

**JACQUETTA ADEWOLE, LMFT**, is a Family Court Services Supervisor at the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino. She began her career with the court in 2007 as a Family Court Services Mediator and was promoted in 2011 to her current role overseeing 12 Child Custody Recommending Counselors and 1 Juvenile Dependency Mediator. During her time at the court, she has played an integral role in the development of the Mediation Expansion Project under the Access to Justice Initiative, which implemented a new family law calendaring process to significantly reduce wait times for services to the public. She has also served as faculty for two statewide broadcast trainings addressing the topics of Customer Service and Domestic Violence. Mrs. Adewole received her master's degree in Clinical Psychology, with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy, from Pepperdine University in 1999. She went on to obtain her license as a Marriage and Family Therapist in 2004. In addition to her experience with the court, Mrs. Adewole has more than 10 years of experience in the Mental Health field, working as a therapist, and later Board Director, at a 12-month residential substance abuse treatment center, an Adoptions Manager, a Foster Family Agency Supervisor, a conference speaker, and as a therapist in private practice.

**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 Bachelor of Arts 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 judicial branch collaborative justice courts grants consistently since the grants' inception. She is also the recipient of two grants to address DUI prevention in schools and was a member of the Judicial Council's DUI Court in Schools Planning Committee. Ms. Allen is a member of the National Association of Youth Courts and the California Association of Youth Courts; she was appointed by the California Chief Justice to serve on the Judicial Council of California's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee.

**TOM ALLMAN** is Sheriff of Mendocino County. He has been with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office since 1985, when he was hired as a resident deputy in the small community of Laytonville. He previously served as a special agent with the drug task force, a patrol sergeant, an internal investigations sergeant, and a patrol lieutenant. In 1999, Lieutenant Allman took a one-year sabbatical to accept an offer from the United Nations to be a Civilian Peacekeeper in Kosovo, part of the former Yugoslavia. In 2006, Lieutenant Allman was elected Sheriff of Mendocino County. He has been reelected twice, in 2010 and 2014. After his election in 2006, Sheriff Allman worked with many stakeholders involved with medical marijuana. Mendocino County is joined by Humboldt and Trinity Counties as an area known as "The Emerald Triangle." Working within the parameters of Proposition 215, and not allowing public safety to be compromised, is a very important goal of Sheriff Allman. In 2010, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger awarded Sheriff Allman the Peace Officer Medal of Valor for rescuing a woman from a burning vehicle on August 11, 2009. Unfortunately, the mother of two died two days later and Sheriff Allman was treated for multiple 2nd degree burns on his hands.

**KATHERINE ALTENEDER** has been the Coordinator of the Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) since September 2013. She has a background in legal services, the courts, and private practice. After clerking for a trial court judge, Katherine worked at Alaska Legal Services Corporation, initially handling domestic violence matters and later as the Aging Grant Coordinator. In 2001, Katherine joined the Alaska Court System to develop the statewide Family Law Self-Help Center, which resulted in the nation's first virtual self-help center. Operating solely through telephone and Internet capabilities, the Center was also one of the early recipients of a Technology Initiative Grant from the Legal Services Corporation. In 2008, Katherine moved to private practice, establishing a successful unbundled practice supporting self-represented litigants in Alaska, and helped to create the first Unbundled Law Section of a state bar. Katherine has been an active member of the Network since 2002, participating in working groups, writing, and presenting at conferences. Katherine now resides in Arlington, Virginia.

**DENNIS ALVAREZ** graduated from San Rafael High School in June and has been admitted to California State University, Sacramento. He has been a successful participant in the Marin County Peer/Youth Court for the past two years and an advocate for the Youth Court and the restorative justice model. Mr. Alvarez hopes to work in the health care field after college. He shared his Youth Court experience in the documentary, *Finding Justice: Ending the School to Prison Pipeline*, and also participated in an international documentary focusing on youth who are making a difference in their communities.

**HON. ROBERT O. AMADOR** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Judge Amador served as a San Diego Deputy District Attorney for 30 years until he was elected to the San Diego Superior Court in 2012. As a deputy district attorney, he was the project director for the Jurisdiction Unified for Drug and Gang Enforcement, a multijurisdictional program that had prosecutors, probation officers, and law enforcement officers all working jointly to target and prosecute high-risk juvenile and adult gang and narcotic offenders. Judge Amador has been assigned to an independent family law calendar for two and a half years. He also wrote and was the project director for San Diego's Drug Endangered Children's program, which was the first statewide DEC program to move social workers into non-drug lab task forces, thus recognizing the risks faced by all children in any drug home and not just by children where there are drug labs. Judge Amador spent over half of his career as a prosecutor involved in the juvenile justice system and frequently taught prosecutors and law enforcement on a variety of topics. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and social ecology and his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

**CHUCK AMITAL, LMFT**, is a family law mediator and attorney in private practice. His practice focuses on parenting plan mediation, divorce mediation, and mediation consultation. Prior to starting his own practice, he was the Supervising Child Custody Recommending Counselor and a staff mediator with the San Mateo Superior Court from 2001 to 2014. Before joining the courts, he was a psychotherapist in private practice. Mr. Amital was originally licensed as an attorney in Israel in 1984; he worked in legal research and writing after his return to the United States a few years later. 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 and to become licensed as a marriage and family therapist. He was admitted to the California Bar in 2012. Mr.

Amital enjoys helping separating and divorcing parties navigate the challenges and conflicts inherent in the separation and divorce processes in a manner that preserves the dignity of the participants and the integrity of the relationships among the family members.

**PATRICIA ARMANI, MA**, is Children's Services Administrator with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. She has been with the agency over 25 years and has served in the Education Section since 2003, where she has been committed to establishing policy and practice to address the educational needs of youth. Her current focus is working with partner school districts committed to improving the educational outcomes of foster youth through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Ms. Armani is honored to be a cochair of the California Foster Youth Education Task Force.

**AARON ARNOLD** is Director of Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. He oversees the Center's national training and technical assistance for drug courts and assists New York's Unified Court System in developing and training drug treatment courts across New York State. Mr. Arnold also directs the Center's Tribal Justice Exchange, which seeks to promote the sharing of information between state and tribal courts, assist tribal communities in enhancing their justice systems, and explore ways in which state courts can benefit from traditional tribal justice practices. Before joining the Center, Mr. Arnold was a prosecutor with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, where he gained first-hand experience working in several problem-solving courts. He has also worked as a litigation associate at Fennemore Craig, one of Arizona's oldest law firms. Mr. Arnold is a native of Syracuse and a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Arizona College of Law.

**NANCY ASPATURIAN** is an Attorney Supervisor and Director of Training at the Children's Law Center of California (CLC). Ms. Aspaturian joined CLC in 1992 as a senior staff attorney; she has represented hundreds of parents and thousands of children in juvenile dependency proceedings. As training director, Ms. Aspaturian is responsible for training all new attorneys at CLC. She also creates and implement CLC's year-round MCLE Program, which provides ongoing professional development for CLC attorneys and social work investigators in dependency law and related practices. Ms. Aspaturian is certified as a Child Welfare Law Specialist by the National Association of Counsel for Children and as faculty by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA). She served as faculty at NITA's Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Trial Institute in Boulder, CO, from 2006–2010. She has trained attorneys statewide and nationally for the Judicial Council, the American Bar Association, the Children's Advocacy Institute, and the NACC, among others, on child welfare and juvenile dependency law and related practices. Prior to joining CLC, Ms. Aspaturian was a trial attorney with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and a felony and death-penalty writ and appellate attorney for the Office of the State Public Defender. She is a graduate of UCLA and the UC Hastings College of the Law.

**HON. SHELLY J. AVERILL** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma. Judge Averill was appointed to the bench by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2010. She practiced family law in Santa Rosa from 1996 until her appointment. She is also a professor of law at Empire College School of Law, where she co-taught in the school's self-help access center clinic from 2006–2010. She currently teaches

community property. Judge Averill also serves as faculty for the Center for Judiciary Education & Research. She earned a law degree from Empire College School of Law and a bachelor's degree from Sonoma State University.

**AMY BACHARACH, PhD**, is a Senior Research Analyst with the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC). She works primarily on projects dealing with juvenile delinquency and collaborative courts in California, as well as human trafficking issues. She led a project to implement evidence-based practices in three jurisdictions in California, and has written several articles on best practices in the areas of juvenile justice and human trafficking. 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 among adolescents in the US and Mexico City. She was the recipient of a Fulbright Award in Egypt to study women's experiences with a new law allowing them to ask for divorce, and she serves on boards of local organizations dedicated to women's rights and preventing human trafficking. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco. Amy holds a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology and a certificate in Organizational Development.

**HON. BRIAN J. BACK** is a Judge of the Superior Court, County of Ventura. After 21 years of private law practice, Judge Back was appointed to the Ventura County bench in 1997 and has had numerous assignments, including 7+ years in the delinquency court, as presiding juvenile court judge for many of those years. He was the Presiding Judge of the Ventura Superior Court in 2013–2014. He served on the Judicial Council's Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee (FamJuv) for 6 years and chaired the Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment Group, which in 2008 completed the first comprehensive research study of the California Delinquency Courts. Governor Brown appointed Judge Back to the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in 2013. In 2014, he was appointed by the Chief Justice to the Judicial Council of California.

**ALEXIS BALKEY** currently serves as the Program Manager for the National Family Drug Court (FDC) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program at Children and Family Futures, Inc. (CFF). She assists with project management and reporting tasks to compile and synthesize information on the lessons, results, and policy and practice innovations of the FDC TTA Program. Ms. Balkey is currently the Change Leader for two Statewide System reform initiatives aimed at spreading the reach of Family Drug Courts to all families within the child welfare system impacted by substance abuse disorders. Previous to her employment with CFF, Ms. Balkey was the Program Manager for Riverside County Family Preservation Court, in Indio, CA. Ms. Balkey successfully managed a Family Drug Court with multiple funding streams including the most recent SAMHSA Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) federal grant. Ms. Balkey is certified as an addictive disorder counselor by the Breining Institute, College for the Advanced Study of Addictive Disorders; she has robust knowledge of alcohol and other drug treatment programs. Ms. Balkey received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Temple University and is currently attending California State University, San Bernardino, to obtain a Master of Public Administration.

**JAVIER A. BASTIDAS** graduated from Dartmouth College and earned his JD 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) of the Bar Association of San Francisco, heading the San Francisco Sargent Shriver Custody Project. Mr. Bastidas has made numerous appearances in Family, Juvenile, 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.

**ERAKA BATH, MD**, is a Psychiatrist and Director of Child Forensic Services at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and the David Geffen School of Medicine. Before coming west in 2007, Dr. Bath was Clinical Director and an attending psychiatrist at the Psychiatry and the Law Service of the NYU Child Study Center and Bellevue Hospital in New York. Although a native New Yorker, Dr. Bath received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, before studying medicine and earning an MD from Howard University. She returned to New York to continue her professional training, which included postgraduate fellowships in psychiatry and the law and child and adolescent psychiatry at NYU. Dr. Bath is board certified in child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry and forensic psychiatry. She has led grant-funded research, written, presented, and published extensively on juvenile competency to stand trial. Dr. Bath is the recipient of multiple honors and awards, including the UCLA Semel Scholar Award for Pilot Research.

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**KELLY LYNN BECK** is an Attorney and Trainer/Consultant with the National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness at Seneca Family of Agencies. She is the author of several articles, including the recently published "Unlocking 'Reasonable Efforts': Kinship Is Key" (Shriver Center 2012) and "Maintaining Family Relationships for Children in the Child Welfare System" (ABA 2012). Additionally, Ms. Beck represents parties in stepparent, independent, and relative adoptions as well as parties in juvenile dependency matters. She travels nationally, training judicial officers, counsel for parents and children, social workers, CASA staff and volunteers, and other dependency court stakeholders. She conducts county collaborative workshops and focused strategic planning sessions on many permanency-related issues, including Family Finding and Engagement, Reasonable Efforts, Concurrent Planning, Adoption, and Embracing Fathers and Relatives. Ms. Beck was previously the Senior Program Manager working with the Model Courts Project at the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Prior to working at the NCJFCJ, she was the lead attorney for the Permanency Project at the Judicial Council of California's Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC), as well as a Title IV-E Juvenile Court Consultant. Preceding her work with CFCC, Ms. Beck was a court-appointed attorney representing parents and guardians in Juvenile Dependency Court. She and her husband are the adoptive parents of two children through independent, open adoptions.

**RUSS BERMEJO, MSW**, currently serves as a Senior Program Associate with the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare at Children and Family Futures, Inc. (CFF). In this capacity, he facilitates technical assistance regarding child welfare and substance abuse related issues for multiple projects. He served as a Performance Management Liaison for six (6) Family Drug Court (FDC) Grantees under the Children Affected by Methamphetamine Grant. He has also managed the FDC Learning Academy since 2010. Mr. Bermejo has 12 years of experience in public child welfare practice, including nearly 10 years as a Senior Social Worker with Orange County Children and Family Services. Mr. Bermejo's casework primarily focused on family reunification, family maintenance, and permanency planning. Mr. Bermejo has extensive experience in working with children and families involved in the juvenile dependency court system. Prior to joining CFF, Mr. Bermejo served in the Philippines as an Aftercare Fellow for International Justice Mission, where he worked on a project aimed at preparing sex trafficking survivors for vocational training and employment. Mr. Bermejo also researched and drafted best practices for reintegration of trafficking survivors, conducted think tank discussions and training in the aftercare community, and served as a clinical director of a safe house for newly rescued victims. Mr. Bermejo earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Master of Social Work from California State University, San Bernardino.

**STEVE BINDER** is a Deputy Public Defender with the San Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender, where he has practiced since 1988. He co-founded the Homeless Court Program (HCP) in 1989 and the Veterans Treatment Review Calendar (VTRC) in 2011. He represented the first VTRC participants to receive Restorative Relief under Penal Code section 1170.9(h) in California and authored a grant request resulting in Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance funding for the HCP. Mr. Binder has received many awards for his work. In May 2013, he received the Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement from the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. In November 2009, he received the VA Secretary's Award for Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans from Eric Shinseki in Washington D.C. In 2004, the HCP was selected as one of fifteen finalists for the Innovations in Government Awards by the Ash Institute/Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the American Bar Association (ABA) presented the "Hodson Award" to the San Diego County Office of the Public Defender for outstanding service by a public agency with the Homeless Court. Mr. Binder is a Special Advisor to and former Chair of the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty; he also serves on the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee for the Judicial Council of California and is an Ashoka Fellow.

