

American Judges Association 2017 Annual Educational Conference

Speaker Biographies

Former Washington Post ombudsman **Andrew Alexander** is an award-winning journalist and news industry leader who has been a reporter, editor and Washington bureau chief during a career that spans four decades. He has reported from more than 50 countries and won or shared in prizes for distinguished Washington correspondence and investigative journalism.

Mr. Alexander grew up in a small town in western Ohio and graduated with a journalism degree from Ohio University. He started reporting while still in college, working summers in Australia for the Melbourne Herald. Also before graduating, he spent a summer as a correspondent covering the war in Vietnam and covered the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia. Before joining The Washington Post in early 2009, he had spent his entire career with the Cox Newspapers chain. He began at a Cox paper in Dayton, Ohio and in 1976 was transferred to the Cox Newspapers Washington Bureau, where he covered Congress and politics. After reporting from the nation's capital and extended overseas assignments, he moved into editing roles beginning in the late 1980s, first as foreign editor and then as deputy chief in the Cox bureau. In 1997, he was named bureau chief, overseeing a Washington staff and foreign bureaus in London, Jerusalem, Beijing, Moscow, Mexico City, Baghdad and the Caribbean, as well as domestic bureaus in New York and on the West Coast. During his time as chief, the Cox Washington bureau shared in the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting.

He also has served on the board of the National Press Club. And he is a member of the advisory council for the Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University, which has awarded him its Medal of Merit as a distinguished alumnus. In 2011, he was inducted into the Scripps College of Communication Hall of Fame, which recognizes lifetime achievement, and also was named Ohio University's Alumnus of the Year. In 2013, he received an honorary doctorate of communication from Ohio University and was its undergraduate commencement speaker.

For his work on behalf of open government, Mr. Alexander in 2006 was inducted into the First Amendment Center's National Freedom of Information

Act Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently is a Visiting Professional at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University, where he is playing a leading role in fostering media innovation and entrepreneurship. He also is an Executive in Residence at Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs.

Judge Veronica Alicea-Galván is a 1994 University of Washington School of Law graduate. She has served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle, and also served the City of Federal Way in this same capacity. Judge Alicea-Galván took the bench in 2001 as a Judge Pro Tempore, and was appointed to a full time judicial position as an Administrative Law Judge in 2002. In 2007, Judge Alicea-Galván was appointed to the Des Moines Municipal Court where she served with distinction, earning the Juez Excepcional award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington. Governor Jay Inslee appointed Judge Alicea-Galván to the King County Superior Court in December of 2014. While in Des Moines, Judge Alicea-Galván implemented the only Spanish-language Court in the state of Washington granting hundreds of litigants the opportunity to address the court directly in Spanish. She was recognized by her alma mater with the Dean's Leadership Award in 2015 and in 2016 was recognized as a Woman of the Year by the Center for Women & Democracy.

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

Hon. Patricia Banks practiced law for over 20 years before being elected Judge in 1994. She retired as the founding Presiding Judge of the Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division, Circuit Court of Cook County. She chairs the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging and serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for

Gerontology of Concordia University Chicago. She is the past chair of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council and is a sought after consultant and lecturer. Judge Banks is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Peter N. Bourque attended York University in Toronto before completing law school at Osgoode Hall in 1977.

His Articles of Clerkship were at McTaggart, Potts, Stone and Harridge, Barristers and Solicitors, in Toronto. He assisted future jurists, including Ian Binnie (Supreme court of Canada), Arthur Stone (Federal Court of Canada), and Joseph Potts (Supreme Court of Ontario). He practiced as a barrister for 28 years in all the courts of Ontario, including the Ontario Court of Justice, the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal. He also practiced before numerous boards and tribunals.

Judge Bourque was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 2006, and president in the Criminal Court in Newmarket, Ontario, up to the present date.

He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and lived the life of a child of a man in military service by living at various times all across Canada and sometimes overseas. He is married with three grown children and one grandchild.

Kevin J. Bowling, JD, MSJA is the Court Administrator and Attorney Referee for the 20th Circuit and Ottawa County Probate Courts in Ottawa County, Michigan. He is a Past President of the National Association for Court Management, Co-Chair of the COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee, and Chair of the DOJ Global Advisory Committee. His work in the judicial system spans more than 35 years, including as a court manager, attorney, judicial educator and court consultant, with service in Africa as Deputy Chief of Party for the Nigeria Justice Sector Assistance Project. Mr. Bowling also served for 20 years in a variety of positions with the Michigan Supreme Court.

Hon. Yvette McGee Brown was the first African-American woman elected to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. She was the founding president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital. In January 2011, she became the first African-American woman to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio. She is presently a partner at the global law firm of Jones Day

specializing in litigation and appellate practice.

McGee Brown was first elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile division in 1992. As lead Juvenile Court Judge, she led the creation of the Family Drug Court and the SMART Program, a truancy and educational neglect intervention program. She served on the Common Pleas Court until 2002, when she retired from the bench to create the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The Center is a multi-disciplinary child abuse and family violence organization that services children and families experiencing abuse.

While a common theme in McGee Brown's professional and community work is her advocacy for children and families, she is also an active community and corporate leader. She serves on the board of directors of Motorists Insurance Company and has previously served on the board of directors of Glimcher Realty Trust, M/I Homes, Inc., Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio, Ohio University, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. She is the former chair of the United Way of Central Ohio, The Ohio State University Alumni Association and the YWCA Columbus Board of Directors. In 2008, McGee Brown was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame and in 2014 she was inducted into the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame.

Among her many honors are The Ohio University Medal of Merit, The Ohio State University Distinguished Service Award, Women of Color Woman of the Year, the Girl Scout Great Award and the Columbus Bar Association Nettie Cronise Lutes Award.

McGee Brown graduated from Ohio University in 1982 with a degree in journalism/public relations and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1985. She has honorary doctorate degrees from Urbana University, Ohio Dominican University, Wilberforce University and Central State University.

