Press.



Clare Pastore

Associate Professor

USC Gould School of Law

Clare Pastore teaches courses including Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Poverty Law, Administrative Law, and the Access to Justice practicum, while continuing to practice as a leading member of the California public interest community. She has received frequent state and national recognition as an outstanding advocate, including being named one of Southern California's "Super Lawyers" (Los Angeles Magazine, 2006, 2007 and 2008), one of the nation's 45 most outstanding public interest attorneys under age 45 (American Lawyer magazine, 1997) and one of California's top lawyers under 40 years old (California Law Business, 1999). She was selected as a Wasserstein Fellow by Harvard Law School in 2005 as part of its program recognizing

outstanding public interest lawyers.

Professor Pastore is also of counsel to the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, where she was Senior Counsel from 2004 to 2007. She serves as co-chair of the California State Bar Access to Justice Commission's Model Statute Task Force and is a member of the Amicus Briefs Committee and Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar. She is also a past member of the American Bar Association's Homelessness and Poverty Commission.

From 1989 to 2004, Professor Pastore was a staff attorney at the Western Center on Law and Poverty, where she litigated many state and federal cases involving poverty law and disability rights. She received one of the nation's first Skadden Fellowships to begin her work there in 1989. Professor Pastore holds a

B.A. from Colgate University and a J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was a senior editor of the Yale Law Review. She clerked for Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, in 1988-89.



Linda E. Perle
Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Services
Center for Law and Social Policy

Linda E. Perle is a Senior Staff Attorney at CLASP. Since coming to CLASP in 1988, Ms. Perle has focused on issues relating to the delivery of legal services for the poor and has been intimately involved in national efforts to preserve and strengthen the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and the federally funded legal services program. Ms. Perle serves as counsel to the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA), assisting its members and advocating on their behalf on issues arising from their relationship with LSC and other funding sources. She works closely with the staff of NLADA, the American Bar Association (ABA), and other organizations involved in the delivery of legal services to the low-income community. She has been also been an active member of the D.C. Coordinators, working with the

network of state coordinators on the Justice Campaign to preserve and increase funding for LSC. Ms. Perle also heads the effort, in conjunction with the ABA's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID) and the NLADA Regulations Committee, to revise the LSC regulations that govern the relationship between LSC and its recipients. She has written numerous analyses of the current and proposed legislative and regulatory framework and has worked closely with the LSC staff as well as the LSC Operations and Regulations Committee and Board of Directors as they develop LSC regulations and policy positions. She frequently appears as a trainer and panelists on issues relating to the delivery of legal services and compliance with LSC regulations and restrictions.

Ms. Perle graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969 and from Harvard Law School in 1972. She has been actively involved in the D.C. Bar, serving as a member of the Board of Governors from 1990 to 1995, and a member of the Bar's Pro Bono Committee from 1997 to 2003. She is currently a member of the Steering Committee for the DC Bar's Section on Courts, Lawyers and the Administration of Justice, and has also served as a member of the Bar's Joint Task Force on Technology for Legal Services Providers, and the Committee on Pro Bono for Small and Mid-Size Law Firms. Ms. Perle is currently a member of the Board of the National Equal Justice Library, and she served from 1996 to 2003 as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the national Appleseed Foundation. She is a long-time member of the Board of the Washington Council of Lawyers, which, in 2001, awarded her its President's Award for commitment to the values of pro bono and public service.



Hon. Mark Rindner
Judge, Superior Court of Alaska at Anchorage

Mark Rindner has been a Superior Court Judge for the State of Alaska at Anchorage since January, 2001. Prior to that he was the partner-in-charge of the Anchorage office of Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP. He also was an associate for Munger, Tolles & Olson, an Assistant United States Attorney and a law clerk to the Honorable James M. Fitzgerald. He received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1978. Judge Rindner has been a member of the Alaska Bar since 1980 and received the Alaska Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and the Pro Bono Service Award for 1997.



Toby Rothschild
 General Counsel
 Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Toby J. Rothschild is the General Counsel of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, after serving as the executive director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Long Beach for many years. He served as chair of the Legal Aid Association of California and of the Management Information Exchange. He was vice-chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice and is currently chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Access to Justice Committee. Toby served as Chair of the Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar, and is liaison on access to justice issues to the California Rule Revision Commission.