**HON. LAURA J. BIRKMEYER** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. She was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court in 2005. Judge Birkmeyer has enjoyed earlier assignments in criminal, civil harassment, and limited civil departments, and has handled juvenile dependency matters for the last seven years. Before coming to the Court, she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney and held many leadership positions within the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. She was a founding member and the first Chair of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Judge Birkmeyer currently serves as Chair of her own court's Education Committee and has a breadth of experience teaching lawyers, law enforcement officers, community groups, and judges. In 2013, she was appointed to the California State-Federal Judicial Council.

**AMBER BLAHA** is an Assistant Section Chief in the Law and Policy Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she supervises policy, legislative, and litigation matters relating to Indian law, environmental and wildlife crimes, and public lands and natural resource statutes. Prior to joining ENRD, Amber was a senior associate at Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C., where she focused on trial court and appellate litigation in the areas of administrative, environmental, and Indian law. Amber received her JD and BA from the University of Virginia.

**BRIAN BLALOCK** is a staff attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid, where he founded and currently directs the Youth Justice Project (YJP), providing direct representation and systemic advocacy on issues related to youth who are under twenty-five years old. Brian's work at YJP aims to create a civil legal safety net for youth in the Bay Area through a strong presence in the community and collaboration with system partners with a focus on reaching youth who are delinquency or dependency involved and/or who have disabilities. YJP's current projects include working with homeless young adults in accessing appropriate benefits, health care, and emergency supports and looking at systemic funding issues that create barriers to entitled services. Brian was formerly a public school teacher in the south Bronx. He has graduate degrees from Columbia and Harvard and a law degree from Stanford Law School.

**BETH BOBBY** has been an Attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts since October 2006. She came from private practice in the Sacramento area, representing parents and children and serving as the supervising attorney for a parent's firm in Sacramento. Ms. Bobby has served on various dependency committees, including the Sacramento County redesign and the development of the Dependency Drug Court. She has been an attorney since 1995, practicing family law and specializing in dependency practice. Ms. Bobby is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law and California State University at Sacramento.

**HON. JERILYN L. BORACK** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, and Cochair of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Judge 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. She specialized in family law and was a Certified Specialist. Judge Borack has presided over criminal and civil trials, family law and probate matters, and 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 then Chief Justice Ronald M. George to the Statewide Domestic Violence Practices and Procedures Task Force in 2005 and the Elkins Family Law Task Force in 2008. She remained an active member of the Implementation Task Forces for both of these endeavors. She was a member of the first Tribal Court-State Court Forum. In 2005 she became Cochair of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, having served on the committee since 2003. Her tenure as Cochair of the family law subcommittee ended in 2010, and in 2013 she became Cochair of the juvenile law subcommittee. She is active as well with the Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER), chairing the Family Law Education Committee in 2006 and 2007, serving as team leader for the family law overview faculty, teaching the juvenile

dependency overview course annually since 2013, and teaching numerous courses at the Judicial College as well as several educational institutes and programs.

**HON. STACY BOULWARE EURIE** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento. She was appointed to the bench in 2007 and has been the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court since 2010. Judge Boulware Eurie has been an active member of the California legal community for almost 20 years. Judge Boulware Eurie currently serves on the California Child Welfare Council (CWC), a legislatively created multi-agency advisory body responsible for improving collaboration among the broad range of agencies that serve children and youth in the child welfare and foster care system. She is a member of the executive leadership committee for the CWC's CSEC Action Team, Chair of California's Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Steering Committee (KKIS) and Chair of the Juvenile and Family Law Workgroup for the Commission on the Future of California's Court System. She is a member of California's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee and previously served on the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care.

**HEATHER C. BOWLDS, PsyD**, is Associate Director of Mental Health, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Dr. Bowlds graduated with a doctorate in Forensic Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. For the last twelve years, Dr. Bowlds has specialized in the treatment of adolescents who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior. She has worked with (DJJ) for sixteen years and currently provides oversight for DJJ's Mental Health and Treatment Programs. In 2014, the Forensic Mental Health Association of California awarded Dr. Bowlds the Christine M. West Award for significant contributions to the field of forensic mental health.

**LAUREN BRADY** is Directing Attorney for Statewide Education Rights at Public Counsel. Before joining Public Counsel, Lauren was a deputy public defender and the director of the Legal Educational Advocacy Project (LEAP) at the Juvenile Division of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. LEAP is a first-of-its-kind program that provides legal and social work services in the areas of school discipline, special education, and truancy to juvenile clients of the Public Defender's Office, in addition to training and policy advocacy. Prior to launching LEAP, Lauren was a senior staff attorney and director of the Education Project at Legal Services for Children (LSC), a nonprofit civil legal services organization in San Francisco. At LSC, Lauren represented juvenile clients in the areas of child welfare, education, probate guardianship, and immigration. Lauren earned a JD from Stanford Law School in 2006, the same year she was awarded a Skadden Fellowship. She began her career as Skadden Fellow at Legal Services for Children. She earned a BA in Public & International Affairs from Princeton University. Lauren currently serves on the Board of Directors of Roses in Concrete, a charter school in East Oakland.

**HON. PATRICIA BRESEE (Ret.)** served many years as a Juvenile Court Commissioner on the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo. She is a recognized expert in Juvenile Law who has been honored 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 on Children in Foster Care 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.

**SUSAN BROOKS, MSW**, is the Director of the Northern California Training Academy at the Center for Human Services, UC Davis Extension. She has nearly 30 years of experience in social services, with expertise in substance abuse, child welfare, collaboration, team-building, and supervision. For seven years, Brooks supervised the multidisciplinary team for children's services in San Mateo County. She was also the founder and executive director of the San Mateo Perinatal Council, a nonprofit community collaborative. Brooks was recently recognized with the 2012 Distinguished Service in Training award from the National Staff Development and Training Association, in affiliation with the American Public Human Services Association. Brooks was recognized for her leadership in the implementation of innovative child welfare practices in Northern California to ensure better outcomes for children and families.

**HON. JOANNE M. BROWN (Ret.)** served as a commissioner on the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. She is currently an instructor with the University of California, Davis, Northern California Training Academy, and a judge pro tem in the Alameda and Solano County Superior Courts. Commissioner Brown was a consultant for the American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law, at the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues, and served as general counsel for the State of New Mexico Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

**KATE WALKER BROWN** is a Staff Attorney at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) in Oakland, California. Her legal career has been devoted to examining and confronting the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in the U.S. and its intersection with the child welfare system. She currently serves as Project Director for the statewide CSEC Action Team charged with improving the services and support for exploited and at-risk children in the state. She has worked with several counties to develop and implement interagency protocols to more effectively serve CSEC, including Los Angeles's Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for CSEC. Walker Brown was the primary author of the report, *Ending the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: A Call for Multi-System Collaboration in California*. She received her undergraduate degree in Public Policy with a focus in Psychology from Pomona College and her JD from University of Iowa College of Law.

**ROGER BROWN, JR.**, is a Senior Deputy Probation Officer with the Placer County Probation Department. He worked in the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility for eight years. He is a member of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team created in August of 2012. As part of the team, he was involved in the development and implementation of PBIS in the Juvenile Detention Facility. He has been acting as the team leader for approximately two years. The PBIS team meets monthly to ensure the fidelity of the program to the model and updates staff via email regarding any immediate changes.

**SUE BURRELL** is a Staff Attorney at the San Francisco-based Youth Law Center. She began her legal career as a trial lawyer and juvenile appellate/training specialist for the Los Angeles County Public

Defender, and as an appellate lawyer for the California State Public Defender. In 1987, she joined the Youth Law Center and since that time has worked for juvenile justice system reform through civil rights litigation and appellate challenges; drafting and testifying on legislation; training and consulting with juvenile system professionals; and writing on a wide range of juvenile justice issues. She has worked with the National Juvenile Defender Center since its inception and co-authored the first national study of juvenile representation. She serves on the Board of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center and co-edited and produced its manual on collateral consequences. From 2008 to 2011, she led the California team for the MacArthur Foundation's Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, working to increase support and training for juvenile defenders in California. She was a member of the 2003–2004 Governor's Juvenile Justice Working Group and serves on the Board of State and Community Corrections Juvenile Justice Standing Committee. In 2011, she was awarded the American Bar Association's Livingston Hall Award for juvenile justice advocacy.

**JOHN BUTLER** is the Problem-Solving Justice Fellow at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, he provides consulting services to jurisdictions around the country, including assistance provided under the Problem-Solving Justice Initiative of the Bureau of Justice Assistance at the U.S. Department of Justice, and helps to plan and coordinate regional and national training events on topics related to problem-solving justice. Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Butler clerked on the District Court of New Jersey, worked as a researcher for the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, and worked for a youth development non-profit in Newark, NJ. He holds a bachelor's degree in American Studies from Brown University, a master's in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and a JD from Stanford Law School.

**DANIEL J. CABRAL** is Assistant District Attorney with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Cabral has been employed with the Contra Costa County Office of the District Attorney for 27 years. He is the Assistant District Attorney in charge of Superior Court Operations. Mr. Cabral also oversees the Juvenile Division and Drug Unit and Central/East Operations. Over his career, he has prosecuted hundreds of cases involving gangs, sexual assault, drugs, and homicide. Mr. Cabral is also an adjunct professor at the Contra Costa Community College District, where he has been employed for 22 years. Mr. Cabral has published in the area of juvenile delinquency and has taught extensively throughout the state on juvenile delinquency and gangs. He is the cochair of the Juvenile Justice Committee for the California District Attorneys Association. Mr. Cabral is a member of the California State Bar Association and the California District Attorneys Association.

**JORGE CABRERA, MSW**, is a Senior Director for Casey Family Programs. Casey is a national operating foundation based in Seattle, Washington, that provides direct services to foster youth and engages in collaborative and systems improvement efforts in partnership with the public child welfare system and other community organizations. In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operations of the direct services in the Casey San Diego field offices, Cabrera leads Casey's Strategic Consulting work in San Diego and Orange Counties, California, and in Puerto Rico. Mr. Cabrera has a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Arizona State University. Prior to his work in Casey, Cabrera worked in Tucson, Arizona, as a family therapist with a focus on serving Latino families and children involved in the child welfare system. Jorge has a strong interest and experience in building partnerships that effectively impact the lives and well-being of children and families of color. He has been a presenter at national conferences focusing on

the development of collaborative efforts that best serve kinship care families, the intersection of immigration and child welfare, and the delivery of clinical services to underserved populations. In addition, Cabrera serves on the California Evidenced-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) advisory committee, which is tasked with informing the child welfare community about the research evidence for programs being used or marketed in California. He has been a Steering Committee member of the National Migration and Child Welfare National Network (MCWNN), which seeks to advance improved policy and practice at the intersection of child welfare and immigration issues. In addition, he was a past member of the Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project (CTISP), which provided leadership in the development of tools and resources to advance the capacity of systems to develop trauma-informed care in the child welfare system.

**HON. CAROLYN M. CAIETTI** is Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, a position she has held since April 2013. Previously she was Assistant Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court from 2011 through 2013. Judge Caietti was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in August 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Her first assignment was the misdemeanor arraignment court in East County. In January 2008, she was assigned to the Juvenile Court, Delinquency Division. She currently serves on the Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee for the Judicial Council. She also serves on various San Diego Superior Court Committees. Judge Caietti graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1986. Judge Caietti has received recognition for her work with youth from the Juvenile Justice Commission and the San Diego County Bar Association as “Outstanding Jurist of the Year.” She is a CJER instructor to other judges in the area of Juvenile Delinquency. Judge Caietti frequently presents on juvenile justice issues at local schools and organizations. She is also active in the San Diego Superior Court’s “Justice 101” program for youth and parents, as well as “Passport to Life,” an Education and Career Exposition for Probation youth. Judge Caietti graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1986. She received her undergraduate degree, a BBA in Business Economics, from the University of San Diego in 1983. She practiced law from 1986 through 2006 with an emphasis on torts and insurance law until her judicial appointment.

**ANDREW CAIN** is a Supervising Attorney with Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (LACY), a program of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. In this role, he oversees LACY’s work as appointed minor’s counsel in juvenile dependency cases throughout Santa Clara County. He is the current chair of the Santa Clara County Child Abuse Council. He served as Chair of Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of California in 2013–14. He also sits on the County’s Domestic Violence Council, where he serves as chair of its Children’s Issues Committee. Mr. Cain was recognized by the American Bar Association with its Child Advocacy Award in 2013. He received his law degree from the University of California, Davis, and undergraduate degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**LISA CAMPBELL-MOTTON** is Director of Placement Permanency & Quality Assurance (PPQA) in the Probation-Child Welfare division of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. She oversees the Probation Department’s participation in the California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) and implementation of the countywide System Improvement Plan (SIP), along with Los Angeles County child welfare partners. Her PPQA team conducts Case Reviews, Family Finding, Adoption Assessments, Group Home Monitoring, Compliance Investigations, Child Abuse Investigations, and Relative/Non-Relative

Extended Family Member (NREFM) Home Assessments. Mrs. Campbell-Motton works with both internal and external stakeholders to improve outcomes for probation foster youth in the areas of safety, well-being, and permanency. She, her PPQA Team, Bench Officers, and her colleagues in both child welfare and probation foster care finalized the first adoption in delinquency court and have gone on to complete three more, which are four (4) of seven (7) completed in the entire state. Her passion is seeing children achieve a place they can forever call home, no matter what their age.

**KAREN CANNATA** is a Supervising Research Analyst with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts and has been with the Judicial Council since 1989. Before joining CFCC, Ms. Cannata worked in the Judicial Council's Information Services Division, where she managed trial and appellate court statistical reporting. Ms. Cannata began her Judicial Council career with the Statewide Office of Family Court Services, where she worked on the first Snapshot Study, a longitudinal study of California child custody mediation. She co-authored several articles published in the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review* and *Family Court Review*. Since joining CFCC in 2007, Ms. Cannata has managed a variety of research and technology projects to improve access to the courts for families and children. Ms. Cannata earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from University of California, Davis. Away from work, she enjoys time with her family.

**HON. TANI GORRE CANTIL-SAKAUYE** is the 28th Chief Justice 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 the 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 chair of its Best Practices Domestic Violence subcommittee, vice-chair of the Executive and Planning Committee, vice-chair of the Rules and Projects Committee, cochair of the Judicial Recruitment and Retention Working Group, and 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. Born in 1959 in Sacramento, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye attended C.K. McClatchy High School (1977) and Sacramento City College (1978) before receiving her Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of California, Davis, 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 Juris Doctor 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 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, from which she received the Filipina of the Year Award. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the national Conference of Chief Justices and the Board of Visitors for UC Davis, serves as 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*.