McGee Brown is married to Tony Brown and they have three children and two grandchildren.

Cherise Fanno Burdeen has spent over 20 years working to improve public safety policies and practices across the country. After earning a Bachelors in Public Administration from Miami University (Ohio) and a Masters in Criminal Justice from Indiana University, she began her career with the DOJ's National Institute

of Justice. After field work that included time with the Safer Foundation in Chicago and post-9/11 federal service with the Department of Homeland Security, Ms. Burdeen joined PJI. Since 2006, Ms. Burdeen has developed innovative strategies to raise awareness of pretrial justice issues, amassed a broad constituency of criminal justice stakeholder groups, provided technical assistance and training on policy reforms, and engaged in communications and media efforts. She has extensive experience with strategic planning, initiative management, and change efforts across the criminal justice system. She serves as an issue expert for legal and correctional professionals, national and community advocates, the media, influencers and artists.

Judge Kevin Burke is a District Judge in Hennepin County, Minnesota. He is one of the most recognized leaders within the American judiciary. Judge Burke was elected for four terms as Chief Judge and three terms as Assistant Chief Judge. During this time he instituted social science studies – and reforms improving – procedural fairness. From 1991 – 1996 he served as the Chair of the Conference of Chief Judges. He chaired the State Board of Public Defense, and was a leader in the effort to improve and expand the state’s public defender system.

He has been a speaker in 40 states, several federal courts and federal court conferences as well as Abu Dhabi, Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Ireland, Kosovo and Mexico regarding improvement in judicial administration and court leadership. Judge Burke has authored numerous articles, and is the co-author of two American Judges Association White Papers, “Procedural Fairness: A Key Ingredient in Public Satisfaction” and “Minding the Court: Enhancing the Decision-Making Process.” He has served on the Board of the National Association of Court Managers, the National Center for State Courts, the American Judicature Society, and the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System. He is a past President of AJA and is the current Treasurer

Judge Gary Byers was first elected to the Maumee Municipal Court in 1993 and has served the community for the past 24 years. Judge Byers is a 1978 cum laude graduate of Hiram College with a bachelor’s degree in political science and music history-theory. He graduated from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1981 and was admitted to the practice of law in November that year.

Deena R. Calabrese is a judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General Division in Cleveland, Ohio. She was first elected to the court in November of 2008, and was re-elected in 2014, winning a new term that expires in February.

Judge Calabrese received her undergraduate degree from Xavier University and her J.D. from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Before becoming a judge, Calabrese served as an assistant prosecutor for the Criminal Division of the Mahoning County Office of the Prosecutor and as an assistant prosecutor for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.

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

Judge Pinkey S. Carr was elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court on November 8, 2011 and began her six-year term January 3, 2012. She is a Cleveland native, having grown up in the Harvard-Miles neighborhood as the youngest of four siblings. She attended and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and Baldwin-Wallace College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1987, with a double minor in Business Administration and Communications. Judge Carr earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1992, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in May of 1993. During her 20 year legal career, she sought justice as a prosecuting attorney for the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County for 13 years of her legal career expanding over two decades. While employed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office, Judge Carr spent seven of her nine years working in the elite Major Trial Unit. In that capacity, she prosecuted some of the

most egregious crimes, murder and rape cases. The last case Judge Carr prosecuted prior to being elected judge was the Anthony Sowell 11 victim serial murder case which received international attention. She won a conviction in what is considered the highest-profile criminal case in Cuyahoga County's history. Judge Carr prosecuted a number of high profile cases including the Aggravated Murder trial of Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens who was killed in the line of duty on March 1, 2008. His killer was convicted and is serving a life sentence in prison.

Judge Carr spent several years working in Cleveland City Hall during the mayoral reign of former Mayor Michael R. White. While working in the City of Cleveland's Law Department, she held several supervisory positions as Chief Assistant Director of Law for the Code Enforcement and Labor and Employment sections, Chief Counsel and Law Director from 1998 until 2002.

Judge Carr is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, The National Bar Association, The American Judges Association, Member and Trustee of Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio, former executive board member of the NAACP Cleveland Chapter, Board Member of United Black Fund, Mt Zion Church of Oakwood Village, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.. Her honors include being selected as Cuyahoga County Prosecutor of the Year in 2009 and named one of *Cleveland Magazine's* 2010 Most Interesting People.

Marilyn B. Cassidy is in her tenth year of service as a judge on the Cleveland Municipal Court. Her work on the bench includes general misdemeanor crimes and a dedicated domestic violence docket. In November of 2014, Judge Cassidy initiated the Cleveland Municipal Court's Specialized Docket For Human Trafficking, FLY (Freedom Lives in You) which she chairs. The mission of the Specialized Docket is to address the needs of adult victims of human trafficking, and to establish an integrated approach to provide services and treatment necessary for trafficking victims to regain control of their lives. The court honored the first graduate on November 17, 2016 and also will graduate six more participants from the two-year probation program in June.

Judge Cassidy has presented locally and nationally on the subject of human trafficking and trauma. She recently presented "A Court's Response to the Impact of Trauma on HT Victims at the National Association

of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and will participate in a panel discussion for the American Judges' Association National Conference in Cleveland in September. Judge Cassidy's work focuses on treatment of long standing trauma and recovery. She subscribes to the theory that resilience is a teachable skill. In the spring of 2016, her first publication, "Human Trafficking is Here" appeared in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal. In January of this year, Judge Cassidy was presented a Liberator Award (Judicial) for her work in helping victims of HT recover.

Judge Cassidy began her career in public service in 1992 as an Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. In addition to handling civil litigation at federal and state levels, which included a role on the trial team for the wrongful imprisonment case brought against the state of Ohio by the estate of Sam Sheppard, Judge Cassidy devoted much time to investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly. She teamed with grand jury prosecutors to bring justice to individuals committing crimes against adults over 60.