Don Saunders
 Director, Civil Legal Services
 National Legal Aid Defender Association

Donald M. Saunders has dedicated the past 32 years to the delivery of quality legal services to poor people, nationally as well as on the local and regional levels. Since February 1995 he has served as Director of the Civil Legal Services Division at NLADA. He previously served as Legislative Counsel for NLADA and the Project Advisory Group from May 1990 through January 1995. Before coming to Washington, DC, he served as the Executive Director of the North Carolina Legal Services Resource Center, a state support backup center, in Raleigh, NC from January 1983 to May 1990. In that capacity, he actively engaged in legislative advocacy and appellate work covering a broad range of issues in housing, employment, disability and civil rights law. From 1976 to 1982, he was a staff attorney in the legal services program in Wilmington and the executive director of the program in Boone, NC. Don received his J.D. from the University of North Carolina School

of Law in 1975 and his A.B. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina in 1972.



Jeff Selbin
 Clinical Professor of Law, UC Berkeley Law School
 Faculty Director, East Bay Community Law Center

Jeff Selbin was appointed clinical professor in 2006 and is faculty director of the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC), Boalt Hall's community-based poverty law clinic. He founded EBCLC's HIV/AIDS Law Project in 1990 as a Skadden Fellow, and served as EBCLC's Executive Director from 2002 through 2006.

Selbin is active in local and national clinical legal education and anti-poverty efforts. He is currently chair of the Poverty Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and co-chairs the Lawyering in the Public Interest (Bellow Scholar) Committee of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education. He is an elected member of the board of directors of the Clinical Legal Education

Association. From 2004-2006 Selbin served on the California State Bar Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, dedicated to improving and increasing access to justice for low-income Californians.

Selbin's research interests include anti-poverty lawyering and community lawyering with an emphasis on evidence-based approaches. Recent publications include "From 'The Art of War' to 'Being Peace': Mindfulness and Community Lawyering in a Neoliberal Age", with Angela Harris and Margaretta Lin in the California Law Review (October 2007), and "Legal Aid, Law School Clinics and the Opportunity for Joint Gain", with Jeanne Charn in the Management Information Journal (Winter 2007).

In 2003, Selbin was recognized with Mary Louise Frampton as a Bellow Scholar by the AALS Clinical Section for his anti-poverty and access to justice efforts. In 2004, he was named a Wasserstein Fellow, honoring outstanding public interest lawyers, by the Harvard Law School. Since 2004, he has been named annually a northern California "Super Lawyer" by Law & Politics and the publishers of San Francisco Magazine.



Ada Shen-Jaffe

Distinguished Public Interest Practitioner in Residence,
Senior Advisor to the Dean, Seattle University School of Law

Former statewide director of Columbia Legal Services and Evergreen Legal Services, Shen-Jaffe is known for her decades of leadership in the service of justice for the poorest and most marginalized people in society. She is a key architect of Washington's civil equal justice community and has been honored by many equal justice and legal professional organizations.

Over the years her service on both a state and a national level has been extraordinary. She has served on the five-member national Legal Services Corporation Transition Team in Washington, D.C.; the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services National Legal Services Talk Force in San Francisco; the WSBA Governance Task Force; the WSBA Access to Justice Task Force; the National Center for Law and Social Policy Board of Directors in Washington, D.C.; the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Board of Directors in Washington, D.C.; the LAW Fund Board of Directors; the Bush School Board of Trustees; the Governor's Task Force on Child Support and Related Issues; the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Management Project Advisory Board; the Western Regional Training Center Advisory Board; the National Center on Women and Family Law Board of Directors; the Federal Judicial Screening Panel; and the National Conference on Women and the Law Steering Committee.

Ms. Shen-Jaffe holds a B.S. from Tufts University, an M.S. from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. At Suffolk she was co-founder of the Suffolk Women's Law Caucus and editor of the Women's Law Caucus newsletter.



Jayashri Srikantiah

Associate Professor
Stanford Law School

A respected voice on immigration law and civil rights, Jayashri Srikantiah is the founder and director of the law school's Immigrants' Rights Clinic, in which students represent individual immigrants and immigrants' rights organizations and also engage in impact litigation, community outreach, public education, and policy advocacy. Professor Srikantiah's research explores the role of administrative discretion in immigration decision-making in various areas, including human trafficking and immigration detention. She has also presented on the benefits of teaching law school clinics that integrate direct services work with broader legal advocacy projects. Professor Srikantiah is a frequent speaker on various immigration topics, including comprehensive immigration reform, immigration and national security, and immigration detention.

Before joining the Stanford Law School faculty in 2004, Professor Srikantiah was the associate legal director of the ACLU of Northern California and a staff attorney at the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project. She litigated extensively on behalf of immigrants, and her experience includes challenging the use of government watchlists; litigating against mandatory and indefinite detention policies in the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court; and representation of human trafficking survivors. Professor Srikantiah has also worked as an associate at the law firm of Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin, and was a law clerk to Judge David R. Thompson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



Jamiene S. Studley,
President and CEO, Public Advocates Inc.