**BRIAN CAPRA** is a Senior Staff Attorney at Public Counsel in Los Angeles. Since 2007, he has directed a unique program at Public Counsel, advocating for children with developmental disabilities in the foster care and probation systems. Prior to joining Public Counsel, Brian worked at Disability Rights California for over six years as a Clients Rights Advocate. His expertise lies in technical aspects of the law, including Regional Centers, Medi-Cal and other public benefits, and the intersection of disability rights with the dependency system. Brian has participated in several successful system reform cases, including one resulting in over \$1.6 million in retroactive benefits to 50 adoptive families, and another restoring the availability of critical autism treatment services for over 2,000 children. He earned his bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University and his J.D. from the UCLA School of Law.

**SARAH WEST CARSON, MSW, LCSW**, is a San Francisco–area psychotherapist, community-based social worker, and Program Manager of One Family at Community Works West. Over the past 12 years, Ms. Carson has worked as a psychotherapist in Oakland, Boston, and London. Her clinical work focuses on the treatment of trauma survivors and marginalized individuals, children, and families, including refugees and internally displaced persons. As a clinician, Ms. Carson has worked in schools, police stations, hospitals, and community settings. Her research interests include multi-generational systems involvement, cross-cultural mental health, and resilience processes. Ms. Carson has consulted programs both nationally and internationally, providing assessment, training, and program development in child and adult mental health, community violence, and public health. Throughout her work, she employs a strength-based approach to supporting individuals and communities. She currently manages family clinical services in the San Francisco County Jails for One Family, providing family-strengthening clinical services to incarcerated parents and their families that begin in-jail and continue post-release. Working as part of a team delivering a range of case-managed services, One Family partners with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, San Francisco Department of Probation, San Francisco Human Services Agency, and numerous community-based organizations.

**HENRY CASTILLO** is currently a District Representative for California State Senator Connie M. Leyva. Mr. Castillo is originally from Pomona, California, where he attended school K–12 and graduated from Ganesha High School. After graduating, Mr. Castillo served in the United States Navy, serving onboard the USS Duluth (LPD-6) as an Aviation Firefighter from 2000 to 2004. Upon completion of his honorable service, Mr. Castillo attended Chaffey Community College and transferred to California State University, Los Angeles, where he graduated with a political science degree in 2008. After completing his degree, Mr. Castillo joined the Obama for America campaign as a Deputy Field Organizer in Las Vegas, Nevada. The following year, Mr. Castillo was selected to the 2009–2010 California Senate Fellows class, where he was assigned to then-California State Senator Alex Padilla’s capital office. Upon successful completion of his fellowship year, Mr. Castillo attended and graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Mr. Castillo currently resides in Rialto, California, with his wife and young daughter.

**ELIZABETH CAUFFMAN, PhD**, is Professor and Chancellor’s Fellow in the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior in the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). She holds courtesy appointments in the School of Education and the School of Law. Dr. Cauffman received her PhD in Developmental Psychology from Temple University and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center on Adolescence at Stanford University. At the broadest level, Dr. Cauffman’s research addresses the intersection between adolescent development and juvenile justice. She has published over 100 articles, chapters, and books on a range of topics in the study of contemporary adolescence, including adolescent brain development, risk-taking and decision-making, parent-adolescent relationships, and juvenile justice. Most recently, findings from Dr. Cauffman’s research were incorporated into the American Psychological Association’s amicus briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roper v. Simmons* (2005), which abolished the juvenile death penalty, and in both *Graham v. Florida* (2010) and *Miller v. Alabama* (2012), which placed limits on the use of life without parole as a sentence for juveniles. As part of her larger efforts to help research inform practice and policy, she served as a member of the MacArthur Foundation’s Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice and currently directs the Center for Psychology & Law (<http://psychlaw.soceco.uci.edu/>) at UCI.

**JIMMY CHA** is a solo practitioner at the Law Offices of Jimmy Cha and dedicates his practice solely to criminal defense. Mr. Cha graduated from UCLA with a degree in sociology and earned his Juris Doctor from Western State University College of Law. During law school, he interned at the Orange County Public Defender’s and Juvenile Defender’s offices. He served as a law clerk during law school and was an independent gang profiler for criminal defense attorneys. He was included in the National Trial Lawyers list of Top 100 Trial Lawyers and as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers. Mr. Cha continues to give back to the community by serving as a guest speaker on gangs, prison, drugs, and juvenile law and as a mentor to inner city youth.

**LOUIE ALBERT CHAGOLLA** is a member of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) in Los Angeles. Louie was born and raised in South Central, Los Angeles, in a heavily crime and gang-infested neighborhood. Growing up, the majority of his family members were involved in gang activity or selling drugs. Louie felt he had no escape from becoming involved in destructive behaviors and crime. He was first incarcerated at 13 years old, joined a gang at 15, and remained involved in the juvenile justice system through 17 years old. His last incarceration took place when Louie was 17 years old, when he received juvenile life

for an assault charge. Louie was released from incarceration on July 18, 2014, and is now an active member of the ARC. He lives at ARC's Housing Program in Sylmar, CA, and is enrolled in classes at the nearby Los Angeles Mission College. He is also employed as a Program Assistant in the Outreach and Recruitment office at Mission College. When Louie is not in school or working, he spends his time attending events and policy forums with ARC and finding ways to give back to his community and fellow young adults. Today, he is an entirely different person from the individual his former peers and family members remember, and focuses on bettering himself each and every day. He credits his mother, three younger brothers, four younger sisters, and numerous ARC brothers and sisters for helping him get to where he is today.

**TIELA CHALMERS** is Chief Executive Officer of the Alameda County Bar Association (ACBA) and its Volunteer Legal Services Corporation (VLSC). She has been a leader in the fields of legal services and pro bono for almost 20 years. Tiela began her career doing business litigation (and pro bono) at the firm of Farella, Braun + Martel in San Francisco. She then moved Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP) of the Bar Association of San Francisco, where she went from housing work to becoming the Executive Director, and had the privilege of working closely with Tanya Neiman before her untimely death. She worked for three years as a consultant for legal aid programs, law firms, other non-profits, and national organizations focusing on legal services for low-income communities. One of her larger projects involved building and coordinating the Shriver Housing Project in Los Angeles, the largest of the "civil Gideon" pilot projects in California. She also brings the Poverty Simulation (a 3-hour experiential training for pro bono attorneys and others, giving the participants a visceral understanding of our clients) to law firms, legal aid offices, law schools, and other venues. In 2014, she was named the Chief Executive Officer of the ACBA and VLSC, where she is working on several projects, including building a Legal Incubator to address the needs of modest-means clients and creating a joint pilot mediation project in unlawful detainer cases with the Alameda County Superior Court. Tiela has served as the chair of the State Bar of California Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, and currently is chair of the statewide Pro Bono Coordinating Committee. She is a frequent speaker at local, statewide, and national conferences, and has published on legal aid issues.

**ROGER CHAN** is the co-founder and Executive Director of East Bay Children's Law Offices (EBCLC) in Oakland, California. Mr. Chan leads a team of attorneys and social workers at EBCLC, which represents more than 2,000 children and youth every year in Alameda County Juvenile Dependency, Delinquency, and Probate Guardianship courts. From 1999 to 2009, Mr. Chan was a public defender in San Francisco and Alameda counties, where he represented youth in juvenile dependency and delinquency court. In San Francisco, he was responsible for the Public Defender's program for special education, school discipline, and post-dispositional representation. An experienced trial attorney, he also has extensive experience in working with other government and community agencies—including the Interagency Children's Policy Council of Alameda County and the San Francisco Task Force on Residential Treatment for Youth in Foster Care—to craft policies to improve the delivery of services to youth in the juvenile court system. Mr. Chan is a proud alumnus of UC Berkeley and UC Hastings College of the Law. He is a Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Fellow through the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, having completed certificates in multisystem integration and confidential information sharing. He is a member

of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center. Mr. Chan is also a member of the National Association of Counsel for Children and the California Public Defender's Association.

**RENÉE DeLONG CHOMIAK, Ed.D.**, is Dean of Counseling Services at Cerritos College in Los Angeles county. She has many years of community college experience in California and Illinois, both in management and teaching psychology. Dr. DeLong Chomiak has been active in local, regional, and statewide leadership in the community colleges and on statewide college accreditation teams; she is a national Strengths Quest trainer. As Dean of Counseling, she oversees Career and Assessment, General Counseling, Articulation, Puente, Umoja, Counseling Instruction, Transfer, Veterans Counseling and the Veterans Resource Center, and Athletic Counseling in addition to supervising the Court to College (C2C) program. Beyond her fourteen years at Cerritos College, Dr. DeLong Chomiak brings expertise in domestic violence education from her previous experience with Los Angeles County DCFS and service as Executive Director of two separate domestic violence programs. Dr. DeLong Chomiak received her Ed.D. in Educational Administration & Leadership from a joint program at University of California, Irvine, and CSU Long Beach.

**DEBORAH CIMA** has been a Drug Court Coordinator for the past 15 years. She has participated in the implementation and sustainment of various Collaborative Court programs, including: Adult Criminal Drug Courts, Juvenile Delinquency Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, Dependency Drug Courts, and Veterans Treatment Court. She is currently a faculty member for the National Drug Court Institute and Peer Reviewer for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She is also the chair for the California Coordinators Working Group and a Board member for the California Association of Collaborative Courts. Ms. Cima earned a Master of Science in Counseling/Psychology from Cal State University, Fullerton. She also received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Long Beach State.

**HON. L. MICHAEL CLARK** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, where he has served since 2008. He currently sits in Juvenile Dependency Court, hearing cases involving child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and substance abuse. He supervised the Family Law Division in 2012, where he conducted the domestic violence restraining order calendar and the Family Law Treatment Court calendar for parents recovering from drug addiction. From 2009–2011, he served as an all-purpose Family Court Judge. Judge Clark is a member of the Santa Clara County Child Abuse Council, chair of the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council's Court Systems Committee, and chair of the Superior Court's Domestic Violence Committee. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2008, Judge Clark practiced juvenile dependency law in the trial and appellate courts for 21 years with the Santa Clara County Office of the County Counsel. He is a graduate of Santa Clara University Law School, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Westmont College.

**JENNIFER KELLEHER CLOYD** began representing children in the juvenile dependency system at Sacramento Child Advocates (SCA) in Sacramento, California. In 2000, Jennifer helped establish Advocates for Young Adults, a collaborative program in Sacramento County to assist youth transitioning out of the foster care system. In 2004, Ms. Kelleher Cloyd became the Directing Attorney at Legal Advocates for Children & Youth, a program of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. At LACY, she



supervises a staff of 37 attorneys, social workers, and support staff providing legal services to children and youth in the areas of family law, guardianships, emancipation, child support, public benefits, juvenile dependency, abuse and neglect, adoption, domestic violence, and education. In 2006, Jennifer became a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist as recognized by the National Association of Counsel for Children. Jennifer has presented at national, state, and local conferences and has served as faculty for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy in multiple trainings around the country. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law Center.

**HON. LINDA COLFAX** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. She was elected to the bench in 2010, and her current term will expire in January 2017. Judge Colfax currently hears a family law calendar in the Unified Family Court. Before her election to the bench, Judge Colfax was a San Francisco Deputy Public Defender for 13 years. She served on the Board of the ACLU of Northern California, BALIF, the Municipal Attorneys' Association, and the Golden Gate Women's Soccer League. Judge Colfax received a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a JD from the University of Michigan Law School. She lives with her wife and children in the Bernal Heights neighborhood of San Francisco.

**HON. J. RICHARD COUZENS (Ret.)** served as a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, for more than 37 years. He remains on full-time active assignment in the Assigned Judges Program. Judge Couzens was Editor in Chief of the University of California, Davis, Law Review, and was a law clerk to California Supreme Court Chief Justices Roger Traynor and Donald Wright. He has served on the California Judicial Council and the California State-Federal Judicial Council. Judge Couzens has been actively involved in many Judicial Council advisory committees. He currently is the vice-chair of the Criminal Law Standing Advisory Committee, and previously served as its chair. He has written and taught on a wide variety of topics in juvenile and criminal law. Judge Couzens is a co-author of "California Three Strikes Sentencing," "Sex Crimes: California Law and Procedure," and "Sentencing of California Crimes," published by The Rutter Group. He has been a regular member of the faculty of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College since 1995, primarily teaching felony sentencing. In 2007–2008, he was designated the on-site supervisor of the Chief Justice's special criminal trial reduction program in Riverside County. In 2008, Judge Couzens was named Jurist of the Year by the Judicial Council of California.

**CAMILO CRUZ** is Director of Community Justice Initiatives (CJI) for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. CJI includes a neighborhood-focused array of restorative justice and diversionary programs seeking to address the root causes of criminal behavior and achieve incarceration reduction. Before joining the City Attorney, Camilo served as the Community Relations Officer for the Los Angeles Superior Court. In this role, he worked closely with judicial leadership to develop programs aimed at engaging the community in the administration of justice. Prior to joining the Superior Court, Camilo was a Senior Policy Advisor to former Los Angeles City Councilmember, and current City Attorney, Mike Feuer, where he led the task force to create the first post-criminal filing Community Court program in California. Camilo grew up in a home that was deeply committed to social justice. His late father, Richard Cruz, was a historical figure in the Latino/Chicano civil rights movement, who dedicated his career as a lawyer to fighting injustices experienced by minorities and poor people throughout California. Camilo's social justice influences have

translated to various justice innovation and arts projects as both full-time public administrator in the justice system and as a professional artist. Camilo received his master's degree in Public Policy (MAPP) from Claremont Graduate University. He also holds a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree from California State University, Long Beach. Through the production of fine art photography, he explores psychological dynamics in the space of justice. This is done through Camilo's creation of 'non-traditional' portraits of real judges, inmates, attorneys, litigants, court administrators, and law enforcement officers. Unlike 'traditional' portraiture, whereby the human figure is the main subject, Camilo's portraits emphasize the presence of institutional surroundings and the 'impressions' made by institutions onto one's selfhood as a method of communicating truth about our humanity's survival inside the American justice institution. The body language and personalities of the subjects of Camilo's artwork inspire his thinking about the role government has in dictating our emotional states, our futures, and ultimately our places in American society.

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**RUTH CUSICK** is a Staff Attorney in the statewide education rights practice at Public Counsel. She 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 to monitor implementation of the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) 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 Public Counsel as the lead attorney on their School Pushout Reversal Project, which 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, released August 2012.

