

American Judges Association 2018 Annual Educational Conference

Speaker Biographies

Judge Elizabeth Berns is a native to Seattle and graduated from the University of Washington in 1989 with a B.S. in Environmental Health and Law. Before beginning her legal career, Judge Berns was a research scientist and author in the field of chemistry and indoor air pollution. Her concern for the rights of others as a result of contamination issues brought her to the University of Puget Sound School of Law, where she received her J.D. in 1993.

Judge Berns began her legal career working with the State Attorney General's Office, Division of Labor & Industries, doing workers' compensation law. She then opened her own practice where she spent the next two decades supporting individuals, families, and businesses in the areas of workers' compensation, estate planning and probate, business and intellectual property, and family law. In 2009, she began serving her community as a Pro Tem Judge in municipal courts and King County District Court, and as a Pro Tem Commissioner in King County Superior Court. Judge Berns joined the King County Superior Court Bench in January 2013.

Judge Berns has been active helping others understand domestic violence, sexual assault and the impact of trauma exposure. She has co-authored chapters in the Sexual Offense Bench Guide for Judges, and in the Domestic Violence Manual for Judges. She is the Project Chair for the King County Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Oversight Committee, and is also the Judicial Lead for the King County Superior Court's TraumaCare Project. She is on the Advisory Board for the Center for Children and Youth Justice eQuality Project, a National Advisor to the Battered Women's Justice Project, on the faculty for the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges judicial education programs entitled "Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases," and on the Board of Governors for the American Judges Association. She is a frequent presenter at state training conferences, for the National Judicial College, and for the American Judges Association.

Brandon Buskey is the ACLU's Deputy Director for Smart Justice Litigation, where he leads a team dedicated to attacking mass incarceration through impact litigation on three central issues: bail, prosecutorial misconduct, and parole and probation. The team coordinates closely with the Campaign for Smart Justice and ACLU affiliates. Mr. Buskey has been with the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project since 2012. His work focuses on reforming pretrial justice, expanding the right to counsel, and juvenile sentencing. Prior to the ACLU, Mr. Buskey worked at the Equal Justice Initiative and the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office. He is a 2006 graduate of New York University Law School, where he was a Root-Tilden Kern and AnBryce Scholar. Following law school he clerked for the Honorable Janet C. Hall of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Judge Catherine Carlson graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Manitoba in 1986. She practiced family law and civil litigation at the Winnipeg law firm of Atkins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson for 18 years. She then worked at the Federal Department of Justice representing the Government of Canada in claims by Indian Residential School survivors, and then as team leader of the Aboriginal Legal Services litigation group. Judge Carlson was appointed to the Provincial Court of Manitoba in November 2006 and now hears adult and youth criminal matters, and child protection matters. Judge Carlson is involved in planning judicial education for the Manitoba Provincial Court, and is active in the American Judges Association, being a member of the Board of Governors and a member of the Education Committee.

Twyla Carter is a senior staff attorney at ACLU National. She works on national pretrial justice reform in the Criminal Law Reform Project at the Trone Center for Justice and Equality. Prior to joining the ACLU, Twyla was a public defender for ten years. Most recently, she was the Misdemeanor Practice Director for the King County Department of Public Defense and

oversaw all misdemeanor casework across the four divisions of the Department. Previously, Twyla was a staff attorney with The Defender Association. As a staff attorney, she handled felony and misdemeanor trial caseloads, represented juveniles, and appealed misdemeanor convictions. Twyla received an Associate's degree from Seattle Central Community College, a Bachelor's degree from Seattle University, and a J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law.

Judge Mary A. Celeste (ret.) sat on the Denver County Court bench 2000-2015. She was the Presiding Judge 2009 and 2010 and the co-founder of the Denver County Court Sobriety Court. She is the immediate past chair of ABA National Conference of Specialized Court Judges, Judicial Advisory Board member for the Foundation for the Advancement of Alcohol Responsibility (FAAR) and Faculty for the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC) and the National Judicial College (NJC). She has served as the President of the American Judge's Association and the Colorado Women's Bar Association Foundation, and, as a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Judicial Outreach Liaison. She has written many articles and is a national speaker on the topics of marijuana; marijuana and drug impaired driving, and specialty courts. She has presented to NADCP, APPA, AJA, ABA, DATIA, NHTSA, Lifesavers, Pennsylvania DUI Association, Michigan and Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals and to Judges, Specialty Court Conferences, and Safety Highway Offices in the States of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and in Canada.