Jamiene S. Studley became President of Public Advocates Inc in 2004, drawn by its dual mission of advancing civil rights and strengthening community voices. She served as President of Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, and deputy and acting general counsel of the U.S. Department of Education in the Clinton Administration. Earlier she was Associate Dean and Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, where she helped establish the loan forgiveness program for graduates in public service, and adjunct faculty at University of California at Berkeley School Law. As the first Executive Director of the National Association for Law Placement she led its race, gender and sexual orientation equity programs. She is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and practiced there with Bergson, Borkland, Margolis & Adler (litigation) and Weil, Gotshal & Manges

(administrative law). A graduate of Barnard College (1972 magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, honors in American Studies) and Harvard Law School, where she was president of the student-faculty government, Studley served on the American Bar Association Commissions on Women in the Profession and on Loan Forgiveness and Repayment. She was appointed to the San Francisco Ethics Commission by the City Attorney in 2007. She serves on the boards of the Association of American Colleges & Universities (treasurer), The Urban School, American Craft Council, and San Francisco Museum of Craft & Design; Harvard Law School Advisory Committee on the 2008 Celebration of Public Service; and chaired the Equal Justice Works E-Guide project advisory committee.



Nancy Sweeney
Clerk of the District Court, County of Lewis & Clark, Montana
Co-Chair, Montana Equal Justice Task Force

Nancy Sweeney has served as the elected clerk of Montana’s First Judicial District Court in Lewis and Clark County since January 1994. Ms. Sweeney has been active in Access to Justice issues since taking office in 1994 and in 2001, received the First Judicial District’s Pro Bono Committee’s Chairperson’s award. She is currently a member of the State Bar Association’s Access to Justice Committee, a member of the Supreme Court’s Commission on Technology and co-chair of the Montana Supreme Court Equal Justice Task Force. Ms. Sweeney is also a member of the Supreme Court Privacy and Access subcommittee and the Supreme Court Electronic Filing subcommittee.

She is past president of the Montana Association of Clerks of District Court and chair of the legislative committee for the clerks of district court. Ms. Sweeney began working in the Lewis and Clark County Clerk of District Court’s office in 1979.



Hon. Daniel Taubman
Judge, Colorado Court of Appeals

Daniel M. Taubman has been a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals since 1993. He is an active member of the Appellate Litigation Subcommittee of the Litigation Section of the Colorado Bar Association. In addition, he serves on the CBA’s Ethics Committee and Availability of Legal Services Committee. Dan is also a member of the Colorado Access to Justice Commission. He is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs on appellate practice issues. Dan graduated from Cornell University in 1969 and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1974, in between serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru between 1969 and 1971.



Ben Trachtenberg

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Brooklyn Law School

Professor Trachtenberg is visiting BLS for the 2008-2009 academic year. In the fall, he will teach Criminal Law, and in the spring he will teach Environmental Law. He joins BLS from Covington & Burling LLP, where he was a litigation associate. Prior to that, he clerked at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit with the Hon. Jose A. Cabranes. At Columbia, he was a James Kent Scholar and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He served as an articles editor of the Columbia Law Review and is the author of "State Sentencing Policy and New Prison Admissions," 38 U. Mich. J.L. Reform 479 (2005). Before law school, Professor Trachtenberg received a master's degree in international studies at the University of Limerick as a George J. Mitchell Scholar. As a volunteer, he serves as Chairman of the Governing Laws Committee of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.



Hernán Vera

President & CEO
Public Counsel

Hernán Vera is a 1994 graduate of UCLA School of Law, and received his B.A., with Distinction, from Stanford University in 1991. Prior to becoming Public Counsel's President and CEO in March 2008, Hernán was the Directing Attorney of Public Counsel's Consumer Law Project since 2002. Hernán spent six years as a litigator at O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles and clerked for the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall in the United States District Court, Central District.

As Directing Attorney of the Consumer Law Project, Hernán significantly increased the number of major cases filed by the Project, by *pro bono* counsel, and through co-counseling relationships with other civil rights organizations. In 2003, working in coalition with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Hernán successfully initiated and settled a large fraud action against a Toyota dealership on behalf of twelve Mandarin-speaking clients. The attendant publicity and settlement of this lawsuit served as the catalyst for legislation (the "Wondries Bill") that expanded the scope of consumer protections in California for limited-English proficient communities. That same year, Hernán co-chaired a successful 10-day jury trial against a South Los Angeles slumlord and played a prominent role in the coalition of legal and grassroots activists that pushed through the passage of Los Angeles' Anti-Predatory Lending Ordinance. In 2006, Hernán co-counseled with Jones Day in obtaining a \$2.5 million judgment against two con artists who swindled a 93-year-old client out of his home. More recently, Hernán has been instrumental in litigating and settling the nationally-publicized "homeless dumping" case against Kaiser Permanente.

