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JO ANN ALLEN has been the Manager of Student Support Services at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education for 24 years and the Director of the Santa Cruz County Teen Peer Court for 19 years. She has a BA degree in Business and Project Management and has specialized training in organizational development, conflict resolution, resiliency, youth development practices, and strength-based assessments. She is well trained in the interpersonal skills of cultural competence and sensitivity that address a diverse population. She has provided training workshops focused on school safety issues, teen dating violence, bullying, school truancy prevention/intervention, youth court implementation, restorative justice and a variety of other methods to address the needs of high-risk youth locally, regionally, and nationally. Her court has received the AOC collaborative justice courts grants consistently since the grants inception. She is also the recipient of two AOC grants to address DUI prevention in schools and was a member of the AOC's DUI Court in Schools Planning Committee. Ms. Allen is a member of the National Association of Youth Courts; California Association of Youth Courts; and was appointed by the California Chief Justice to serve on the AOC Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee.

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CHUCK AMITAL, MFT, ESQ., is the Supervising Child Custody Recommending Counselor for Family Court Services in San Mateo County, where he has worked for 12 years. He practiced law in Israel and worked

in legal research and writing after his return to the United States. His interest in mediation dates back to the early 1990s, when he trained and served as a mediator with the San Francisco Community Board Program. This experience led him to pursue a master's degree in counseling, following which he was a psychotherapist in private practice. Mr. Amital enjoys working in the family court services environment, as this enables him to draw on his legal background while engaging his passion for counseling. He enjoys the challenge involved in making recommendations that are in the children's best interest, as well as reflecting on his work as a mediator. He was admitted to the California Bar in 2012.

LILY ANDERSON, MSW is from Step-Up Program King County Superior Court Seattle, Washington. Ms. Anderson is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with an MSW from the University of Washington (1986). Lily co-authored the Step-Up curriculum and co-coordinates the program since 1997. She has worked in the field of family violence for over 30 years, including child abuse, parent education for perpetrators and survivors of domestic violence, and domestic violence advocacy work with survivors. Lily developed and coordinated a Parent's Anger Management Program for Family Services Domestic Violence Treatment Program in Seattle from 1986–1998. She authored two curriculums for the program, Anger Management for Parents and Skills for Respectful Parenting. She also co-authored Helping Children Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence: A Guide for Parents, a parenting curriculum for parents of children who have lived with domestic violence that is being used nationwide in the U.S by domestic violence perpetrator and survivor programs. Lily has conducted numerous trainings and presentations on adolescent violence toward parents and family members, and implementing the Step-Up curriculum, throughout the United States and in Australia. She has also delivered trainings on: Impact of domestic violence on children, parenting children exposed to domestic violence, respectful parenting practices and parents anger management. She co-authored an article, Adolescent Violence Toward Parents, published in the Journal for Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma, June 2012.

EBONY ARMSTRONG is the Los Angeles Countywide Lead for Parents in Partnership for Pomona & El Monte DCFS Offices. Ebony is a mother of a 15 year old son and a 5 year old daughter and engaged to a wonderful man. In her life, she has always wanted to be in helping field, and with that passion at heart she went to college and revived her AA degree in Social Behavioral Science. With this degree she was able to teach Pre K at a community college and after 6 years of teaching she moved on to becoming a program facilitator which her job consists of helping college mothers and fathers with low-income become Pre-K to K-12 teachers and move on to earn their degree as well. Her life took some turns and she became a victim of domestic violence and she and her children were now a part of the DCFS system. She was successfully able to reunify with her children and navigate the system. Learning the ins and outs of the DCFS, she was able to become a Parent Advocate with Parents In Partnership. She teaches other parents how to navigate the DCFS system and reunify with their children. She enjoys helping others and seeing families together. She is encouraged every day to see parents succeed and overcome a trial in their life. She's currently in school working on her B.A. degree in Human Services.

YOSHI ASANUMA is currently a Senior Juvenile Dependency Mediator for the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno. He was a "Vietnam Era" veteran. He received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration with emphasis in healthcare management and a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from California State University, Fresno. Yoshi worked as a certified

rehabilitation counselor, helping people with emotional and physical disabilities live independently for 3 years. For the next 29 years he has been assessing the best interest of children. He worked for Child Protective Services for Merced County before joining Family Court Services in Fresno County in 1988. In 2001 his assignment changed from mediating family court child custody cases to juvenile dependency mediation.

NANCY ASPATURIAN is director of training at the Children's Law Center of California. Ms. Aspaturian runs an integrated training program for new lawyers and designs a year-round curriculum to provide continuing education in dependency litigation and related practices. She also handles day-to-day supervision and training of lawyers and support staff in all areas of dependency practice. A lawyer since 1985, Ms. Aspaturian was a public defender for seven years before joining the Children's Law Center.

KEN BABCOCK is the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Public Law Center (PLC) in Orange County. Ken has significantly expanded PLC so that many more of Orange County's low-income residents are receiving pro bono legal assistance. Ken is responsible for PLC's overall leadership, direction and financial health. Among other things, he has expanded PLC's services, grown PLC's staff and developed new programs including courthouse based clinics as well as projects to serve immigrant victims of crime, the homeless and local non-profit organizations. Involvement in bench and bar activities has played a significant role in Ken's professional life. As a member of the California Commission on Access to Justice (2006-12), he served as vice-chair of the Commission (2009-11) and co-chair of the Commission's Funding Committee (2007-12). In 1999, Ken was appointed by California Chief Justice Ronald M. George to the California Judicial Council's Civil & Small Claims Advisory Committee, where he served until 2004. In addition, he has been a member of other Judicial Council committees, Chair of the Aranda Access to Justice Award Selection Committee, Chair of the State Bar's Legal Services Section and Co-Chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee. Ken has received numerous awards for his work, including the Dorsey Award from the American Bar Association's Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division (2010); Attorney of the Year Award from the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County (2009), the Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award from the Judicial Council of California (2008), the Marcus M. Kaufmann Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League Orange County/Long Beach (2007) and the Legal Services Provider of the Year Award from the California Bench-Bar Coalition (2007). He was also named Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the U.C. Davis School of Law (2001). In 2003 and again in 2008, he was named by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in California. Prior to joining PLC in September 2000, Ken was the Director of Litigation & Advocacy at Public Counsel in Los Angeles (1998-2000) and the Directing Attorney of Public Counsel's Consumer Law Project (1989-98). Before joining Public Counsel, he was a litigator in a large law firm and then a small law firm. Ken is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A. with highest honors, Political Science 1978) and the University of California, Davis (J.D. 1981).

AMY BACHARACH, PH.D., is a Senior Research Analyst with the Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children, and the Courts (CFCC). She primarily works on projects dealing with delinquency and collaborative courts in California and is staff to the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues, which advises the Judicial Council on mentally ill offenders and

mental health courts; the Statewide Collaborative Justice Courts Data Collection Advisory Team; and the Best Practices Approach Initiative: Advancing Evidence-Based Practices in California. Prior to joining CFCC in 2006, Amy worked with the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Interagency Council on Children and Families where she evaluated adolescent substance abuse treatment resources. She has conducted extensive research on juvenile issues including runaway behavior, substance abuse, and prostitution in adolescents in the US and Mexico City. Amy holds a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology and a certificate in Organizational Development. In addition to her work with CFCC, she is an adjunct professor at Argosy University and conducts research on the Pacific Islander forensic population. Originally from Philadelphia, Amy has lived in France and Mexico City and enjoys traveling around the world to learn how culture affects women's and children's human rights. She serves on boards and committees of various local women's organizations and was a recipient of a Fulbright Award in Egypt to study women's experiences with a new law allowing them to ask for divorce.

STEVE BARON (RET.), M.A., MFT, is the retired director of Family Court Services in Santa Clara County, former adjunct faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges on the subject of juvenile dependency mediation, retired from 25 years of private practice, an occasional trainer for the California Administrative Office of the Courts, the Superior Court in Santa Clara County, and various community agencies on subjects including domestic violence, the impact of trauma on child development and victims of domestic violence, mediation and custody evaluation, and ethics, and has been the recipient of awards from Legal Advocates for Children and Youth for services to families and children, "The Judge Len Edwards Champion of Peace Award" from the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council, and the Santa Clara County Psychological Association for the training of mental health professionals in the areas of divorce, child custody, and domestic violence. He has been a lecturer for Santa Clara University in the graduate Counseling Psychology division for the past 25 years on subjects including child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, elder abuse, and trauma.

HON. STEVEN BASHA is Yolo County Presiding Judge. Judge Basha has served as a superior court judge for more than seven years. He was assigned to the juvenile dependency and delinquency calendars, including juvenile drug court, during most of those years. Prior to his appointment as judge, Judge Basha spent 22 years in three California County Counsel offices, including his service as Yolo County Counsel from September 2000 to April 2005. After the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care recommended that counties develop local blue ribbon commissions to address local issues impacting children in foster care, Yolo County's Local Blue Ribbon Commission was formed under Judge Basha's leadership. Yolo County's local commission continues to be active today, and special emphasis is placed on familiarizing juvenile stakeholders with local community resources and programs. In addition, experts knowledgeable about juvenile law and practice or issues impacting youth and families often address the local commission to improve practical skills and increase knowledge of stakeholders. Judge Basha has served on various juvenile law committees staffed by the Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and as faculty for California Judicial Education and Research.

JAVIER A. BASTIDAS graduated from Dartmouth College, and he earned his J.D. from Tulane Law School, where he also received his European Legal Certificate. After working for the Salomon Quintero law practice in San Mateo County, Mr. Bastidas moved to San Francisco to work as a Supervising Attorney

for the Volunteer Legal Services Program and headed the Litigants without Lawyers Project, which was designed to assist unrepresented parties in Domestic Violence cases. During that time, the State certified Mr. Bastidas as a Domestic Violence Counselor. He then served as an Associate and later Contract Attorney for the Sucherman-Insalaco family law firm. He currently acts as a Supervising Attorney for the Justice and Diversity Center (JDC), heading the San Francisco Sargent Shriver Custody Project. Mr. Bastidas has made numerous appearances in Family and Criminal courts throughout the Bay Area, and he has volunteered for the JDC's Legal Advice and Referral Clinic as well as Project Homeless Connect.

JAMES BELL is the founder and executive director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute (BI). Since 2001, Mr. Bell has been spearheading a national movement to address racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. Mr. Bell and his colleagues at the BI work with juvenile justice systems across the country to reduce the disproportionality of youth of color. Mr. Bell guides the BI's Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY), a national network of programs working successfully with young people of color. Mr. Bell also works closely with the Casey Foundation's JDAI jurisdictions and the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative. He received his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law.

PHILIP BERTENTHAL is currently a Directing Attorney with California Rural Legal Assistance in the Santa Maria Office. From 2007 to the beginning of 2013 Phil pioneered Bet Tzedek's Conservatorship project assisting individuals in conservatorship and elder abuse proceedings in downtown Los Angeles. Phil obtained his undergraduate degree from Grinnell College in Iowa and his J.D. from NYU in 1972. His over thirty years in legal services started as a staff attorney at MFY Legal Services in New York and he subsequently moved to Washington State where he worked for Evergreen Legal Services. He moved to California in 1980 and served as Supervising Attorney at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco. Subsequently, he became Litigation Director of Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation, a position he held for 13 years. Phil moved to Los Angeles in 1997 where he worked for the State Department of Social Services representing the Community Care Licensing Division enforcing licensing requirements for state licensed facilities.

HON. RICHARD C. BLAKE is a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and Chief Judge of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court. Judge Blake is also the contractual judge for the Smith River Rancheria and temporary judge for the Redding Rancheria. He is the 1st Vice President of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) and a NAICJA region 2 board member, representing tribal court judges located in California, Nevada, and Hawaii. Judge Blake is the founder of the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, consisting of seven developed or developing tribal courts. He earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. Judge Blake is an alumnus of the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno. Judge Blake is also a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care and cochair of the Tribal Court & State Court Forum. Judge Blake has been a faculty member with the National Center for State Courts, conducting trainings throughout the United States on Project Passport/Domestic Violence Protection Order issues.

LINDA S. BLANSHAY, PH.D. is Director of Program Development at the Museum of Tolerance (MOT), Los Angeles. In this role she has been involved in developing new exhibits for the museum, updating educational programs, providing staff development, and managing relationships with corporate and foundation donors. She was directly involved in developing the SHADES Youth Training Institute at the MOT and continues to support the program's expansion and impact. Born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, and having studied in the United Kingdom as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Dr. Blanshay was a specialist in policies and practices of multiculturalism and anti-racism in North American and European societies. Prior to joining the MOT in 2000 she taught courses on the sociology of race and ethnic relations and contemporary social issues at the Universities of Stirling, Glasgow Caledonian, and the Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Edinburgh. She held a variety of research positions over the years in the areas of ethnic demography and culture.

BETTY ANN BOEVING is the founder of the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition. Betty Ann has been leading, teaching, and speaking about community-based strategies to fight human trafficking since 2002. She worked for International Justice Mission from 2004-2007 and in 2006 climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise \$45K to fight child trafficking. Betty Ann is entering her 14th season as "the voice" of the Stanford women's basketball team. She holds a B.A. from the University of Oregon and her M.A. in International Policy Studies from Stanford, specializing in International Conflict Resolution. Betty Ann has led educational tours around the world to all seven continents and has visited over 80 countries.

LARRY BOLTON served as Chief Counsel/Deputy Director for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for 18 years, where he was responsible for supervising 190 legal staff who provide support for California's human services programs. Mr. Bolton also served as Chief Counsel for the California Health and Human Services Agency. Mr. Bolton is Past President of the American Association of Public Welfare Attorneys (AAPWA). He was previously appointed by the Chief Justice of California to serve on the Judicial Task Force on Court/Community Outreach. He has served as a member of the Sacramento County Grand Jury. Mr. Bolton was also appointed by the Chief Justice to serve on the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care and was recently appointed by the new Chief Justice to a two year term on the Commission. Mr. Bolton has spoken on child welfare and elder abuse issues at the National Licensing Institute and the American Bar Association, and has served as Legal Education Instructor for the California District Attorneys Association. He also served as a consultant to the California Attorney General's Child Abuse Commission. Mr. Bolton is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the California Consortium for the Prevention of Child Abuse. In 2009, he was awarded the Loren Warboys Unsung Hero Award from the Youth Law Center. In 2010, Mr. Bolton was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the American Public Human Services Association Attorney Affiliate. Mr. Bolton is a graduate of Santa Clara University and the University of California, Davis School of Law.

HON. JERILYN BORACK was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Davis in June, 2002. Prior to her appointment she was in private practice for nineteen years specializing in family law and was a Certified Specialist. Judge Borack has presided over criminal and civil trials, family law and probate matters. She was supervising judge of family law from 2006 until 2008. She is currently sitting in the Juvenile Court hearing dependency matters since 2010. During her tenure on the bench she has been

active in statewide, court, and community activities. She was appointed by the Chief Justice to the Statewide Domestic Violence Practices and Procedures Task Force in 2005 and the Elkins Family Law Task Force in 2008. She remains an active member of the Implementation Task Force for both of these endeavors. She is currently a member of the first State Court, Tribal Court Forum. She continues to chair her court's Domestic Violence Committee, and is also an active member of the Court Community Focus Committee. In 2005 she became co-chair of the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Family and Juvenile Law, having served on the committee since 2003. Her tenure as co-chair ended in 2010. She is active as well in California Judicial Education and Research (CJER), chairing the Family Law Education Committee in 2006 and 2007, serving as team leader for the family law overview faculty and teaching numerous courses at several educational institutes and programs. Judge Borack has been a member of the Milton F. Schwartz Chapter of the American Inns of Court, as well as a member, and President, of the Board of Directors of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. She has been a member, and chair, of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Youth Symphony, and has served on the Board of Directors of Sierra Adoption Agency.

HON. PATRICIA BRESEE (RET.) is a retired Juvenile Court Judge. Pat Bresee is a recognized expert in Juvenile Law and has been recognized as Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association and as Judge of the Year by the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association. She served two terms on the San Mateo County First Five Commission and currently serves on the San Mateo County Blue Ribbon Commission and the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. In addition, she is the Chair of the Board of California CASA. She continues to train attorneys and judicial officers in Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Law and fills in for judges in Juvenile Court in San Mateo County on request.

JACK BRITO, L.M.F.T., CADAC and Readjustment Counselor/Therapist enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1970, served for two and a half years then transferred to active duty in 1973 and was honorably discharged on January 7, 1975. Jack attended California State University, Los Angeles, where he earned a M.S. Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling in 1998 and an M.S. Degree in Marriage, Family & Child Counseling in 1999. Jack is also a Certified Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC) and has been working in the field of Substance Abuse since 1988. He is also a certified Domestic Violence Counselor who has worked alongside L.A.P.D. as a member of a domestic violence crisis response team, assisting victims and their children. Jack is also Orange County Probation of Department approved to conduct the 52 week batterers' group as mandated by the courts. He has worked in the field of Domestic Violence with both batterers and victims the past sixteen years, and currently facilitates a batterer's group for combat veterans, at no cost to them. Jack was licensed as a Marriage & Family Therapist on August 18, 2008. He began working for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs as a Readjustment Counselor at the San Marcos Vet Center from October 27, 2008 to October 7, 2009. He transferred to the North Orange County Vet Center, in Garden Grove on October 13, 2009 where he continues proudly serving veterans.

LATOYA MAE BROWN currently attends the University of California, Santa Cruz majoring in feminist studies and legal studies. She is excited to try new and exciting things. She loves to run, play tennis and knit. She is always looking for new challenges to conquer. If you get to know her you will find that she is

a very outgoing and enthusiastic individual, with a passion to be educated as well as to educate others. Her short term goal is to apply to law schools and her long- term goal is to become a criminal lawyer.

VERNON BROWN is a co-founder of Stewards of Change and a member of the leadership team. He brings 30 years of experience as CEO of Aspiranet, a private child welfare agency with 44 service sites throughout California serving more than 2,500 clients weekly. As a child welfare innovator and leader, Vernon has developed nationally recognized programs that serve children, youth, families and communities. (See Microsoft's case study on Aspiranet's use of SharePoint to support its 1,000-member IT network.) Vernon has served on a variety of national, state and local boards representing children and youth service agencies, advocacy groups and associations. He holds a Master of Public Administration from Golden Gate University and a Secondary Education Degree and BA from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

SUE BURRELL joined the Youth Law Center in 1987. As a staff attorney, she has served as counsel in civil rights litigation and appellate court cases; drafted and testified on legislation; written on juvenile justice, education, mental health and funding issues; and trained juvenile justice professionals around the country. She works to reduce unnecessary incarceration for youth in the juvenile justice system, but also to assure that detained youth are held in safe, humane conditions. In California, she has worked to stem abuses in the state's juvenile institutional system and to transform the system into one that focuses on producing better outcomes for youth. Sue has fought for increased access to health and mental health care for youth in the system, and to improve the handling of youth with cognitive disabilities. She has served as a consultant in projects of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and for years has served in the regulations revision process for the California Corrections Standards Authority. She was a member of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Working Group in 2004-05 and served as the California Team Leader for the MacArthur Foundation's Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network. Sue has joined local, state and national efforts to improve the capacity of juvenile defenders to provide quality legal representation, and serves on the Boards of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, the Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, and the First District Appellate Project. Sue began her career as an appellate attorney for the California Office of the State Public Defender. She then moved to the Office of the Los Angeles County Public Defender, where she did trial work and for several years served as the appellate/training specialist for its Juvenile Division.

JONATHAN BYERS began his child welfare career in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he worked with at-risk youth in resource deprived communities. In his current position as High Risk Services Division Chief with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) he has partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to promote systems reform while managing a number of programs designed to better meet the mental health and permanency needs of abused and neglected children. His 16 year career with DCFS includes direct social work with children and families, risk and litigation management, and leadership of a regional office toward child and family team oriented practice. Mr. Byers received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Public Affairs from Claremont McKenna College and a Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University.

JESSICA CALDERON has been a youth advocate with Project WHAT! since June of 2013. She currently attends City College of San Francisco and plans to transfer to a four-year school to study literature and law. In her spare time, Jessica likes painting and writing poetry and has a passion for changing the systems and policies that impact children of incarcerated parents.