**SADE DANIELS** was born and raised in Oakland, California. After experiencing many trials while in the foster care system, Sade found her inner strength through literature and creative writing. She recently graduated from Philander Smith College with a Bachelor of Social Work. She currently serves with Bay Area Youth Centers as their Inaugural Residential Advisor, working with foster youth transitioning to adulthood. She also consults with the Youth Law Center and MISSEY, training on the issue of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

**ITAI DANOVITCH, MD, MBA**, is Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Director of Addiction Psychiatry at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. In 2011, Danovitch was selected to lead the reorganization of supportive mental health services throughout the Cedars-Sinai Health System, including inpatient medical and surgical areas, Emergency Department, Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute, and the Comprehensive Transplant Center. Today, the Department of Psychiatry provides clinical service, cultivates community partnerships to oversee a continuum of care, fosters quality training opportunities, and engages in collaborative health services research. Dr. Danovitch's research interests have focused on substance use disorders, particularly marijuana, as well as the integration of medical and mental health services. He was co-editor of the 2012 *Psychiatric Clinics of North America* special edition on addiction. He also has written on subjects ranging from the treatment of substance use disorders to the psychological concept of "quality of life." As an educator, Danovitch has been recognized with the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Danovitch currently serves as president of the California Society of Addiction Medicine. He also is a member of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, American Society of Addiction Medicine, and is a past recipient of the American Psychiatric Association GlaxoSmithKline Fellowship for national leadership in the field of psychiatry. Most recently, he has served as a specialty consultant on marijuana to committees of the California Medical Association and the California Psychiatric Association. Dr. Danovitch earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and his medical doctorate from the UCLA School of Medicine, now called the David Geffen School of Medicine. He completed a residency at Columbia, New York Presbyterian Hospital/New York State Psychiatric Institute, an addiction psychiatry fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and earned a Master of Business Administration at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

**FANIA DAVIS, PhD**, is Executive Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY). Coming of age in Birmingham, Alabama, during the social ferment of the civil rights era, the murder of two close childhood friends in the 1963 Sunday School bombing crystallized within Fania a passionate commitment to social transformation. For the next decades, she was active in the civil rights, Black liberation, women's, prisoners', peace, anti-racial violence, and anti-apartheid movements. After receiving her law degree from University of California, Berkeley, in 1979, Fania practiced almost 27 years as a civil rights trial lawyer. During the mid-1990's, she entered a PhD program in indigenous studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies and apprenticed with traditional healers around the globe, particularly in Africa. Since receiving her PhD in 2003, Fania has been engaged in a search for healing alternatives to adversarial justice. She has taught Restorative Justice at San Francisco's New College Law School and Indigenous Peacemaking at Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. She writes and speaks on these subjects. The search for a healing justice also led Fania to

bring restorative justice to Oakland. A founder and currently Executive Director of RJOY, Fania also serves as counsel to the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers. She recently received the Ubuntu award for service to humanity. Fania's research interests include exploring the indigenous roots, particularly the African indigenous roots, of restorative justice. Fania is also a mother of two children, a dancer, and practitioner of yoga.

**TERI DEAL, M.Ed.**, is a Research Associate with the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ). Teri joined NCJJ in 2009 with experience working both in research settings and in direct service with youth. Ms. Deal's work at NCJJ has primarily focused on supporting and studying juvenile justice systems, departments, and programs to collect and use data. She has provided training and technical assistance, both on-site and online, to dozens of community based juvenile justice providers on incorporating continuous quality improvement (CQI) into their practices, implementing evidence-based programming, and analyzing and reporting data on disproportionate minority confinement (DMC). Currently, she manages the Multistate Study of Subsequent Offending, a five state study to advance measures for juvenile recidivism, and is staff to NCJFCJ's School Pathways to Juvenile Justice project. Ms. Deal has also been responsible for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating qualitative information in national overviews on juvenile justice topics such as the JJDP Act and the organization, administration, and practice of juvenile justice systems for OJJDP's Statistical Briefing Book as well as through the MacArthur Foundation-funded Juvenile Justice GPS (Geography, Policy, Practice & Statistics). She also managed data collection for OJJDP's National Juvenile Probation Census Project. Prior to joining NCJJ, Ms. Deal was the Education Coordinator for a nonprofit that provided prevention and intervention services to girls. There she designed and implemented an education and workforce development program, including the development and facilitation of curricula and coordination of educational opportunities across systems. At A Child's Place at Mercy, Ms. Deal was the project coordinator for a study on the cognitive and social development of youth in out-of-home placements. Ms. Deal studied Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh and earned a graduate degree from the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education in 2005. She is an adjunct instructor at Carlow University, teaching Research Methods, Deviant Behavior, and Introduction to Juvenile Justice.

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MacArthur Foundation reform initiative designed to improve outcomes for youth who touch both the child welfare and juvenile justice system, a significant portion of whom are commercially sexually exploited children. Neha's work at NCYL will focus on developing and implementing trauma-informed responses to child trafficking.

**DOZER**, short for Bulldozer, is a Black Labrador trained in Washington State, the home of the Courthouse Dogs program. Named for his physical strength and personality, Dozer was known as a puppy for using his nose to lift up the exercise pen fencing to release his puppy buddies from confinement. Having matured a great deal since those antics, Dozer was sworn in at the San Bernardino Courthouse on August 21, 2015, as the county's first official emotional support dog for victims and witnesses. Dozer and his handler, Yesica Cioli, are assigned to the Victorville Courthouse.

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Judge Edwards has received many awards. He was the recipient of the 2004 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. Many of his articles and videos can be seen on his website: [judgeleonardedwards.com](http://judgeleonardedwards.com).

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**HON. ANA L. ESPAÑA** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 2008, Judge España represented children in dependency proceedings for over 25 years. Judge España is a current member of the Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the California Council for Interstate Adult and Juvenile Offender Supervision. She is also a member of the California Judges Association, the California Latino Judges Association, and several local court committees. Judge España has presided over juvenile and criminal cases, and is currently the Supervising Judge of the South Bay Court.

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**HON. SUSAN M. GILL** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Judge Gill was born and raised in Bakersfield, California. She earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and English from the University of Southern California and a JD from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. She practiced law with her father for six years, specializing in Family Law and Juvenile Dependency, before joining the Kern County Counsel's office in 1980. As a Deputy County Counsel, she handled dependency cases in the trial court and on appeal, mental health matters, and personal injury litigation. She was certified by the California State Bar as a Legal Specialist in Appellate Law. Judge Gill was appointed to the Superior Court of Kern County by Governor Schwarzenegger and assumed office in January 2010. Her first three years on the bench were in Family Law, the last of which she spent as the Supervising Family Law Judge. She

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**HON. SCOTT M. GORDON** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. He is currently assigned as the Assistant Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division. He has served in the Family Law Division as the Assistant Supervising Judge and 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 Bachelor of Science 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 of 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-four 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" by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 2011, "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, and "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women. He received the "Excellence in Teaching Award for 2003" from Southwestern University School of Law. Last year, Judge Gordon received the Spencer Brandeis Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section. The award pays tribute to an individual who has had an extraordinary impact upon the advancement of Family Law. 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. Judge Gordon was appointed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court as one of the judges in California to serve as an advisor to other judges on Hague Convention matters.

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**HON. DONNA QUIGLEY GROMAN** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, where she has served as a judicial officer since 1997. She is currently Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Delinquency Court. Prior assignments include criminal and juvenile dependency. Judge Groman was named the California Judges Association Juvenile Court Judge of the Year for 2012. She serves as faculty for the Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER) in California, teaching juvenile delinquency law and related topics to judges statewide. She is a member of the Juvenile and Family Law Advisory

Committee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and serves as the Chair of the CJER Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee. Judge Groman is working to implement best practices and create systemic change in the juvenile justice system in the following areas: domestic minor sex trafficking (“STAR” Collaborative Court”); successful reentry from probation facilities; reducing the school to prison pipeline through intake revision and implementation of restorative justice practices; school-based arrest reform; school discipline as it impacts probation youth; parent engagement; extended foster care and independent living services for youth aging out of the system; permanency planning for probation youth; and child-parent domestic violence. Judge Groman received her JD from the American University, Washington College of Law, in 1979. Judge Groman has served as a lawyer and a judge in the field of juvenile law for approximately 28 years.

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**HON. DENINE J. GUY** is the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz. Judge Guy has served on the Superior Court bench since 2006. She was the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division from 2009–2014 and served as 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 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 a

Judicial Council Leadership Summit 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.

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**HON. MAUREEN F. HALLAHAN** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, to which she was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was an equity partner in Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch, LLP, specializing in civil and business litigation. She was a long-time member of the firm's management committee. Judge Hallahan is currently the Supervising Judge, Family Law Division, of the San Diego Superior Court and has served in that capacity for the past three years. She is an instructor for the Center for Judiciary Education & Research (CJER) at the Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation courses, the Family Law Institute, Domestic Violence Training Courses, and Task Force Sessions. She is also an instructor in family law for the Rutter Group, the State Bar of California, AFCC California/International, the San Diego County Bar Association, NBI, and Certified Family Law Specialists, among others. She is a member of the Judicial Council of California's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Judge Hallahan manages the Shriver Child Custody and Visitation Grant Project for the San Diego family court, created the One-Day Divorce Program in San Diego, and is currently working on a pilot project to assist veterans in family court.

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**HON. ALLAN D. HARDCASTLE** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma. Judge Hardcastle was appointed to the bench in 1997 and has served in every division of his court except for Family Law. He has been the supervising judge of both the Criminal and Civil divisions, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division, Assistant Presiding Judge, and Presiding Judge. Judge Hardcastle is an adjunct professor of law at the Empire College of the Law, teaching Evidence. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a managing partner in the civil litigation firm Babin, Seeger and Hardcastle. Judge Hardcastle retired from the U.S. Army in 2002 as a Lt. Colonel after 23 years of service, including work in

the Judge Advocate General Corps. He is a graduate of the University of the Pacific (1977) and received his JD from the McGeorge School of Law (1979).

**THERESA M. HART**, Manager of the Court Services Division of the Ventura County Probation Agency, was born and raised in Ventura County. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Government, with an emphasis in Criminal Law and Public Policy, from California State University, Sacramento, in 1992. She has been with the Ventura County Probation Agency since 1994, with most of her career served in Juvenile Justice. She is an Agency trainer and a member of the California Association of Probation Services Administrators. She is also the 2011 recipient of Ventura County Management Council's Integrity Award and a 2012 graduate of the Chief Probation Officers of California's Command College. She resides in Oxnard with her husband of 21 years and their 3 teenage daughters. They are all loyal Dodger baseball fans and USC football fans.

**LaRON HOGG HAUGHT** is a Deputy District Attorney in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office and a contributing author for *Seiser and Kumli on California Juvenile Courts Practice and Procedure*. She has worked as an adjunct professor teaching Juvenile Law at the University of San Francisco School of Law and Santa Clara University School of Law. Prior to joining the D.A.'s Office, LaRon worked in both the juvenile and criminal justice systems in a variety of capacities. She worked as a consultant training justice system partners on the use of risk assessment tools and the implementation of evidence-based practices; as a delinquency law and policy attorney at the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts; 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. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Hogg Haught spent 12 years as a Santa Clara County probation officer. She authored the first published academic article on California's Juvenile Deferred Entry of Judgment practices and has co-authored several publications on juvenile justice system issues.

**PAULIE HAWTHORNE** is a social worker with Tolowa Dee-ni' (formerly Smith River Rancheria) Community & Family Services. Paulie has been providing family services to Indian Families since she graduated from Oregon Tech with a BS in 2000. Her experience began in Chiloquin, Oregon, where she was born and raised, and she has been in Smith River, CA, at Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Community & Family Services since 2007. Her areas of practice include Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance, Tribal Court, Family Violence Prevention, and Title IV-B and IV-E services.

**VICTORIA B. HENLEY** has been Director and Chief Counsel of the California Commission on Judicial Performance since 1991. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania cum laude in 1975 and from the University of San Francisco School of Law with honors in 1978. Prior to her service for the commission, she was a partner with the law firm of Long & Levit in San Francisco. Since 1985, she has lectured and served as a panelist for numerous judicial and legal education programs in the United States. She has made presentations to visiting judges and dignitaries from more than 50 countries and worked on programs related to judicial accountability and discipline in Hungary, Tanzania, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Philippines, Ukraine, and Georgia. She is a member of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel and an emeritus member of the Association's board of directors. She served



as its president from 2003 to 2007. She also serves on the National Center for State Courts Center for Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

**GARRY HERCEG** has been Director of the Office of Pretrial Services for Santa Clara County since December 2010. Established in 1971, the Office of Pretrial Services provides information to the courts on defendants booked into the county jail on new felony offenses. The judges use this information to determine suitability for Own Recognizance (ORP) and Supervised Own Recognizance (SORP) releases, and determine probable cause to detain. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Herceg spent over 16 years in adult and juvenile probation services with Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. He served as Assistant Division Director of Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall from 2007 to 2010. During this time, he was responsible for implementing evidenced-based programs that improved the conditions of confinement for juvenile detainees. In addition, he oversaw the daily operations of the home supervision and electronic monitoring programs. Mr. Herceg also currently works as a consultant for Justice System Partners. He is currently working with Denver, Colorado, on the Bureau of Justice Assistance Smart Pretrial Initiative. In addition to his bachelor's degree from San Jose State University in Administration of Justice, Mr. Herceg's professional training includes Stanford University's Leadership and Transformation Program, the National Institute of Corrections Pretrial Executive Program, the California Institute of Mental Health Aggression Replacement Instructor Training, the Haywood Burns Institute Disproportionate Minority Contact Training, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. He is a member of the California Association of Pretrial Services as well as the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies. He was honored in 2006 as Santa Cruz County's Probation Officer of the Year.

**PATRICIA L. HERNÁNDEZ** is a Child Welfare Analyst in Monterey County and the lead analyst for the Tri-County CSEC Project in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties. She received her BA in Philosophy with a minor in Women's Studies, from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2003 and her JD from the Monterey College of Law in 2008. Patricia began her career with the Department of Social Services of Monterey County in 2004, working in Community Benefits both in public assistance eligibility and State Administrative Appeals. Patricia's passion for working to end violence against women and children and for bettering her community, led her to Child Welfare in 2014. There, she has worked on various projects, devoting most of her time and energy to the Tri-County CSEC Project.

**LaSHUNDA S. HILL, EdM**, is a State Policy Associate for the Public Safety and Performance Project of the Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, DC. She provides technical assistance to states seeking to launch new Justice Reinvestment initiatives with the goal of decreasing incarceration rates and increasing access to community-based treatment services and diversion programs. Ms. Hill is the author of *The Myth of the Juvenile Superpredator: Juvenile Waiver and Its Impact on Juvenile Offenders*. She has devoted her career to serving at-risk youth, both directly and through policy making, at various positions in Tennessee, Massachusetts, Washington, DC, and Ghana. In 2008, Ms. Hill was a Public Policy & International Affairs Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University. She earned three bachelor's degrees—in public policy, sociology, and humanities—from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2010 and a Master of Education from Harvard University in 2011.