Erwin Chemerinsky became the 13th Dean of University of California, Berkeley School of Law on July 1, 2017. Prior to assuming this position, from 2008-2017, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at University of California, Irvine School of Law. Before that he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-2008, and from 1983-2004 was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics,

and Political Science. He also has taught at DePaul College of Law and UCLA Law School. He teaches Constitutional Law, First Amendment Law, Federal Courts, Criminal Procedure, and Appellate Litigation. He is the author of ten books, including *The Case Against the Supreme Court*, published by Viking in 2014, and two books published by Yale University Press in 2017, *Closing the Courthouse Doors: How Your Constitutional Rights Became Unenforceable and Free Speech on Campus* (with Howard Gillman). He also is the author of more than 200 law review articles. He writes a weekly column for the *Sacramento Bee*, monthly columns for the *ABA Journal* and the *Daily Journal*, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court.

In 2016, he was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In January 2017, *National Jurist* magazine again named Dean Chemerinsky as the most influential person in legal education in the United States. He received a B.S. degree from Northwestern University and J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Donald Carreira Ching was born and raised in Kahalu'u, on the island of O'ahu, Hawai'i. His award-winning short stories and poems have appeared in publications such as *Rio Grande Review*, *Hawai'i Review*, and *Rockland*. In 2015, his debut novel, *Between Sky and Sea: a Family's Struggle*, was published by Bamboo Ridge Press. In 2017, it was awarded the Ka Palapala Po'okela award for Excellence in Literature, Honorable Mention. In 2018, he received the Elliot Cades Award for Literature, Emerging Writer. He currently teaches on O'ahu and is working on a collection of short stories.

Judge Theresa Doyle was elected to King County Superior Court and began her first term in January 2005. She has been Assistant Chief Criminal Judge, and has served on Unified Family Court, Drug Court and on the civil and criminal trial calendars.

Judge Doyle began her judicial career in 1998 when she was appointed by the Mayor to Seattle Municipal Court. There, she presided over numerous criminal jury trials and other hearings, and was Mental Health Court Judge from 2003-2004.

Judge Doyle is a member of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, and the Washington

State Interpreter Commission. She serves on the court's jury committee and courts and community committee.

Judge Doyle has written articles and given presentations to judges and attorneys on such criminal justice issues as bail reform, LFO reform, implicit bias, jury diversity, race and sentencing, and race and risk assessments, and race and Evidence Rule 609.

Judge Doyle was a judicial law clerk at the Washington Court of Appeals, Division One, and California Court of Appeal, Division One. She has been an appellate lawyer at the California Public Defender and Washington Appellate Defender Association (WADA), a trial attorney at The Defender Association (TDA), and an associate at a large downtown firm.

Judge Doyle was graduated cum laude from Seattle University School of Law. There she served on the law review editorial board.

David M. Forman is Director of the Environmental Law Program, and a Faculty Specialist with the Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. His publications include a co-authored chapter on Traditional and Customary Access and Gathering Rights, in *Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise* (2015), and *The Hawaiian Usage Exception to the Common Law: An Inoculation Against the Effects of Western Influence*, 30 U. Haw. L. Rev. 319 (2008). The Judicial Selection Commission for the State of Hawai'i nominated David for vacancies on the Hawai'i Supreme Court in 2012, and the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals in 2017.

The Honorable **Veronica Alicea-Galván** is a 1994 University of Washington School of Law graduate. Judge Alicea-Galván took the bench in 2001 as a Judge Pro Tempore, and was appointed to a full time judicial position as an Administrative Law Judge in 2002. In 2007, Judge Alicea-Galván was appointed to the Des Moines Municipal Court where she served with distinction, earning the Juez Excepcional award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington. Governor Jay Inslee appointed Judge Alicea-Galván to the King County Superior Court in December of 2014.

While in Des Moines, Judge Alicea-Galván implemented the only Spanish-language Court in the state of Washington granting hundreds of litigants the opportunity to address the court directly in Spanish. She was recognized by her alma mater with the Dean's

Leadership Award in 2015. In 2016 she was recognized as a Woman of the Year by the Center for Women & Democracy, and in 2018 was designated as the Vanguard Award winner by the Washington Women Lawyers.

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Alicea-Galván is a faculty member for the Washington State Judicial College where she has taught several courses, most recently, *Emerging Through Bias: Towards A More Fair And Equitable Courtroom*. Judge Alicea-Galván is also an adjunct instructor at Seattle University School of Law and has lectured extensively at legal education programs.