HON. TANI GORRE CANTIL-SAKAUYE is the 28th chief justice of the State of California. She was sworn into office on January 3, 2011, and is the first Asian-Filipina American and the second woman to serve as the state's chief justice. After former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger nominated her as Chief Justice on July 22, 2010, the California State Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission rated her as exceptionally well qualified for the position. At a public hearing on August 25, 2010, she was unanimously confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments, and in a general election on November 2, 2010, an overwhelming majority of voters elected her to that position. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye chairs the Judicial Council of California, the administrative policymaking body of state courts, and the Commission on Judicial Appointments. She has served for more than 20 years on California appellate and trial courts, and has been appointed or elevated to higher office by three governors. In 1990, Governor George Deukmejian appointed her to the Sacramento Municipal Court and in 1997, Governor Pete Wilson elevated her to the Superior Court of Sacramento County. On the superior court, she presided over both criminal and civil assignments. In 1997, she established and presided over the first court in Sacramento dedicated solely to domestic violence issues. In addition, then-Judge Cantil-Sakauye chaired the court's criminal law committee and was a member of the presiding judge's task force on domestic violence and the Home Court committee. In 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger nominated her to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. Chief Justice Ronald M. George appointed her to the Judicial Council of California in September 2008. She has also served as chair of the council's Advisory Committee on Financial Accountability and Efficiency for the Judicial Branch, a member of the Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force and chaired its Best Practices Domestic Violence subcommittee, vice-chair of the Executive and Planning Committee, vice-chair of the Rules and Projects Committee, co-chair of the Judicial Recruitment and Retention Working Group, and as a member of the Commission for Impartial Courts Implementation Committee. The Chief Justice was a Special Master, selected by the Supreme Court of California to hear disciplinary proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Performance. She was president of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court, an organization dedicated to promoting civility, ethics, and professionalism in the practice of law. And was a member of the national Conference of Chief Justices Board of Directors. Born in 1959 in Sacramento, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye attended C. K. McClatchy High School (1977) and Sacramento City College (1978) before receiving her BA from the University of California, Davis, graduating with honors in 1980. After taking a year off to visit her ancestral homeland, the Philippines, the Chief Justice entered the UC Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr., School of Law in 1981. After receiving her JD in 1984, she worked as a deputy district attorney for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted a variety of criminal offenses. In 1988, she served on the senior staff of Governor Deukmejian in two capacities: as deputy legal affairs secretary and as a deputy legislative secretary. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye is a former board member of several nonprofit organizations and has been active in numerous professional community organizations, including membership in the California Judges Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Sacramento Asian Bar Association, and received the Filipina of the Year Award. She is currently a member of the Board of

Directors for the Conference of Chief Justices, the Board of Visitors for UC Davis, an honorary member of the Foundation for Democracy and Justice, a private nonprofit organization devoted to civics education, and is actively engaged in a civic learning initiative *Your Constitution: The Power of Democracy*.

ALEX CARDENAS is the Executive Director of CASA Imperial County & Quechan Tribal CASA. Mr. Cardenas has been the executive director for almost six years. CASA of Imperial County is a very progressive child advocacy organization. Currently, CASA is serving over 250 foster children in Imperial County and represents over 80% of the total number of children in dependency. CASA of Imperial County, has experienced some of the best and quickest permanent outcomes in the state. It is estimated that 70% of our foster children are unified with at least one biological parent within 14 months as where the national average is 24 months. CASA contributes these successful outcomes largely to the collaborative efforts of all community stakeholders concerning juvenile dependency. Furthermore, CASA is assigned to all new dependency cases and is one of the few agencies that represent foster children from the detention hearing until jurisdiction is terminated. CASA of Imperial County is also extremely passionate about improving the educational outcomes of our foster children and works diligently with local educators and behavioral health specialists.

SHANNON CAREY, PH.D., has worked in the criminal justice field for over 15 years, particularly in the area of drug courts and cost analyses. She is currently Principal Investigator for statewide cost-benefit evaluations of adult drug courts in the State of California and in the State of Oregon, a statewide study of drug courts in Florida and New Mexico and process, impact and cost-benefit studies in Family Treatment Drug Courts in Oregon. Dr. Carey has also led the efforts to create online tools that drug courts can use to determine their own costs and benefits. Dr. Carey has been involved in process, outcome and/or cost evaluations in over 150 adult, juvenile, DUI, reentry and family treatment drug courts nationally. Dr. Carey has also acted as consultant for the Portland Police Bureau on economic crime (such as identity theft) and juvenile offender issues.

HON. MICHAEL CARTER has been a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge since November 2003. Judge Carter served as Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles for 12 years where he tried over sixty felony jury trials including multiple defendant trials as well as a multiple jury trial. He specialized in the area of sexual assaults and child abuse for eight years. As Deputy DA, he worked in the *Victim Impact Program*, prosecuting cases that involved particularly vulnerable victims. Judge Carter is a member of the California Judges Association, John M. Langston Bar Association, and the California Association of Black Lawyers. He is currently the Director of the Board and Chairman of the Community Council at Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire.

DEBORAH J. CHASE, J.D., CFLS, PH.D., is a Senior Attorney with the California Judicial Council, Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts. She is a family law specialist certified by the State Bar of California with over 27 years in practice as an attorney. She also holds a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. Immediately before joining the AOC, Dr. Chase served as family law facilitator for the Superior Court of Alameda County, California. She is a past president of the California Family Law Facilitators' Association, and was a co-author of the first published article on the family law facilitator program, California's Family Law Facilitator Program: A New Paradigm for the

Court. In 2002 she was named a California Lawyer of the Year by California Lawyer magazine for her work in the area of court-operated assistance to self-represented litigants. Dr. Chase has conducted and co-authored research on the role of judging in problem-solving courts and published articles on issues related to family law and pro se jurisprudence. She has participated in numerous educational programs including teaching civil and criminal domestic violence to new judges at the B.E. Witkin Judicial College. Dr. Chase has also served on many committees and task forces related to pro se assistance and family law including the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the State Bar's Legal Services Trust Fund Commission.

NEVA CHAUPPETTE is a licensed Psychologist in part-time private practice in Los Angeles. She is the full-time Project Director of a mobile medical clinic that provides free and comprehensive HIV, Hepatitis ABC, and STD services to at-risk individuals. She is the former Clinical Director of an outpatient mental health clinic for women of color with multiple morbidities (HIV, HCV, psychiatric illness and substance misuse). Dr. Chauppette is a consultant to AIDS Healthcare Foundation, assisting physicians with the mental health and addiction needs of their patients. She is also a consultant to numerous HIV, mental health, and addiction treatment providers in California. As a consultant, Dr. Chauppette provides consultation to treatment providers who serve multi-diagnosed patients (psychiatric illness/ HIV+/HCV+/addiction). In addition, she conducts program needs assessments, provides curriculum development and design, provides technical assistance and crisis intervention. As a trainer, Dr. Chauppette provides trainings for both staff and clients on various topics including addiction, HIV, Hepatitis, and the interactions of multiple morbidities from an assessment and treatment perspective. She provides technical assistance to the Los Angeles County Office of AIDS Programs and Policies Division of HIV and STD Programs. The services provided are county-wide trainings, staff consultation, and on-site program assessment/enhancement. She is also on the Speaker's Bureau for ViiV Healthcare. Dr. Chauppette has worked in the field of substance abuse and HIV since 1988. She earned her doctorate in psychology from Pepperdine University in 1992.

DAVID CHERNISS is a member of the State Bar of California and maintained a private practice until April 2001 when he began working for the Superior Court of San Mateo County to develop and implement a victim-offender mediation program in juvenile justice. In 2006, Mr. Cherniss became the manager of the juvenile court's delinquency and dependency mediation programs. Mediations may involve parents, guardians, relatives, children, foster parents, social workers, attorneys, or child advocates. Both of these programs use specially trained volunteer mediators through a court/community nonprofit collaborative partnership with the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center.

CURTIS CHILD is the Chief Operating Officer for the California Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), effective October 1, 2012. Mr. Child joined the AOC in 2007 to lead the AOC's Office of Governmental Affairs, which is responsible for legislative and executive advocacy on behalf of the Judicial Council. His prior executive and legislative work experience includes directorship of the California Department of Child Support Services under Governor Gray Davis, and principal consultant for the Assembly Committee on Human Services. He also worked as a senior attorney for Legal Services of Northern California, and the National Center for Youth Law. Mr. Child received the Judicial Council's Judicial Administration

Award in 2010. He received his juris doctorate degree from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, and a bachelor of science degree from Weber State University in Utah.

DEBORAH CIMA serves as faculty with the National Drug Court Institute since 2000. As the treatment court coordinator for the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, she has facilitated the planning and implementation of 14 collaborative courts in her own county as well as more than 40 different jurisdictions across the country. Ms. Cima has experience in adult drug courts for over 14 years as well as the planning and implementation of four mental health courts, three juvenile drug courts, and two dependency drug courts. Her responsibilities as the coordinator include grant writing, data collection for evaluation purposes, policy and procedure development, developing team cooperation and developing relationships, and linkages with community stakeholders. Ms. Cima is the past chair of the California Coordinators Working Group, presently a board member for the California Association of Drug Court Professionals, and a member of the AOC Collaborative Justice Advisory Committee. Ms. Cima has her master's degree in counseling/psychology.

DONNA P. CLAY-CONTI is a Senior Attorney with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts and lead staff to the Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. She began her career with the AOC in October 1999 as a staff attorney for the Litigation Management Program in the Office of the General Counsel. Prior to joining the AOC, she was an attorney with the Health Plan Division of the Department of Corporations. From 1992-1997 she was the supervising attorney for the Northern California Litigation Unit of Blue Cross of California and practiced in the private sector with the law firms, including Adams, Duque and Hazeltine; Kornblum, Kelly & Herlihy; and Pettit & Martin, where she specialized in bad-faith insurance litigation and insurance coverage issues. Ms. Clay-Conti earned her law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law (now Berkeley Law), University of California at Berkeley. She also earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction in 1973 at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas; and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is on the faculty of the National Judicial College, team-teaching Ethics, Fairness and Security in the Courtroom; and co-teaches an MCLE Elimination of Bias Course, the Neuroscience and Psychology of Implicit Bias in Legal Practice, at the annual meetings of the State Bar of California.

HON. DON COLEMAN is currently the assistant presiding judge of the Ventura County Superior Court. In addition, he is the supervising judge of the criminal division and oversees the processing of all criminal cases in the county. Previously, from 2006-2011, he was the presiding judge of the Ventura County Juvenile Court where he presided over the juvenile drug and mental health courts. Judge Coleman was first elected to the superior court in March of 1996. Prior assignments have included criminal trials and motions, as well as presiding over the juvenile dependency calendar, which included overseeing guardianships and adoptions. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a chief deputy district attorney in the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. In that capacity, he collected nearly \$30 million per year on behalf of Ventura County children and their custodial parents. In addition, Judge Coleman directly supervised the District Attorney's acclaimed parental child abduction unit and the welfare fraud prosecution unit, and also handled responsibilities involving all fiscal, administrative, budgetary, and personnel issues throughout the entire District Attorney's Office. A 1976 graduate of UCLA with a degree in political science/public law, Judge Coleman obtained his law degree from Southwestern University

School of Law in 1978. Prior to completing his educational career, Judge Coleman served two years in the United States Army (1970-1972) with one year of overseas duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

KEISHA COMO has been with the Antelope Valley Community Youth Court for six years and is now a senior juror. Her passion has brought her to serve on the CAYC student advisory board for the last two years. In the future she hopes to attend college on the east coast and receive a degree in foreign relations and diplomacy. In college she plans to be a part of the Navy's ROTC program and graduate as an officer. Her ultimate goal is to serve as an international business lawyer to an ambassador and attend a United Nations meeting.

MAYA COOPER is a policy manager at the National Center for Youth Law's Foster Youth Education (FosterEd) Initiative where she focuses on improving the educational outcomes of children and youth in foster care. She currently leads and manages projects aimed at increasing the capacity of state and local agencies in California to better meet the educational needs of children in foster care. Before joining NCYL, Maya was a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society's Education Advocacy Project in New York City where she provided education advocacy services for children involved in abuse and neglect cases in the family court system. Prior to Legal Aid, Maya was employed for over six years as an attorney in the Education Unit at New York City's Administration for Children's Services. While at Children's Services, Maya advocated on behalf of infants, pre-school and school-age children who were encountering difficulty accessing services through the NYS Early Intervention Program or NYC preschool and school age special education system. Ms. Maya also participated in developing effective policies and procedures with city and state agencies to improve access to services and eliminate systemic barriers for children involved with the child welfare system.

DENICIA CORMIER leads the Commercially Sexually Exploited Task Force for her department and her caseload consists of minor dependent youth who are struggling to break the ties with their former life. Denicia brings an intimate knowledge of victim behavior and the need for innovative aftercare.

KIM CORNEILLE is a foster youth education liaison with the FosterEd program in Santa Cruz County. Kim works with family members and other adults involved in the lives of students in foster care, identifying "educational champions," helping build their capacity, and forming teams to support educational success. Kim is a former elementary school teacher and mentor for at-risk high school students. She holds a master's degree in education and a teaching credential from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

MARIA CORONA (STUDENT JUROR). I am a 16 year old student who is currently attending The Academy of Medical Arts At Carson High Complex. I strive for a bright future and to go as far as I can in life. My goal is to attend UC Berkeley and major in psychology. My parents did not go college, but they have given their all to give me all they possibly can. Seeing all their hard work inspires me to keep going. They have rooted me to always keep on climbing and to never give up. I have faith that no matter how hard things can be, I can do anything with the help of God and hard work. I am currently a member at the Volunteer Center Youth Coalition which gives high school students the ability to organize events to help out in the community. I have also volunteered at the UCLA Hospital and at other events with small

organizations. I have had the amazing opportunity to go through S.H.A.D.E.S Training twice. S.H.A.D.E.S is a program that gives students the capital they need to stop hate and delinquency. This program has showed me that one person can truly make a difference. I feel it has opened my mind to bigger things and has given me an outside perspective on how to set an example for my generation and the many more to come.

LORENZO CORTEZ is 17 years old and has been a part of Project WHAT! as a youth advocate since June of 2013.

DAVID COUGHRAN is a Probation Manager in Placer's Children's System of Care, and a long standing champion of integrated service models for youth and families.

CAMILO CRUZ since 2001 has served as the Community Relations Director for Los Angeles Superior Court. Before joining the Court, he was a Senior Policy Advisor to Los Angeles City Councilmember, Michael Feuer. Camilo. His late father, Richard Cruz, was a Chicano civil rights attorney who dedicated his career to fighting injustices experienced by minorities and poor people in California. Camilo received his Masters degree in Public Policy from Claremont Graduate University. Camilo also holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from California State University, Long Beach. As Community Relations Administrator, Camilo's first goal is to develop innovate modes of communication and collaboration between the judiciary and the community it serves.

SHELL CULP is the Chief Deputy Director of the California Health and Human Services Agency's Office of Systems Integration (OSI), and the Agency Information Officer. Shell oversees OSI's portfolio of projects of more than \$4 billion, which includes some of the largest systems integration projects in the world, and manages the largest IT project portfolio in California. Shell has been involved in Information Technology (IT) for more than 20 years, and serves on several advisory boards in California's IT community.

RUTH CUSICK started her legal career in 2008 as a Skadden Fellow at Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. where her fellowship project focused on direct representation of students with serious mental health disabilities who suffered inappropriate and illegal disciplinary exclusions. Her fellowship policy work focused on a collaborative effort with CADRE and Public Counsel Law Center to monitor implementation of LAUSD's School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Policy in South LA. This collaborative monitoring effort led to the issuance of Redefining Dignity in Our Schools: A Shadow Report on School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Implementation in South Los Angeles, 2007-2010 and firm commitments from local school administrators to address disproportionate discipline and the lack of policy implementation. In August 2010, Ruth joined the staff of Advocates for Children of New York where she worked on impact litigation to address school pushout and the lack of meaningful special education services in the country's largest school district. She also filed and prevailed in special education due process hearings on behalf of students who had been pushed out of school or inappropriately placed in highly restrictive education programs. In November 2011, Ruth joined the staff of Public Counsel Law Center as the lead attorney on their School Pushout Reversal Project that focuses on meaningful local reform campaigns to ensure that policies and practices encourage young people to

finish their education, rather than pushing them toward incarceration. Ruth is also one of the lead editors of the Dignity in School Campaign's Model School Code which was released August 2012.

MATTHEW DABBAS says that "Ginger" and "Terrorist" were the words said to him throughout his school years, due to being a red head and being of Arabic descent. In his own words, "All my life I have been teased because of my bright hair color. Being Arabic, not Scottish or Irish is a surprise to everyone. I recall I was the most bullied in the aquatics program for two and a half years at Burbank High School. During my freshman, sophomore, and half of junior year, the swim and water polo team had a strong culture of bullying. My first Friday of high school, I was thrown in the trashcan six times by the varsity players on the team, and put in the team room to be whipped by the varsity players on the team. The varsity players turned off the lights in the team room and I was terrified. Learning the tradition, it was my junior year when I was bullied my swim teammate. My teammate was hurt emotionally, took the correct direction, and told the office. With my counselor, I went to the Museum of Tolerance for eight hours and learned about religions, discrimination, racism, prejudice, and stereotypes. When I was there, I learned two things that will always stay with me from now to the end of my life, is how harsh human beings were treated in the past and how words can be wrongfully used to fuel hatred and to hurt people. All the hurtful names I have been called all my life because of being a red headed Jordanian; I learned to see difference, understanding, and transformation. The transformation is taking all these insults and using it to motivate me to be a better person. I learned that bullying causes harm and must be stopped. I would like to spread this knowledge to others to stop bullying and helping them to become stronger to resist the cycle of bullying. I have already taken action and am participating in the "SHADES: Stopping Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students" program that is partnered with the Los Angeles Teen Court. I will be sitting as a juror deciding whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. I have also received the honor to speak with the Presiding Judge David Wesley of Los Angeles County in December 2013 for the SHADES program."

SHERI DAMON has over 20 years experience in private and public law with a diversity of experience from land use and litigation to child welfare. She has been a private attorney as well as Deputy County Counsel for the County of Monterey and now the County of Merced. She is currently focusing her practice on child welfare law. As the sole deputy County Counsel doing child welfare, Sheri handles approximately 1000 cases in various stages of dependency proceedings as well as all the writs and appeals. Sheri graduated from University of California Santa Cruz with a BA in business economics and her JD is from Monterey College of Law.

MARCIE DANILUKE has worked as a Mentor Parent at the Santa Clara County Dependency Advocacy Center for five years. As a mentor and former client, she supports mothers facing addiction and attempting to reunify with their children in the dependency system. She has been clean and sober for nine years as of March 11, 2013. Marcie has three children, one of whom she voluntarily put up for adoption and two of whom she has custody.

HON. SUSAN DAUPHINE has been on the bench in Monterey County since 1998 and has served as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Dependency Court in Monterey since November 2009. In addition to serving as faculty for CJER, she has spoken at graduations, CASA events, and other community events.

Judge Dauphine has cultivated an approach to working with juvenile stakeholders that encourages collaborative efforts. This is evident not only in the courtroom, but when Monterey County stakeholders come together for local blue ribbon commission meetings, trainings, and other community events.

BRANDY DAVIS is a Managing Attorney at the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice (LACLJ). Brandy started her legal career as an Attorney at LACLJ representing teen parents and survivors of domestic violence in complex family law matters. Thereafter, Brandy was an Attorney at the *Children's Law Center of Los Angeles* representing youth in juvenile dependency court. Brandy also managed legal programs as Supervising Attorney at *Break the Cycle, Los Angeles* and advocated for improved teen dating violence laws and services as the Technical Assistance and Policy Manager at *Break the Cycle, Washington DC*. Prior to rejoining LACLJ, Brandy coordinated policy initiatives for the *Labor Project for Working Families*, leading a statewide labor-community coalition and providing technical assistance and support to labor unions on family-friendly workplace policies. She graduated with a degree in Sociology from UC Irvine and received her law degree from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

HON. DENISE DE BELLEFEUILLE Prior to being appointed to the bench in 1994 by Governor Pete Wilson, Judge Denise de Bellefeuille practiced primarily as a deputy district attorney in San Bernardino and Santa Barbara. Since 2002, Judge de Bellefeuille has served as an instructor for CJER (California Judicial Education and Research), teaching ethics to new judges. She currently serves on the California Judges Association's Ethics Committee. She is one of the founders of the William L. Gordon Chapter of the American Inns of Court, a national organization of judges and lawyers devoted to civility in the practice of law. In her spare time she sits on the board of directors for City@Peace, a theatre arts program for youth that teaches conflict resolution and mediation skills.