**MARGO M. HINSON, LCSW**, is an Academic Coordinator with the UC Davis Northern California Training Academy. Margo has worked in the Child Welfare arena for more than 20 years, working with children and families in both the nonprofit and county child welfare systems as a Social Worker, Supervisor, and Forensic Interview Specialist. Her clinical background has also led to work in the County Mental Health system as a Senior Mental Health Counselor, as well as a medical Social Worker in Pediatrics at Sutter Medical Center. Her passion for serving children and families in the Child Welfare system led to work at CDSS with the Child & Family Services Review implementation. Margo has now been with the Northern California Training Academy for nine years, developing training and providing technical assistance for county child welfare agencies in the Northern region.

**MARTIN HOSHINO** became the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council of California on October 1, 2014. In this role, he oversees the Judicial Council staff and serves as the nonvoting Secretary to the Judicial Council. Mr. Hoshino brought with him to the Judicial Council more than 15 years of administrative leadership experience in California state government, and more than 25 years in public service. His career encompasses a broad mix of statewide policymaking, oversight of budget and operations, and collaboration with the justice system and Legislature. Before his appointment as Administrative Director by the Judicial Council, he was Undersecretary for Operations at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), by appointment of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. In this role, he was responsible for leading one of the CDCR's two principal divisions, where he oversaw a \$10 billion budget, 60,000 employees, 34 prisons, and a host of other facilities. Between 2003 and 2014, Mr. Hoshino served in various leadership capacities at the CDCR by appointment of three different Governors. In 2012–2013, he was appointed by Governor Brown to the Trial Court Funding Workgroup, established by the Chief Justice and the Governor to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the state's progress in achieving the goals outlined in the Trial Court Funding Act of 1997. Before joining CDCR, Mr. Hoshino served with the California Office of the Inspector General and the State Controller's Office. Mr. Hoshino earned a master's degree in public administration and political science from UC Davis.

**BONNIE ROSE HOUGH** is the Managing Attorney for the Judicial Council of California, 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 Law 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 JD from Hastings College of the Law, an MPA from San Francisco State University, and a BA 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.

**VEVILA HUSSEY, MSW**, is a former foster youth and advocate for culturally responsive system change. She earned a graduate degree in Social Work in 2005, with an emphasis on Indian child welfare, and a Bachelor of Arts in 2002, with a specialization in Native American studies. Ms. Hussey has worked in tribal domestic violence in Butte County, developed and coordinated tribal housing programs, led a tribal child welfare program, served as a Tribal/Government Liaison and Manager for a Native American Foster Family Agency, and reunified families as a Native American Specialist in a county child welfare office. She has also served as a Director of Social Services for a Northern California Tribe, as well as Chair of the Department of Justice Substance Abuse & Crime Prevention Committee and Chair of the Department of Justice Domestic Violence Prevention Board. Currently, Ms. Hussey is a Senior Consultant for California Partners for Permanency, a program designed to reduce the disproportionate number of Native American and African American foster youth in the child welfare system. She also consults on tribal policy projects with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Ms. Hussey serves as the Chair of the Workgroup to Eliminate Disparities & Disproportionality, an interstate agency workgroup, and as a lead in the CDSS Racial Impact Workgroup, which is piloting a project designed to address implicit bias and create organizational culture change.

**ALEXANDER JACKSON** is a member of the Santa Cruz Teen Peer Court. Alexander hopes to stand at the forefront of civic engagement in his community. He has spent the last year engaging in activities that deepen his overall understanding of youth issues: conducting research, developing projects, and strengthening the analytical skills required for successful youth advocacy. A calculated risk taker with a willingness to learn new things, Jackson has championed an arts-focused teen program at his local museum, helping attract hundreds of youth to creative expression. He is currently linking advocates and students in his community to dialogue on youth violence prevention. Helping embrace the core values of humility, pragmatism, and innovation, his outlook encourages us not to think of youth as inexperienced or naive, but rather as the generation that, despite unsurmountable odds, is fearless in its quest toward shaping the society of the coming century.

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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 Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law and was admitted to practice in California in 1994.

**MACK JENKINS** is Chief Probation Officer of the San Diego County Probation Department. He has worked in the criminal justice field for more than 28 years. Before joining San Diego County in December 2007, Chief Jenkins served as Director for the Orange County Probation Department in Anaheim. With the Orange County Probation Department, Chief Jenkins managed the Adult Field Services, Juvenile Field Services, and Adult Court Services Divisions. In those roles, he was responsible for the supervision of more than 6,000 adult offenders, 2,800 juvenile offenders, 3,500 felony substance abuse offenders, and almost 500 felony chronic drug offenders in Orange County Drug Courts. Chief Jenkins is the former Chair of the Orange County Drug Court Oversight committee, and served for four years on the board of directors for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. He is currently a member of the National DWI Court Task Force, operated by the National Center DWI courts. Chief Jenkins worked with Drug Courts and substance abuse offenders from 1995 to 2007 and is currently a consultant specializing in the design, implementation, and operation of Drug Court programs. He has provided training to criminal justice professionals throughout the country on topics including the supervision of substance abuse offenders, Drug and DUI Court programs, and the fundamentals of drug testing. Chief Jenkins is a former adjunct instructor of criminal justice with the Rancho Santiago Community College District in Orange County and holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master of Science in criminal justice from California State University, Long Beach.

**ANNA JOHNSON** is a Policy Analyst at the National Center for Youth Law. She is the lead analyst for NCYL's work to reduce the overmedication of foster youth and improve access to community and therapeutic services for youth. With her Master of Public Policy from UC-Berkeley, Anna works with young adults and current foster youth to ensure that their voices influence policies affecting foster youth. Her passion for this work originated from 6 years of classroom experience in under-resourced schools. Prior to her work in policy, Anna taught at Urban Promise Academy in the Oakland Unified School District for four years, at Potter Thomas Bilingual Academy in Philadelphia, and in Madison, Wisconsin, serving homeless youth and families in the CASPER program. She witnessed how traumatic experiences, stress, poverty, and environmental factors impact children's development and relationships. Creating and maintaining a safe, supportive classroom environment was the primary focus of her work as an educator. Anna knows that providing services, care, and attention to youth who live under the daily stress of violence, poverty, and other forms of abuse can help young people build resiliency and thrive in the short and long term. Anna remains proud of her students' accomplishments and leadership in their communities. She dedicates her policy career to partnering with youth and young adults to improve the treatment of young people in schools, communities, homes, and neighborhoods. Anna also holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (BA in Social Work) and the University of Pennsylvania (Urban Education). You can follow her @AnnaMaureen83 on Twitter.

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**HON. MARGARET JOHNSON** was elected to the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, in 2000, after serving the Court as a Child Support Commissioner for more than five years. She has had judicial assignments in Family Court, Criminal Domestic Violence Court, and Juvenile Justice Court. Before coming to the Court, Judge Johnson was a California Certified Family Law Specialist in the private practice of law. She has taught extensively in continuing legal education for attorneys, judges, and court staff, including television broadcasts for CJER in 2004 and 2005. She regularly teaches the Fairness and Demeanor class for the Temporary Judge Program in Santa Clara County. Judge Johnson was a contributing author of the 2005 CEB publication on Domestic Partnerships and a past member of the Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. She is currently assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division with a specialty court in Juvenile Domestic Violence.

**ERIC JONES** is the Chief of Police in Stockton, California. Chief Jones began his career with the Stockton Police Department in 1993, as a Police Officer. He worked as a Patrol Officer as well as a Departmental Trainer and Instructor, promoting to Sergeant in 1999. In March 2003, he promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and served as a Watch Commander and Internal Affairs Commander. Eric became a Police Captain in 2005, and he created the Department's Emergency Services (and Homeland Security) Unit. Eric was appointed as Deputy Chief of Police in March 2008. He worked or oversaw numerous police programs such as the Explosive Ordnance Detail, Critical Incident Investigations, Canine Program, Mobile Command Post Team, SWAT, and the Crisis Negotiation Team. In September 2011, Eric Jones was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police, and then, in March 2012, he was appointed as the 49th Chief of Police for the Stockton Police Department. Eric holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento, and a master's degree in Public Administration from National University. He also completed the Harvard Kennedy School Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government and is a member of the FBI NA Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (State Session IV, National Session #73). Eric is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the California Police Chiefs Association, and is President of the Central and Sierra Police Chiefs Association, which represents 62 municipal police departments. He leads the Stockton Police Department in contemporary policing methods, the principled-policing philosophy, and he began Real-Time-Policing concepts. He also created the Department's first Community Response Teams, Police Foundation, and Community Advisory Board. Eric wrote Stockton's 2012 Violence Reduction Initiative. He focuses on proactive community policing and furthering partnerships with allied agencies and the community, and he ensures that Stockton is part of the National Network for Safe Communities and a site for the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.

**OLIN JONES** is the Director of the Office of Native American Affairs in the California Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General appointed Mr. Jones, who is a member of the Chickasaw Nation of

Oklahoma, as the first Director of the Office of Native American Affairs in February 2000. The Office of Native American Affairs addresses justice-related issues for California's Indian citizens who reside on reservations, on rancherías, and in urban communities for the overall improvement of the quality of life for Indian people. Olin has spent the last two decades working closely with Native American tribes on crime-prevention issues and improved access to health and welfare resources. From 1996 until his appointment as director, he was a Program Manager for the Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center. From 1989 to 1996, Olin worked for the California Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) and served as a liaison to California's Native American community. At OCJP, he developed the state's first grant funding program crafted specifically to benefit Native Americans on tribal lands. Olin is the 1999 recipient of the Vision of Hope award for outstanding contributions in violence prevention. Mr. Jones began his law enforcement career in 1974, worked in local law enforcement until 1989, and is a graduate of Yuba College and Minot State University in North Dakota.

**HON. MARK A. JUHAS** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, where he has served in a general family law assignment since November 2002. He is the current Chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice. He is also a member of several committees for the Los Angeles Superior Court, including chair of the Access and Fairness committee. For the Judicial Council, he is currently on the CJER Governing Committee and the Family Law Curriculum Design committee for CJER. He is Cochair of the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee; he was a member of the Elkins Family Law Task Force, the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force, and the Self-Represented Litigant Task Force. He regularly teaches for, among others, the Los Angeles Superior Court's education program, CJER, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and Southwestern Law School.

**PHILIP KADER** is the Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County. Chief Kader graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara and has worked in the probation field for thirty-three years. He began as a group counselor at the Fresno County Juvenile Hall and has worked in virtually all facets of adult and juvenile probation from supervision to court services. He has been the Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County for over five years and is the Chair of the local Community Corrections Partnership. Chief Kader is the Legislative Chair and on the Executive Committee of the Chief Probation Officers of California. He is a California Standards and Training for Corrections certified instructor and has presented at state, national, and international conferences. He has been active in building agency collaboration and encouraging community engagement. He continues to advocate for increased use of evidence-based practices in the field of juvenile and adult justice systems. He has also been active in developing and implementing restorative justice practices.

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**PATRICIA KENNEDY** is 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.

**WILLIAM KENNEDY** is the Director of the Race Equity Project (REP), a program he co-founded while Managing Attorney at the Sacramento office of Legal Services of Northern California, where he practiced for 25 years. As Director of the REP, Mr. Kennedy and his former colleague Mona Tawatao developed a training curriculum for legal services attorneys that provides the essential tools of a race equity practice. For the past 10 years, the REP has provided free training to attorneys and neighborhood activists on: 1) Social Cognition and the Law; 2) Understanding Structural Racialization and the use of Racial Impact Statements; 3) Mapping and Graphic Presentations of Data; 4) Cognitive Framing; and 5) Community Lawyering. The curriculum ensures that race as an issue is squarely on throughout all of an organization's anti-poverty advocacy. Bill brings a practitioner's perspective to the discussion of cognitive science and the law. Bill Kennedy began his practice in 1974. His legal work has focused primarily on housing and civil rights. In 1978, Bill was part of the defense team that represented the Camp Pendleton 14, African American marines facing criminal charges for attacking the Ku Klux Klansmen on the base. He then spent several years doing anti-Klan and anti-poverty work in California's central valley with California Rural Legal Assistance. In the 1980s, Bill was lead counsel on three successful civil rights challenges to the police practices of the Border Patrol, which limited raids in communities, workplaces, and businesses without warrants based upon "articulable suspicion of alienage." He was trial counsel on the Rancho de Cuevas case, which defended the civil rights of farm workers recruited from Mexico to live in caves in Monterey County.

**TERI KOOK** is the Chief Strategy Officer for the Family Impact Network in Spokane, Washington. She is designing and implementing key elements of the launch of performance based contracting in child welfare for the region. Prior to her current position, Ms. Kook served for twelve years as the Director of Child Welfare at the Stuart Foundation in Oakland. Ms. Kook brings more than two decades of experience in practice, policy development and leadership in public child welfare agencies. Previously, Ms. Kook held positions as the Chief of Child Welfare in Stanislaus County and was an Adjunct Professor in the Master of Social Work program at California State University, Stanislaus. At the Stuart Foundation, Ms. Kook designed and led key initiatives that improved access and success of foster youth in pursuing their dreams to obtain a college degree and pioneered robust public/private partnerships to align child welfare reform efforts to improve child welfare outcomes in California and Washington. Ms. Kook holds a BA in Sociology from California State University, Stanislaus, and received a master's degree in Social Work from San Jose State University. She served on the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care and the Child Welfare Council.

**BARRY KRISBERG, PhD**, is Director of Research and Policy and Lecturer in Residence at the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy, UC Berkeley. Prior to joining the Warren Institute, Dr. Krisberg was a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice. Prior to joining BCCJ, Dr. Krisberg was the President of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency from 1983 to 2009. He is known nationally for his research and expertise on juvenile justice issues and is called upon as a resource for professionals, foundations, and the media. Dr. Krisberg received his master's degree in criminology and a doctorate in sociology, both from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1993, he was the recipient of the August Vollmer Award, the American Society of Criminology's most prestigious award. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ASC Division of People of Color. He has

prepared several declarations for resentencing JLWOP cases under *Miller v. Alabama* and California's SB 9 law.

**KATHLEEN CONNOLLY LACEY, LCSW**, is the Director of the University of California San Francisco's Citywide Case Management Forensic Program, a Forensic Assertive Community Treatment program that provides services to 230 seriously mentally ill offenders in the community. With over 25 years of experience working in the criminal justice system and 18 years with mentally ill offenders, she was instrumental in implementing San Francisco's successful response to the state of California's Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant beginning in 1999 and continues to develop programs specific to this population, including the Women's Integrated Skills and Health Project, a Supported Employment program, the Housing Employment Recovery Outcomes Project, and mental health services for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and San Francisco Adult Probation Department. Ms. Lacey has contributed significantly to the creation and development of the nationally recognized San Francisco Behavioral Health Court and continues to provide clinical expertise to both the court and the community on a daytoday basis. In 2003, she established a comprehensive Dialectical Behavior Therapy program for formerly incarcerated individuals suffering from Borderline Personality Disorder. In addition to her clinical work, Ms. Lacey lectures, trains, and consults locally, statewide, and nationally. She was a member of the California Women's Mental Health Policy Council from 2007–2010. Ms. Lacey graduated from Gonzaga University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Speech Communications. She received her Master of Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1997 and has practiced as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 2001.