Judge Cassidy earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing Magna Cum Laude from Syracuse University. She has licenses to practice nursing in New York and Ohio. Cassidy's law degree is from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. She has participated in local moot court competitions as a judge, and has traveled to Vietnam, S. Korea, Indonesia, and Thailand to participate in moot competitions (in English) for students from eighteen countries in Asia.

Judge Cassidy is the mother of two adult children and grandmother to one.

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

Litigation.

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

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

Judge Lisa Coates was appointed to the Municipal Court in March 2003 and elected to a six-year term in November 2003. She was re-elected in November 2009 and 2015.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University. Following graduation, Judge Coates pursued a law degree at Case Western Reserve School of Law. Upon graduation and admission to the Ohio Bar, Judge Coates was employed with the Federal Government. She began at the Department of Veteran Affairs and then at the Social Security Administration. After a short time at a civil law firm, she started as an Assistant Summit County Prosecutor in the Criminal Division. She then became the judicial attorney for a judge at the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

Since being on the bench, Judge Coates was an integral part of establishing the court's underage alcohol diversion program. She also established the court's first specialized court, a mental health court known as STRIDE (Successful Treatment Results In Developing Excellence). STRIDE received its certification from the Ohio Supreme Court in April 2014 and was re-certified for a three-year period in 2016.

Judge Coates is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Akron Bar Association, Cuyahoga Falls Rotary and Cuyahoga Falls and Stow Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce. She is also part of the judicial

mentorship program established by the Ohio Supreme Court and has served on the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Pastor Roderick A. Coffee, I, has been the Senior Pastor of Union Community Church in Concord, Ohio, since May 1994. A native of Painesville, Ohio, Pastor Coffee earned a Diploma of Theology Degree in Black Church Studies from McCreary Center, affiliated with Ashland Theological Seminary. He recently graduated (2014) from Ashland with his Master of Arts in Practical Theology.

Pastor Coffee is current President of the Painesville Minister's Fellowship, a group of 14 minority ministers. Beginning in early 2008, Pastor Coffee was elected to and served two terms as President of the Lake County Branch of the NAACP.

Pastor Coffee has been happily married to Charlene Coffee for 41 years, and they are the proud parents of four children and twelve grandchildren.

Judge Cassandra Collier-Williams sits on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. She was elected by the people of Cuyahoga County in November of 2012. She presides over felony and civil matters.

Judge Collier-Williams is a graduate of Miami University and Cleveland Marshall College of Law. After graduation from law school, Judge Collier-Williams worked as an Associate in a mid-size law firm. In 1999, she opened her own law firm where she practiced in a wide range of legal areas including criminal, personal injury, contract disputes, domestic and juvenile. She maintained her law firm, where she employed attorneys and support staff, until she was elected judge in 2012.

Since arriving on the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Collier-Williams has worked hard to dispense justice to all of Cuyahoga County in a fair and impartial manner.

In addition to her regular responsibilities as a judge, Judge Collier-Williams also maintains a Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities docket. Judge Collier-Williams is a member of several organizations and bar associations. She is also working on a number of committees on the State and Local level seeking bail reform, grand jury reform, and general outreach to the community to assist in the public's needs. Judge Collier-Williams is an instructor for Continuing Legal Education classes for lawyers and judges.

Judge John E. Conery is a 1970 cum laude graduate of Loyola Law School where he served on the Law Review and as President of the Student Bar Association. He practiced law for almost twenty-five years with a focus on personal injury litigation before taking office as a general jurisdiction District Judge for the Sixteenth Judicial District, Parishes of St. Mary, Iberia and St. Martin, State of Louisiana on January 1, 1995. While on the District Court bench, Judge Conery coordinated capital training for Louisiana Judges in cooperation with the National Judicial College, and coordinated preparation of the Louisiana Capital Crimes Benchbook. Judge Conery has completed training as a domestic violence faculty coordinator and has presented at the state and national level on domestic violence issues. He is Past President of the Louisiana District Judge's Association and is immediate past President of the American Judges Association. Judge Conery has been a member of the Steering Committee for the Center for Elders and the Courts at the National Center for State Courts since 2005 and is featured in the introduction to the NCSC Elder and the Courts website. He conducted the NCSC pilot program for Elder Abuse Training for Judges at the State and National level. Judge Conery completed the Louisiana Judicial Leadership Institute and has been a frequent lecturer on the topics of Professionalism and Ethics for many years, previously serving as Chair of the LSBA Professionalism Committee. Judge Conery is a founding member and First President of The Inn on The Teche, a chapter of the American Inns of Court, and continues to serve as Inn Administrator.

Judge Conery now serves as a judge on the Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal since election on January 1, 2013.

Charles E. Coulson has served as the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney since 1995. Mr. Coulson earned his Juris Doctor Degree at the University of Akron School of Law (1974), and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kent State University (1970).

Benjamin Lloyd Crump, Esq. and his legal prowess and success have created a significant legal legacy that ensures that the promise found in our nation's constitution is indeed real in every state, municipality and neighborhood. His legal acumen as both a litigator and advocate has ensured that those most frequently marginalized are protected by their nation's contract with its constituency. The conspectus of his constitutional battles at both the local, state and federal levels will be the textbook most frequently referenced by this and future generations of civil rights law and the protection of constitutional freedoms.

Attorney Crump was nationally recognized as the 2014 NNPA Newsmaker of the Year, The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers, and Ebony Magazine Power 100 Most Influential African Americans. He was also bestowed the American Association for Justice Johnny Cochran Award, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Eleanor Roosevelt Medallion for Service, the NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award and the SCLC Martin Luther King Servant Leader Award. In 2016, he was designated as an Honorary Fellow by the University of Pennsylvania College of Law. Attorney Crump is the President of the National Civil Rights Trial Lawyers Association, he serves on the Innocence Project Board of Directors, he was the first African American to chair Florida State University College of Law's Board of Directors, and was the 73rd President of the National Bar Association. He has represented and recovered millions of dollars for their clients in some of the most high profile cases in the United States, like Trayvon Martin who was killed in Sanford, Florida by a neighborhood watch volunteer; Michael Brown who was killed by a police officer in Ferguson Missouri; the precedent setting Robbie Tolan U.S. Supreme Court case; and 10 of the 13 Black women who were the victims in the Holtzclaw Oklahoma City Police rape case in 2015. He also served as Board Chairman of the Legal Services of North Florida.