TERESA DECRESCENZO, LCSW is an Instructor at the California State University Northridge. She received her MSW from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1978. She began her social work career at the Dorothy F. Kirby Center, where she developed innovative approaches to residential treatment, providing direct services to incarcerated adolescent girls and boys in a milieu-based treatment program that served as the model for the later development of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS). She organized numerous LGBT advocacy groups, and with her late partner, pioneering LGBT same-sex marriage advocate and writer Betty Berzon, DeCrescenzo founded GLASS, the first non-profit child welfare agency dedicated to serving LGBTQ children in the foster care and probation systems. Established at a time when homosexuality was still identified as mental illness and/or criminal behavior, GLASS served as a safe haven for LGBTQ children caught up in the child protection system.

SARAH D'EON is the Deputy Director of the Child and Adults Technology Division at the California Office of Systems Integration (OSI) where she provides executive leadership to procure, deliver and manage technology systems that support the delivery of services for the Child Welfare Program to ensure children's wellbeing, safety and permanence and for the In-home Supportive Services Program to provide personal care services to the aged, blind and disabled so they can remain in their homes. Ms. d'Eon has over 30 years' experience working on a variety of large-scale system development and

maintenance projects for the State of California and the United States Air Force. Ms. d'Eon holds a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research from the United States Air Force Academy.

CHARLENE DEPNER, PH.D., is the Assistant Director of AOC's Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC), an office of California's Administrative Office of the Courts' Judicial and Court Services Operation Division. She has held leadership positions in interdisciplinary programs in government and academe, beginning at Stanford University's Center for the Study of Families, Children, and Youth and the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, where she specialized in large-scale quantitative research and the application of statistical data to child and family policy. Dr. Depner's work at CFCC has focused on using research as a resource for shared learning, professional education, and program improvement. She is a recipient of the Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award from the International Association of Family and Conciliation Courts for her work in improving the utility of research for practitioners and policy audiences.

SYLVIA DEPORTO is currently the Deputy Director of Family & Children's Services Division of the Human Services Agency for the City & County of San Francisco. Prior to this position she was the Assistant Director for the Children's Services Division in Riverside County. Sylvia received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of California at Riverside and a Master's degree in Counseling from California State University at Cal State San Bernardino. She has over 27 years of experience in the field of social work including child protective services; services to elderly, blind and disabled adults; and services to developmentally delayed children. She was employed with Riverside County Children's Services Division for 21 years serving in the capacity of social worker, supervisor, trainer, manager and director.

ALAN DETTLAFF is Associate Professor in the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago. His practice background includes several years in public child welfare as a practitioner and administrator, where he specialized in investigations of child maltreatment. Dr. Dettlaff's research focuses on understanding and addressing racial disparities in the child welfare system and on understanding and addressing the unique needs of Latino and immigrant children who come to the attention of this system. Dr. Dettlaff is also Principal Investigator of the Jane Addams Child Welfare Traineeship Project, which provides advanced training and financial assistance to students pursuing careers in child welfare.

VANESSA DIFFENBAUGH was born in San Francisco and raised in Chico, California. After studying creative writing and education at Stanford, she went on to teach art and writing to youth in low-income communities. Vanessa Diffenbaugh is also the founder of the Camellia Network. The mission of the Camellia Network is to create a nationwide movement to support youth transitioning from foster care. In *The Language of Flowers*, Camellia [kuh-meel-yuh] means "My Destiny is in Your Hands." The network's name emphasizes the belief in the interconnectedness of humanity: each gift a young person receives will be accompanied by a camellia, a reminder that the destiny of our nation lies in the hands of our youngest citizens.

HON. MARGUERITE DOWNING was appointed to the bench August 21, 2007, Judge Downing currently presides over a dependency law calendar. Prior to her appointment, Judge Downing worked for the Los

Angeles County Public Defender's Office for over 18 years. Judge Downing received her Juris Doctorate from the University of West Los Angeles, School of Law while working full time for Congressman Julian C. Dixon. In addition to service on various court committees, Judge Downing chairs the Incarcerated Parents Working Group Committee designed to look at barriers preventing incarcerated parents (former and current) from reuniting with their children who are subjects of dependency actions. As a result of the committee's work, Judge Downing has presented training in California and beyond. In addition to participating as a presenter in the weeklong dependency law overview training, Judge Downing has spoken on dependency and other law related matters in such place far flung places as Dubai, Saipan, Guam and Beijing, China. Judge Downing is a member of the executive board of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association. Judge Downing also serves as an advisor to the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk and is their liaison to the Commission on Disability Rights. She is an active member of the ABA Judicial Division and a former member of the National Conference of State Trial Judges Executive Committee. In California, she serves as an advisor to the Criminal Law Section Executive Committee, having previously served as Chair. Judge Downing is the Hospitality Chair for both the CABL and for Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (BWL). Long active in professional bar associations before her appointment, Judge Downing is a past president of BWL (1994-95), CABL (1998-99) and California Women Lawyers (2004-05). Judge Downing served as Vice President of the State Bar of California Board of Governors at the time of her appointment to the judiciary. Judge Downing currently serves on the boards of Mental Health of America and Project Return Peer Support Network. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Women in the NAACP (WIN) has acknowledged her community service by honoring her with their Joan E. Willis Community Service Award. In April 2013, CABL honored her with the Bernard S. Jefferson Judge of the Year Award.

HON. BECKY L. DUGAN presently sitting in Criminal Court in the Superior Court of Riverside County; was the supervising family law judge of the family court from 2007-2010. Prior to that, she was the presiding judge of the juvenile court from 2005 to 2007 and has also been on the bench for 20 years. During her time as a judge, she has been an instructor, trainer, and presenter to numerous organizations, some of which were involved with judges, attorneys, social workers, and medical personnel in the areas of domestic violence, bias training, juvenile, mental health, and family court issues. Judge Dugan established the mental health court and criminal domestic violence court in Riverside County in 2000. She is a member of the CJER Education Committee, the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Violence Against Women Act Task Force, Special Masters and is cochair of the Protective Order Working Group. Judge Dugan's most recent awards include the Outstanding Achievement for Establishing Domestic Violence Court, Greater Riverside Alliance Against Violence in 2000, the State Probation Conference Judge of the Year in 2001, Mental Health Department Professional of the Year for Establishing Mental Health Court in 2002, Bono Family Creating Hope Award, and Riverside Honoree in 2006.

HON. LEONARD EDWARDS (RET.) is a Consultant and CFCC's Mentor Judge, volunteering his services to the Center for Families, Children & the Courts. Judge Edwards is a retired judge from the Superior Court of Santa Clara County where he served for 26 years. In that capacity he has served as supervising judge of the family court, presiding judge of the juvenile court, and presiding judge of the superior court. For six years he served as Judge-in-Residence with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts. Judge

Edwards has been active locally and nationally in juvenile and family law. He is the founder and past president of the Juvenile Court Judges of California and has served on the California Judicial Council. He is a past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He founded the Child Advocates of Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council. He has taught juvenile and family law at the University of Santa Clara Law School, Stanford Law School, and at the California Judicial College. Judge Edwards has written widely in juvenile and family law. He has written a book entitled "Child Abuse and the Legal System," and a more recent book entitled "The Role of the Juvenile Court Judge: Practice and Ethics." Judge Edwards has been given many awards both locally and nationally. He was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council, and was given the 2004 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.

LINDSAY ELLIOTT, JD, MSW has worked at the Children's Law Center of California (CLC) since 2008, where she champions for the rights of foster youth in Los Angeles County. Currently, Lindsay serves as the CLC Fostering Connections Policy Attorney. In this capacity, Lindsay works with a statewide coalition of non-profit organizations and public agencies to ensure the effective implementation of California's landmark legislation, The California Fostering Connections to Success Act (Assembly Bill 12). The Act provides extended foster care benefits to youth over the age of 18 in order to facilitate a successful transition from foster care. Prior to assuming her current role, Lindsay provided direct legal representation to youth in Los Angeles' foster care system. Before joining CLC, Lindsay worked at Bay Area Legal Services in Tampa, Florida primarily representing victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Ms. Elliott interned and volunteered extensively with the Guardian Ad Litem Program in Florida. Lindsay earned her B.A., Masters in Social Work (MSW), and J.D. from Florida State University.

DEANA FAROLE is a supervising research analyst with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts and has been employed by the AOC since June 2006. Ms. Piazza returned to CFCC after a brief tenure with the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts, where she was involved in a jury study and the evaluation of a specialized domestic violence probation unit. At CFCC, she has worked on a broad array of research, evaluation, and data collection projects in the areas of family and juvenile law, elder abuse, and self-represented litigants. Her current areas of focus are family court research, workload studies, and the statewide reporting data. Ms. Piazza has also been employed with the San Diego Association of Governments, where she evaluated juvenile justice programs and reported on regional crime and arrest statistics. Ms. Piazza received her master's degree in applied sociology from Temple University and her bachelor's degree in sociology, with a concentration in family demography, from the University of Pennsylvania.

SEAN FERGUSON is a Probation Manager with significant experience in Systems of Care oversight and management. He is currently Placer County's Juvenile Services manager.

HART FOGEL will be entering his sophomore year this fall at San Francisco University High School, has been advocating for youth rights for two and a half years as part of the Marin County Youth Court program. He has volunteered as an advocate, peer juror and bailiff, and as part of a leadership team working diligently to make the program more restorative, inclusive, and youth led. Last year Hart was appointed to and served on the inaugural Youth Advisory Panel of the California Association of Youth

Courts and this year has continued to serve as an emeritus advisor. Locally, Hart is a two-time recipient of Mill Valley's prestigious Terwilliger student community service award, one of only two students to have received it twice in over twenty years. Hart is a board member of the ACLU of Northern California's Marin County chapter; a member of and communications chair for the Marin County Youth Commission (a youth panel which advises the Board of Supervisors) and a youth project leader with Marin County's Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership.

JOE FORD (RET.), GySgt, USMC, VCO III, Orange County Veterans Service Office, was born in New York in 1961. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in October, 1978 and retired in 1999 as a Gunnery Sergeant. He received initial training as a rifleman and then served in a variety of fixed-wing and rotary-wing units as an Aviation Maintenance Administrator/Controller, including a Tour of duty as an instructor in Specialized Operations, and was named Instructor of the Year in 1990. Joe was assigned to VMFA-314 during Operation El Dorado Canyon during the Gulf of Sidra combat operations against Libyan forces in 1986. He is a distinguished graduate from the Non-Commissioned Officer Resident Course and honor graduate from the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer and Advanced Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Course. From February 2001 to May of 2005, he worked for a military contractor as a Military Advisor/Consultant and provided guidance on the proper configuration/status of combat-ready aircraft for the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom. He accepted the position of Veterans Claims Officer with the County of Orange in May of 2005, and currently holds the position of Veterans Claims Officer III. As a Veterans Claims Officer, he provides advice and counsel to Veterans and family members so that they can receive Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

PATRICIA FOSTER (RET.), MFT, was the first director of Family Court Services for Tulare Superior Court and retired from that position after 19 years in January 2012. During her tenure she participated as a member of the Association of Family Court Services Directors, including as its president for two years. Ms. Foster is a past member of the California chapter board of directors for the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. She was appointed as a member of the Elkins Family Law Task Force and remains a member of the Elkins Implementation Task Force. She has taught at numerous conferences sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts and is currently on the CFCC Family Court Services Technical Assistance team as a volunteer.

MICHELLE FRANCOIS is the Associate Director of Child Welfare at the Stuart Foundation, an organization dedicated to the protection, education and development of vulnerable youth, helping to ensure that all children grow up in caring families and learn in vibrant, effective schools. Francois's current projects at the Stuart Foundation focus on informing child welfare policy and improving practices that support foster youth – ultimately helping children in the child welfare system to realize their educational potential. Francois directs the Education Equals Partnership, a dynamic collaboration between child welfare agencies, county offices of education, the courts and school districts in 3 California counties, with the mission to create a college going culture for foster youth in California. Francois's drive to improve the child welfare system comes from her personal experiences in foster care and having benefited from the intensive support of teachers and mentors on her pathway to and through college.

RAELENE FREITAG, PH.D., MSW, LCSW, is director of the Children’s Research Center (CRC) and director of international projects at NCCD. Raelene joined NCCD in 1997 as a senior research associate and was promoted to senior researcher in 1999. In 2005 she became director of CRC. Raelene has many years of experience as a child protective services worker, supervisor, and child interview specialist. She has also worked in law enforcement and mental health. Raelene has a Ph.D. in urban studies from the University of Wisconsin with an emphasis in social service systems. Raelene has managed numerous projects during her tenure at CRC, including Structured Decision Making® (SDM) systems in the United States, Canada, and Australia. She is currently working to integrate the best research on SDM assessment systems with the best of solution-focused and family engagement work. Implementation science and research on how we think is further informing Raelene’s work that integrates SDM systems into a broader practice approach. As director of international projects, Raelene seeks opportunities for international collaboration and research partnerships. Recent conversations with child welfare practitioners and academics in Taiwan, Nepal, Russia, and Singapore make clear that while there are important differences, child protection and other social service systems across the world face many of the same challenges. In partnerships, we all have much to gain. Raelene serves on the board of WIPSAC, the Wisconsin chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, and the board of the Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

MEGAN N. GALLOW is an appellate attorney specializing in juvenile delinquency practice at the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender. Megan joined the office in January, 2006, after receiving her J.D. from University of Southern California Gould School of Law. Prior to that, she earned her B.A. with a double major in Psychology and Communication from University of California, San Diego. She was appellate counsel on *Elijah W.* (2013) 216 Cal.App.4th 140, where the Court of Appeal held that confidential defense experts are bound by the attorney-client privilege, and *Jesus G.* (2013) 218 Cal.App.4th 157, where the Court of Appeal held that a detained minor who has been found incompetent to stand trial must be provided “adequate services.”

HON. SUZANNE GAZZANIGA was the former president of the Placer County Bar Association, served as a Placer County Supervising Deputy District Attorney before being elected to the bench in June 2012. In addition to working in private practice a little over 4 years, she was a prosecutor for over 15 years, handling significant trials and developing expertise in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, child molest and elder abuse. As a prosecutor she was invited to teach both locally and statewide and she continues to teach as an adjunct professor at her local community college. She was named the statewide rural and medium co-prosecutor of the year in 2009 by the California District Attorney’s Association and received the Attorney General’s distinguished award for elder abuse prosecution in 2003. Upon assuming her duties on the bench on January 7, 2013 she was immediately assigned to the juvenile law calendar (dependency). Judge Gazzaniga’s commitment to juvenile law was immediately evident to colleagues and stakeholders. She is consistently seeking new opportunities to increase her knowledge in order to ensure stakeholders and the juvenile court are in the best possible position to assist families in achieving the best possible outcomes, including permanency and reunification, whenever possible.

BALJIT GILL is a Program Administrator with Merced County Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Division and has been with the Agency since 2007. Baljit began her Child Welfare Career in 1995 and has worked many different programs within Child Welfare in both the public and private sectors of Social Services. Baljit oversees several programs at HSA which include the Independent Living Program, Permanency Planning, Foster Home Licensing, Relative/NFREM Home Approval.

MATTHEW R. GOLDE is an Assistant District Attorney with the Alameda County District Attorney's office where he served in various positions over the past 30 years in both the juvenile and adult divisions. Mr. Golde is a member of many committees, including the collaborative mental health court; task force creating a collaborative restorative justice court; and, the CDAA juvenile justice committee. He was appointed by the Chief Justice in 2011 to serve on the Judicial Council's Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Mr. Golde has served as an instructor over the years, training colleagues, justice system partners and other members of the public. Mr. Golde graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa and JD from University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1983.

JOYCE GOLDMAN has a background in child custody mediation, as well as in child welfare services and dependency mediation. She is an MFT with an MS in Counseling from California State University, Fullerton. She received training in Brief Therapy at the Mental Research Institute in Palo Alto. Her clinical practice has included individual, group and family therapy, with a Family Systems orientation. She specialized in working with adolescents and their families. She was a Senior Social Worker with Children and Family Services in Orange County for the Emergency Response and Dependency Investigations Programs, as well as in the Albert Sitton Home. Ms. Goldman has been a Family Court Mediator with Orange County Superior Court since 1987 and a dependency mediator since 1989.

TRICIA GONZALEZ, MPA is a Program Manager in the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Social Services in Fresno County. She has over 18 years of experience in DSS working in the areas of Pregnant and Parenting Teens, Long Term Foster Care, Quality Assurance, and Dependent-related Emergency Response. She has been involved in the development of the Child Focus Team, the Department's emphasis on children 0-5 in collaboration with First Five Fresno County since 2009. She has also led the work with the Stuart Foundation's Ready to Succeed and Education Equals to support the work of expanding the practice to meet the ongoing education and well-being needs of foster youth. She is a leader in system change and integration work and seeks to collect accurate data that informs practice. She currently manages Emergency Response, the Child Focus Team, Education Liaisons, Pregnant and Parenting Teens, Regional Center Liaison, Outreach to Missing Dependents, Visitation and Nurses.

DIANE GOODMAN is an A-V rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. A-V is the highest level of legal competence and highest ethical standards possible. Ms. Goodman was selected as a Super Lawyer by Los Angeles magazine for 2009 and 2010. Ms. Goodman also received the 2004 Difference Maker award from the American Bar Association, Solo and Small firm section. Ms. Goodman's practice focuses on family law, including mediation, dissolution, paternity, adoption and guardianship matters. Ms. Goodman has handled many complex parentage issues including acting as co-counsel in a California Supreme Court decision regarding the rights of lesbian parents. Ms. Goodman is the author of the parentage chapter of Practice Under the CA Family Code. Ms. Goodman is a member of the California

State Bar Family Law Executive Committee. She is the Past Chair of the Adoption Committee of the California State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee. Ms. Goodman is the Past President of the Academy of California Adoption Lawyers and its subsidiary, the Academy of California Family Formation Lawyers. She served as a commissioner on the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women from 1980–1990. Ms. Goodman is also a member of the Southern California Mediation Association, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and San Fernando Valley Bar Association. She is the president of the Special Children’s Art Foundation. Ms. Goodman was co-counsel for Lisa R. in the 2005 California Supreme Court ruling which upheld parentage judgments for same-sex couples. She has testified at hearings held by State agencies against proposed regulations to limit second parent adoptions. Ms. Goodman has spoken to a wide variety of community organizations regarding family law issues. She also regularly teaches legal continuing education classes in family law, adoption and family formation law. Ms. Goodman has lectured at the Southwestern Law School, UCLA, Whittier Law School, Los Angeles County Bar Association, California State Bar annual conference Association of Family Conciliation Courts and California Psychological Association Conference. She was also a featured speaker at the Hawaii Bar Association annual conference. Ms. Goodman has been a guest on many news programs including the CNN programs, Larry King and Anderson Cooper 360 discussing family law, parentage and adoption issues. Ms. Goodman attended University of La Verne Law School in the San Fernando Valley, graduating with a Juris Doctorate in May, 1984. She was admitted to the California State Bar in November, 1984.

HON. SCOTT GORDON is a Judge with the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He is currently assigned to the Family Law Department as the Supervising Judge. Prior to his election to the Los Angeles Superior Court as a Court Commissioner in 2002, Judge Gordon served with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for sixteen years and as a police officer and detective for the Santa Monica Police Department for eight years. Judge Gordon graduated from California State University Dominguez Hills in 1980 with a B.S. Degree in Public Administration. He attended Southwestern Law School while serving as a police officer. While a deputy district attorney Judge Gordon served in a variety assignments including: Central Trials, Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Division, Stuart House, Special Investigations and the Stalking and Threat Assessment Team. Judge Gordon has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law for Southwestern University School of Law for the past twenty-one years. He has taught Family Law, Community Property, Trial Advocacy, Advanced Criminal Procedure, Forensic Evidence, and the Criminal Response to Terrorism Seminar. Judge Gordon was named “Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year” the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 2011 and “Judicial Officer of the Year” by the Southwestern Law School Alumni Association in 2008, “Prosecuting Attorney of the Year” by the Los Angeles Bar Association, “Humanitarian of the Year” by the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women and received the “Excellence in Teaching Award for 2003” from Southwestern University School of Law. Judge Gordon was just named to receive the Ethel Levitt Award for Humanitarian Service in September 2013. In 1997, Judge Gordon served as a Legal Expert for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands. Judge Gordon has served a faculty member at the CEELI Institute in Prague, Czech Republic teaching judges and legal professionals from countries including Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo and Iraq in courses dealing with judicial independence, building democratic court systems and fighting corruption.