**MICHELLE LARSON** is a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer with the Ventura County Probation Agency, where she has worked for 21 years. She began her career in 1994, was promoted to Senior Deputy Probation Officer in 2010, then to Supervising Deputy Probation Officer in 2013. For the past two years, Ms. Larson has supervised the Post-Release Administrative Services Unit. She has worked collaboratively with county agencies and community-based organizations to implement both the Pretrial Services program and Reentry Court. She is an agency instructor and the recipient of the 2011 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Award.

**NATHAN E. LAVID, MD, DFAPA**, Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, is a clinical and forensic psychiatrist in private practice in Long Beach, California. Dr. Lavid received his Bachelor of Arts in microbiology and his medical degree from the University of Kansas. He completed his internship and psychiatric residency at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Lavid is a former faculty member at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, where he completed a forensic psychiatry fellowship at the Institute of Psychiatry and Law.

**ALYCE LaVIOLETTE, MS, LMFT**, is Director of Alternatives to Violence in Long Beach, California. She is a pioneer in the domestic violence movement. She has worked with battered women since 1978, first in battered women's shelter and then in private practice. In 1979, she founded Alternatives to Violence, one of the first programs in the country to work with men who abuse their partners. She is a frequently requested conference and keynote speaker. Ms. LaViolette developed training for the Los Angeles County Probation Department and the Orange County Department of Children and Family Services. She



is the co-author of one of Sage Publications' bestselling books, *It Could Happen to Anyone: Why Battered Women Stay*, and has published articles on the survivors and perpetrators of abuse. Ms. LaViolette has been an expert witness in cases of abuse in both civil and criminal courts. She has appeared on local and national television and radio. She also speaks nationally and internationally. In 2004, she was honored by the California Coalition on Battered Women with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

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**PATRICIA LEE** is the Managing Attorney of the Juvenile Division of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. Ms. Lee has been a deputy public defender in San Francisco since 1978 and has been practicing in the Juvenile Court since 1981. She is the co-director of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center and serves as the co-chair of the juvenile justice committee of the Asian Youth Advocacy Network. She is a member of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice and a member of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council of California. Patty is also a founding member of the Center for Young Women's Development and former president of the San Francisco Delinquency Prevention Commission. She is a board member of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice and previously served on the board of Coleman Youth Advocates and the Education and Violence Committee of the Human Rights Commission. Ms. Lee has been honored by the National Organization for Women and the Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition, and she was the recipient of the California Wellness Foundation 2007 Peace Prize.

**HON. ROBERT LEVENTER** is a Commissioner of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Commissioner Leventer was appointed to the Los Angeles bench in 1991. Prior to that, he was a dependency court referee and a contract attorney with the Los Angeles dependency court. He had also been in private practice and worked as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. He helped develop and coordinate the implementation of the Los Angeles Competency Protocol and Remediation Program. Commissioner Leventer received his Juris Doctor from the People's College of Law in Los Angeles.

**TOM LIDOT**, Chilkat Tlingit, is actively involved with local, regional, and national tribal issues related to health, child welfare, and self-determination. He leads the Tribal STAR (Successful Transitions for Adult Readiness) team, a program of the Academy for Professional Excellence of San Diego State University School of Social Work, and has been with the program since 2004. He participated in the development of the national ICWA curriculum for state court judges in collaboration with the National Resource Center for Legal and Judicial Issues and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Capacity Building Resource Center for Tribes. Recent efforts include the Implementation Toolkit for the American Indian Enhancement Project in California (<http://calswec.berkeley.edu/toolkits/implementation-toolkit-american-indian-enhancement->

project/implementation-toolkit-american-indian-enhancement-project). Some of his recent publications include: "Continuum of Readiness for Collaboration, ICWA Compliance, and Reducing Disproportionality," in *Child Welfare Special Issue: Services for Native Children and Families in North America*; and "American Indian/Alaska Native Children and Families," in *Addressing Racial Disproportionality and Disparities in Human Services: Multi-Systemic Approaches* (2015). His experience in mediation and alternative dispute resolution serves as the foundation for his approach to cross-cultural training and facilitation. He walks in two worlds: as a tribal member who strives to maintain culture and tradition and as an active advocate for the advancement of science and education.

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**HON. RICHARD J. LOFTUS, JR.**, is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, and Chair of the Judicial Council's Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force. He was a member of the Task Force on Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. He is a former Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. Judge Loftus was appointed in 1998 and has served in both the civil and criminal courts. He was supervising judge of the Family Court and supervising and presiding judge of the Juvenile Court. While in Juvenile Court, he presided over the first juvenile mental health court and has actively promoted the establishment of such courts throughout the nation. He has served on numerous Judicial Council committees, including the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (as vice chair), the Working Group on Criminal Justice Realignment, the Judicial Branch Leadership Budget Group, the AB 1208 Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, the Judicial Recruitment and Retention Working Group, and as CJER faculty. He received his BA and MA from the University of Detroit and his JD from the University of Michigan.

**MICHAEL LOMBARDO, MA**, is the Director of Interagency Facilitation for the Placer County Office of Education. In this position he works throughout California in leadership in early prevention, student wellness, social-emotional support for students, breaking down barriers to education, collaborative strategy development, and family/youth involvement. Michael is a member of the State Student Attendance Review Board and California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth. He has extensive experience in the implementation and scaling up of evidence-based practices and currently coordinates the California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition (CPC). His diverse professional background includes Managing Deputy Probation Officer, Assistant Director of a Juvenile Detention Facility, Assistant Director of Placer County Children Systems of Care (Child Welfare and Children's Mental Health Services) and currently a Director at Placer County Office of Education, Educational Services Division. A large part of his current role is to coordinate and collaborate with agency and local partners the integration of Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) for social and emotional wellness. Michael is currently guiding the development of PBIS in over 175 schools, several alternative education settings, and two Juvenile Institutions.

**SAMANTHA LOPEZ** is a member of the Lytton Rancheria Tribe and has a career in the medical field. After she became involved in the dependency system, Samantha was able, through ICWA, to successfully

reunite with her son. She has reconnected to tribal activities, remained clean and sober, and was able to obtain goals she had set for herself that have benefited her family. Samantha has a great relationship with her son, who is doing quite well in school. She now has a thriving career, was able to purchase a home, recently learned how to make traditional dance regalia, and danced at her tribe's cultural days event in August 2015. Samantha will soon be volunteering to mentor mothers within the dependency system and is continuing to set positive goals for her family's future.

**LUPE**, short for the saint Our Lady of Guadalupe, is a two-year-old Black Labrador trained in Washington State, the home of the Courthouse Dogs program. On August 21, 2015, she and her friend Dozer were sworn in at the San Bernardino Courthouse as the county's first official emotional support dogs for victims and witnesses. Lupe and her handler, victim advocate Don Ross, will work in San Bernardino.

**LAUREN MABEN** is a Deputy Probation Officer for the Placer County Probation Department. She has worked there for 7.5 years. She worked in the Juvenile Detention Facility for 7 years and recently transferred to the Adult Supervision Team in the Field Unit. While at the JDF, she spent 4 years working as line staff and as a senior; she became a Supervisor in August 2012. At the same time, she was asked to join the PBIS team and help develop a new behavior program for the JDF. For 3 years, she was fortunate enough to work side by side with an amazing team of officers and develop a behavior program that helped staff and youth engage in meaningful contact, which has, in turn, has created a safe and open environment.

**MICHELLE MacDONALD** is the In Our Own Voice Coordinator for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) San Diego. Prior to her involvement in the nonprofit sector, she spent 16 years as an executive in the wireless industry. Michelle has lived her entire life with serious mental illness and found herself incarcerated after a traumatic divorce in 2002. Her two children, ages 5 and 11 at the time, were significantly affected by this life-changing event.

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**HON. STEPHEN V. MANLEY** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. He has been a member of the Oversight Committee for the California Drug Court Project since 1996. He remains very active in promoting the interests of drug courts at the state level and helped to construct the Drug Court Partnership Act, which is a collaborative effort between the Judicial Council and the California Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. In addition to serving on the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, he currently serves as co-chair of the Executive Steering Committee for the

implementation of the Drug Court Partnership Act. He is the supervising judge for all felony drug and mental health cases for the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. Judge Manley also has experience working with peer courts and truancy courts.

**HON. DANA LEIGH MARKS** is President of the National Association of Immigration Judges. She has been an immigration judge with the Executive Office of Immigration Review of the U.S. Department of Justice in San Francisco since 1987. She frequently speaks to the press regarding Immigration Court issues, making television and radio appearances in English and Spanish. Judge Marks taught Immigration Law as an adjunct law professor for over a decade and continues to lecture extensively on various immigration law topics to judges, attorneys, and journalists nationwide. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Marks worked for ten years in private immigration law firms, with broad business immigration, family visa work, and asylum law caseloads. While in private practice, she served as lead counsel and argued the landmark asylum case of *INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca*, 480 U.S. 421 (1987), which established that persons applying for asylum need only prove a reasonable possibility of future persecution instead of the higher standard of clear probability advocated by the INS. She was also an active leader holding various positions in the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Judge Marks received her JD from Hastings College of the Law in 1977 and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1974. Judge Marks was honored in 2006 as a Leader in the Human Rights Struggle by the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant for her years of public service and volunteer work. She received the Clara Foltz Feminist Association award for Woman Alumna of the Year from Hastings College of the Law in 2002, an honor bestowed on her by the students who found her to be an inspirational graduate, and the Phillip Burton Immigration and Civil Rights Award from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in 1999 for her judicial leadership, longstanding dedication to immigrants and commitment to legal education.

**MIKE MASTERS** is a Captain in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Captain Masters began his career with CDCR in 1993; he has worked in a variety of classifications and served in institutions at every level of security. He is currently assigned to the Classification Services Unit, where he is responsible for managing the department's Youthful Offender Program (YOP). The YOP was established on July 1, 2015, in response to Assembly Bill 1276 (Stats. 2014, ch. 590), which added section 2905 to the California Penal Code (PC). PC 2905 requires CDCR to afford special classification consideration for youthful offenders committed to CDCR before reaching 22 years of age. Offenders found appropriate for the Youthful Offender Program are placed at or transferred to lower security level institutions, allowing them greater access to programs with the goal of increasing their likelihood of rehabilitation. Captain Masters has been involved with the YOP from its inception. He was instrumental in its development and continues to oversee its implementation.

**MARTHA MATTHEWS** is Directing Attorney of the Children's Rights Project at Public Counsel. Previously, she was a supervising and appellate attorney at Children's Law Center of Los Angeles for seven years and a staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern California for five years. 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. Ms. Matthews has also held clinical teaching positions at USC Law

School, Stanford Law School, and UCLA School of Law. Ms. Matthews is a 1987 graduate of University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall). After graduation, 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. Ms. Matthews currently resides in Los Angeles with her spouse, Yolanda Vera, and their children.

**EILEEN MATUSZAK, MSW**, currently works with the Family Immigration and Victim Protection Division of the Office of Policy and Strategy in the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as an Adjudications Officer (Policy). In this role, she serves as a subject matter expert on Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status immigration relief for victims of child abuse and neglect. She formulates federal regulations and policy and conducts national outreach related to SIJ. Prior to her position with USCIS, Ms. Matuszak served as a supervisor with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Unaccompanied Children's Services program. She worked for seven years with the Unaccompanied Children's Services program, overseeing policy, family reunification, and case-management services for unaccompanied children in federal custody. Prior to joining the federal government, she worked for six years in the nonprofit sector in the field of adoption and foster care. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in Child Welfare from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Ms. Matuszak is bilingual (Spanish-speaking) and has been working in programs that serve primarily immigrant children for 15 years.

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**REV. BEN McBRIDE** is Regional Director of Clergy Development with PICO California, the state's largest faith-based community organizing network. Ben is a native of San Francisco and a longtime activist for peace and justice in the bay area. As an advocate for youth, he served as a member of the crisis counseling team for West Contra Costa Unified School District and as Program Director for Global Education Partnership, empowering at-risk youth through entrepreneurship. Ben has a history of spiritual leadership, beginning as a youth pastor and continuing through his years as collegiate pastor for Greater St. Paul Baptist Church and Shiloh Church. In 2012, Ben was instrumental, as co-chair of the steering committee, in relaunching the first successful iteration of Operation Ceasefire: a data-driven communication strategy to reduce gun violence. Operation Ceasefire's strategy has contributed to a near 40 percent reduction in homicides over the past two years. In late 2014, Ben became the primary non-police trainer for the Oakland Police Department's Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy Course. Though the course is facilitated nationally, Ben is the sole community participant currently providing training and consultation to police departments nationwide. He is deeply committed to rebuilding the relationship between the community and police departments through reform and practice. Ben was a

leading voice in PICO California for the Proposition 47 campaign to restructuring laws to create more opportunities for treatment of those diseased with addiction. He provides ongoing technical assistance for violence reduction, along with reintegration strategies, statewide and nationally. Ben has received many honors, including the FRED Scholars Award, the ONGB Non-Profit Leader of the Year, the Oakland Police Foundation's Neighborhood Champion Award, and the ASIS Community Policing Award.

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arrests, and fines, fees and restitution. Prior to her work with PLAC, from 2008–2012, Elie was the Director of Legal Services at Homeboy Industries, a gang rehabilitation program in Los Angeles. In this position, Elie assisted Homeboy trainees with myriad legal issues, both civil and criminal. From 1989 to 2004, Elie served as a Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender in Los Angeles, retiring as Deputy Alternate Public Defender IV. In her time as a public defender, Elie represented indigent individuals charged with a full range of misdemeanors and felonies; she worked on numerous jury and court trials. She was on the defense team in the notable case of *People v. Noriega, et al.*, in which she secured her female client the sentence of life in prison without parole, though the L.A. District Attorney sought the death penalty. Today, Elie is a Board Member of Legal Assistance for Workers with Criminal Convictions and a Volunteer Attorney at A New Way of Life Monthly Expungement Clinic.

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- Collaborating with the Judicial Council of California to produce the first plain-language court forms in the U.S. in 2001.
- Conducting a *Comparative Readability Study of Plain Language Court Forms*, published in *Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*, 2005. To date, this is the only quantitative test of plain-language court forms in the U.S.
- Serving as a readability instructor, UC Davis Law School, under the direction of Richard Wydick (author of *Plain English for Lawyers*).
- Editing Bryan Garner's *Redbook* text on visual accessibility.
- Drafting over 1,000 plain-language legal documents for state courts and legal aid agencies across the country, including: New York, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Iowa.

