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Language Access Educational Webinar Sessions

Justice Partner and Community Organization Panel on Language Access

Panel Bios

Panel Moderator:

Hon. Brian McCabe

*Judge, Superior Court of California, Merced County
Chair of the Court Interpreters Advisory Panel*

Judge McCabe was appointed to the bench in December 2004. He served six years as the Presiding Judge for the Merced Superior Court and was Chair of the State Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Panel. Judge McCabe also served four years as an advisory member on the Judicial Council. He also is a member of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Research Advisory Council and has taught at the Illinois State Circuit Presiding Chief's Leadership Conference on leadership, Fresno Pacific University on leadership ethics, and the Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute on dependency and family law.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge McCabe worked in the private sector at a Hanford, then Merced firm before opening his own office. His emphasis of practice was as a litigator in civil, employment/labor, and family law.

Panelists:

Joann Lee

*Special Counsel on Language Justice
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles*

Joann Lee Joann Lee is Special Counsel on Language Justice at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). Bilingual in Korean, Joann has provided direct legal services to the growing Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant population in the Los

Angeles area at LAFLA since 2000. She has practiced family and immigration law, with a focus on representing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking survivors before the family and immigration courts, as well as other administrative bodies. Joann coordinates LAFLA's internal language justice work and has also engaged in extensive advocacy based on state and federal civil rights requirements to obtain meaningful language services for clients. Joann was appointed to the California Judicial Council Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force and has also served on the boards of the Korean American Bar Association, Korean Resource Center, and the Center for the Pacific Asian Family.

Cannon Han

*Senior Program Manager, Enhancing Access to Services
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence*

Cannon Han is a Senior Program Manager with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence. He has over ten years of experience providing technical assistance and training to programs on: Title VI compliance and advocacy; language access; interpretation; and translation. Prior to re-joining API, he was the Title VI Administrator for Caltrain and the San Mateo Transit District. He also served as a Senior Court Services Analyst with the California Administrative Office of the Courts, Court Interpreter Program, and an attorney with the Mental Health Advocacy Project.

Marisa Christensen Lundin

*Legal Director, Indigenous Program
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.*

Marisa Christensen Lundin is the Legal Director of the Indigenous Program at California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA). The Indigenous Program is a statewide program focusing on the rights of low-income Indigenous Latin Americans living and working in California. She has been working with CRLA since 2013 and formerly co-directed the Community Equity Initiative, CRLA's environmental justice program. CRLA attorneys use a community lawyering approach and develop deep ties with the communities they serve. Marisa holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law with a Criminal Law concentration and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and a minor in Philosophy. Notable practice areas include employment law (with a focus on discrimination), language access law, and civil rights.