His first book, *Shadow Enemies: Hitler's Secret Terrorist Plot Against the United States*, was published by Lyons Press.

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KAREN GREEN has been the coordinator of the Placer County Peer Court since its inception in 1991. An educator for over twenty-five years, Ms. Green holds an MS degree in psychology and school counseling. She was a public high school counselor for twelve years. Involved in community activities, she has been a 4-H leader for over 25 years. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for Placer Dispute Resolution Service, the Sutter Hospital Community Advisory Board, 4-H Child Care Board, Sierra Regional Career Partners, and Gateway, a group helping pregnant and parenting teens. From 1997-98 Ms. Green served on the California State Attorney General's Youth Council on Violence Prevention. She was named Business Woman of the Year in 1997 and Mother of the Year 1987.

WILLIAM GRIMM joined the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) in 1988 and has been lead counsel for the Center's class action foster care reform litigation in Arkansas, Utah, Washington, and Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada. While at NCYL he has helped draft several important laws in California aimed at improving the child protective services and foster care system. Bill holds a B.A. from the University of Maryland (1972), and earned his law degree from the same university's school of law in 1975. Under his leadership, the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. implemented a specialized child advocacy office. For several years prior to joining NCYL, Bill was director of that statewide program. Currently, Bill is actively working with child advocates in Nevada to improve conditions for foster children there, and is also working on a national project to better regulate the prescription of psychotropic drugs to foster children.

HON. DONNA GROMAN has been a judicial officer since 1997. She is presently the supervising judge of Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, a juvenile delinquency court in South Los Angeles. Prior assignments include criminal and juvenile dependency. Judge Groman was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended New York City public schools. She was a member of varsity basketball and softball teams both in high

school and college. Judge Groman graduated with a B.A. in Economics from SUNY Stony Brook in 1976, and with a J.D. from the American University, Washington College of Law in 1979. Judge Groman was admitted to the California State Bar in 1980 and practiced juvenile and family law both on the trial and appellate level. Judge Groman has served on the faculty for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, teaching delinquency and dependency law, and also computer software for judges. She is a member of the Women Lawyers of Los Angeles, California Women Lawyers, National Association of Women Judges, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. Judge Groman chairs the Domestic Trafficking Subgroup, the Camp to Community Transition Task Force, and the Delinquency Education Subcommittee.

KAREN GUNDERSON, MSW has worked principally in the field of child welfare since 1976 in California. During Karen's over 20 years with California Department of Social Services, Karen currently has responsibility for the out of home care and permanency area of the department's work, Among her current responsibilities is implementation of AB 12, California's effort to extend foster care, kinship guardianship and adoption assistance benefits to young adults over 18. She also has the pleasure of serving as the project director for the California Partnership for Permanence project, a grant from the federal Children's Bureau.

M.K. GUSTINELLA, PSYD., a Family Court Services mediator/investigator, primarily conducts Emergency Investigations with the Orange County Superior Court. Additionally, she has been in private practice since 1985 working primarily with traumatic stress disorders, interpersonal discord, and workplace stress. Since 1995, Dr. Gustinella has also served as a Core Adjunct Professor at National University in Costa Mesa, California.

HON. DENINE GUY has served on the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz, since 2006. She has been the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division since 2009 and is the primary bench officer handling all dependency cases. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Guy was a prosecutor in the Monterey County District Attorney's office, focusing on criminal cases and civil enforcement actions in the consumer and environmental protection unit. Judge Guy has served in key leadership roles, including serving on the Executive Committee of the Santa Cruz County Children's Network. She has also taken an active role in judicial training and education. She has served on several California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Committees, including the Juvenile Curriculum Committee (2012–present), the New Judges Education Committee (2008), and the Juvenile Law Institute Workgroup (2012). Her CJER Faculty work has included teaching a Dependency Overview Course (2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013), and serving as an Administrative Office of the Courts Leadership Breakout Group Facilitator (2011). A member of the FosterEd: Santa Cruz County Leadership Team since 2011, Judge Guy has played a crucial role in the planning and implementation of efforts to improve the educational outcomes of children and youth in foster care.

ANN CAMERON HADRIDGE is an attorney who has specialized in the area of Juvenile Law for over 25 years. She has a B.A. degree in English Literature from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and a J.D. degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. A member of the California State Bar of California since 1982, she has represented hundreds of parents and children in juvenile dependency

cases, juvenile delinquency cases, and child custody cases. She has worked in both San Diego County and Imperial County as a juvenile court attorney. Ms. Hadridge currently works as a contract attorney representing parents in juvenile dependency cases in the Imperial County Juvenile Court.

HON. MAUREEN HALLAHAN was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in 2007. She is currently the Supervising Judge for Family. Prior to her appointment to the bench she was an equity partner in Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch specializing in civil and business litigation. She was a long time member of the firm's management committee. Judge Hallahan was admitted to practice law in 1981 after graduating cum laude from University of San Diego School of Law. She is currently a member of the California Judges Association, the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, the Lawyers Club of San Diego and a master in the William B. Enright Inn of Court. She currently serves as President of the Enright Inn. She is a past president of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers and a past president of Lawyers Club of San Diego. She served on and was vice chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee. She was active in the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, California Women Lawyers, the United Way Campaign and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Big Sister League of San Diego. She is a recipient of the TWIN (Tribute to Women in Industry) Award sponsored by the YWCA. She was an instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) seminars, ABOTA/ABTL and FBA joint programs, and the Enright and Wallace Inns of Court as well as the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists.

DEE HANKINS Originally placed in foster care when he was two months old, Dee Hankins spent his first four years in a loving home with a mother, father, and siblings. But one day on returning home from a full day of fun and friends, he sensed a strange silence in the house. Inside, he saw his mother with tears rolling down her face. His bedroom—once filled with Ninja Turtle and Power Ranger figurines—was empty; all that remained was a Superman suitcase, packed with his clothes. After a quick hug, kiss, and whispered "I love you!" from his foster mom, a social worker led Dee out the door by the hand. He was never to see the woman he called "Mom" again. Sadly, this wasn't the last time he would have to endure this heartbreaking experience. Feeling angry and unwanted, Dee's behavior suffered. Trouble at school and home led to multiple changes of home placement. By age 12, he had been placed in 12 different foster homes and 7 different schools in 9 different cities. Most of his young life, Dee strongly believed that no one cared about him, that he was on his own against the world. However, that changed when he received a call from a foster youth organization called United Friends of the Children. They persistently encouraged him to enroll in college and even offered him a scholarship. Their effort opened his eyes and changed his view of life: For the first time, Dee realized that there *were* people who cared! With their encouragement, Dee graduated from a four-year-university and started his own successful business. But he was not content with his own success. For several years, Dee searched for the answer to a question someone had once asked him: "Why is it that some *do* succeed and others *don't*?" Through reflection on his 18 years in the foster care system and interviews with students, businessmen and women, mothers and fathers, coaches, athletes, and anyone else willing to share their story, Dee put together an answer and a strategy that he wanted to share with others. To do that, he created Win Your Challenges™, which has grown from a mere idea into an entire step-by-step process for success that he teaches to audiences everywhere. Since 2004, Dee has been changing the way people strive for their goals, emphasizing that we all have goals that should be pursued, even in the face of obstacles and

opposition. He has presented Win Your Challenges™ to students, professionals, sports teams, schools, and a wide variety of other groups in both the public and private sectors.

HAISLIP HAYES is Imperial County Child Support Attorney and is a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist since 2010, and the former Minor's Counsel for Imperial County from 2006-2010. He currently represents the Imperial County Department of Social Services (DSS) in dependency matters in a court that averages 275-300 cases annually. Mr. Hayes worked with various agencies to successfully implement the AB490/McKinney Vento Act federal and state mandated school transportation system for dependency youth detained in the emergency shelter, and has been a speaker at AOC sponsored trainings for Del Norte attorneys. As part of his work in Imperial County, Mr. Hayes and DSS collaborate with Mexican authorities/agencies through the local consulate, Family Law Access Center, and DIF, as well as with the Quechan and Torres-Martinez Indian tribes, the state of Arizona, and finally Riverside and San Diego County CPS.

LESLIE STARR HEIMOV is the Executive Director at Children's Law Center of California (CLC) where she has been working since 1992. She began her career at CLC as a staff attorney, providing direct representation to parents and children in the dependency system, and later moved to a supervising attorney position. From 2004-2007 Ms. Heimov served as CLC's Policy Director, responsible for CLC's legislative and policy agenda, including drafting legislation and working closely with elected officials, their staff, and other advocates to support important legislative reforms in the child welfare arena. Ms. Heimov is member of the California Child Welfare Council and in May of 2013 was named co-chair, along with the California Secretary of Health and Human Services, of the newly created Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Action Group. She is a member of the California Judicial Council Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, the Los Angeles County Education Coordinating Council, and the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counsel for Children. She sits on the Governance Board of Project ABC and the R.I.S.E. Leadership Council. She co-chairs the Pregnant and Parenting Teens in Foster Care workgroup. She previously served on the National Advisory Board of the Children's Law Office Project and Para Los Ninos. Ms. Heimov was a founding member of the Task Force to End Homophobia in Foster Care. Ms. Heimov has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for children in foster care and toward best practices in the representation of children and their families in the child welfare system and is considered an expert in the child welfare field. She is a trials skills instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and regularly presents to judicial officers, attorneys, social workers, caregivers and law students on a multitude of topics related to the representation of abused and neglected children. During her tenure as Executive Director, CLC expanded its programs to include representation of children in Sacramento as well as Los Angeles counties. CLC was awarded the 2009 American Bar Association's Hodson Award for Public Service. Ms. Heimov was honored by SEIU Local 721 as a 2012 "Champion for Children" and by the California Legislature as a 2012 "Woman of Distinction."

SOPHIA HERMAN began her advocacy journey in 2002 as a foster youth advocate with the California Youth Connection. She joined YTP in 2007 to strengthen her presentation and advocacy skills. Following four years of service as a youth trainer, Sophia landed a position as the organization's field coordinator. Inspired by YTP's wellness retreats, Sophia has discovered many natural remedies to heal and promote

healthy development. When not at work, you can find Sophia reading self-help books, watching True Blood, or managing her coupon collection to find the next best deal—a savings she happily passes on to YTP youth. Sophia plans to obtain her Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She wants to provide children with holistic mental health services.

SUSARN HIGHTOWER Museum of Tolerance/SHADES Remediation Program.

DONNA HERSHKOWITZ is Director of the Offices of Appellate Court Services and Court Operations Special Services, AOC Judicial and Court Operations Services Division. Donna Hershkowitz has served the judicial branch on the broad range of judicial administration issues. As Assistant Director and Interim Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, Donna made strong contributions to work on language access, services to self represented litigants, the judicial needs assessment, subordinate judicial officer conversions, court security, and the resource assessment study relative to court funding. For the appellate courts, she has worked with the administrative presiding justices and clerk/administrators on several policy and budget issues, in addition to addressing issues on court-appointed counsel budget, and advocacy surrounding requests for increased fees for counsel. Prior to joining the AOC, Donna served as principal consultant with the Senate Office of Research, as deputy director of the state Department of Child Support Services, and as a principal consultant to the Assembly Judiciary Committee. She earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and law degree from UCLA.

HON. JOYCE HINRICHS is currently the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile and Family Court of the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. Judge Hinrichs grew up in Humboldt County knowing she wanted to be involved in Juvenile Justice. After graduating from the University of the Pacific with a B.A. in Psychology in 1980 and from McGeorge School of the Law, UOP, with a law degree in 1983, she came home and was hired by the local District Attorney's office and assigned the juvenile assignment in which she prosecuted juvenile delinquent matters and represent children in juvenile dependency matters. She was a deputy district attorney for almost three years; in private practice for about eleven years, during which time she had a contract with the County to represent child and parents in the Juvenile Court; and then in 1997 she was hired as the Juvenile and Family Court Commissioner. She remained the Commissioner until 2008, when she was elected Judge. After two years as a Criminal Court Judge, she returned to Juvenile and Family Court as the Presiding Judge in 2011.

LARON HOGG HAUGHT is a deputy district attorney in Santa Clara County. She also works as an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law and is a contributing author for *Seiser and Kumli on California Juvenile Courts Practice and Procedure*. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, LaRon worked as an attorney specializing in delinquency law and policy with the Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts. She previously worked as a Senior Program Associate at the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice at the University of California, Berkeley Law School (Boalt Hall) and as a deputy legislative counsel for the Office of Legislative Counsel in Sacramento. Ms. Hogg Haught spent 12 years as a juvenile probation officer in Santa Clara County prior to attending law school. She also authored the first published academic article on California's Juvenile Deferred Entry of Judgment practices.

BONNIE ROSE HOUGH is the Managing Attorney for the California Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC) Center for Families, Children & the Courts, where she has been employed since 1997. The focus of her work is on helping courts meet the needs of self-represented litigants. She staffs the Shriver Civil Counsel Implementation Committee. Her wonderful staff coordinates the California Courts Self-Help Website which provides over 4,000 pages of legal and procedural information and referrals and has been translated into Spanish. They work on forms and document assembly programs to assist litigants to complete those forms. The group oversees 5 grant programs providing funding for legal services and court-based self-help programs. Ms. Hough also assists the Elkins Family Law Task Force and the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee with family law forms, rules and procedures. Prior to joining the AOC, she was in private practice in family law. She was a co-founder of the Family Law Center, a nonprofit legal services organization in Marin County, and served as its executive director and lead attorney for six years. Ms. Hough received a J.D. from Hastings College of the Law, an M.P.A. from San Francisco State University, and a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She is a fellow with Harvard Law School's Bellow-Sacks program and is a member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Delivery of Legal Services.

KATHLEEN HOWARD joined the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) as Executive Director in October 2013. Ms. Howard has worked in various aspects of state government since 1990. After completing a Master's degree in Public Policy, she began a 21-year career with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the staff agency to the Judicial Council of California. Ms. Howard worked in the legal division, budget division, Center for Families Children & the Courts, and, for 14 years, in the Office of Governmental Affairs. She served as a legislative advocate, manager, and assistant director, and for three years, was the Director. She had extensive involvement in the major legislative and budgetary changes that affected the California court system, including efforts to coordinate programs and policies at the county level. In 2011, Howard was appointed by the state Senate to the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. In that quasi-judicial role, she reviewed thousands of second level appeals in unemployment and disability cases. At the BSCC, Howard is responsible for leading the day-to-day operations of the BSCC's divisions, including Corrections Planning and Programs, Facilities Standards Operations and Construction, Standards and Training for Corrections, and Administration, Research, and Program Support. Additionally, the Executive Director ensures that the BSCC successfully continues its role and function with local government to establish training standards for local correctional personnel, administer federal and state criminal and juvenile justice grants to counties, as well as inspect local jails and juvenile detentions facilities. Howard will engage in strategic planning efforts both with BSCC leadership and staff, and with the many stakeholders who are engaged with the Board. Howard is committed to ensuring the ongoing improvement to processes and structures that support the work of her organization.

HON. RICHARD D. HUFFMAN was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal for the State of California by Governor George Deukmejian in October of 1988 following his tenure as a Judge of the Superior Court for San Diego County since April of 1985. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Justice Huffman served as Chief Deputy District Attorney for over 10 years and as Assistant District Attorney for the remainder of his 14 years service with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. In those

positions he was responsible for the overall supervision of a staff of 450, while at the same time personally taking to trial a number of complex and sensitive cases. His contributions to the administration of justice and his trial skills brought him four singular honors: "Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year" by the California District Attorneys Association, "Outstanding Public Lawyer" by the San Diego County Bar Association, "Prosecutor of the Year" by Citizens for Law and Order, and selection for membership in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also the recipient in 1988 of the San Diego Trial Lawyers Association's "Trial Judge of the Year Award." In 2012 Justice Huffman was presented with the Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence by the Judicial Council of California. Justice Huffman was admitted to the State Bar of California in January of 1966 following his graduation with a J.D. degree from the University of Southern California. He began his legal career with the State Attorney General's Office. For three of his five years there, Justice Huffman headed the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions and Organized Crime Unit for Southern California, also serving in a cross-designated capacity as Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern and Central Districts, as well as being a member of the Federal Strike Force on Organized Crime in Los Angeles. Additionally, Justice Huffman is a former Vice President of the San Diego Bar Association, served two terms on the State Bar of California's commission evaluating judicial nominees, and continues to serve as a law professor and a regular lecturer at programs for judges and attorneys. He has been a member of the adjunct faculty of the University of San Diego law school since 1972, and has served as a faculty member and as director of the University's International and Comparative Law programs in Guadalajara, Mexico, Oxford, England and Dublin, Ireland. He is a Judicial Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an honorary diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a member of the Board of Governors for the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, a founding director of the San Diego Inn of Court and a Master of the American Inns of Court. Justice Huffman was a member of the California Judicial Council from 1997 to 2011, and served as chair of its Executive and Planning Committee. He is currently chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, and chair of the Financial Accountability and Efficiency Committee for the Judicial Council. He has also served as co-chair of the Tribal Court/State Court Forum, chair of the Riverside Criminal Backlog Reduction Task Force, chair of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee, a member of the Appellate Advisory Committee, and chair of the Task Force on Photography, Broadcasting & Recording in the Courtroom (Rule 980 Task Force).

HON. LON HURWITZ has served on the Orange County Superior Court for 9 years; from 2004 to 2010 as a Superior Court Commissioner, and from Dec. 2010 to the present as a Superior Court Judge. His assignments during his tenure on the Bench have included Child Support, Paternity, the dedicated Family Law Domestic Violence calendar, and a Family Law Trial Department. From 2008 until 2010, he served as a Member of the Judicial Council of California, appointed by Chief Justice George. He also served during that same period as the Judicial Council Liaison to the State Domestic Violence Task Force. From 2010 to the present he has served as the Chairman of the Court's Family Violence Coordination Committee. He is the recipient of the Judge of the Year Award from the Orange County Bar Association Family Law section for 2012; the Outstanding Judicial Officer Award from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for 2012; and the Judge of the Year Award from the Celtic Bar Association for 2013. In 2009, Judge Hurwitz created the first Family Law Veterans Domestic Violence Program in the U.S. The Program was approved by the VA in 2010 and has since serviced 74 veterans. Judge Hurwitz is an Adjunct Professor at UCI Law School and is currently assigned as a Family Law Trial Judge at the

Lamoreaux Justice Center in Orange where he is a direct calendar Family Law Judge and is one of 2 Judges on the Orange County Bench hearing all of the Family Law Elder Abuse Restraining Order requests.

KRISTEN JACKSON is a Senior Staff Attorney in the Immigrants' Rights Project of Los Angeles-based non-profit Public Counsel. She represents abused, abandoned and neglected children eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in the delinquency, dependency, probate and adoption systems – before state courts, the immigration service, immigration courts and federal appellate courts. Kristen provides nationwide trainings and technical assistance on children's immigration issues with a focus on SIJS. She litigated *Garcia v. Holder*, 659 F.3d 1261 (9th Cir. 2011), which resulted in the first federal court opinion addressing the interplay between SIJS and cancellation of removal. Kristen also co-authored Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Other Immigration Options for Children and Youth with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. Before joining Public Counsel, Kristen clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was a student director of the Advocacy for Parents and Children Clinic and a Notes Editor for *The Yale Law Journal*. She currently co-directs the Asylum Clinic at UCLA School of Law.

KRIS JACOBS is the Managing Attorney at San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc. (SDVLP) where she has been responsible for the oversight and supervision of the Family Law, Domestic Violence, Special Education, Immigration, Unlawful Detainer, Civil Harassment Restraining Order and Guardianship programs since 2010. Prior to joining SDVLP, Ms. Jacobs practiced civil litigation and family law. Ms. Jacobs earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law, and was admitted to practice in California in 1994.