**MICHAEL MINOR** is Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He was appointed as Director in March 2012 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Mr. Minor started his career as an entry-level Correctional Officer in 1986, and during his 29 years of service he has worked in numerous capacities, including Superintendent, Major, Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant. As Director, he is responsible for overseeing the state's three (3) secure facilities and one fire camp for juvenile offenders. As part of the State's juvenile justice system, DJJ provides services to the most high-risk/high-need youth. Director Minor has led the DJJ through some of its most challenging years. Prior to becoming Director, the State had entered into a legal settlement to reform its system. The resulting consent decree was described by the Court expert as one of the most far-reaching remedial plans in American juvenile justice history. Since assuming leadership, Director Minor has successfully removed the DJJ from court oversight in health care, dental care, education, disability rights, and effective programs for sex offenders. He has provided leadership and oversight during the Division's implementation of a cognitive behavioral approach to assessing, understanding, and treating youth, known as the Integrated Behavior Treatment Model. His guidance has also led to major improvements in mental health care, the DJJ's last remaining remedial plan, which he hopes to close shortly, ending over a decade of litigation. Mr. Minor earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

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**HON. EILEEN C. MOORE** is an Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three, where she has served since 2000. She served as a judge of the Orange County Superior Court from 1989 to 2000 and prior to that was an attorney specializing in civil litigation. Justice Moore is a registered nurse and served as a combat nurse in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1966. She received the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Cross of Gallantry with Palm. She has received numerous awards, including the Appellate Justice of the Year Award conferred by the Consumer Attorneys Association of California in both 2002 and 2006 and the Outstanding Service Award from the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 785 in 2005. Justice Moore has engaged in numerous community activities and is the author of a wide array of publications.

**TOMIQUIA MOSS** is Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Oakland, Libby Schaaf. Moss brings a robust career in community planning and social justice to the Oakland Mayor's office. Moss served as the Executive Director of HOPE SF, a \$2.6 billion public-housing and neighborhood-revitalization plan to rebuild San Francisco's most dilapidated public-housing developments. Moss also served as the Community Planning Policy Director of SPUR, coordinating legislative and regulatory advocacy, public education work, and local and regional coalition building. In 2008, she was instrumental in establishing the SF Community Justice Center, of which she served as the Program Director. Tomiquia holds a BA in Political Science and Social Work from Ohio Wesleyan University and an MA in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

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services to support improved outcomes for transitional age youth in foster care, including leading county-level efforts through a collaborative of community partners to develop and implement a reproductive health policy.

**ALLEN A. NANCE** is the Chief Probation Officer, San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department. Chief Nance served as the Deputy Director for the Adult Probation Services Division of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court in DuPage County, Illinois, from 2000 to 2005. He has been instrumental in the implementation of various evidence-based practices as they relate to effective community corrections intervention. He led the department in the implementation of an actuarial assessment of criminal risk for adult offenders. Bilingual in Spanish and English, he has been a strong advocate for improved access to public services by monolingual individuals in the public sector. He has also developed performance measures and standards to effectively evaluate probation officer performance and create a framework for identifying outcome measures related to the department's service delivery. As an administrator, Chief Nance has developed and reinforced protocols designed to build collaborative partnerships with stakeholders in the criminal justice system. Chief Nance began his probation career in 1989 with the Juvenile Probation Department of Cook County, where he served in several line officer and administrative positions. As a Deputy Chief Probation Officer in the Juvenile Probation Department in Cook County, he served as Training Administrator and Director of Management Information Systems. He assisted the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in its statewide implementation of a juvenile risk assessment and case plan system. Chief Nance has served as a consultant and trainer to juvenile justice and social service agencies in numerous states across the nation and more recently, in the United Kingdom. Chief Nance holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois in Chicago.

**HON. MICHAEL NASH (Ret.)** was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1985. In 1989, Judge Nash was elevated to the Superior Court and served in the Juvenile Court from 1990 until his retirement in 2015. From 1995 until his retirement, he served as either Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or Supervising Judge of the Dependency Court in Los Angeles. On January 4, 2016, Judge Nash will become the Executive Director of Los Angeles County's Office of Child Protection. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Nash served as a Deputy Attorney General in the criminal division of the California Attorney General's Office, where he handled criminal appeals and trials for over ten years. He is a former member of the Judicial Council of California, former Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges of California (JCJC), and former President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Judge Nash received his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

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**HON. COLLEEN NICHOLS** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Placer. Before her election to the bench in 2004, Judge Nichols served more than ten years as a court commissioner. Currently assigned to criminal arraignments and trials, Judge Nichols has held a wide variety of judicial assignments, including juvenile delinquency, family law, probate, and adult drug court. She served as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for several years. Judge Nichols has been a member and chair of the Juvenile Law Curriculum Subcommittee for the Judicial Council. She earned her undergraduate degree in political science from California State University, Chico. After a stint as a paralegal, Judge Nichols obtained her law degree from the University of California, Davis, School of Law.

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State Senate Task Force on Children and Youth, she participated in the redrafting of California's juvenile dependency law. She also served on the Department of Justice Children's Justice Act Task Force, Senate Task Force on Family Relations Court, State Department of Education Surrogate Parent Task Force, Alliance for Endangered Children's Project, and the Governor's Adoption Policy Advisory Council. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Nunn taught in elementary and middle schools, special-education programs, and county probation camp facilities.

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**ELIZA PATTEN** has built her legal career around a commitment to working with children and parents involved in the child welfare system. After graduating from the NYU School of Law in 2001, Eliza worked at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., in Wilmington, Delaware, where she implemented a Skadden Fellowship project that focused on improving the delivery of child welfare services to children in foster care through representation of parents in dependency proceedings, community education and outreach to parents and service providers, and public policy work at the state level. Eliza joined Legal Services for Children in 2007 and is currently the Dependency Project Director. Currently, Eliza is leading a project to explore the role of counsel for nonminor dependents with significant mental illness or developmental delay that may affect decision making and to develop recommendations for transition planning for foster youth with disabilities. Previously, Eliza was the Director of the Young Women's Empowerment Project, focused on improving gender-responsive client work, including the development of a peer

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**HON. AMY M. PELLMAN** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Judge Pellman was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2008. At the time of her appointment, she was sitting as a Court Commissioner since 2005. Judge Pellman has dedicated her legal and judicial career to bettering the lives of children and their families. Prior to her election as Commissioner, she served as the legal director for The Alliance for Children's Rights, a non-profit organization providing free legal services to children in poverty. She was also a senior and appellate attorney for Children's Law Center of Los Angeles. Judge Pellman received the Child Advocacy Law Award in 2003 from the American Bar Association and is a regular contributor to a treatise on Juvenile Dependency Law, "California Juvenile Dependency Practice," published by the CEB (California Educational Bar). Judge Pellman speaks and writes regularly on juvenile and family law issues. Judge Pellman is an adjunct Professor and has taught for over eleven years at Southwestern University Law School. She was awarded the Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005. Judge Pellman is currently sitting at Edelman's Children's court where she hears a variety of cases including dependency, ICWA, termination of parental rights for private adoptions, adoption finalizations, surrogacy, and emancipation petitions. Judge Pellman also sits on numerous local, state and national committees related to juvenile and family law issues. She has a B.A. in Political Science from Mount Holyoke College, and a J.D. from the City University of New York Law School.

**HON. JOE T. PEREZ** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange. He was appointed by former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in December 2010 to fill a newly created seat on the court. He formerly served as a court commissioner for the from 2007–2010. He was a deputy public defender for the Orange County Public Defender’s Office from 1995–2007 and was a sole practitioner prior to joining the court. Judge Perez oversees several of the court’s collaborative justice court programs, including mental health, homeless, and veterans courts. Judge Perez earned a Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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**HON. CATHERINE J. PRATT** is a Commissioner of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Commissioner Pratt received a BA from the University of California, Berkeley, and a JD from the University of Southern California. She practiced law in the private sector, representing Wall Street firms for 10 years in both Los Angeles and San Francisco. She then worked in the Los Angeles dependency court, representing the Department 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 wraparound services in Los Angeles. Pratt was appointed 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.

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**ANN QUIRK** is an education and dependency attorney with Children's Law Center of California. Based in the Sacramento office, she provides strategic advice, expertise, and resources to attorneys on client educational issues. Previously, she was the education attorney at Sacramento Child Advocates, where she developed and oversaw a program to improve clients' access to quality education and to ensure that the educational rights of the 3000+ foster youth in Sacramento County were recognized and upheld. Ann regularly leads trainings throughout the county and the state on education representation for foster youth. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law and has over 25 years of experience working with disadvantaged youth, the majority of whom are, have been, or are about to be involved with the foster care system.

**JONATHAN RAVEN** is the Chief Deputy at the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, an office with approximately 33 prosecutors. He received his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 1991, after graduating with honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1986. He worked as a civil attorney for four years before being sworn in as a Deputy District Attorney in Yolo County in 1995. As a felony trial deputy, Raven prosecuted all types of cases, ranging from DUIs to child molestation to homicide. California Attorney General Bill Lockyer appointed Raven Director of the Office of Victims' Services (OVS) in September 2002. OVS advocates on behalf of crime victims, interfaces and works with law enforcement, and works on policy and legislative issues pertaining to crime victims' issues. In February 2007, newly elected Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig appointed Raven his Assistant Chief Deputy. In November 2010, Reisig appointed Raven to the Chief Deputy position, the number two position in the office. Raven manages a number of divisions (including Neighborhood Court, Victim Services, Intake/Charging, the Lifer Unit, Consumer Fraud and Environmental Protection, and the Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center). Raven is an adjunct professor at UC Davis King Hall School of Law. He has been on the faculty of California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) and is also an instructor at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, where he trains law enforcement officers on the POST-mandated racial profiling course. From 2003 until 2012, he was a board member of the Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center and was board president for three years.

**JAMES REDFORD** makes documentaries that transform important health and environmental issues into stories that educate and inspire. With nine films to date, he's journeyed far and deep, looking at issues

such as water shortage in the west, dyslexia, and the dangers of chemical flame retardants, as well as why and how chronic stress damages healthy childhood development. Inspired by his own life-saving liver transplant at the age of 30, his first HBO documentary, *The Kindness of Strangers*, explored the hidden heroism of donor families. James began his collaboration with Karen Pritzker on HBO's *The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia*, a film that gave hope to millions of families around the world who have struggled to educate their dyslexic children. From there, they turned their storytelling eye on the hidden menace of adverse childhood experiences. *Paper Tigers*, currently on the festival and screening circuit, will air on PIVOT TV near the end of 2015. James also cofounded and is current Chair of the Redford Center, a film-production nonprofit that tells inspiring human stories about complex environmental challenges. HBO's *Happening*—the center's fourth film and James's fifth for HBO—takes us on an oft-humorous "Clean Energy Tour for Dummies" that opens the door to new solutions and real hope. Recent honors include the 2014 WildCare Environmental Award and service both as a 2015 filmmaker envoy for USC/US State Department's American Film Showcase and in the leadership circle for the UN's second annual Media for Social Impact Summit. James is also a relapsed rock 'n' roll guitarist who plays the best dives in the San Francisco bay area with Olive and the Dirty Martinis. He lives in Marin County with his wife, Kyle Redford.

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adolescents for the Health Resources and Services Administration in the early 1990s and coauthored the first policy and practice guidelines for LGBT youth in child welfare, juvenile justice, and transitional living programs. Her multilingual, research-based family education materials were designated as the first “Best Practice” resources for suicide prevention for LGBT young people by the Best Practices Registry for Suicide Prevention. Dr. Ryan serves as an expert witness on legal cases for LGBT youth in out-of-home care, school discrimination, immigration, and child abuse cases, and trains extensively on addressing the needs of LGBT children and youth. Her work has been recognized by major professional associations, including the American Psychiatric Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the American Psychological Association, Division 44, which gave her the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award for groundbreaking research on LGBT youth and families, and by many other organizations. Dr. Ryan has served on many advisory groups, including the Committee on LGBT Health for the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and the LGBT Suicide Prevention Task Force of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.

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**ANNE MARIE SCHUBERT**, is the District Attorney of Sacramento County. She is a career prosecutor with 25 years of law enforcement experience. As a Sacramento County prosecutor, Anne Marie sent some of the area’s most notorious and dangerous criminals—murderers, rapists, and child molesters—to state prison. She has also created innovative programs for the District Attorney’s Office focused on catching killers and criminals using DNA evidence, helping the children of our community by combatting truancy, and honoring citizens who have provided service to justice with the development of the annual Outstanding Citizen Awards. Anne Marie has received the Prosecutor of the Year Award and the POST ICI Instructor of the Year Award. One of Anne Marie’s passions is the pursuit of justice through forensic DNA evidence and cold case prosecution. She formed the DA’s Cold Case Prosecution Unit in 2002, and served as its first prosecutor. She is nationally recognized as a forensic DNA expert. Anne Marie was elected Sacramento County’s District Attorney in 2014 with the support of former District Attorney Jan Scully, Sheriff Scott Jones, law enforcement associations, and crime victims’ organizations. She was sworn into office in January 2015.

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policy. As a graduate student in his dual degree program, Casey interned with NCYL; Legal Services for Children; the Judicial Council of California's Center for Families, Children & the Courts; and the Office of the Child Advocate in Boston, Massachusetts. In his master's thesis for his public policy program, Casey explored the outlier status of the timeline to adjudication in Massachusetts child welfare cases. Casey earned his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 2006, and his dual JD/MPP degree in law and public policy in 2013 from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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**HON. SHAWNA M. SCHWARZ** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. Judge Schwarz received her bachelor's and master's 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.

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agencies, nonprofits, community leaders and advocates, and foundations; managing and implementing CPE's research model in police departments nationwide; and translating research into practice. Since joining CPE in 2010, Ms. Smiedt has helped grow and manage a grants portfolio of nearly \$20 million and has contributed to a number of technical reports and publications. Her work has led to the recognition of the Center's staff as international experts, called upon by domestic and foreign governments for their expertise in applying social science research methods to effect cultural change both within organizations and the communities they serve. Her research interests focus on policing and juvenile justice. Meredith was born and raised in Los Angeles and received her bachelor's degree in Business and Communication, as well as her Master's in Social Work, from the University of Southern California.

**ESTHER SMITH** was born on December 4, 1998, in Seattle, Washington. Having attended nine different schools, Esther Smith has moved around a great deal as a child. A current junior at Castro Valley High School, Esther likes reading grand novels, meeting new people, walking her dogs at sunset, and sharing her passion for gender equality. Esther is a member of the Youth Advisory Board of the California Association of Youth Courts.