Attorney Crump understands that the practice of law is a privilege that carries with it certain responsibilities and obligations to our society and to our democracy. He gives freely and unselfishly of his time and legal talent to represent the poor, the powerless, the defenseless and the oppressed among us. He strives through his work to fulfill the promise of equal justice for all.

Attorney Crump is the host of the critically acclaimed legal docudramas, "**Evidence of Innocence**" on the *TVOne* and "**The Search For Justice**" on *A&E*. He

can also be seen on *Fox's "You The Jury."* His **CrumpWatch** column, which is a legal essay on law, society, and culture, appears on *NewsOne.com*. He portrays legendary civil rights attorney Z. Alexander Lobby in the Hollywood production of the upcoming movie entitled *Marshall*. He also appeared in the documentary, *Beating Justice*, the Martin Lee Anderson case and BET's *I am Trayvon*. He serves as host for the Benjamin Crump Social Justice Institute Annual Contemporary Issues in Civil Rights Symposium where national thought leaders gather at Tennessee State University.

Justice Kate Doorly was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 2014. She presently sits in Scarborough, one of five court houses in Toronto. Prior to her appointment, Justice Doorly was also a Deputy Crown Attorney at Old City Hall in Toronto, one of the largest court-houses in the country, where she oversaw the prosecution and processing of thousands of criminal cases a year.

As an assistant Crown Attorney, she conducted prosecutions for murder, sexual assault, firearms offences and the full range of Criminal Code offences. Justice Doorly has also worked in the areas of Criminal law policy and appeals.

In addition to her other judicial duties, she is presently the judicial lead on the "Gladue" Court in Scarborough—a court dedicated to confronting the over-representation of Aboriginal people in Canadian jails.

Laurie K. Dudgeon serves as Director, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. As AOC director, she administers the Judicial Branch budget, monitors legislation, and works with county, state and national officials on court-related issues. She's responsible for providing administrative support to Kentucky's 404 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks.

Ms. Dudgeon adapted the AOC's organizational structure to meet the current needs of the courts and reduced costs to accommodate deep state budget cuts during the recession. She relocated the AOC from a leased facility to a modern building owned by the commonwealth. Under her leadership the AOC has made groundbreaking changes to its pretrial release process and helped implement penal code and juvenile justice reform. The AOC now offers eFiling and CourtNet 2.0 statewide through its KYeCourts project. Ms. Dudgeon's national involvement includes serving on the board of the Conference of State Court

Administrators and as co-chair of the National Task Force on Fines, Fees and Bail Practices for the Conference of Chief Justices and COSCA. She is an alumna of the Toll Fellowship Program. Ms. Dudgeon previously practiced law in Kentucky and South Carolina. She was also executive director of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy and a staff attorney in the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. She has a bachelor's degree and juris doctor from the University of Kentucky.

Gene C. Edwards graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar, in 2010. In 2011, Gene began working for the Franklin County Municipal Court in Columbus, Ohio, as a judicial law clerk. Gene became Legal Research Supervisor in 2013, assuming supervisory responsibilities over court's law clerks. As a member of the Columbus Bar Association's New Lawyers Committee, Gene participated in the Columbus Bar Foundation's access to justice project that proposed the creation of a self-help center at the Franklin County Municipal Court, and went on to lead implementation of the project at the court. In 2017, Gene became Director of Legal Research at FCMC and was appointed as a part-time magistrate.

Judge Alison Nelson Floyd has been serving as a Juvenile Court Judge since 2001. Judge Floyd has served as a Lead Judge to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for the Court, member of the Ohio Supreme Court Task Force for Abused, Neglected and Dependent Children, Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee for the Ohio Judicial College.

Judge Floyd is a past president of the Norman S. Minor Bar Association and a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2003.

Judge Floyd continues to be active in serving our youth, and to engage the Court in improving delivery of services from the court to the community.

Lisa Foster served as the Director of the Office for Access to Justice at the United States Department of Justice until January 2017. Before joining the Justice Department, she served for ten years as a California Superior Court Judge in San Diego where she presided over criminal, civil and family law departments. She currently consults with nonprofit organizations and courts on access to justice and criminal justice reform.

After serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Marianna R. Pfaelzer of the Central District of California, Foster began her legal career as a Staff Attorney at the Center for Law in the Public Interest in Los Angeles and later joined the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She also served as the Executive Director of California Common Cause and was Of Counsel to the law firm of Phillips & Cohen, representing whistleblowers under the federal and California False Claims Acts. Foster also taught courses on gender discrimination, federal courts, and election law as an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law.

Foster received a B.A. in American Studies from Stanford University and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

Hon. Laura J. Gallagher has served as Cuyahoga County Probate Judge since 2009. Prior to taking the bench she served as an Assistant County Prosecutor in both Cuyahoga and Medina Counties and as a Magistrate for the Medina County Probate/Juvenile Court. Judge Gallagher received a B.A., cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and a J.D., cum laude, from Case Western Reserve School of Law. Judge Gallagher serves as Chair of the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Technology and the Courts and as Vice Chair of the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Case Management.

In 2014, **Judge Francine Goldberg** established “The Wall of Happiness” - photos of litigants satisfied with court, despite the divorce setting! She’s performed many marriages at court, and enjoys speaking to students and community organizations.