HON. STEVEN JAHR has served as the Administrative Director of the Courts for California since Oct 2012. After engaging in private law practice in southern and northern California, he was appointed to the bench in 1986 and served as a judge for 22 years, the final 17 on the Superior Court of Shasta County in Redding. During his judicial service, among other duties as presiding judge, Judge Jahr developed and oversaw the complete consolidation of the superior and municipal courts in his county, which included the reconfiguration of all criminal case processing in the court with the adoption of a direct calendar system. He also developed the civil delay reduction calendars for his court and reformed civil law and motion calendar procedures. Following service on the superior court's civil calendars, he was assigned to operate a felony direct calendar for several years, which included sole responsibility for the drug court in the county. He also initiated the Prop. 36 (Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act) court calendar and successfully operated it for its first four years of existence. During his tenure, Judge Jahr also administered the family law calendar for a total of three years. On a statewide level, in the mid-1990's during the period of transition from county to state trial court operations funding, Judge Jahr chaired the Task Force on Trial Court Funding and the Trial Court Budget Commission, by appointment of former Chief Justices Lucas and George, respectively. He also served for many years as faculty for the state's judicial education programs. Judge Jahr was named Jurist of the Year by the Judicial Council of California for 1997. In 1998, he was appointed as a member of the Judicial Council where, during his term, he served as Chair of the Rules and Projects Committee. He also served as a board member and Vice President of the California Judges Association. Following his retirement from the bench in 2009,

Judge Jahr continued to serve as a volunteer to his former court concerning its courthouse construction project and on working groups overseen by the Judicial Council, including the Emergency Response and Security Task Force.

TALITHA JAMES emancipated from L.A. County and now resides in Orange County. Currently, she graduated from Cal-State Fullerton with her B.S. degree in Human Service. Her goal in life is to inspire change in all under represented populations. She would like to open up her own non-profit for young people who need extra support and guidance to make their dreams come true. She plans to do this in the next ten years. In the meantime, she will be working in Washington D.C. to advocate for change within the Child Welfare system on a national level.

MACK A. JENKINS is the chief of the San Diego County Probation Department. Chief Jenkins has worked in the criminal justice field for more than 33 years. He is a member of the executive committee of the Chief Probation Officers of California Association (CPOC), and is the chair of the San Diego Community Corrections Partnership, charged with implementing the county's SB678 and AB 109 plans. Chief Jenkins has worked with drug courts and substance abuse offenders from 1995-2007 and is currently a criminal justice consultant specializing in the design, implementation, and operation of drug court programs. He has provided training to criminal justice professionals (judges, attorneys, probation officers, and police officers) throughout the country on topics including the supervision of substance abuse offenders, drug and DUI court programs and the fundamentals of drug testing. He was also a consensus panel member on TIP (Treatment Improvement Protocol) 44 "Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults in the Criminal Justice System."

KEVIN JERVIK, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist at the Children's Law Center of California in Monterey Park. As part of an attorney-psychologist-pediatrician team, Dr. Jervik has provided trainings on psychosocial interventions in the context of psychotropic medication to many groups, including child welfare personnel in San Luis Obispo and El Dorado Counties. He is well informed on the use of psychotropic medication for foster children and youths in Los Angeles County, on the "red flags" that attorneys and others should watch for when reviewing JV-220 applications for authority to prescribe psychotropic medications, and on the systemic factors that encourage administration of psychotropic drugs to foster children.

HON. MARK A. JUHAS has been hearing family law cases with the Superior Court of Los Angeles County since September 2002. He has served as faculty at the Statewide Self-Represented Litigants Conference, and Family Law Institute and has taught family law at the Southwestern School of Law. Judge Juhas currently sits on the Superior Court of Los Angeles County's Access and Fairness Committee, Community Services Committee, Self-Represented Litigants Working Group, and Family Law Committee. He was key faculty for the Harvard Conference on Judicial Education Regarding Self-Represented Litigants and serves as chair of the CJER Family Law Education Committee and as a member of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants and the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force. He also serves as a member of the board of directors for the California chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) and on the board of

directors of the Los Angeles County Public Law Library. Judge Juhas attended the Seattle University School of Law for his law degree.

JENNIFER KALISH oversees the Los Angeles JusticeCorps program on a daily basis. Ms. Kalish designs and coordinates partner and member trainings, directs program staff, and oversees the collection of data for performance measurements that show the impact of the program. Ms. Kalish has been with the Los Angeles JusticeCorps program since it began in 2004. She holds a Bachelor's in history from Cal Poly San Louis Obispo as well as a Masters and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in history from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). As a graduate student at UCLA Ms. Kalish worked at the Center for Community Learning where she discovered her passion for working with students engaged in community service.

PATRICIA KENNEDY, M.A. is the director of Foster Youth Services for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). In that capacity she oversees the 17 person Foster Youth Services staff and is responsible for creating and implementing academic support programs for foster youth and developing and expanding database systems that assist schools, social workers, and probation officers in improving educational outcomes for foster youth. Prior to joining SCOE, Ms. Kennedy served as a middle school principal and has 20 years of experience in secondary education.

THERESA G. KLEIN, J.D., C.W.L.S. has been practicing juvenile dependency law since 1992, and has been a Child Welfare Law Specialist since 2007. She has been the director and managing attorney for the dependency court panel of attorneys in San Luis Obispo County since 1996. She represents children and parents in all matters concerning dependency law, including facilitating and successfully obtaining reinstatement of parental rights after they have been terminated. Ms. Klein is a member of several committees, including the Blue Ribbon Commission and the Indian Child Welfare Curricula Development Committee. She participated as a panelist in the AOC's production of "The Web of Addiction," a distance-learning training which is available on the Judicial Council website, and in 2010 presented at Beyond the Bench on ICWA and Active efforts.

RICHARD KNECHT is one voice among many with shared responsibility for the health and well being of Placer's children and youth. He leads a team of dedicated and dynamic professionals who, along with many community groups and partners, help to keep Placer's young people healthy, safe, in school, in home and out of trouble.

HON. KURT KUMLI is a California Superior Court Judge for the County of Santa Clara, the Supervising Judge of the North County Criminal Division of the Superior Court, a member of the BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS' Juvenile Justice Standing Committee, a former Commissioner on the State Commission on Juvenile Justice, and an adjunct professor of Juvenile Law at the University of San Francisco School of Law and Santa Clara University School of Law. He is a juvenile law curriculum advisor for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) and served as one of CJER's primary faculty members for all matters relating to juvenile law and policy for over a decade. He was instrumental in creating specialized delinquency courts for drug offenders, family violence and restorative justice, was the co-creator of the country's first full time juvenile mental health court, and

implemented Santa Clara's juvenile deferred entry of judgment (DEJ) process. The National Institute of Justice chose Judge Kumli as a recipient of a John B. Pickett Fellowship at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government for Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. Judge Kumli has been a member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, an advisory board member for the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice, and was the Juvenile Law Chair for the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. For nearly two decades he has been an author for *Seiser and Kumli on California Juvenile Courts Practice and Procedure* and has published numerous articles on gang prosecution, juvenile justice reform, juvenile mental health court, and California's adult court certification (Fitness) process.

HILARY KUSHINS is Drug Court and Training Programs Manager, Dependency Advocacy Center. Ms. Kushins is currently the Drug Court and Training Programs Manager at Dependency Advocacy Center, a non-profit corporation that represents indigent parents and some children in child abuse / neglect cases in Santa Clara County. She was a staff attorney at Dependency Legal Services for 6 years and a supervising attorney for 3 years. She has represented thousands of clients in the dependency system over the years. She is one of the primary attorneys representing parents in Dependency Wellness Court (Dependency Drug Court in Santa Clara County). Ms. Kushins co-founded Dependency Advocacy Center in 2008. She has been a faculty member of the National Drug Court Institute where she has provided training to other jurisdictions across the country that wish to implement a dependency drug court. In 1998, she received a Juris Doctorate and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

BARBARA LAHAIE is currently overseeing the operations of Public Health, Social Services, Children & Family Services, and Mental Health in Humboldt County. In addition, she provides direction to the Research & Evaluation, Training, Education and Supervision, Quality Assurance and Mobile Engagement units. Barbara previously worked in the Social Services Branch in which she supported the integration of such initiatives as Family to Family, California Permanency for Youth, California Connected by 25, WRAP Around Program, CWS Redesign, CalWorks Linkages, and Evidence Based Practices. Barbara is focusing her efforts on the California Partners for Permanency Project (CAPP) SAMSHA System of Care Grant, and Katie A implementation. Barbara is an instructor at Humboldt State University in Masters of Social Work Program.

HON. ELIZABETH LEE was appointed to the San Mateo County Superior Court bench in July of 2005. She currently presides over juvenile dependency and delinquency matters and is involved in several collaborative ventures with the court. She currently presides over matters in the diversion-based Youth Court of East Palo Alto, and is also in charge of San Mateo County's Blue Ribbon Commission on Foster Care. Judge Lee has served on the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council (2006-2007), the San Mateo County Domestic Violence and Firearms Prevention Task Force (2006-2007), and is currently a member of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council and chair of the Juvenile Subcommittee on Collaborative Justice Courts. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Lee was a federal prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office, where she worked on collaborative projects including the Human Trafficking Task Force.

PATRICIA LEE has been a Deputy Public Defender in San Francisco since 1978, and has been practicing in the Juvenile Courts since 1981. She is currently the managing attorney for the Juvenile Division of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. She is the Co-Director of the Pacific Regional Juvenile Defender Center, nonprofit established to preserve the integrity of the juvenile justice system by ensuring that each child in California receives a vigorous defense that affords all the statutory and constitutional protections guaranteed by state and federal law. Ms. Lee is on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council, Center for Families, Children & the Courts. She is a core member of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice, an interdisciplinary agency bridging research, policy and practice for our "at-risk" youth.

JAIME LEE EVANS started working with the Y.O.U.T.H. Training Project in 2001 and is the new Director of Training at California Youth Connection. Originally from Los Angeles County, Ms. Lee Evans, spent time in the foster care system in the 1970's and has been working in the field of youth leadership development for twenty years. She has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and an MSW from San Francisco State University.

HON. JACQUELINE LEWIS has been a commissioner at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles since 1997. Prior to serving as a court commissioner for Los Angeles County, she worked at the Department of Children and Family Services from 1991–1997. Commissioner Lewis received her juris doctorate in 1990 from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law and her B.A. from Loyola Marymount University.

RICK LEWKOWITZ has served as a prosecuting attorney for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office for more than 34 years. For the past 15 years he has been the Supervising Attorney in charge of the Juvenile Division of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Before that he had numerous assignments within that office including the prosecution of child abuse cases and supervising that office's first multi-disciplinary Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit. He is the past Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the California District Attorneys Association and a past member of the Advisory Board of the National Juvenile Justice Prosecution Center. He has conducted scores of trainings for prosecutors from throughout the nation and from throughout California about juvenile justice subjects including the challenges faced by prosecutors in the handling of juvenile competency proceedings.

WILL LIGHTBOURNE was appointed Director of the California Department of Social Services by Governor Jerry Brown in April of 2011. Having served as the director of three county social services agencies as well as being a member of numerous commissions, councils, boards and nonprofits, over the past three decades, he has been deeply involved in a wide range of social welfare issues in California. Prior to coming to the California Department of Social Services, Will served as Director of the Social Services Agency of the County of Santa Clara for more than ten years. He also served as Executive Director of the Human Services Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, and as Director of the Santa Cruz County Human Services Agency. Before his role in the public human services field, Will served as General Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, one of the oldest and largest private human services organizations in the Bay Area

HON. WENDY S. LINDLEY received her Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine Law School in 1978. She was appointed to the Orange County Municipal Court bench in 1994, and became a Judge of the Superior Court in 1998. Judge Lindley has created and presided over many of the Orange County Collaborative Courts, which feature a multi-agency approach to sentencing and rehabilitation of non-violent offenders. She currently presides over adult Drug Court, DUI Court, Combat Veterans Court, four mental health courts, and Homeless Outreach Court – all of which she played a crucial role in establishing. Judge Lindley has received many professional honors and awards, including the Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence (CA Judicial Council, 2012), the Harmon G. Scoville Award (Orange County Bar Association, 2012), Judicial Officer of the Year (Chief Probation Officers of California, 2011), the Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for Judicial Courage and Integrity (California Public Defenders Association, 2010), the Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award (California Women Lawyers, 2006), and the Presidents Special Recognition Award (California Psychiatric Association 2006).

ALEJANDRO LOPEZ is from California Conference for Equality & Justice.

HON. KATHERINE LUCERO currently sits as Supervising Judge in Juvenile Dependency Court where she currently oversees hundreds of cases involving abused and neglected children. In 2006 she also sat as an Appellate Judge in the Superior Court Appellate Division. Prior to this assignment she spent 18 months in both Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Criminal Court. Prior to the criminal court tour she sat from January 2002 through January 2005 in Family Court. She currently sits on the Board of Trustees for NCJFCJ and is Chair of the Permanency Placement Department Advisory Committee and is a Steering Committee member of the Courts Catalyzing Change initiative. Before being appointed by the Governor in August of 2001, Judge Lucero had spent her entire legal career in the area of child abuse and neglect. She is a former Deputy District Attorney specializing in crimes against children and the elderly. Judge Lucero has served for the last twenty years on numerous committees, panels, boards, councils and projects on behalf of the community. She has previously served as a member of the Santa Clara Child Abuse Council for seven years; she served on the Santa Clara County Child Death Review Team for three years prior to becoming a Bench Officer. She has also served as the President, vice-president and treasurer for the Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association. Judge Lucero has also served on various committees for the local bar association including the Judiciary Committee in 1996. She is a current Commissioner on the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Commission, and a member of the Advisory Board of Kids in Common. Judge Lucero has trained other judges and child welfare professionals at local, state and national conferences on issues involving the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, on Family Drug Courts, Immigration Issues in Dependency Court and on the Disproportionate Impact of the Child welfare System on Children of Color.

LESLIE MACKAY is a Staff Attorney with San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc. (SDVLP) where she is responsible for the Guardianship Clinic Program. This Program assists low income relative and non-relative caretakers in obtaining legal guardianship of children and parents objecting to guardianships. She also provides statewide and local training on guardianship, mentorship, and outreach in the San Diego community. In addition, Mrs. Mackay is responsible for the Children and Youth Law Project – Immigration Law Services for Children, where she provides direct representation to dependent children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned, and who are eligible for legal permanent residency

under the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status provision of federal law. Mrs. Mackay holds a J.D. from California Western School of Law (CWSL) and completed an internship in Vienna, Austria, with the United Nations Anti-Human Trafficking Unit.

MELYSSA MACQUARRIE, PsyD is a native of California who received her PsyD from Pepperdine University in 1994. She has worked as a shelter therapist and coordinator, and completed a dissertation addressing conflict tactics used by couples with a history of domestic violence. Dr. MacQuarrie has been employed by Orange County Superior Court since 1999; first as a mediator and investigator, and as a Supervising Court Mediator for the past seven years. She has testified over 200 times as an expert regarding risk factors to children of separation and divorce. Dr. MacQuarrie also is an experienced therapist and uses the DSM regularly.

HON. STEPHEN MANLEY is an NADCP Board Member, President of CADCO and Drug Court pioneer. Judge Stephen Manley has been awarded the prestigious Jacob K. Javits Award for Public Service by the American Psychiatric Association for his work as a mental health advocate within the justice system. Named for former Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York, the award is given annually to officials that have demonstrated distinguished leadership in supporting psychiatric medicine and mental health advocacy. Judge Manley founded the Santa Clara County, CA Drug Court in 1994. Under his leadership, Santa Clara's Drug Court became a national model, and helped spur the implementation of similar programs throughout California. In 1999, Judge Manley launched Santa Clara's Mental Health Court, which is now the largest in the United States. When he noticed an increase in the number of veterans appearing on his dockets addicted and seriously mentally ill, he once again took action. In late 2008, he launched one of the first Veterans Treatment Courts in the United States. Today, Judge Manley personally presides over a number of Collaborative Justice programs and calendars that include more than 2,300 offenders who participate in treatment and rehabilitation services while on probation or parole. Judge Manley's efforts to promote treatment and recovery for the addicted and mentally ill do not end in his courtroom. He has been a tireless advocate for policies that expand these opportunities to every citizen in need. In California, Judge Manley has participated in the drafting of legislation that expanded and funded treatment courts, created and funded pilot reentry courts for parolees, and greater opportunities for veterans to receive treatment as a part of probation. In Washington, DC, he is no stranger to Members of Congress as he is a vigorous and effective advocate for the drug-addicted and mentally-ill in the criminal justice system. Judge Manley is an experienced judge in the development and implementation of Reentry Courts.

SACHA MARINI began working with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods in June of 2007 and in 2010 became Director of the Teen Court program. She comes with an extensive background of championing restorative justice and human rights in the criminal system. She obtained a Paralegal Certificate and an Associate of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies from College of the Redwoods in 2006. Sacha was initially interested in joining the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Court program because she loved the idea of giving youth an opportunity to make a difference in their community and offering them a chance to get positively involved in the justice system. Sacha remains loyal because she has seen the impact we make on youth and their families first-hand.

TILISHA MARTIN, ESQ. MSW, JD, CWLS is the Supervising Attorney of the Minors Counsel Office for Dependency Legal Group of San Diego (DLG), a California non-profit public benefit corporation. She received her Master of Social Work from San Diego State University and her Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Rhetoric from the University of California at Berkeley. Ms. Martin is adjunct faculty at California Western School of Law and has previously taught as a lecturer in the graduate and undergraduate social work programs at San Diego State University. She received the San Diego County Exemplary Service Award in 2006 and in 2007, was the recipient of the California Western School of Law Alumni Fund Raising Project for the Advanced Mediation Program in 2008 and received the San Diego County Public Defender Customer Hero Service Award in 2010. In 2011, she was selected by the San Diego legal community as a "San Diego County Top Attorney" in Municipal/Government Practice. Ms. Martin was nominated as an attorney honoree for the Juvenile Justice Commission in 2012.

DANA MARTINEZ, CAS, Program Manager, Dependency Drug Court Coordinator, Bridges Inc., The STARS Program. Ms. Martinez, Certified Addiction Specialist, has been working in the field of Alcohol and Drug Services for over 15 years, with a primary focus on parental reunification and Dependency Court Services. She is CAS Certified through the California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources Institute in Sacramento. Ms. Martinez is currently the Program Manager/Dependency Drug Court Coordinator for Bridges' The STARS Program, which provides alcohol and drug case management services for parents involved in the Child Welfare System. Ms. Martinez is also an Instructor with the CAARR Institute, which educates students pursuing their certification as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

CAROLEE MATIAS moved to Los Angeles after completing her Bachelor's of Art from American University and began working with probation youth. Since then, she has worked with probation youth in a myriad of different roles. Their stories inspired her to return to school to obtain her Master's in Social Work from UCLA, and thereafter, she became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She is currently a Psychiatric Social Worker for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office where she works closely with the children and their families. She provides assistance to the attorneys by preparing biopsychosocial evaluations, providing crisis intervention, assisting with issues surrounding competence, representing children at IEP meetings, coordinating community based services, and testifying in court.

MARTHA MATTHEWS is the Directing Attorney of the Children's Rights Project at Public Counsel, a public interest law firm in Los Angeles, California. Previously, from 2005 to 2011 she was a supervising and appellate attorney at Children's Law Center of Los Angeles. From 1991 to 1995 and 1998 to 2000, Ms. Matthews was a staff attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, specializing in litigation and other advocacy to improve foster care, welfare, and other government programs affecting low-income families, children and youth. From 2000 to 2004, Ms. Matthews was a staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern California; her work focused on civil rights and discrimination issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, especially issues affecting youth. Ms. Matthews has also held teaching positions at several law schools. In 2004-2005, she was Clinical Professor and Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic at USC Law School. In 1996 -1998 Ms. Matthews developed and directed the Family Advocacy Program at Stanford Law School. In 1995-1996, Ms. Matthews was a visiting professor at the University of California Los Angeles law school. Ms. Matthews is a 1987 graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. After graduation from law school, Ms. Matthews served

as a law clerk for Judge Thelton E. Henderson in the Northern District of California, Judge (now Justice) Stephen Breyer in the First Circuit, and Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun.

HON. BRIAN L. MCCABE was appointed to the superior court in 2004 and is currently Presiding Judge of his court. Before joining the bench, he was sole proprietor/owner of the Law Office of Brian L. McCabe. Before that, he was managing partner at Allen, Polgar, Proietti & Fagalde in Merced and an associate of Kahn, Soares & Conway in Hanford. Judge McCabe is a current member of the Judicial Council's Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, and vice-chair of the Strategic Evaluation Committee. He is also a recent member of the Judicial Council's California Court Case Management System Operational Advisory Committee.

CHRISTINE MCDONALD has been representing indigent clients in Orange County for almost 20 years. During that time she has worked in a variety of positions, including serious felony trials/homicides, juvenile dependency and delinquency, and domestic violence and drug court. For the past year, Ms. McDonald has been assigned to the juvenile delinquency court where she represents minors accused of serious felonies, as well as those involved in the juvenile drug court.