Through his work at Public Counsel, Hernán has quickly become a widely-known expert in consumer law. Hernán makes frequent media appearances on issues facing low-income communities and is regularly asked to consult on potential legislation. In 2004, Hernán was named by the *Daily Journal* as one of California's Top 20 lawyers under the age of 40.

Hernán's long-time commitment to social justice and serving the poor through *pro bono* has helped him to forge strong and extensive connections to the Los Angeles legal community. By supervising and managing a heavy docket of *pro bono* cases, Hernán has worked with countless partners and associates at dozens of major law firms and legal nonprofits. Hernán has served on the Board of the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, and currently serves as one of the Vice-Chairs of the Board of the California Reinvestment

Coalition.

Hernán is married to Julie Su, the Litigation Director at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. They have two daughters, ages 7 and 5.



Michael Wald

Jackson Eli Reynolds Professor of Law, Emeritus
Stanford Law School

Deeply devoted to the cause of children’s rights and welfare, and a frequent expert advisor on youth and children’s legal issues nationwide, Michael Wald has had a distinguished career as an academic researcher and teacher. He is one of the leading national authorities on legal policy towards children, and drafted the American Bar Association’s Standards Related to Child Abuse and Neglect, as well as major federal and state legislation regarding child welfare.

Professor Wald has served as deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the Clinton

Administration, executive director of the San Francisco Department of Human Services, and senior advisor to the president of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow and is a board member of Legal Services for Children in San Francisco. He has been a member of the Stanford Law School faculty since 1967.



Syd Whalley

Executive Director
Western Center on Law & Poverty

Syd has been working at WCLP in 2005 as a foster care benefits advocate, and in 2006 was named Executive Director.

Long before beginning her legal career, Syd spent 15 years as a pediatric oncology nurse, including designing and developing the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. For the past 25 years, Syd has served as an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCLA’s School of Nursing. Throughout her distinguished nursing career, Syd managed and mentored large nursing staffs and developed and implemented training and professional development programs for them. She has been nationally

renowned as a clinical expert in her field, having published numerous articles on the care of children with cancer.

Because of her interest in government and public policy, Syd returned to school to study law at UCLA Law School. She is a 2001 graduate of UCLA’s prestigious “Program in Public Interest Law and Policy.” While there, she was a member of the team of law students who, under the direction of Professor Gary Blasi, assisted the ACLU and other public interest law firms with the filing of *Williams v. California*, a lawsuit charging the state with renegeing on its constitutional obligation to provide students with the bare essentials necessary for education. Syd also volunteered for the Children’s Rights Project at Public Counsel, assisting terminally-ill single mothers to establish guardianships for their children. After externing for United States Federal District Court Judge Christina Snyder, she spent a year and a half as a staff attorney working on a large products liability case at the Los Angeles office of Arnold & Porter before joining WCLP in 2005. She served on the Board of Directors of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, first as the UCLA Law School student liaison, and then as a member-at-large and as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Syd received a special award in 1998 from California State Senator Hilda Solis for enhancing the quality of life for women in California through her work assisting women seeking elected offices. And she was the 1999 recipient of the UCLA School of Nursing's Distinguished Alumni Award. Syd's active participation since 1992 in the Women's Political Committee, including serving as co-chair for two years, has honed her political, networking and fundraising skills. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project, Syd has been involved in political fundraising and candidate endorsements on a statewide level.



Julia Wilson

Executive Director
Legal Aid Association of California

Julia R. Wilson currently serves as the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) and the Public Interest Clearinghouse (PIC). As Executive Director of the sister organizations, she is responsible for leading statewide advocacy efforts on behalf of the legal services delivery system, undertaking multiple statewide strategic planning initiatives, and serving as the legal services community's liaison to key access to justice partners.

Ms. Wilson graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of California at Los Angeles and with distinction from Stanford Law School. Before her work with LAAC and PIC, Ms. Wilson spent almost seven years at the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, first receiving a prestigious national Equal Justice Works (then NAPIL) Fellowship to create her own direct legal services project. Ms. Wilson became the Legal Aid Society's first Pro Bono Coordinator and eventually served as Directing Attorney. Ms. Wilson serves on the State Bar of California's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS), the Resources Committee of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) and is active in numerous statewide collaborations relevant to PIC and LAAC's work, including the Bench Bar Coalition and committees of the California Access to Justice Commission.

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