Judge Goldberg was a county prosecutor for over 24 years. She was Director of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and a member of office's Major Trial Unit. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University (1986, Cum Laude) and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (1990). Judge Goldberg’s greatest accomplishment and most rewarding experience has been raising four children, together with her husband, David.

Tom Hodson is the Director of WOUB Public Media at Ohio University and Co-Director of the Barbara Gerald Institute for Storytelling and Social Impact. While at WOUB, he has conducted hundreds of interviews with celebrities, scholars, journalists, scientists, filmmakers, artists and just regular people.

He looks for what makes each person’s story unique and fascinating.

Prior to joining WOUB in 2011, he was the Director of the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University from 2003-2010. He also is the Joe Berman Professor of Communication in the Scripps College of Communication.

Hodson has a long history in public affairs broadcasting in both television and radio. He also has been active in sports broadcasting including play-by-play of football, basketball and baseball.

In addition to broadcasting and journalism, Hodson has had an extensive legal career. He has served as a trial judge in Ohio for seven years as well as an active trial attorney. He also served as a Judicial Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States in the Administrative Office of the Chief Justice.

Hon. Peggy Fulton Hora is the President of the Justice Speakers Institute, LLC. She retired from the California Superior Court after serving 21 years. She had a criminal assignment that included presiding over the Drug Treatment Court. She is a former dean of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California and has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College for almost 25 years. Judge Hora was a Senior Judicial Fellow for the National Drug Court Institute and the Global Centre for Drug Treatment Courts.

Judge Hora is an international leader in the solution-focused courts movement and has written comprehensively on justice issues. The appellate court and almost 200 journals and law reviews have cited her work. She was a 2009-2010 Thinker in Residence appointed by the Premier of South Australia to study and make recommendations on the Australian justice system. She was a visiting scholar at the University of Tasmania School of Law.

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

She is a recipient of the Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award from the California Judges’ Association and winner of the Rose Bird Award from California Women Lawyers. She was honored as Woman of the Year by the California legislature.

Michael E. Jackson is a judge on the Cuyahoga

County Court of Common Pleas General Division in Cleveland, Ohio. He was elected to the court in November 2012 to a full six-year term, which expires in January 2019.

Judge Jackson received his undergraduate degree from Ohio University in 1966 and his J.D. from IIT/Chicago Kent College of Law in 1975.

Before taking the bench, he was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Cuyahoga County from 2006-2012, Of Counsel/Partner at Schwarzwald, McNair & Fusco, LLP from 1993-2006, and practiced law in several other positions after being admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1976.

Albert Jones currently is serving as Deacon at St. Johns Baptist church. Deacon Jones has been the President of the Lake County Branch NAACP for the last 6 years and an active member of the organization for over 30 years. Before retiring as a private business owner, Deacon Jones was employed at Lubrizol, one of the largest chemical companies in the country. In a collaborative effort with Prosecutor Charles Coulson and Mrs. Debra Foley, Deacon Jones assisted in creating “Begin the Conversation”, a committee dedicated to improving race relations in Lake County. As a 48-year resident of Lake County, Deacon Jones has actively participated in the pursuit of social justice, community improvement, and equality for all. Deacon Jones is known to many as a great dad, grandfather, and uncle, a loving husband, amazing mentor, community leader and friend.

Beverly Jones, author of “Think Like an Entrepreneur, Act Like a CEO,” understands career resilience and reinvention. She started out as a radio/TV writer at Ohio University and then rose quickly in the school’s administration, before heading off to Georgetown Law. After a career in government and private practice, she became the public affairs executive for a Fortune 200 energy company.

Now Bev is a nationally-known executive coach and leadership consultant, helping professionals to advance their careers, shift directions, and become more happy and engaged at work. Based in Washington, DC, she works with clients spread across the country, including professionals and leaders at major federal agencies, Congress, NGOs, universities and companies of all sizes.

Bev is a popular speaker and facilitator. Her blogs are found at www.clearwaysconsulting.com and media

sites like WOUB.org. Her career podcast, *Jazzed About Work*, is distributed by NPR: <http://www.npr.org/podcasts/524588388/jazzed-about-work>.

Bev also is a Visiting Professional at Ohio University’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs.

Kendra Kec is the Assistant Court Administrator at Lucas County Juvenile Court in Toledo, Ohio. In her role at the Court she assists the Court Administrator in the daily oversight of all Court, Probation, Mediation, Detention Center and Treatment Center operations. She has led the development and implementation of the Court’s Detention Reform initiative and as a result of her leadership Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center was recognized for its excellence in programming by the National Juvenile Detention Association. Kendra serves as Vice Chair of Ohio’s Governor’s Council on Juvenile Justice (State Advisory Group) and served as first Chairperson of the State of Ohio Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Executive Steering Committee from 2009-2015. In addition, Kendra has trained for the National Drug Court Institute, The Supreme Court of Ohio, the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and for the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Kendra is certified as a Juvenile Court Administrator by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. *Juvenile Justice in Ohio*, found in [Ohio’s Criminal Justice System](#) was authored by Kendra. She graduated from *The University of Toledo* with a Master Degree in Public Administration and from *Bowling Green State University (Ohio)* with a Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice.

Chief Kevin Knight has been with the Mentor Police Department since 1981. He worked his way up through the ranks, serving as patrol supervisor, Detective Bureau Commander, Operations Commander, Administrative Commander, and has served as Chief of Police since 2013. The Mentor Police Department has 82 sworn officers that patrol and protect an area of 28 square miles and 47,000 residents.

Chief Knight has a bachelor’s degree in Administration of Justice from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a graduate of the 220th session of the FBI National Academy.