DAVID MEYERS is the Chief Operating Officer of Dependency Legal Services and Principal Shareholder of the Law Offices of David M. Meyers, where he serves as a national consultant, trainer and attorney advocate in child welfare cases. David has been working in child welfare since 1995, and served as a Senior Attorney with California's Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC), where he developed statewide curriculum development and training for attorneys and court professionals engaged in juvenile law practice, and represented the California judiciary on a number of state and national boards and workgroups dedicated to improving attorney representation and child welfare systems. He is currently a consultant with the American Bar Association's National Resource Center for Juvenile and Legal Issues and member of their Parent Attorney Representation Project Steering Committee, where he works to advance child welfare issues throughout the country. Through Dependency Legal Services, David administers the contract that represents parents in Sonoma County, and represents children and parents in Stanislaus County. Prior to joining CFCC, David served an Assistant Attorney General in Tucson representing their Child Protective Services Division, worked for agencies in Sacramento representing children and families in child welfare cases, served as the supervising attorney for Parent Advocates of Sacramento, and spent several years in private practice defending children in juvenile delinquency matters. David is licensed to practice law in California, Arizona and the Pascua Yaqui Nation. He holds a bachelor's in journalism and music from the University of Florida and his JD from the University of Arizona.

MARYMICHAEL MIATOVICH is an Attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts for the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts in San Francisco. Currently, she is a part of the Juvenile Court Assistance Team (JCAT) which works to help improve the juvenile dependency courts in California. She is a statewide trainer on the topic of laws and best practices related to children in foster care. In 2008, Ms. Miatovich became a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS) through the National Association of Counsel for Children. This specialty is accredited by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. Ms. Miatovich was previously a court-appointed attorney

representing parents in Juvenile Dependency proceedings in Santa Clara County. In that capacity, she represented parents in all parts of the juvenile dependency process from the initial hearing to permanency planning. Prior to her work in the area of Juvenile Dependency, she worked in the City Attorney's office for the City of Santa Clara. Ms. Miatovich obtained her undergraduate and law degree from Santa Clara University and became a member of the California State Bar in 2001. Ms. Miatovich obtained her Masters in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in child abuse and neglect from JFK University in 2013.

LORI MINOR has spent most of her career in juvenile probation, specializing in work with placement youth at the Merced County Probation Office since 2002. As a vocal proponent of taking a family systems approach to provide better outcomes in delinquency placement cases, Ms. Minor has emerged as a leader in developing quality case plans for family members of placement youth and providing innovative services to families with an emphasis on accountability and peer support. Ms. Minor's dedication to at risk youth extends out into the community, where she has served as a "big sister" in the Big Brother/Big Sister organization, volunteered on numerous committees, including the Merced County Youth Council, and supervised the Workforce Investment Act youth programs in Merced. She has also been a foster parent since 2007.

LEE MORHAR formerly served as a Special Consultant with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Morhar was the Chief Counsel of the Office of Legal Services, Department of Child Support Services. Lee also worked as a senior attorney for the AOC from 1997 to 2001 (in the former Council and Legal Services Division as part of the AB 1058 team and then in the Office of Governmental Affairs where he represented the council on family and juvenile law legislation). Prior to working at the AOC, Lee worked as (1) senior staff counsel at the Department of Social Services where he staffed the Governor's task force on child support and the courts; (2) Family Support Division Chief and Deputy District Attorney, Napa County; and (3) Deputy District Attorney, Solano County. He also spent five years as a Staff Attorney and Director of a small legal aid office that provided legal representation for parents and children in all types of family law cases.

DANNY MORRIS Deputy Director of the Madera County Department of Social Services, is familiar with the county's efforts in recent years to improve the decision-making process for psychotropic medication of foster children, to enlarge the role of the public health nurse in the decision process, and to provide alternatives to medication. Mr. Morris, a social worker, has worked with parents of sexually abused children, substance abusers, community partners, and emergency response social workers, first in Fresno County and, since 2011, in Madera County. He is the Children's Committee Legislative Liaison for the California Welfare Directors Association and a member of a number of other statewide and local committees.

ALISHA MURDOCK is 21 years old and is a Peer Mentor with Project WHAT!. She has been a part of the program since June of 2011. She currently attends the National Holistic Institute where she is studying massage therapy. Project WHAT! has become a peer support group for Alisha and has introduced her to a passion for speaking that she did not know she had, and now plans to pursue.

HON. MICHAEL NASH is Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Juvenile Court, has had a long and exemplary legal career. A graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School of Los Angeles, he began his career as a Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the Office of the California Attorney General. During his 10 ½ years in that office, he made multiple appearances before the California Supreme Court, but his most notable case was as co-prosecutor in the notorious Hillside Strangler Trial which lasted more than two years and is the longest successful criminal prosecution in American history. Appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1985, Judge Nash was the first judge to hear cases in the new Hollywood Branch Municipal Court in 1986. Elevated to the Superior Court in December 1989, Judge Nash was assigned to the Juvenile Dependency Court in 1990. Since 1995, he has served as either Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Dependency Court or Presiding Judge of the entire Juvenile Court. On the national level, Judge Nash has recently concluded his term as the President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and is a member of the Board of Fellows of the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ). Over the years Judge Nash has been recognized and honored for his continued efforts in improving conditions for children and their families. These recognitions include being named Judge of the Year in 1997 by the Juvenile Court Judges of California and National Judge of the Year by the National CASA Association in 2006, named a National Angel in Adoption by Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in 2009, given an Adoption Excellence Award by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services in 2009, and most recently given the Angel of Peace Award by the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles.

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HON. KIMBERLY NYSTROM-GEIST is the supervising family law judge of the Superior Court of Fresno County. Appointed to the bench in 2007, she previously served as a court commissioner and handled family law matters. While in private practice, Judge Nystrom-Geist was a certified family law specialist, served on the executive committee of the State Bar of California Family Law Section (FLEXCOM). As a private attorney, Judge Nystrom-Geist chaired the Family Law Section of the Fresno County Bar Association, and her firm was recognized for pro bono work in the area of domestic violence. For several years she has taught family law at San Joaquin College of Law. She serves on the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force, the Protective Order Working Group, and as cochair of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

HON. KATHLEEN E. O'LEARY was appointed to the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, in December 1999. Her appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments on January 21, 2000. In November 2002, Justice O'Leary was elected by the voters of the Fourth District (Imperial, Inyo, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties) to the same office. In January 2006, Justice O'Leary received the Franklin G. West Award, the Orange County Bar Association's highest honor. This award is presented each year to an outstanding attorney or judge whose lifetime achievements have advanced justice and the law. Throughout her judicial career, Justice O'Leary has been active in judicial and law-related education efforts. She is a past member and past chair of the Governing Committee of the California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER). She has consistently worked to improve the administration of justice through comprehensive and quality education and training for judicial officers and other judicial branch personnel. In addition to teaching a number of courses for California judicial officers, judicial branch staff, law enforcement and lawyers, she has taught courses for the judiciary of sister states, the National Center for State Courts, and the National Judicial College. In 2003, Justice O'Leary was presented with the Bernard S. Jefferson Award for Distinguished Service in Judicial Education by the California Judges Association. Justice O'Leary has served by appointment of the Chief Justice as a member of the Judicial Council of California, the constitutionally mandated body responsible for improving the administration of justice in California, on a number of its advisory committees, and on numerous Judicial Council task forces. Justice O'Leary's contributions to judicial administration were recognized by the Judicial Council when she was named

Jurist of the Year in 1999. Prior to her appointment to the appellate court, Justice O'Leary served on the Orange County Superior Court. She was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court on July 1, 1986, by Governor George Deukmejian, and was in her third term as the Presiding Judge of that court when elevated to the Court of Appeal. Justice O'Leary began her judicial career at the West Orange County Municipal Court in 1981, where she also served both as the Presiding Judge and the Assistant Presiding Judge. Justice O'Leary attended Marymount College at Loyola University, now Loyola Marymount University and received her juris doctorate degree from Southwestern University School of Law.

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JOSH PASSMAN has worked with Bet Tzedek's Conservatorship/Elder Law self-help clinics since the summer of 2010. He runs the clinics in the Downtown and Norwalk courthouses. He also supervises the Pasadena clinic remotely. Josh's relationship with Bet Tzedek began in 2006, when he worked as a summer clerk. In July of 2009, Josh returned to Bet Tzedek to work as a Volunteer Attorney, preparing and arguing Public Benefit and Unlawful Detainer cases. For his excellent work, he received Bet Tzedek's Volunteer of the Year award in 2010. Josh attended Pitzer College in Claremont, where he majored in Sociology. He received his J.D. degree from Southwestern Law School.

EVA JEFFERSON PATERSON Civil rights attorney is co-founder and President of the Equal Justice Society, a national strategy group focused on reclaiming the 14th Amendment and its Constitutional safeguards against discrimination. She previously served 13 years as Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. At the Lawyers' Committee, she was part of a broad coalition that filed the groundbreaking anti-discrimination suit against race and gender discrimination by the San Francisco Fire Department. That lawsuit successfully desegregated the department, winning new opportunities for women and firefighters of color. Paterson is co-chair of the California Civil Rights Coalition (CCRC), which she co-founded and previously chaired for 18 years. One of the priorities for the Coalition is devising a progressive slate of ballot initiatives for the November 2012 election. As co-chair of CCRC she was a leading spokesperson in the campaigns against Proposition 187 (anti-immigrant) and Proposition 209 (anti-affirmative action) and numerous other statewide campaigns against the death penalty, juvenile incarceration and discrimination against lesbians and gay men. She also served as Vice President of the ACLU National Board for eight years, and chaired the boards of Equal Rights Advocates and the San Francisco Bar Association Foundation. Paterson has received numerous awards, including the Fay Stender Award from the California Women Lawyers, Woman of the Year from the Black Leadership Forum, the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award from the ACLU of Northern California, and the Alumni Award of Merit from Northwestern University. As a 20-year-old student leader at a time of turmoil, Eva Jefferson Paterson was catapulted into the national spotlight when she debated then-Vice President Spiro Agnew on live television. Dubbed the "peaceful warrior" for fostering non-violent protest in the aftermath of the 1970 shooting of student demonstrators at Kent State University, she was named one of *Mademoiselle's* "Ten Young Women of the Year," featured on the covers of *Ebony* and *Jet*, and called to testify before Congress. She is a graduate of Northwestern University, where she received her B.A. in political science and was elected the first African American student body president, and U.C. Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

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Psychology. Her paper, with co-authors Wainright and Russell, “Psychosocial adjustment and school outcomes of adolescents with same-sex parents” ranked 2nd in *Child Development’s* top ten most downloaded papers of 2005. Her most recent book, with co-editor Anthony R. D’Augelli, is the *Handbook of Psychology and Sexual Orientation* (2013).

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LINDA PENNER served as Chief Probation Officer for the County of Fresno from 2005 to 2012. Through her stewardship the department transitioned to Evidenced Based Practices for recidivism reduction that encompasses community safety. Ms. Penner championed for a culture that created integrity, and professionalism, fairness and equity to courts and offenders. Ms. Penner recognized that public safety services include rehabilitation services and through her leadership Fresno County Probation initiated policies, practices and services that promote fewer crime victims through an emphasis of assessment-based accountability and programs. As Chief, Ms. Penner promoted a realignment ‘safety net’ in the county of Fresno through innovative supervision and service programs for the realigned population including a multi-agency supervision team and evidence-based services that form the nucleus of the public safety response to the legislation. Since 1977, Ms. Penner held multiple positions while at the Fresno County probation department, including probation division director, services manager, probation officer and group counselor. She has served as a member of the Board of State and Community Corrections since 2012 and its predecessor, the Corrections Standards Authority Board, from 2007 until 2012; she has also been a member of the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, underneath the Board, since 2007. Additionally, she

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CARISSA PHELPS In 2012, Carissa Phelps, a licensed attorney, founded Runaway Girl, FPC, to organize survivors of human trafficking around resources, networks, business, and local efforts to protect and care for survivors and victims within their own communities. Runaway Girl trainings improve protocols and responses to child sex trafficking within communities, while offering employment and career development opportunities to runaways, former runaways, and survivors of trafficking. In 2007, Carissa earned both a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law, and an MBA from UCLA Anderson. In 2010, she was recently named one of the top 100 inspirational graduates by UCLA Anderson. As 2012-2013 Visiting Author, Carissa has joined The Respect Institute in their efforts to institutionalize respect by reaching 30,000 foster and incarcerated youth with their “Respect on the Inside” program. In her memoir, *Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time*, Phelps shares how the unexpected kindness of a math teacher and a counselor transformed her life and helped her become a mentor and advocate. After missing 7th, 8th and 9th grades, Carissa returned to a continuation school and graduated from high school in two and a half years. She still loves math and credits her BA in mathematics from Fresno State for preparing her for her MBA, for business, and for life! She graduated in 2002 with a BA in mathematics summa cum laude from Fresno State, and taught high school math for one year at Hanford High School. Carissa is admitted to practice law in California. She lives on the Central Coast of California, where she creates and contributes to positive impact businesses as a social entrepreneur. She is passionate about inspiring others to see the potential in themselves and others.

CORY POHLEY comes to California CASA Association with extensive experience administering programs in non-profit organizations and schools. She brings over 20 years of experience as an interim executive director, executive director, and senior manager in agencies serving a diverse range of communities with a particular emphasis on homeless, low-income, and underserved children, youth and families, including foster and lgbtq youth. Cory has served as Vice President of California Youth Connection and has a personal and professional history of advocating for policy and systems changes for youth impacted by the foster care system. She is committed to partnering with local CASA programs to build capacity while

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HON. CATHERINE PRATT received a B.A. from the Univ. of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from U.S.C. She practiced law in the private sector, representing Wall Street firms, for 10 years both in Los Angeles and San Francisco. She then worked in the Los Angeles dependency court, representing the Dept. of Children and Family Services. While at the County Counsel's office she also handled several class actions involving the adequacy and delivery of services by DCFS. One of these cases, commonly referred to as the Katie A. litigation, was the catalyst for the closing of LA County's temporary shelter for foster children and the broad implementation of wrap-around services in Los Angeles. Pratt was appointed as a commissioner in 2006. She has been assigned to the juvenile delinquency court since July 2007 and in January 2012 began supervising the Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience (STAR) court with services to juveniles who have been commercially sexually exploited and are on probation for prostitution or related charges.

ERIN QUINN brings to the ILRC over 8 years of experience as an immigration defense attorney and holds a joint degree in law and public policy (JD/MPP) from the University of Michigan. Prior to opening her own practice in 2007, Ms. Quinn represented immigrants as an associate at the Law Office of Robert B. Jobe. Her experience in immigration law and policy includes working as a fellow for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, EU headquarters in Belgium; clerking for the Immigration Court of San Francisco; and guest lecturer at CSU Eastbay. Erin is on the Advisory Council for the Northern California Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), in which she serves as Pro Bono Coordinator, and is a member of the California Bar.

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HON. VANCE W. RAYE Presiding Justice of the Third District Court of Appeal, was born in Hugo, Oklahoma, on September 6, 1946. He was educated in the public schools of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and was awarded undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Oklahoma, where he received the President's Leadership Award and was inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society. Raye was in private practice briefly in Oklahoma City following law school before entering the United States Air Force. He served as an Assistant Judge Advocate at Beale Air Force Base, near Marysville, California, for four years in various positions, including Chief of Civil Law and Chief Prosecutor (Chief of Military Justice). Following the completion of his military service, Raye began a career with the California Attorney General's Office, serving first as a Deputy Attorney General and later as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in charge of legislative affairs. With the election of Governor George Deukmejian, he was appointed to serve as the Governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary and later as the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary. Raye was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court in 1989 and sworn into office as an Associate Justice on the Third District Court of Appeal in 1991, following confirmation by the people. He was again confirmed to the office in 2003. In December 2010, Raye was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as the Court's Presiding Justice.] Raye is a member of the California Judges Association, the Council of Chief Judges, and has been involved in many law related activities including service as chair of the National Governors Association Staff Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety (1988); the California Council on Criminal Justice Gang Violence Task Force (1988); the Task Force on Victim Restitution (1989); chair of the Judicial Council Committee on Family Law (1992-1993); Executive Committee of the California Judicial Council Commission on the Future of the Courts and chair of the Commission's Family Relations Committee (1993); Member, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Standards Committee; Member, California Judicial Council Appellate Courts Advisory Committee and chair of the Committee's Legislative Subcommittee; chair of the California Commission on Judicial Performance; and member of the Elkins Family Court Reform Task Force. He currently serves as President and Master of the Bench, Milton Schwartz/ David Levi Inn of Court, and co-chair of the State Child Welfare Council, in addition to service on numerous civic associations including the UC Davis Medical School Leadership Council, Board of Directors of the Center for Health Care Decisions, and the 100 Black Men of Sacramento. Raye has taught at Lincoln Law School, been an instructor/participant at various educational institutes, and served as a contributor to "California Public Contract Law" and co-author of "California Civil Practice, Family Law Litigation," a three volume treatise on California family law.

MARK REDDICK is Coordinator for the Riverside County Youth Court where he facilitates bi-weekly youth court sessions. He has been instrumental in executing the Opportunity with Education Juvenile Intervention Program and the Outreach Lecture Series. Mr. Reddick was selected to help redesign and coordinate the Riverside Youth Council, and is a member of the Court Community Planning Committee. He is currently a board member of the California Association of Youth Courts and a member of the Collaborative Veterans Treatment Court. He received his BS in Criminal Justice from California Baptist University.

CAROL RITCHIE (RET.) is a retired Director of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. While the majority of her 35 years with the probation department was spent within the Juvenile Placement Services Bureau, she also worked in the Grant Writing and Monitoring Division and had ongoing

responsibility for providing training and developing policy. Ms. Ritchie implemented a specialized placement quality assurance program, which involved collaborating with the delinquency court, State Department of Social Services and the County Department of Family and Children Services to develop mandated permanency procedures for probation youth. The development of this program ultimately resulted in the first probation adoption in delinquency court. Her primary area of expertise is foster care placement for probation youth.

VENUS RODRIGUEZ was born in Buffalo New York in 1980 but was raised in California most of her life. Being homeless as a child sparked a movement within Venus to fight for the rights of the under-served. She started by leading mini campaigns in a shelter she lived in and continued organizing in high school and through the San Francisco Youth Commission where she advocated for the rights of youth in San Francisco. Venus has been a nationally recognized youth organizer for over 14 years including being named a top 25 organizer under 25, working with organizations like PUEBLO, the Center for Young Women's Development, and now Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting and Serving Sexually Exploited Youth (MISSSSEY). She has been an architect for many youth programs, including her most recent project OWWLS an outreach program targeted towards young women working and living on the streets. Her award winning service in African-American communities across the Bay Area has included leadership roles in movements such as the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights where she created the Silence the Violence Campaign to bring awareness to all the killings in Oakland. Her work over the years has included informing national publications, politicians, judges, youth advocates, and communities on the rights and issues of young women in the juvenile justice system and underground street economy.

MICHAEL ROOSEVELT has been a senior court services analyst with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts since December 2006. Mr. Roosevelt worked in the Education Division/CJER for eight years, developing fairness programs and curricula for judicial officers, managers, and other court professionals. Mr. Roosevelt works on the Parole Reentry Court Program and other projects for the Collaborative Justice Project. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in clinical psychology from San Francisco State University.

AVA ROSE, LCSW, is the Director of Women Helping Women Community Counseling & Support Services (WHW), a program of the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles that provides free/low fee, integrated mental health and supportive services to a diverse range of women, children and families at-risk and in-need. Ms. Rose serves on the Steering Committee of the Westside Domestic Violence Network (WDVN), and on the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Council at Peace Over Violence. She is Coordinator of the West Hollywood Community Response Team for Domestic Violence, and of WDVN's Family Court Advocacy Project, which seeks to examine and improve the experiences of domestic violence survivors and their children in the family court system. Ms. Rose is also a Level I Sensorimotor Psychotherapist with a private practice in Santa Monica, and a certified sexual assault crisis counselor. An Adjunct Lecturer at UCLA, Ms. Rose is a frequent speaker on topics such as domestic violence, child sexual abuse, trauma treatment, attachment theory, and interpersonal neurobiology.