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**HON. DARRELL STEINBERG (Ret.)** is one of the most respected political leaders in California, having most recently served as President pro Tem of the State Senate from 2008 to 2014. His more than twenty-year career in public service also included six years in both the State Assembly and the Sacramento City Council. Over the course of his legislative tenure, Steinberg forged difficult agreements to usher the state from a \$42 billion deficit to a budget surplus, implement groundbreaking mental health care

legislation, strengthen the state's foster care system, improve K–12 education standards, reform the statewide ballot initiative, and make historic investments in California's water and transportation infrastructure. While his resume lists achievements in multiple areas, advancing mental health care policy has always been among Steinberg's top priorities. Some of his most well-known contributions include Proposition 63, which provides over one billion dollars per year for mental health care, and SB 946, a groundbreaking law that ensures insurance companies cover treatment of children with autism and related disorders. In 2015, Darrell established The Steinberg Institute for Advancing Mental Health Policy. The Steinberg Institute aims to build legislative leadership to uphold California's promise to build a full network of community services and support for people living with mental illness and related disorders. He serves as Professor and Director of Policy and Advocacy at the UC Davis Behavioral Health Center of Excellence. Darrell is currently a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP, where he serves as Chair of the firm's California Government Law & Policy Practice.

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**MILLICENT TIDWELL** is the Judicial Council's Chief Operating Officer, directing the council's Operations and Programs Division. She previously served as director of the Division of Rehabilitative Programs for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where she managed an annual budget of more than \$450 million. Ms. Tidwell brings to the council more than twenty years of experience in the criminal justice field; her experience includes policy making, strategic planning, partnership building, research, evaluation, and process improvement for complex and diverse organizations. Ms. Tidwell practiced law in Sacramento for two years before turning to public service in 1999, when she went to work as a public safety policy analyst for the Office of Governor Gray Davis. A year later, she became chief of Mentally Ill Offender Services at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. In 2005, Ms. Tidwell became deputy director of the Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration at the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, during which time she served on the Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. In 2013, Ms. Tidwell became the director for the Division of Rehabilitative Programs at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where she served until joining the Judicial Council.

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**LINDSAY TOCZYLOWSKI** is a founding member and Executive Director of the Immigrant Defenders Law Center, a nonprofit law firm dedicated to advancing social justice for Southern California's most marginalized immigrant communities. She was previously the Directing Attorney for Representation

Programs at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, where she helped build a program that specialized in providing legal representation and community education to the most vulnerable immigrants in Southern California. Lindsay was the principal supervisor for the provision of legal representation to detained and released unaccompanied minors and mentally incompetent immigrant detainees. Esperanza's direct representation program for unaccompanied minors provided immigration removal defense to hundreds of refugee children yearly, and grew under her leadership to be the largest program of its kind in the United States. Lindsay was formerly a Staff Attorney at both Esperanza and Kids in Need of Defense, where she represented immigrant children in removal proceedings, mainly pursuing asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Visas for them. Prior to Esperanza, she fought for the legal rights of abused and neglected foster children in the Dependency Court system as an attorney with the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles. Lindsay was also the Overseas Operations Director at Asylum Access, an international non-profit that makes refugee rights a reality in the global south. As the 2008 University of Southern California Irmas Fellow, she provided direct legal services and engaged in policy advocacy in Asylum Access's Ecuador office. Lindsay is a frequent speaker at conferences and trainings on children's immigration legal issues. She is an active University of Southern California Law alumna who serves on the USC Public Interest Law Foundation Advisory Board. Lindsay is a graduate of the USC Gould School of Law and a magna cum laude graduate of San Diego State University. Originally from the Boston area, she has called Southern California home for more than 15 years.

**PAULA TOKAR**, a 25-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Captain in July 2015 by Sheriff Jim McDonald and assigned to command the Population Management Bureau (PMB). PMB is responsible for determining the appropriate classification level and housing location for the inmate population in the country's largest jail system. PMB is also responsible for managing the Department's alternatives to custody, community-based treatment programs and for the reentry services offered to the inmate population through the Community Transition Unit. Captain Tokar's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1990. After graduating from the Sheriff's Training Academy as a Deputy Sheriff, she held assignments at in-custody, as a bailiff in the court system, as a patrol officer, and as a detective. She was promoted to Sergeant in December 2000 and to Lieutenant in 2004. She held numerous positions as a lieutenant, including Unit Commander for the Inmate Services Bureau, Operations Lieutenant for Personnel Administration, the Executive Aide for Administrative Services Division and the Executive Aide to Assistant Sheriff Terri McDonald. Captain Tokar earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Los Angeles. She has been married to her husband, Michael Wright, a Sergeant at Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station, for 20 years; they have two children. In her spare time, Captain Tokar enjoys cooking, reading, and playing word games.

**HON. PATRICK E. TONDREAU** is Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Justice Court and Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 2002. His previous assignments were in Juvenile Dependency Court and Family Court. Judge Tondreau is a member of the Juvenile Court Judges of California (JCJC) Executive Committee, the California Judges Association, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He is also a member of the San Jose Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Steering Committee. His previous service includes several committees on the Santa Clara County Bar Association and the Law Foundation of

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**MICHELLE FRANÇOIS TRAIMAN** is the Director of the Foster Youth Education Initiative (FosterEd) at the National Center for Youth Law. Ms. Traiman brings more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit and philanthropy sectors, as well as substantial expertise in child welfare and education. Most recently, she served as the Associate Director of Child Welfare with the Stuart Foundation, where she led a major initiative to improve education outcomes for foster youth across California. Her life's work has been focused on helping young people realize the vastness of their potential and supporting system-change efforts that put the needs of youth at the center of policies and practices. Michelle's life and work experience span a broad spectrum: as an artist, stage director, fundraiser, community activist, strategic planner, and program director—all while acting as a passionate advocate for young people and families. Her superpower is finding out what is uniquely awesome about people. She lives in San Francisco with her amazing husband, Cliff, and stepson, Theo, and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Macalester College in Minnesota.

**CECILIA TRAN** is Associate Policy Director at the John Burton Foundation. This role allows her to assist in crafting and implementing policies to improve conditions for homeless youth and youth in out-of-home care. Prior to coming to the Foundation, Cecilia worked on legislation relating to homelessness and foster youth as a field representative and legislative aide for the office of former State Assemblymember Tom Ammiano.

**HON. ANTHONY A. TRENDACOSTA** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, where he is currently assigned to Department 406 of the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park. Before his appointment to the bench by Governor Brown in December 2014, Judge Trendacosta had served as a court commissioner since 2006 and was a court referee from 1998–2006. He previously served as general counsel at the Santa Monica Rent Control Board from 1989 to 1998, supervising attorney at the Los Angeles Office of County Counsel from 1987 to 1989, and as a partner at Rose, Klein and Marias from 1983 to 1986. Judge Trendacosta received his BA from California State University, Northridge, and his JD from the University of La Verne. He is a member of the Center for Judicial Education & Research Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee.

**ROCHELLE TROCHTENBERG** is the Lead Youth Organizer with the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration. Rochelle is a dedicated youth advocate, community organizer, and former foster youth working to improve the system for other youth. She has spent the last eight years pouring her heart and

soul into the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration; leading the organization's efforts to implement a robust, youth-led policy and advocacy program. As the Lead Youth Organizer, Rochelle has acted as a leader and mentor, engaging youth with experience in foster care, mental health issues, juvenile justice, and homelessness to bring their voices and experiences to policy-setting and decision-making tables throughout various systems. Rochelle is an outspoken advocate who strives to improve systems by helping young people understand the policy, politics, and impacts of laws, as well as how to navigate and leverage their power to shape the political conversation. Rochelle believes that systems function more effectively when decisions are informed and connected to the real-life experiences and voices of those who depend on them. Rochelle believes that being instrumental in facilitating youths' involvement in political activism is a potent form of direct service and she is dedicated to working with youth to create dynamic system change. Rochelle has worked with a number of groups across California to effectively engage youth in policy, program design, and system improvement efforts. Rochelle has dedicated herself to a number of statewide efforts, such as serving as a former foster youth representative on the *Katie A.* Joint Management Task Force and Co-Chair of the *Katie A.* Community Mental Health Team, working on the California State Quality Improvement Project to Improve the Use of Psychotropic Medication Amongst Foster Youth, and serving on the California Child Welfare Council since 2010. Additionally, Rochelle was a founding Board Member and Secretary for Youth In Mind, serving from 2010 to 2013, and has served for three terms on the Board of Directors for California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth (CMHACY). Rochelle's life goal is to transform the child welfare and mental health systems for children and families.

**SUSAN F. TURNER, PhD**, is a Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Society at the University of California, Irvine. She also serves as Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Corrections, an appointee of the President of the University of California to the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB), and member of California's Bureau of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) committees. She received her MA and PhD in Social Psychology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She led a variety of research projects while she was a Senior Behavioral Scientist at the RAND Corporation, including studies on racial disparity, field experiments of private sector alternatives for serious juvenile offenders, work release, day fines and a 14-site evaluation of intensive supervision probation. Dr. Turner's areas of expertise include the design and implementation of randomized field experiments and research collaborations with state and local justice agencies. At UCI, she has assisted the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the development and validation of a risk assessment tool as well as evaluations of targeted parole programs and prison population forecasting. Most recently, she has been involved in several evaluations of the impact of California's realignment on state and county justice systems. Dr. Turner also served as a member of the RAND project team that recently investigated the effectiveness of correctional academic and career technical education programs for juveniles and adults. Dr. Turner is a member of the American Society of Criminology and the American Probation and Parole Association, and a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology. She is past Chair of the Division of Corrections and Sentencing and current chair of the Division of Experimental Criminology of the American Society of Criminology.

**HAYLEY UPSHAW** is a Senior Staff Attorney at Legal Services for Children in San Francisco. Hayley joined LSC in August 2008 when she was awarded an Equal Justice Works fellowship to represent

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**CINDY VAN SCHOOTEN, PhD**, has been the Court Executive Officer for the Superior Court of California, County of Trinity, since January 2014. She serves as the administrator and manager of all court and fiscal operations and security. Before joining Trinity Superior Court, she was the Family Court Services Director for the Superior Court of Tehama County from 2007, and had served in that capacity in other courts since 1996. She is a licensed therapist and has been a faculty member with the National Judicial College, Reno, NV, since 2000. She also serves on the California Family Court Services Education Committee and provides ongoing mandatory education for mediators, child custody recommending counselors, and judicial officers. In 2004, Dr. Van Schooten wrote the curriculum for child custody evaluations for Chico State University. Dr. Van Schooten has taught at California Association of Superior Court Investigators (CASCI) Conference, the AFCC-CA Conference, the FDR Statewide Educational Institute, the Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER), and the Judicial College in Wisconsin. She is a member of American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the California Association of Family Court Service Directors. Dr. Van Schooten is passionate about keeping children out of the court system, and developed a program using dogs to provide emotional support for children while they are attending court. She is working with AMK9 and Auburn University to place dogs (trained for veterans with PTSD) to serve in various capacities in the courts. She has placed two canines in Trinity County Superior Court: Condor works in security and Miles serves children in dependency or family law matters.

**HON. RICHARD A. VLAVIANOS** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin. He currently serves, by appointment of the Chief Justice of California, as Chair of the Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. At the San Joaquin court, Judge Vlavianos currently oversees a multi-track DUI Court system of court supervision in high risk DUI cases; one of five pilot Parolee Re-entry Courts in California; a Drug Court; a Proposition 36 Compliance Court; and a Mental Health Court. He received the 2012 Kevin E. Quinlan Award from the Century Council (now FAAR) for excellence in traffic safety; the 2015 Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Award from the Children's Services Coordinating Commission; the 2011 Collaborative Leadership Award from the Association of California County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators (CADPAAC); and the 2007 Law Day Award from the San Joaquin County Bar Association.

**LAURA VLEUGELS, MD**, is Supervising Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Children, Youth & Families, County of San Diego. Having worked in public mental health for over a decade, Dr. Vleugels promotes collaboration amongst organizations to best meet the needs of youth. In her current role, she regularly advocates for youth with behavioral health challenges who are involved in the probation, child welfare,

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**PROPHET WALKER** is a founding member of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and the co-founder of Watts United Weekend. When Prophet was just a child, his mother succumbed to a heroin addiction, leading him and his sister to live with their father in Watts. Prophet struggled throughout his childhood with staying in school and out of trouble. At 16 years old, he was sentenced to six years in prison for assault, stemming from a fight with other teenagers. While serving his time in juvenile hall, before being transferred to the adult prison system, Prophet vowed to turn his life around. While incarcerated, he helped start an educational program that offers other incarcerated young people the opportunity to earn a two-year college degree on the inside. More than 100 of the program's graduates, including Prophet himself, have left prison and enrolled in four-year colleges. Prophet recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a degree in Civil Engineering and is currently a consulting engineer to the Jordan Downs Redevelopment Project in Watts. Last year, Prophet ran for the California Assembly in the 64th district, which includes Watts, Compton, Carson, and North Long Beach. In addition to his professional success, Prophet continues to give back to his community and serve as an example to many young men caught up in the justice system. Prophet is the co-founder of Watts United Weekend, which brings together young residents of local public housing projects before they turn into gang rivals. He is also a founding member of the ARC, which serves as a support network for formerly incarcerated young people and provides reentry services to help individuals succeed after incarceration.

**HON. VAUGHN R. WALKER (Ret.)** was a Judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California from 1990 to 2011. He served as Chief Judge of the court from 2004 to 2010. Judge Walker graduated from the University of Michigan in 1966. He worked briefly at the Securities & Exchange Commission and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. He studied law at the University of Chicago and Stanford University, receiving a JD in 1970. From 1971 to 1972, Judge Walker was a law clerk to the Honorable Robert J. Kelleher of the United States District Court in Los Angeles. From 1972 to 1990, he practiced law with Pillsbury Madison & Sutro (now Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman) in San Francisco, becoming a partner in 1978. In 2010, Judge Walker presided over *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, a challenge to California Proposition 8, which amended the state constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman and precluded the state from recognizing marriages between same-sex couples. Judge Walker found that Proposition 8 failed to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license, did nothing more than enshrine in the state constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples, and prevented California from fulfilling its constitutional obligation to provide marriages on an equal basis. Judge Walker found Proposition 8 invalid and ruled it

unconstitutional. In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Proposition 8 proponents did not have standing to appeal the district court ruling, and thus Judge Walker's opinion was left intact.

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**HON. ERICA R. YEW** is a Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, and the Chairperson of the California Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP). Judge Yew was appointed to the superior court bench in 2001 and to the CJP in 2010. After two years of service as vice chair, Judge Yew was appointed chair of the commission in 2013. She also serves on the Judicial Council's Advisory

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