Judge Eugene A. Lucci has been a judge of the Lake County, Ohio, Common Pleas Court, General Division, since his election in 2000 (he is now in his third six-

year term). He is the senior, and presiding judge, and currently serves as his court's security coordinator and technology chair. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Lucci was a trial attorney from 1980 to 2000, a municipal court acting judge from 1988 to 2000, a municipal police officer from 1975 to 1982, and sheriff's detective from 1994 to 2000. Lucci has presented to judges on topics such as public confidence in the judiciary, ethics, the courts and media, science and law, court technology, and judicial security. He wrote the chapter in the Ohio Judges Resource Manual on judges and the concealed carry of handguns. Lucci serves as co-chairman of the Ohio Judicial Conference's Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee, on the Executive Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference, on the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Technology and the Courts, and on the Board of Governors of the American Judges Association. He served on the Ohio Supreme Court's Task Force on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, and on the Ohio Jury (Pattern) Instructions Editorial Board. He is an adjunct professor at Lakeland Community College where he teaches criminal justice ethics and criminal procedure. He has been a certified instructor for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy since 1983 and has taught law enforcement officers in the areas of arrest, and search and seizure. Lucci earned his Master of Judicial Studies degree at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2012 and is in the process of completing his doctoral degree at UNR. He is an Inaugural Fellow of the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource (ASTAR) Board in 2006, and has a Certificate of Judicial Development in General Jurisdiction Trial Skills from the National Judicial College in 2004. Lucci received his Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in March 1980 and is licensed in Ohio and Florida. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Case Western Reserve University in December 1975.

Judge Brian MacKenzie is an award-winning judicial educator who retired from the bench after almost twenty-seven years of service. After leaving the bench, he helped to create the Justice Speakers Institute, where he is now a partner and Chief Financial Officer.

Judge MacKenzie has been honored by the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice with the Paul H. Chapman Medal for significant contributions to the American Criminal Justice System, and by the

American Judges Association for significant contributions to judicial education.

Judge MacKenzie served as the President of the American Judges Association from 2014 to 2015. From 2008 to 2010, Judge MacKenzie was the American Bar Association/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Judicial Fellow. He received his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in 1974.

Judge MacKenzie has written and lectured throughout the world on issues including procedural fairness, veterans treatment courts, domestic violence, drug treatment courts, alcohol/drug testing, and high visibility cases. Among other entities, he has presented for American University, the National Judicial College, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the American Judges Association, the American Bar Association, the National Traffic Safety Administration, and the National Association for Court Management.

He is the co-editor of the book, "Michigan Criminal Procedure." He is also the author of the American Judges Association's position paper entitled "Procedural Fairness: the Key to Drug Treatment Courts." His blog and podcast can be found at <http://justicespeakersinstitute.com/>.

Judge MacKenzie is married to Karen MacKenzie. He has three children, Kate, David and Breanna, and five grandsons, Daniel, Raymond, Henry, Zachary and Lucas.

Hon. Anita Laster Mays graduated from The Ohio State University, majoring in Accounting and Management Information Systems. While a student, she became the co-founder of the Central Ohio Student Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants as well as one of the first females inducted into The Ohio State University's Business Fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. Judge Mays also received the Pace Setter Award given to the college's top students who are selected on the basis of academic performance and demonstrated leadership ability. She began her legal education at Cleveland Marshall College of Law in the summer of 1988. Her dream of becoming an attorney was realized in 1992 after she passed the Ohio Bar Exam on her first attempt. On November 4, 2003, Judge Mays was elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court. As a municipal judge, she was in charge of the Cleveland Mock Trial Competition, and presided over the Federal Weed and Seed Docket, Mental Health

Docket, and the Greater Cleveland Drug Court. During her term as the Drug Court judge, 80% of the graduates remained drug free and were living productive lives. On November 4, 2014, Judge Mays was elected to the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals. She is married to Kurt Mays and is the mother of 3 children. Judge Mays is a member of Providence Baptist Church and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated.

Wayne McCormack, E.W. Thode Professor of Law, University of Utah, B.A. Stanford (1966), J.D. Texas (1969). Law Clerk, 9th Circuit (1969-70). Professor, University of Georgia (1970-75). Associate Director, Association of American Law Schools (1975-78). University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law (1978 --). Coordinated University of Utah's involvement with the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, which led to security planning for major events and international legal issues, including the law related to national security and the Rule of Law. Numerous books and articles in Constitutional Law, Judicial Process, and International Criminal Law. More information available at https://faculty.utah.edu/u0030269-WAYNE_MCCORMACK/biography/index.html.

Ryan Miday is the Director of Communications and Policy for the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley. Mr. Miday's background includes: Director of Government Relations for Cleveland Clinic; Vice President of Government Relations for The Centers for Families and Children; PIO for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office; Assistant Director of Residence Life for Columbia University; and Legislative Director & Press Secretary for New York State Assemblyman Jeffery Dinowitz representing part of the Bronx. Mr. Miday graduated from John Carroll University and Teachers College, Columbia University. He is married with three children (4, 7, and 9).

Judge Betty Thomas Moore attended the University of Memphis for her undergraduate and law degrees in 1982 and 1986, respectively.

Judge Thomas Moore spent the majority of her 13 years of practicing law as an Assistant Public Defender. As a Shelby County Assistant Public Defender in the criminal courts, she handled a number of cases ranging from shoplifting to Murder 1st degree. She obtained a well-deserved reputation as one of the best trial attorneys in Shelby County. Though offered several

positions with private firms, Judge Thomas Moore has always believed in being there to serve, helping those who are less fortunate and unable to hire competent counsel.

From December 1994 until her election in 1998, she was assigned as one of three attorneys defending Capital Murder cases and was one of the few attorneys in Shelby County qualified to try death penalty cases. Judge Thomas Moore was one of 46 attorneys nationwide selected in August 1996 to attend world-renowned trial attorney, Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Because of her excellence in completing the program, she was invited back as staff member of the August, 1997 college session.

Judge Thomas Moore is an inspirational speaker who has spoken to groups, churches and other organizations about the workings of the Public Defenders Office, women in the law and Access to Justice. She has spoken numerous times in the school system to students wishing to know more about the justice system and what it takes to be a lawyer. Judge Moore has received numerous professional and community awards and certificates.