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FRANK SANCHEZ has been working in the therapy field since 2005 and serves as director of mental health services at Phoenix House California. After working in the corporate sector, Frank began his career path in counseling at Antioch University, where he earned a Master of Arts in Psychology in 2005. Since he wanted to build more knowledge and expertise, he went on to the Pacifica Graduate Institute to earn a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 2013. In January 2008, Frank began working as a marriage and family therapy intern at Phoenix House Academy before moving into the role of family services and mental health deputy director. After spending time as a consultant while beginning his dissertation and testing for his marriage and family therapy license, Frank returned to the Academy full-time and started the Therapeutic Behavioral Service Program at Phoenix House Academy-an individualized intervention program for clients experiencing behavioral issues. In February, 2012, he became the director of mental health services after serving for a time as interim director. Frank has represented Phoenix House on several state and local task forces, including the Task Force for Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence, and he serves on the advisory committee for Phoenix House's behavioral health service area. Frank also represents Phoenix House as community partner for mental health in the Los Angeles area, and he works to represent and advocate for the Hispanic population.

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youth transition from foster care and into adulthood. In 2010, Angie played a central role in the passage of The California Fostering Connections to Success Act (Assembly Bill 12), which provides youth the support they need to succeed as adults by extending the foster care benefits up to age 21. Since passage of Fostering Connections, Angie has played a central role in efforts to implement AB 12 as co-chair of Los Angeles County's AB 12 Steering Committee, by serving on several State Focus Area Teams that are developing AB 12 policies and guidance, and facilitating ongoing stakeholder input into implementation. Angie also conceptualized, drafted and was a leader in the statewide implementation of two other bills, Assembly Bill 1633 (2005) and Assembly Bill 1331 (2007), which were enacted to ensure that foster youth with disabilities have improved access to Social Security benefits before they emancipate from care. Prior to joining the Alliance, Angie was a staff attorney with the Public Interest Law Project and a Skadden Fellow at the National Center for Youth Law. Angie earned her B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from American University, and her J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School.

ROBERT SCHWARTZ, ESQ., co-founded Juvenile Law Center in 1975 and has been its executive director since 1982. With over 30 years at Juvenile Law Center, Schwartz is a national leader in advocating for children's rights and has extensive experience in all areas of juvenile law. In his career at Juvenile Law Center, Schwartz has represented dependent and delinquent children in Pennsylvania juvenile and appellate courts; brought class-action litigation over institutional conditions and probation functions; testified in Congress before House and Senate committees; and spoken in over 25 states on matters related to children and the law. Schwartz's career has not been limited to Pennsylvania, but has included fighting nationally and internationally for juvenile rights. From 1992–1998 he was chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section, a position he resumed in 2006. In 1993 he visited South Africa to help develop a legal system for children. In 1993 he also co-authored the American Bar Association's report, *America's Children at Risk*; and in 1995 he helped author a follow-up report on youth's access to quality lawyers, *A Call for Justice*. From 1996-2006, Schwartz was a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice. As part of the Network, he co-edited *Youth on Trial: A Developmental Perspective on Juvenile Justice* (University of Chicago Press: 2000). From 1996-99 he was a gubernatorial appointee to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Since 1991 he has been a gubernatorial appointee to the Commission's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee which is the State Advisory Group that distributes federal funds in Pennsylvania and advises the governor regarding juvenile justice policy. Schwartz in 2005 became chair of the Advisory Committee to the Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch. Schwartz also is chair of the Board of the Philadelphia Youth Network. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Andrew Hamilton Award, presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association "for exemplary service in the public interest," the Reginald Heber Smith Award, presented by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the Livingston Hall Award, presented by the American Bar Association, and the Stephen M. Cahn Award, presented by the National Association of Counsel for Children for career achievement. Schwartz is a graduate of Haverford College and Temple University School of Law.

HON. SHAWNA SCHWARZ received her bachelors and masters degrees from Stanford University and then went on to Santa Clara University for law school. She spent seven years as the Directing Attorney at Legal Advocates for Children & Youth where she represented children in guardianship, emancipation,

education and other legal matters. She was appointed Commissioner of the Juvenile Dependency Court in December of 2001, where she presided over the cases of abused and neglected children in Santa Clara County. In May 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Judge Schwarz as a Superior Court Judge for Santa Clara County. Judge Schwarz briefly presided over a misdemeanor calendar before being transferred to Family Court. In Family Court, Judge Schwarz presided over a specialized restraining order calendar, hearing domestic violence, elder abuse, civil harassment, and workplace violence restraining orders. Judge Schwarz returned to Dependency Court in January 2009 and is currently the Supervising Judge. Her current caseload has an emphasis on teenagers as well as children in long term foster care with little hope of ever returning home. She has a specialized Teen Court calendar in which at risk and struggling teens come to court for extended hearings in an informal setting to talk about what's going on and problem solve with interested professionals. In addition to her caseload, Judge Schwarz has created numerous "cheat sheets" and flow charts used by judges statewide. She also provides trainings on juvenile dependency, domestic violence, and restraining orders. She has trained over 1,000 social workers, community based organization staff and community members on the overlap of domestic violence and child maltreatment. Since January 2004 Judge Schwarz has provided training on the Juvenile Dependency Court process for all the new CASA classes for the Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. Judge Schwarz has co-taught the Primary Assignment Orientation for Juvenile Dependency bench officers since 2010.

CHERYL SCOTT has been the Manager of Family Court Services in the County of Fresno since 2011 and has worked as a Child Custody Recommending Counselor and Mediator for Superior Court since 2006. While serving as Manager, Ms. Scott has helped to move the Family Court Services department from a fully Recommending Model to a primarily Non-Recommending, Tier System model. This has been a significant transition for the entire Family Court Services and Fresno Superior Court Family Law Department and has resulted in enhanced and timelier services for the public.

STEPHANIE SHADOWENS is a Supervising Family Court Services Specialist in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, where she has worked for sixteen years. Her work has included both child custody mediation and child custody evaluation. She provides training for Family Court Services staff and for other Family Law departments including the JusticeCorps Fellows. Ms. Shadowens coordinates the annual domestic violence training program under rule 5.230 of the California Rules of Court, serves as the liaison with the Los Angeles Domestic Violence Council, and provides training for the Los Angeles County Bar Association Pro Bono Domestic Violence Project. Previously, she worked as a counselor with the Los Angeles Unified School District in its school-based family counseling program. She is licensed as a marriage and family therapist.

KULVINDAR "RANI" SINGH is a veteran prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. Ms. Singh has been a prosecutor more than 14 years and started her career at the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office. She joined the San Francisco District Attorney's Office in 2000 and has been in a multitude of assignments from felony domestic violence, to narcotics, to child sexual assault. She has also run federal grant projects in her office, including a stalking grant and a federal juvenile gun grant awarded to the office in 2005. Ms. Singh has also had the opportunity gain expertise by working in collaborative courts in both the adult and juvenile divisions. She was one of the original Proposition 36

prosecutors and has helped established the first juvenile mental health court. She has been the prosecutor assigned to all of the juvenile collaborative courts for the last eight years, which includes the juvenile drug court, youth family violence court, and wellness court. Ms Singh also holds a seat for her office on various policy teams for the enhancement of juvenile services in the county. She has presented at numerous schools, universities, and law schools on various topics from public safety to gun violence prevention and cyber bullying. She also takes an active role in recruitment for her office as part of the OCI (On-Campus Interview) team. Ms. Singh is currently assigned to Neighborhood Prosecution Team, an innovative new program that creates a link between the District Attorney's Office and safety partners throughout the city. A native of San Francisco, Ms. Singh earned her undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of California and her Juris Doctorate at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

JANE SMITHSON has practiced law since 1977 with an emphasis on Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency. As a member of San Mateo County's Private Defender Program she has represented thousands of minors in 602 cases and both children and parents in Dependency matters. She was honored by Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties in 1999 for her work in championing the rights of children who have been neglected or abused. In 2003, she left the practice of law to become a consultant to San Mateo County's Human Services Agency on Child Welfare Redesign. She has coordinated Independent Living Skills Programs for Foster Youth at community colleges, taught parenting classes through the YWCA in San Jose, and has served as the Co-Chair of the San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council. She teaches Mandated Child Abuse Reporting in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

DAVID STEINHART is a California attorney and Director of the Commonweal Juvenile Justice Program. He was the principal draftsman of California laws removing children from adult jails, creating homeless youth programs in major California cities and expanding children's access to mental health care. In 2007, he helped California lawmakers design SB 81, the juvenile justice realignment law that moved nonviolent youth out of secure state institutions to county control, with nearly \$100 million in annual funds for local alternatives to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Earlier, he helped state leaders craft the Schiff-Cardenas Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act which has provided counties with more than \$1 billion over ten years for local youth programs. He presently serves as Senate appointee to the California Board of State and Community Corrections and chairs the Board's Juvenile Justice Standing Committee. He continues as a trainer and advisor to the Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative sites in 35 states, on detention risk assessment and alternatives to confinement. He is the author of multiple publications on a wide range of youth justice issues.

BRYAN STEVENSON Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, has won national acclaim for his work challenging bias against the poor and people of color in the criminal justice system. Since graduating from Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, he has assisted in securing relief for dozens of condemned prisoners, advocated for poor people, and developed community-based reform litigation aimed at improving the administration of criminal justice. He also is on the law faculty at New York University School of Law.

TONI STONE earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from San Jose State University in 2007. She continued her education and earned a Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law in 2010. During her law school career, she worked with Street Law San Diego and interned for numerous criminal defense organizations, including the California Appellate Project, the Habeas Corpus Resource Center, and the San Diego County Public Defender. Through her work as an advocate for criminal defendants, Toni has seen firsthand the need for restorative justice programs. She believes very strongly that individuals are a product of their community, which is why she joined East Palo Alto Youth Court and also why she believes East Palo Alto Youth Court can have a significant impact on youth.

CORBY STURGES is an attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) in the Operations Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the staff arm of the Judicial Council of California. Since starting with CFCC in October of 2000, Corby has performed a variety of duties, including editing *The Center for Families, Children & the Courts Journal*, drafting rules of court and Judicial Council forms for the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and drafting legal opinions. Most recently, Corby has focused on providing advice and technical assistance on practice and procedure to California's juvenile courts, with particular emphasis on the legal and practical framework for providing counsel to parties in dependency proceedings; the ongoing implementation of title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act; and the refinement of procedures for the protection of the educational and developmental rights and access to services of persons subject to juvenile court proceedings.

SHANNON M. SULLIVAN has worked for the County of Santa Cruz for twelve years, representing the county's child protection agency. She began her legal career representing children in family court and adults in all aspects of legal work relating to families and children. Ms. Sullivan has been a foster care provider and has a current foster license. She became interested in a legal career as the result of her leadership and activism in local and state branches of National Organization for Women and continues to appear on local panels providing tolerance training on lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender issues.

KIANNA TAGO (STUDENT JUROR) is 16 years old and currently a junior of The Academy of Medical Arts at Carson Complex. She regards attending this school is a great privilege, "I learned to build time management skills, leadership skills, persistence, as well as consistency in anything I devote my time into, while still keeping an open mind to learn from others I come across." Ms. Tago's goal is to attend The University of California Los Angeles, and to later work in the medical field as a pediatrician. "These are goals I pray to achieve simply because I love giving my time into denying myself and devoting it to others in need. Therefore, in order to achieve that goal I am working hard, chasing after opportunities, and exceeding what is expected." Participation in The Los Angeles Superior Court Stopping Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students (SHADES) training program made a significant impact on her life, "by teaching me more about consequences for wrong acts by being a part of the jury for multiple cases. SHADES reflects back on the history of tolerance, and choices that were made in which gave me the gift of an education, and most of all making this nation what it is today: free."

NANCY TAYLOR is Manager of CFCC's Child and Family-Focused Programs, is lead staff to the Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force. Before joining the AOC, she was employed by the County of Orange for 17 years, in the

areas of substance abuse and mental health, and adult/child protective services, receiving program recognition awards from the National Association of County Governments. Ms. Taylor served for seven years as a child custody mediator and investigator at Orange County Superior Court and received the Meyer Elkin research award from the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts for her work on child custody mediation and domestic violence. She received Community Service Commendation Awards from the Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood for her contributions in the areas of women and violence, child abuse, and the LGBT community. She is an LCSW with an MSW from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of California at Riverside. As an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California, she taught social policy for 10 years.

HON. TRINA THOMPSON is the presiding judge of the juvenile court, Superior Court of Alameda County. Judge Thompson's focus has been evidence-based decision making, finding family first, and closing the gap between education and incarceration of minors. Judge Thompson is known for her advocacy of transitioning-aged youth, efforts at eradicating truancy, and reducing gang violence. The consistent themes underlying dysfunction in families often involve external factors such as housing, unemployment, mental health challenges, and poverty. Thus, focusing on education, community resources, community stability, and fortifying existing family structures seem to be a natural place to start to reduce the cycle of poverty and family conflict. In 2011, Judge Thompson was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

ELIZABETH THORNTON is an attorney with the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law. She currently directs a project focused on improving outcomes for immigrant families involved in the child welfare system in California. Her work at the Center also focuses on strengthening representation of parents in the child welfare system by evaluating parent representation programs, supporting system reforms, and providing resources, training, and technical assistance to parents' attorneys and other child welfare professionals. Prior to joining the Center, Elizabeth represented parents and children in child welfare proceedings in California. She holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

HON. ANTHONY A. TRENDACOSTA is a commissioner at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, where he is currently assigned to Department 417 of the Monterey Park Children's Court. Prior to becoming a commissioner, Commissioner Trendacosta served as general counsel of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. In September 1998, he was appointed as referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, and was appointed as court commissioner in January 2005. Commissioner Trendacosta received his B.A. from California State University, Northridge, and his J.D. from the University of La Verne. He is a member of the Center for Judicial Education Juvenile Law Committee.

ABIGAIL TRILLIN is the Executive Director at Legal Services for Children where she has worked since 1996. Prior to becoming Executive Director, Ms. Trillin was the Managing Attorney for ten years and a staff attorney prior to that, handling guardianship, dependency, immigration and school discipline cases. Legal Services for Children is the primary provider of guardianship services for minors in the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Trillin taught elementary school in Los Angeles.

Ms. Trillin holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from New York University. She is a Certified Child Welfare Specialist.

HON. JUAN ULLOA is the recipient of the 2012 Judge Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award presented by the California Judicial Council, the California State Bar Association, and the California Judges Association. Judge Ulloa has served as a Superior Court Judge in Imperial County since 1995. He has presided over every type of case, including juvenile dependency and delinquency, family law, civil, and criminal assignments 3 terms as presiding Judge. He serves of the California State Court-Tribal Court Forum. He has been a leader in court reform efforts and in the establishment of the ongoing collaborative relationship between the Superior Court of Imperial County, The Quechan Tribal Court, the Family Court of Baja California in Mexicali, Mexico, and the Mexican Consulate in Calexico, California. He helped to establish Court Appointed Special Advocates of Imperial County, which has been serving dependent children since 1997. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Imperial County Peer Court for first-time, nonviolent minor offenders, and Rite Track Evening Learning Center, providing intensive treatment and intervention for moderate to high risk offenders to prevent out of home placement that has become a national model. Before his election, Judge Ulloa served as juvenile Court Referee for 2 years. He had extensive experience as court-appointed counsel for parents and children in dependency and delinquency courts. Judge Ulloa was an attorney and directing attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance from 1975 until 1982. A child of farm workers, Judge Ulloa received Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Mexican-American Studies from the University of California, Riverside in 1972, and his Juris Doctor from UCLA in 1975.

AUTUMN VALERIO is a Program Coordinator for the Center for Community Capacity Improvement and the Center for Multicultural Development at the California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH). She has extensive background and training in strategies for improving health outcomes for ethnic and cultural communities. Her work focuses on prevention and promotion efforts; health care reform and capacity building strategies; and, reducing disparities and improving the quality of care for racial, ethnic, and LGBT populations. Prior to her work at CiMH, Ms. Valerio served as Staff Mental Health Specialist in the Office of Multicultural Services at the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) where she played an integral role in the development and implementation of the California Reducing Disparities Project and the 2010 Cultural Competence Plan Requirements. While at DMH, she also gained valuable knowledge about the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act. Ms. Valerio has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies, with an emphasis in social movements and political communication, from San Francisco State University. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health from Drexel University.

KRISTINE VAN DORSTEN is a Senior Court Services Analyst with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts. In this capacity, she has provided consultation, technical assistance and training for the court's family dispute resolution programs and has worked on a variety of other projects at the AOC. Ms. Van Dorsten has served as facilitator, trainer and moderator for a variety of trainings and meetings over the years, and in addition to her social work and mediation background, she is a professional development coach with specialized training in organizational systems coaching. Ms. Van Dorsten has more recently begun working on juvenile court projects that include the development and oversight of a strategic

training plan for juvenile court system partners. Van Dorsten's career background includes many years working as an investigator and supervisor for Children Services, and conducting mediations for Family Court Services in Ohio. In California, Ms. Van Dorsten worked for Probate and Family Court, both as an investigator and administrator, before joining the AOC in May of 2007. Ms. Van Dorsten graduated from Kent State University with a major in psychology, is a licensed social worker in the state of Ohio, and is a certified professional development coach.

CINDY VAN SCHOOTEN, PH.D. has worked as the Family Court Services Director for Tehama County Superior Court, California since 2007. She is a licensed therapist and has been a faculty member with National Judicial College, Reno NV since 2000. Her areas of specialization are high-conflict divorce, interviewing children using the CRADLE method and high-risk adolescents. She is a member of American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Family Court Director's Association in California. She also serves on the California Family Court Services Education Committee, and provides ongoing mandatory education for mediators, child custody recommending counselors, and judges. In 2004, Dr. Van Schooten wrote the curriculum for child custody evaluations for Chico State University of California. As an Adjunct Professor at Simpson University, she was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1999 and in 2010, and elected Top Professor for Student/Athlete of the Year.

RACHEL VELCOFF HULTS is an attorney and manager of National Center for Youth Law's Foster Youth Education Initiative (FosterEd), focusing on improving the educational outcomes of foster youth. Rachel is managing FosterEd's California pilot program in Santa Cruz County. Prior to joining NCYL, Rachel worked at Bay Area Legal Aid, where she focused on public benefits, health access, and youth issues, including foster care benefits and access to education. Previously, she was a litigation associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in Washington, D.C. Rachel received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2008. At Stanford, Rachel was a clinical student in the Youth and Education Law Project and co-president of Stanford StreetLaw, a legal education program for incarcerated and at-risk Bay Area youth.

HON. RICHARD VLAVIANOS has served as a superior court judge since 1999. His particular areas of expertise in the field of law and court administration include collaborative justice, juvenile, substance abuse, mental health, truancy, and DUI. Judge Vlavianos was the presiding judge of the juvenile court from 2002 to 2005 and has been the chair of the Youth and Education Subcommittee of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County's Community-Focused Court Planning Team since 2000. He has extensive law-related education experience, including teaching for the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), the National Judicial College, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention. He has received honors and awards from the San Joaquin County Bar Association, Mediation Center of San Joaquin, and San Joaquin Office of Education.

KATE E. WALKER is an attorney at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) in Oakland, California. She was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to improve the outcomes for children who are commercially sexually exploited and those who are at-risk for such victimization. During her fellowship, Ms. Walker authored a comprehensive report entitled "Ending the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of

Children: A Call for Multi-System Collaboration in California.” The report’s recommendations will serve as a foundation for a statewide plan in California to improve the care and coordination for sex trafficked children. Ms. Walker also has provided expert testimony at Senate Hearings on the intersection of the child welfare system and commercial sexual exploitation. She also provides direct client representation in special education matters and issues related to Medi-Cal. Prior to joining NCYL, Ms. Walker clerked at the Alliance for Children’s Rights and Neighborhood Legal Services in Los Angeles where she focused on special education and mental health issues facing foster youth and housing law in California. She received a BA in Public Policy Analysis with a focus in psychology from Pomona College, and a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law where she was a contributing editor on *the Journal of Gender Race and Justice* and served on the board of the Equal Justice Foundation.