Elizabeth Pollard Hines, 15th District Court Judge in Ann Arbor, Michigan, presides over a nationally-recognized, specialized domestic violence docket. She was elected in 1992 after serving 15 years as an assistant prosecuting attorney specializing in cases involving children. She serves on the Board of the National Center for State Courts, the Executive Committee of the American Judges Association, and as Co-Chair of the AJA Domestic Violence Committee. In 2012, the AJA named an award in her honor to recognize each year a judge for "significant contributions for an effective judicial response to domestic violence."

Judge Hines received her B.A., with honors, from the University of Michigan in 1974, and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1977.

Judge Peggy Fulton Hora is the President of the Justice Speakers Institute, LLC. She retired from the California Superior Court after serving 21 years. She had a criminal assignment that included presiding over the Drug Treatment Court.

She is a former dean of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California and has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College (NJC) for 25 years. She is the recipient of the 2017 V. Robert Payant Award for Teaching Excellence presented by the Faculty Council of the NJC.

Judge Hora was a Senior Judicial Fellow for the National Drug Court Institute and the Global Centre for Drug Treatment Courts.

Judge Hora is an international leader in the solution-focused courts movement and has written comprehensively on justice issues. The appellate court and almost 200 journals and law reviews have cited her

work. She was a 2009-2010 Thinker in Residence appointed by the Premier of South Australia to study and make recommendations on the Australian justice system. She was a visiting scholar at the University of Tasmania School of Law.

Her international work includes speaking at conferences worldwide and hands-on training on drug courts and therapeutic jurisprudence in Israel, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Chile, Bermuda, South Africa, Italy, Pakistan, France, Japan, Russia, The Netherlands, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

She is an Honorary President of the International Therapeutic Jurisprudence Society, a worldwide non-profit organization dedicated to advancing legal and interdisciplinary scholarship; identifying and promoting best professional practices; sponsoring conferences, workshops and seminars; and, hosting and participating in print, electronic and social media platforms. A judicial award has been named for her by the Society. She is a recipient of the Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award from the California Judges' Association and winner of the Rose Bird Award from California Women Lawyers. She was honored as Woman of the Year by the California legislature.

Judge Brian MacKenzie is an award winning judicial educator who retired from the bench after almost twenty-seven years of service. After leaving the bench he became one of the founders of the Justice Speakers Institute. He has been honored by the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice with the Paul H. Chapman medal, for significant contributions to the American Criminal Justice System and by the American Judges Association for significant contributions to judicial education.

Judge MacKenzie has written and lectured throughout the world on issues including procedural fairness, veterans treatment courts, domestic violence, drug treatment courts, alcohol/drug testing, and the sixth amendment right to counsel. Recently, he traveled to Istanbul as an invited observer to a conference on the treaty between the European Union and Turkey involving Syrian refugees.

He is the co-author of "The Michigan Drug Testing Manual and coeditor of the book, "Michigan Criminal Procedure". He is also the author of the American Judges Association's position paper entitled "Procedural Fairness: The Key to Drug Treatment Courts".

He received his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School.

Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William S. Richardson of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. She then joined the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, a public interest law firm protecting and advancing Native Hawaiian rights. She has worked on cases asserting traditional and customary rights, land claims, and defending the constitutionality of Hawaiian programs. Prof. MacKenzie, the Founding Director of Ka Huli Ao Center, is Editor-in-Chief of *Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise* (2015). She was awarded the Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching in 2013 and served as Acting Dean of the Law School in Fall 2017.

With over almost 30 years' experience in the domestic violence field, **David Mandel's** international training and consulting focuses on improving systems' responses to domestic violence when children are involved. Through years of work with child welfare systems, David has developed the Safe & Together™ Model to improve case practice and cross system collaboration in domestic violence cases involving children. He has also identified how a perpetrator pattern-based approach can improve our ability to help families and promote the development of domestic violence-informed child welfare systems.

David and the Safe & Together Institute's staff and faculty have consulted to United States' child welfare systems in a number of states including New York, Louisiana, New Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, the District of Columbia, Vermont, Oregon and Ohio. In the last five years, their work has expanded outside the United States with research, training and consultation in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and other countries. The Safe & Together Institute works closely with domestic violence advocates, in the United States and abroad, to help them more effectively work with child protection systems and better advocate for child welfare-involved adult and child domestic violence survivors. David has written and published online courses on the and has launched a new Safe & Together Model Certified Trainer initiative that will increase the Institute's ability to support sustainable implementation of domestic violence-informed practice in the US and abroad.