Of her many accomplishments, Judge Thomas Moore is most proud of coaching the MLGW Explorers Mock Trial group to 1st place victory in the American Bar Associations 1997 National Mock Trial competition in San Francisco, California.

She is a member of the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association. She is also a member of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, the Association of Women Judges and the American Judges Association. Judge Thomas Moore is also a board member of several organizations and of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association, the Association of Women Attorneys, as well as serving on the Judicial Ethics Committees for the State of Tennessee and the American Judges Association. Judge Moore was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to serve on the Access to Justice Task Force in September 1, 2006. Judge Thomas Moore is a former adjunct professor at the University of Memphis, teaching Civil Law and Procedure for over 14 years, and is a Board of Governor for the American Judges Association and Chair of the Judicial Ethics Committee.

Judge Thomas Moore is the first elected female Judge in the history of the General Sessions Civil Court. She

began serving her first 8-year term on September 1, 1998. Judge Moore was re-elected to her second term on August 3, 2006, and her third term August 7, 2014.

Rev. Mike Nwankwo is the Founder and CEO of Apogee Leadership Group, LLC. His company was created to help others with leadership and personal development.

Pastor Mike has served many years as a senior pastor, with over 250 speaking engagements including churches, schools, businesses, etc., several years of experience leading organizations, mentoring, teaching leadership, etc., and serving nearly three decades in Corporate America before retiring in 2016.

He is married, has three grown children, and two grandchildren. Mike loves spending quality time with his wife and family, teaching the Bible, golf, and helping to bring out the best in others.

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor was first elected to the Supreme Court of Ohio in 2002, becoming the 148th Justice to the Court and creating the first female majority in Ohio's history. She was re-elected in November 2008.

In 2010, Ohio elected her Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the first female to lead the judicial branch of Ohio government. In her first term as Chief, she worked to help voters become informed about judicial candidates, ensure that the courts were accessible to all, promoted diversity in the legal profession and judiciary, and created task forces to examine Ohio's grand jury system and use of the death penalty.

In 2016, Ohio re-elected her Chief Justice for a second – and final – six-year term. She continues to work on many initiatives, including two issues of great importance: addressing Ohio's opiate/heroin epidemic, and as co-chair of the National Task Force on Fees, Fines and Bail Practices, addressing the impact that court fines and bail practices have on economically disadvantaged communities. Chief Justice O'Connor is President-Elect of the Conference of Chief Justices and will take office as President of the Conference July 2017.

Judge John P. O'Donnell has been a General Division Judge of the Lake County Common Pleas Court since January, 2015. He is a lifetime Lake County resident, is a 1984 graduate of John Carroll University, and a 1987 graduate of the Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

He has served as an assistant prosecutor in Lake County in civil and criminal roles, and was in private practice for over twenty years before taking the bench. In 1993 he was elected to serve as a councilman in the city of Willowick in Lake County. In addition to serving for nearly 14 years on Council, he also served for six years as the Willowick Law Director.

Judge O'Donnell resides in Willowick with his wife, Nancy. They have four adult children and one grandchild. He also is the co-host of a weekly high school sports talk show on WINT radio, 101.5 FM.

Professor Sarah E. Redfield is a tenured member of the faculty at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. Her primary teaching areas are education and administrative law.

In 2004, Governor Baldacci appointed Professor Redfield to represent the State of Maine on the Education Commission of the States.

Professor Redfield is a nationally known author and presenter. Her book, *Thinking Like a Lawyer: An Educator's Guide to Legal Analysis and Research*, was published in 2002 by Carolina Academic Press. She has published law review and bar articles on threatening speech, the convergence of law and education and K20 school reform. This year she will be presenting at meetings on the Education Law, including the annual national Education Law Conference, the Virginia Education Law Conference and others.

Before coming to UNH School of Law, Professor Redfield practiced civil, environmental and agricultural law for the state of Maine. She served as Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division of the Maine Attorney General's Office and as Associate Commissioner for the Department of Agriculture, Food Rural Resources. During this time, in addition to writing *Vanishing Farmland* (Lexington Books), she published articles on environmental and land use issues, with particular emphasis on farmland and pesticide use.

From this experience, she brings to her teaching an understanding of the power and limitations of legislation and agencies, and a continuing commitment to the public interest and the role of the lawyer in effectuating change.

She received a BA from Mount Holyoke College, JD from Northeastern University and LLM from Harvard Law School.

On a personal note, she is the proud mother of two terrific children, Alex and Althea Rose.

Zoë Root is senior policy counsel at the Justice Programs Office (JPO) at American University, where she works on the Right to Counsel National Campaign and the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative. Ms. Root joined JPO after five years as a supervising attorney and staff attorney at The Bronx Defenders. During her time as a public defender, she represented thousands of clients facing felony and misdemeanor charges, trained and supervised first-year attorneys, and acted as the director of the Prostitution Conviction Vacatur Project within the Bronx County human trafficking intervention court. Prior to law school Ms. Root worked as a court representative at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES), an alternative-to-incarceration program for adolescents in New York City. She earned her JD at Northeastern University School of Law, and holds a BA in Psychology from Vassar College.

Thomas E. Shaughnessy is a criminal defense attorney who practices in the State of Ohio and in the Federal Court for the Northern District of Ohio. He has represented individuals charged with various crimes including handling more than fifty capital murder cases. Mr. Shaughnessy also represented Cleveland Police Officer Michael Brelo who was acquitted of Manslaughter charges for a shooting that occurred while he was on duty.