HEATHER B. WARNKEN, ESQ., LL.M. is the Legal Policy Associate at the Warren Institute on Law & Social Policy, University of California, Berkeley School of Law. In 2012, Heather authored *A Complex and Compassionate Response: The Role of Victim/Witness Assistance Centers in Responding to Violence Against Women in California*, offering the first-ever comprehensive look at California’s 59 Victim/Witness Assistance Centers, and *Real Justice: Victims’ Rights Delivered*, the Report & Recommendations emerging from the statewide crime victims rights and services summit. Heather currently works with Californians for Safety and Justice (www.safeandjust.org) conducting research on the diversity of crime victims and their unmet needs, and leads the Warren Institute’s role in developing a credentialing program and updated training curricula for California victim/witness advocates and program coordinators. Heather also leads the Warren Institute’s collaboration with the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department drafting updated policies and procedures to promote evidenced-based Intake, Supervision, Placement, and Aftercare of youth in the juvenile justice system. Heather earned a B.A., with honors, John Hopkins University; J.D., cum laude, with pro bono distinction, Suffolk University Law School, and Masters of Law, Berkeley Law, where she received the Jim Fahey Safe Homes for Women Fellowship (presented annually to a UC Berkeley graduate student with a deep commitment to ending violence against women). Heather served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr., Court of Appeals of Maryland, and has provided direct legal services in domestic violence, family law, and child welfare related matters.

MARK WASACZ is a partner with the firm of Wasacz Hilley & Fullerton LLP. For the past 10 years, Mr. Wasacz has practiced exclusively in the area of juvenile law, representing parents and children in dependency cases and children in high-conflict family law custody and visitation matters. Prior to his work in juvenile justice, Mr. Wasacz spent 10 years doing general civil litigation and then real estate transactional work for Cushman & Wakefield and 24 Hour Fitness. Since 2001, Mr. Wasacz has represented parents and children in the San Francisco Juvenile Dependency Court, through the Bar Association of San Francisco’s juvenile dependency referral panel. Beginning in 2010, Wasacz Hilley & Fullerton has been representing all the dependent minors of Marin County under a contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts. In addition, Mr. Wasacz acts as a mentor attorney for lawyers who want to get admitted to the Bar Association of San Francisco’s juvenile dependency referral panel. Mr. Wasacz also serves as a judge pro tem for the San Francisco juvenile dependency court.

CHERI WATKINS says that she was a spoiled only child being raised by her maternal grandparents until she went to live with her dad at the age of nine and became the oldest of eight children. She was a single mother of one son. Her son and his fiancée, Brandy, share two children. It was through them that Cheri learned about Stephen and his desire to belong in a family. Stephen is the biological nephew of Brandy. Ms. Watkins is in the final stages of the adoption process to adopt a Stephen, who is a ward of the court. The adoption is close to completion and will be one of a handful of adoptions of children who are wards of the delinquency court.

JULIA WEBER, J.D., MSW was born in Washington, D.C., learned to walk in Hawaii, was raised in Arizona, obtained her degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, and has lived in California and worked for the Administrative Office of the Courts since 1999. Prior to joining the AOC, Julia worked as a mediator and represented children in family court. She developed the first international workplace policy on domestic violence for Monsanto's 20,000 employees and taught university courses on race, gender, and law and violence against women. As part of the AOC's Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Julia serves as co-counsel to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and works on several family law, child custody, mediation, and court coordination projects. In her spare time, she is learning to play the ukulele and enjoying co-parenting her 7th grade son.

RITA CAMERON WEDDING, PH.D. is the Chair of the Department of Women's Studies and a professor of Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies at Sacramento State University. Dr. Cameron Wedding's scholarship focuses on race, gender and social class disparities in public youth-serving institutions such as child welfare, education and juvenile justice. Dr. Cameron Wedding's curriculum, *Bias: Impact on Decision-Makers* has broadly informed the discussion of race and social justice locally, nationally and internationally. This curriculum has been used to educate judges, lawyers, public defenders, social workers, law enforcement, school administrators, teachers and school resource officers in agencies and organizations such as the Sacramento Police Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff and Probation departments and the Sacramento Blue Ribbon Commission on Racial Disproportionality in Child Deaths. In 2012 Dr. Cameron Wedding was on the steering committee for U.C. Berkeley's Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy to design a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) curriculum. This curriculum will be used by Juvenile Justice agencies throughout California. In 2009 she was awarded a grant from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to address the School to Prison Pipeline. This was a training grant designed to reduce biases in decision-making throughout California that contribute to poor school outcomes such as suspensions, expulsions and increased contact with juvenile justice. As faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), Dr. Cameron Wedding has taught juvenile and family court judges throughout the country since 2007. This work includes trainings and keynotes on implicit bias for the Texas New Judges College, the National Association of Children's Counsel, the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the Children's Bureau in Washington D.C., Child Abuse and Neglect Institutes in Reno and Kentucky, the New York State Judicial Institute and the Superior Court Judges for the State of Hawaii. According to the NCJFCJ, evidence suggests that education on implicit bias provided by Dr. Cameron Wedding has shown an effect on judicial bias in decision-making. Dr. Cameron Wedding was a consultant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation one of the largest child advocacy programs in the country. She also provided expert testimony to the Florida Blueprint Commission on

Juvenile Justice in Orlando Florida. In 2011 Dr. Cameron Wedding was an invited guest to the Conference on Race & Child Welfare at Harvard University Law School. Dr. Cameron Wedding's work has contributed to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). In 2010 Dr. Cameron Wedding was featured in the OJJDP website which showcased her work for "content, expertise and platform excellence." In 2012 she was invited by OJJDP to conduct trainings in Shelby County Tennessee in response to the Department of Justice 3-year investigation and findings of racial disparities. Dr. Cameron Wedding's work on gender, diversity and social justice is international in scope and includes work in Africa, Costa Rica, China, and the Middle East. In 2012 she was invited by the Government of Rwanda to participate in the International Conference on Governance and Democracy. She was also a visiting scholar for the Gender Institute at the University of South Africa (UNISA). Dr. Cameron Wedding was a Fulbright Scholar in Tanzania and South Africa. In 2008 as a member of Global Majority, she taught at the United Nations University for Peace in Costa Rica and the United Nations University International Leadership Institute Conference on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in Amman Jordan. In 2003 Dr. Cameron Wedding co-edited a text-book, *Ethnic America: Readings in Race, Class and Gender*. In 2004 she received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies at Sacramento State University. In 2004 she coauthored *Institutions, Ideologies and Individuals: Feminist Perspectives on Gender, Race and Class*. This book revised in 2008 includes the chapter, *Bias: Impact on Decision-Makers in Child Welfare*. In 2012 Dr. Cameron Wedding was awarded the Livingston Annual Faculty Lecture in "recognition for her outstanding intellectual leadership to California State University". Dr. Cameron Wedding served two terms as a Governor's appointee to the California Commission on the Status of Women. In 2007 she was appointed by the California State Senate to the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. She is a member of California's Disproportionate Minority Contact committee and she serves on the Governing Board of Global Majority an international organization that promotes world peace through conflict resolution education, mediation and advocacy.

DAVID WEINSTOCK received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona and his J.D. from the Boston University School of Law. He is a licensed psychologist in Arizona and a licensed and retired attorney in New York and Massachusetts. His focus is in family law, specifically child custody evaluations, Parenting Coordinator cases, and family and individual counseling. He has conducted family law evaluations for approximately ten years, both privately and at the Pima County Conciliation Court. He has also provided treatment to adolescents with behavioral issues at the Arizona's Children Association. In addition, Dr. Weinstock has experience working within the criminal justice system, which includes training at the Arizona State Hospital, conducting competency evaluations and risk assessments. Dr. Weinstock also has experience with sexual offender and sex addiction evaluations and treatment. He is a member of the Maricopa County Superior Court's Behavioral Health Committee, a board member of Arizona's Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), a member of Arizona's Domestic Relations Committee and a former co-chair of the Arizona Psychological Association's forensic committee.

STEPHANIE WELDON, MSW is Yurok, Tolowa, and Karuk and is an enrolled Yurok Tribal member. Stephanie was raised in Klamath, on the Yurok reservation. She is a mother of three Yurok children and a Tribally specified caregiver of three additional Yurok children. Stephanie formerly served as the Social Services Director of the Yurok Tribe from 2010 to 2013 where she was primarily responsible for the

development and oversight of the Yurok Social Services Department inclusive of the Indian Child Welfare Program, Tribal TANF, Title IV-E development grant, Juvenile intervention programs, Title IV-B, SAMHSA Circles of Care, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault programs, and other social service programs. As the Director, she served as the Northern Co-chair of the California ICWA workgroup. As the Director, Stephanie co-coordinated and led the Social Services team in hosting the 19th Annual state wide ICWA conference. Stephanie now works for Humboldt County Child Welfare Services as a Supervisor in Family Maintenance /Family Reunification. Stephanie has over 10 years of Tribal program experience inclusive of direct service work in Indian education, cultural preservation and education, social service programs, health education, youth prevention, and program administration. Her background also includes community volunteer work and service learning as a head start parent policy member, coach, cultural presenter, and youth mentor. Stephanie received her Bachelor's Degree in Native American Studies with a minor in American Indian Education from Humboldt State University. Stephanie earned her Masters Degree in Social Work from Humboldt State. As a graduate student, Stephanie was a Title IV-E CalSwec stipend recipient and completed internships at United Indian Health Services and California Department of Social Services- State Adoptions Arcata District Office.

ROSE MARIE WENTZ has worked in the field of child welfare for 37 years. She has been a social worker, licenser, social work supervisor, trainer, director of Washington State Child Welfare Training Academy, a residential treatment worker and a CASA for King County Juvenile Court. She is on the board of the National Staff Development and Training Association and was a Senior Consultant for the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections. She provides training and consulting on case planning, collaboration, concurrent planning, engaging clients, visit planning, permanency planning, diversity and supervision. In this capacity she has worked with agency and staff in over 65 counties and states and in 2 countries. Rose has an undergraduate degree in Social Work and a graduate degree in Public Administration.

HON. DAVID WESLEY is currently the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court and serves as Chair on the Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee. Judge Wesley was appointed by the Chief Justice and has recently completed his three-year term as a member of the Judicial Council. He currently chairs the Judicial Council Court-Ordered Debt Task Force; and most recently, he has been appointed to the Trial Court Presiding Judges Executive Committee, the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee as liaison to the Criminal Law Advisory Committee and the Judicial Council Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee for 2013-2014. Judge Wesley devotes a great deal of time and effort to the Los Angeles County Teen Court program, an alternative early intervention court that provides an opportunity for selected juvenile offenders to be questioned, judged, and sentenced by a jury of their peers. He serves as the director of Los Angeles County Teen Court and continues to preside as a Teen Court judge for Dorsey High School Law Magnet since 1995. He is also the President of the California Association of Youth Courts, Inc. Judge Wesley has also been developing a further extension of the Los Angeles Teen Court program called SHADES (Stopping Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students), a program implemented to help combat hate incidents and hate crimes on our high school campuses in partnership with the Museum of Tolerance.

KATHLEEN WEST, MPH, PH.D., is a public health professional with expertise working with programs serving at-risk families, maternal and child health, intergenerational trauma and public mental health and addiction issues. For more than three decades, Dr. West has worked with systems of care that serve high risk families while based in Los Angeles and Geneva, Switzerland. Her particular interest is in multi-disciplinary interventions that focus on developmental and mental health issues related to trauma exposure. She has authored a number of articles, policy briefs, and chapters, including WHO monographs. For the last five years, Dr. West has been working with military and veteran family and children issues in public health systems to better address war and conflict-related trauma and mental health in the US and internationally.

HON. CLAUDETTE WHITE is chief judge of the Quechan Tribal Court. Judge White was appointed to the position of Chief Judge for the Quechan Tribal Court on May 05, 2006 and then reappointed by the Quechan Tribal Council for a second term beginning May 2010. She is also a member of the California Tribal Court/State Court Forum. Her undergraduate studies were completed at Arizona Western College in Yuma, Arizona and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, being the first from her family to graduate from college. While in attendance there, she also minored in sociology. Judge White attended the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona where she earned her juris doctorate and a Special Certificate in Indian law in 2005. She has also attended and completed the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Orientation education requirements for Arizona judges which was facilitated by the Arizona Judicial College. Judge White is an enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Tribe and also descends from the Cocopah and Digueno Mission Indian Tribes of California and Arizona. She has resided on the Quechan Indian Reservation located in Ft. Yuma, California, almost her entire life. She served on the Quechan Tribal Council from 1995–1998 and claims the honor of being one of the youngest members ever elected. Currently Judge White is active with the Arizona Indian Judges Association where she serves as the President of the Association.

HON. CHRISTINE WILLIAMS a member of the Yurok Tribe, earned her law degree and Indian Law Certificate from Arizona State University in 2000 and was admitted to practice law in California the same year. Judge Williams' legal career has focused on representing Tribes in a broad spectrum of tribal legal matters primarily Indian child welfare, tribal court development and cultural resource protection. She currently serves as the Chief Judge for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and the Northern California Intertribal Court System serving the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and the Manchester Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians. Judge Williams also provides training and education on various areas of Indian law and history.

JENNIFER KAYE WILLIAMS currently serves as an administrative hearing officer for the San Francisco Human Services Agency, and a contributing author to Seiser and Kumli on *California Juvenile Courts Practice and Procedure* (Mathew Bender 2013). For the prior 12 years, she was a deputy City Attorney for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office. She initially served as trial counsel for the San Francisco Human Services Agency, and then became General Counsel to the Agency and served in that capacity for over ten years. She also handled all appeals and writs generated from the City Attorney's juvenile

dependency unit. As General Counsel Ms. Williams provided legal advice regarding the administration of the dependency division, all public assistance programs, including General Assistance, CalWORKS, and Food Stamps, and the San Francisco Adult Protective Services division. She also worked with the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on legislation impacting the populations served under these programs. Ms. Williams began her career in 1994, handling dependency cases in the Riverside County Counsel's office at both the trial and appellate levels. She then worked for the Administrative Office of the Courts under a federal grant to improve statewide compliance with Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. There, she spent time in multiple California counties, working with social services agencies, probation departments, and juvenile courts, improving compliance with federal requirements in juvenile matters. She has argued before the California Supreme Court and on numerous occasions before California Courts of Appeal, and has provided training statewide for agency attorneys handling juvenile dependency matters. She continues to consult on dependency writs and appeals.

PAIGE WILLIAMS is an entrepreneur, producer and CEO/Founder of Porch Productions and FilmSpur. Williams' newest venture FilmSpur is an entertainment, Film Distribution, Marketing & Outreach Company. Supporting indie filmmakers and non profits with media campaigns, FilmSpur is dedicated to connecting films with audiences to see how far films can go. FilmSpur arms include The International Documentary Challenge, The Audience Awards, Content Now and the FilmSpur library. Williams' debut documentary Mississippi Queen won six best of awards and featured in film festivals across the world in over fifty film festivals. The film is represented by FilmBuff and has television distribution in six countries through the IFC channel. Her second feature documentary From Place to Place premiered at the Los Angeles Women's Film Festival and won Best Made in Montana Film and Best Social Political Documentary. The feature along with the short film regularly screen to train social workers and recruit families to adopt children.

ZOE WILLMOTT is the Program Coordinator for Community Works' Project WHAT!. She is an alumni of the first Project WHAT! cohort, and returned to the program after earning a B.A. in Urban Studies from Barnard College, Columbia University. After participating in Project WHAT! as a youth advocate, Zoe's interest in advocacy on behalf of children of incarcerated parents grew. As the Program Coordinator, Zoe is able to use her own experience as a Project WHAT! alumni and a child of a formerly incarcerated parent which fuel her passion for advocacy and raising awareness about the far-reaching impacts of parental incarceration.

MARTHA WRIGHT came to the AOC in 2001 after spending several years working as a proposal development consultant to community based non-profits and government agencies. In her role with the AOC, she researches funding opportunities and facilitates the development of grant applications for AOC and trial court programs and research projects. She was responsible for creating the California JusticeCorps program, a unique AmeriCorps funded project that recruits and trains university students to work as assistants in court-based legal access self-help centers and she oversees its implementation statewide. Ms. Wright has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Davis and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Sonoma State University.

HON. SENATOR LELAND YEE, PH.D., Senator, California State Senate. After serving four years in the California State Assembly, Dr. Leland Yee was the first Chinese American elected to the State Senate in November 2006 and reelected in 2010. During his tenure in the legislature, Senator Yee has fought for children, mental health services, working families, seniors, education, open government, consumer protection, civil rights, election reform, and the environment, and has consistently voted against budget cuts to education, social services, and health care. He was named “Legislator of the Year” by dozens of organizations and has been honored with many awards, and he was named “Senator Sunshine” for his open government work. Among his many legislative accomplishments, having one of the best track records in getting his bills passed and signed into law, Senator Yee authored bills to end the sentencing of life without the possibility of parole for juvenile offenders and provide juveniles sentenced to life without parole the opportunity to petition for a new sentence of 25 years to life; prohibit landlords from unfairly evicting domestic violence survivors; protect domestic violence survivors from the threat of incarceration when they refuse to testify against their abuser in court; allow courts to seize property used in the commission of human trafficking; and help protect children from being exploited through prostitution. Prior to his election to the state legislature, Leland Yee was on the San Francisco School Board and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He emigrated to San Francisco from China at the age of 3 and received his Bachelor’s degree from the University of California at Berkeley and his Master’s degree from San Francisco State University. After earning his doctorate in child psychology at the University of Hawaii, he worked in various mental health and school settings prior to his work as a public official.

NANCY K. YOUNG, PH.D., MSW is the Director of Children and Family Futures, a California-based research and policy institute whose mission is to improve outcomes for children and families, particularly those affected by alcohol and other drugs. Dr. Young also serves as Director of the federally-funded National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, which is now in its twelfth year. Since 2010, she has served as the Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s technical assistance program for Family Drug Courts, and the Administration on Children and Family’s technical assistance program for the Regional Partnership Grants Program for the past six years. Through these programs and serving as a consultant to various states, counties and tribes, she has been involved in numerous projects related to program evaluation, strategic planning and public policy analysis on alcohol and other drug issues in the welfare and child welfare systems. Prior to co-founding Children and Family Futures in 1996, Dr. Young served as research consultant to the Directorate of the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. During her tenure, she led a consensus effort to develop a statewide outcomes monitoring system in California. Dr. Young is a graduate of Cal State Fullerton and received a Masters of Social Work degree and her Ph.D. from the USC School of Social Work. During her doctoral studies, she was the recipient of a pre-doctoral fellowship with the National Institute on Drug Abuse focused on the public policy and research issues affecting children of substance abusers. Her work and that of CFF has been recognized by the Outstanding Contractor of the Year award in 2006 from the Federal Administration on Children and Families and by a resolution issued in 2008 by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. She was also awarded the Directors’ Robert E. Anderson Service Award by the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.

HON. LAURIE D. ZELON has served as associate justice, Second District Court of Appeal, Los Angeles since 2003. She served as chair of the Elkins Family Law Task Force from its inception through acceptance of its final report by the Judicial Council in April 2010. During the 23 years that preceded her appointment to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2000, Justice Zelon had an active litigation practice, involving scientific and technical issues, fiduciary obligations, and other complex commercial disputes. Justice Zelon is a past president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She has been active since her admission to practice in the American Bar Association and has served as chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Public Service Responsibility, as a member of the Consortium on Law and the Public, and as chair of its national Law Firm Pro Bono Project. From 1994 to 1997, she was chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants. In California, Justice Zelon has been a long-time member and served as chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice. She also serves on the Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants. She was the 1993 Recipient of the William Reece Smith, Jr. Special Services to Pro Bono Award, the 1999 Recipient of the Charles Dorsey Award from the National Legal Aid & Defenders Association, and the 2000 recipient of the Loren Miller Legal Services Award from the State Bar of California. She was the first recipient, in February 2000, of the Laurie D. Zelon Pro Bono Award, given by the Pro Bono Institute of Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of the Harvard Law School.

CARRIE L. ZOLLER is a Supervising Attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC). Since joining CFCC in 2004, Ms. Zoller has worked as a member of the Collaborative Justice and Mental Health Programs team and the Juvenile Court Assistance Team. Prior to starting at CFCC, Ms. Zoller worked for over 10 years as a public defender, where she represented clients in misdemeanor, felony and LPS conservatorship proceedings, with significant time in domestic violence, sexual assault and mentally ill offender assignments. She also spent a number of years in private practice, focusing on the areas of adult criminal, juvenile delinquency and dependency cases, and representation of children in family law cases. Ms. Zoller is a graduate of the University of California Davis, School of Law. Prior to entering the field of law, Ms. Zoller's focus was in psychology. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Davis, did post-graduate studies in Organizational Psychology at the Claremont Graduate School, worked as a crisis counselor, including training volunteers on crisis intervention, and has published articles on learning and memory.