David has written or co-written journal articles on batterer's perceptions of their children's exposure to domestic violence, domestic violence case reading tools, and the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare practice. His chapter on "Batterers and the Lives of Their Children" was published in the Praeger Series Violence Against Women in Families and Relationships.

Jesse Rutledge has served as Vice President for External Affairs at the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) since 2008. He oversees the organization's communications, marketing, information services, associations, conferences, and private development, and is project director on NCSC's State of the State Courts public opinion work. He serves as staff to the Conference of Chief Justice's Standing Committee on Judicial Politics and Compensation and CCJ's Past Presidents Committee. Recently he used one of his fifteen minutes of fame: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg cited one of his reports in her 2015 concurring opinion in *Williams-Yulee v. The Florida Bar*. His commentary has also appeared in state and national media, including the *Boston Globe*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Roll Call*, and on National Public Radio. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in political science.

Judge Ken Skilnick has been a member of the Provincial Court of British Columbia since February 10, 2003, presiding over criminal, family and civil court files. He is the local liaison judge in Abbotsford, BC. He has served as a member of his court's education committee, its peer support committee and its compensation committee. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Assistance Program of BC and of the National Judges Counselling Program. He was President of the Provincial Court Judges Association of BC in 2013 and was a member of the court's Judicial Council. Prior to his appointment, Judge Skilnick practiced law from 1980 to 2003, as a private practitioner, a Crown Prosecutor and as a Legal Aid staff lawyer. When not in judicial robes he is probably wearing a Hawaiian shirt and is said to make a mean chocolate cheesecake.

Kapua'ala Sproat is a Professor of Law at the University of Hawai'i's Richardson School of Law and the Director of Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. Ka Huli Ao is an

academic center that promotes education, scholarship, community outreach, and collaboration on issues of law, culture, and justice for Native Hawaiians and other Pacific and Indigenous Peoples. Professor Sproat also directs the law school's Environmental Law Clinic and teaches courses in Native Hawaiian and environmental law. Her areas of scholarship and interest include Native Hawaiian law, Indigenous rights, climate justice, and natural resource protection and management.

Seth Stoughton is an Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he is affiliated with the Rule of Law Collaborative. A former police officer, Seth studies the regulation of policing, focusing on police-civilian encounters and the use of force. He has published in top academic journals, including the *Virginia Law Review* and the *Minnesota Law Review*, and has written for popular media publications including *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, and *TIME*. Prior to joining the faculty at South Carolina, Seth was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School.

Judge Michael A. Town served as a State of Hawai'i Trial Court Judge from 1979 until he retired in 2010. He was an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law, 1985-2011, teaching criminal law, juvenile and family law, environmental law and legal methods. Judge Town has been a mediator/arbitrator for Dispute Prevention Resolution Hawaii since 2011, mediating complex family, probate, business, environmental and human relations cases. He also has been an instructor/trainer for Positive Coaching Alliance Hawai'i since 2002 and since 2011 has served as a member of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. Judge Town is Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Boys and Girls Clubs of Hawai'i and has been a mentor for selected team leaders and children of incarcerated parents at Camp Agape/Camp Erdman YMCA since 2006. He is a speaker and published author on restorative justice issues, and has presented to justice professionals nationally and internationally. Judge Town was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia from 1962-64.

A pioneer in traffic safety, **David Wallace** developed the first TSRP (Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor) program in Michigan becoming a national role model.

As a TSRP, he facilitated a multidisciplinary approach to the arrest and prosecution of impaired drivers and other traffic crimes. As the first Director of the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), David oversaw a nationwide increase of 50% in the number of DWI Courts, changing repeat impaired drivers into law-abiding citizens.

David is now the Vice President of the Justice Speakers Institute as well an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Huron County, Michigan with over 20 years' experience in the courtroom.

Andrea Woods is a Staff Attorney with the ACLU Criminal Law Reform Project. Andrea joined the ACLU in 2016 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. She is currently litigating four constitutional challenges to systems of wealth-based detention by money bail in Dallas, Texas; Randolph County, Alabama; Cullman County, Alabama; and Glynn County, Georgia where she is lead counsel. Prior to the ACLU, Andrea clerked for the Hon. John C. Coughenour of the Western District of Washington. She is a 2014 graduate of the University of Washington School of Law where she was a William H. Gates Scholar.