John T. Shepard is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the school district as well as long-range planning for the district. His primary focus is the safety of our students and to enhance the student achievement of the diverse student population in our schools. Superintendent Shepard's educational career spans 30 years and includes teaching and administrative experience at the high school, district and university levels, many in central and southern Ohio. He has worked with schools in the areas of curriculum and instruction, staff development, data analysis, continuous improvement and strategic planning. He is bilingual in English and Spanish. Superintendent Shepard holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish from Ohio University and a Master of Arts degree in Education from Muskingum College. He obtained his EdS. in Administrative and Superintendent license at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He was named a Martha Holden Jennings

Scholar in 1998 and has participated as a Fulbright Administrator Exchange to Uruguay and Argentina. In September 2016, Shepard was part of a delegation of administrators to Germany sponsored by the Zfa/German Central Agency for Schools. He serves as President of the Painesville Rotary, Board of Directors for Downtown Painesville Organization, Board of Directors for Lifeline, and Habitat for Humanity.

Joe Starita is the author of three critically acclaimed books on Native Americans – one of which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and another that is being developed into a full-length motion picture. A veteran investigative reporter with the *Miami Herald*, he has won more than three dozen national reporting awards, including one that was a Pulitzer finalist in local reporting. A recipient of the Leo reano National Civil Rights Award for his work with Native Americans, Starita currently has an endowed professorship at the University of Nebraska where he teaches narrative nonfiction writing classes.

Robert J. Torres, Jr. has been a Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam since 2004. He served two terms as Chief Justice. Justice Torres currently serves on the American Judges Association's Executive Committee and Board of Governors. He has lectured in more than twenty countries on a variety of subjects including the International Framework for Court Excellence, case flow management, cultural responsiveness, court community communication, alternative dispute resolution, technology, and judicial ethics and discipline. Justice Torres received his B.B.A. from University of Notre Dame and J.D. from Harvard Law School. He was also awarded two Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Honoris Causa, from the University of Cebu and Centro Escolar University in the Philippines.

Graham Webb is the Executive Director of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, a Toronto, Ontario legal aid clinic. He served as a Staff Litigation Lawyer there from 1995-2016. He graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in 1983, and was called to the bar of Ontario in 1985. He obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Tax Law from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2001.

He is a co-author of *Long-Term Care Facilities in Ontario: The Advocate's Manual*, and a former editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Law and Social Policy*.

Mr. Webb has won an award from Ryerson University for excellence in teaching gerontology, and is the Vice-Chair of the National Elder Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association. He also is a Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies.

Judge **Gayle Williams-Byers** serves as Administrative and Presiding Judge of the South Euclid Municipal Court in South Euclid, Ohio. She was elected to the bench effective January 1, 2012. She currently serves on the Board of Governors for the AJA and co-chair of the Domestic Violence, Access to Justice and Social Media and Technology Committees. Additionally, she serves as a member of the AJA Diversity and Education committees. Judge Byers has served as Adjunct Faculty at the Cuyahoga Community College in the Department of Law Enforcement, teaching courses in the areas of Juvenile, Constitutional and Criminal Law. As Municipal Judge in the City of South Euclid, Judge Byers has spearheaded several innovative advancements, including livestreaming court proceedings, creation of an IOS App to provide instant docket access, implementing a monthly Night Court docket to provide parties additional access to justice, and creation of a Specialized Mental Health Docket to address the needs of defendants with severe and persistent mental illnesses. Judge Byers was also the catalyst in forming the first suburban Drug Court initiative which received inaugural funding from the SAMHSA in the amount of nearly \$2 million to serve suburban communities in northeast Ohio. Judge Byers received her B.A., M.N.O., and J.D. degrees from Case Western Reserve University. She currently serves on the Board of New Directions, an organization that provides life changing treatment to chemically dependent adolescents and their families. She is also a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter. Judge Byers is married to Gregory D. Byers, Jr. They have one son, Gregory and a rescue pugle, Gator.

Judge **Lisa Woodruff-White** was elected to the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court in 2008, where she still serves as a District Court Judge in Division B. Judge Woodruff-White previously served as Chief Judge of the Family Court in 2015 and 2016. Judge Woodruff-White was appointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco to the position of deputy secretary of the Louisiana Department of Social Services in 2004,

where she led legislation and supervised bureaus of General Counsel, Appeals, and Civil Rights until 2008. She also served serves as statewide director of the Louisiana Child Support Program from 2001-2004. Administrative and Presiding Judge of the South Euclid Municipal Court in South Euclid, Ohio. Justice and Social. Active in the protection and welfare of children throughout the State of Louisiana, she served as chair of the Child Support Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute from 2004 to 2010; and chair of the Louisiana Child Support Guidelines Review Committee in 1999 and 2004.

Judge Woodruff-White currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Louisiana District Judges Association, where she serves as 2nd Vice President and chair of the Self-Represented Litigant committee. On June 6, 2013, Judge Woodruff-White received the Louisiana State Bar Association's Presidents Award for her exemplary work to assist self-represented litigants.

In furtherance of her passion for ensuing access to the courts to all citizens, she served on the LA Supreme Court's Self-Represented Litigant's Committee and the pro bono services committees of the Louisiana State and Baton Rouge Bar Associations.

She is also a former commissioner on the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (LHFA) Board of Directors, former vice president of the National Child Support Enforcement Association, former executive board member of the National Council of Child Support, and former president of the Southwest Regional Child Support Association.

Judge Gene A. Zmuda has served on the Lucas County Common Pleas Court, General Division, since 2006. He also has served as a Commercial Docket Judge since 2008, and was Administrative Judge in 2012 and 2017. Judge Zmuda was on the Toledo Municipal Court from 2003-2006 (Presiding Judge, 2004-2006). He is a former Partner with Rohrsbachers, Light, Cron, Zmuda & Trimble, Co. L.P.A., (1992-2003) and was elected to the Toledo City Council, At-Large Member, from 1993-2003. Judge Zmuda received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science (Magna Cum Laude) in 1981, and his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Toledo (Magna Cum Laude) in 1984. He is a member of the Ohio and Toledo Bar Associations, Chair of the Civil Law Committee of the Ohio Judicial

Council, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio
Judicial College, and a member of the Ohio Civil
Justice Reform Task Force.