



MARCH 10-12, 2022
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PROGRAM BOOK

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM AND EVENTS

Thursday | March 10th 2022

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| 12:00 PM | NAWJ Board Meeting |
| 4:15 PM | Law Student Mentorship Program - Planting the Seed |
| 4:30 PM | Committee Meetings |
| 5:30 PM | Opening Reception, with Law School Deans and Students |

Friday | March 11th 2022

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| 9:00 AM | Welcome & Networking Breakfast |
| 4:15 PM | Fireside Chat with NAWJ President Elizabeth White and Jen Klein, Co-Chair and the Executive Director of the White House Gender Policy Council |
| 11:00 PM | <p>Panel Session (CLE pending) - Digital Integration: Strategies to Address Procedural and Substantive Impact and Build Community Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tom Leighton, Vice President, Government Relations & Content Acquisition, Thomson Reuters • Ms. Malia Brink, Senior Policy Attorney, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at SMU Law School • Mr. Keith Porcaro, Senior Lecturing Fellow, Duke University School of Law • Hon. Catharine (Kate) Easterly, Associate Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals • Hon. Samantha Jessner, Assistant Presiding Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court |
| 12:30 PM | <p>Plenary Luncheon - Julia Olson, Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel for Our Children's Trust, on Climate Change</p> <p>Presentation of the Lady Justice Award for Humanitarian Aid to Hon. Vanessa Ruiz</p> |
| 2:15 PM | <p>Panel Discussion - Judges in Transition: What's next after a satisfying career on the bench? Will it be ADR, non-profit work, being a grandparent, or perhaps an author? Hear from Judges who've successfully transitioned to their next career and who are embracing the change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator- Nicole Erb, Partner, White and Case • Hon. Barbara Levenson, Judge (Retired), 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida • Hon. Beverly Cutler, Senior Judge (Retired), Alaska Court System, 3rd Judicial District • Hon. Randa Trapp, Judge (Retired), San Diego Superior Court • Hon. Mary White, Judge (Retired), Brookline (MA) District Court |
| 3:45 PM | <p>Panel Discussion (CLE pending) - Self Representation as Part of the Civil Justice Reform Landscape: New Opportunities for Judicial Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Katherine Alteneider, Consulting Senior Strategic Advisor, Self-Represented Litigants Network • Hon. Doreen Boxer, Commissioner, Los Angeles Superior Court • Ms. Maha Jweied, ATJ Consulting |
| 5:00 PM | Resource Board Meeting |
| 6:15 PM | Dinner Gatherings |

Saturday | March 12th 2022

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast - District 4 Edna Parker Award Presentation |
| 9:00 AM | <p>Education Session (CLE pending) - Racial Disparity in the Courts: Strategies to Combat Racial Inequality in the Courts and Criminal Justice System, sponsored by SJI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter: Hon. Pamela Washington, Judge, Alaska Court System, 3rd Judicial District |

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Katherine Alteneder is the Consulting Senior Strategic Advisor to the Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN), connecting and educating lawyers, judges, and allied professionals who are creating innovative and evidence-based solutions so that self-represented litigants have meaningful access to the courts and get the legal help they need. Katherine also leads SRLN's geospatial initiative that uses public and private data to inform digital and human services design to create a fair and accessible justice system. Before joining SRLN in 2013, Ms. Alteneder spent her career in Alaska, initially as a trial court law clerk and then as a legal aid lawyer. In 2001, Ms. Alteneder joined the Alaska Court System to serve as the Founding Director of the nation's first comprehensive phone and internet-based court self-help center. In 2008, Ms. Alteneder established a successful unbundled practice and founded the

first Unbundled Law Section of a state bar. Katherine serves in an advisory capacity to many access to justice organizations and initiatives including Voices for Civil Justice, the National Center for State Court's Justice for All Project, and is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Georgetown Institute for Technology Law and Policy. She received the National Center for State Court's Distinguished Service Award in 2019 for her work to improve access to justice. She has a BA from Northwestern University, and JD from Seattle University School of Law. She resides in Virginia.



Commissioner Doreen B. Boxer has presided over family law matters since joining the Bench in 2015. Commissioner Boxer has been the Vice Chairwoman of the Los Angeles Superior Court's Domestic Violence Issues (Multi-Discipline) Committee since 2018, and has trained judges, temporary judges, and attorneys on family law topics including issues relating to Self-Represented Litigants. Recently she published "Redefining 'No Fault' Divorce" in Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine and, "After Four Decades of Federal Legislation, Domestic Violence, Where we have been, Where we are now, and Where we need to go" in the Summer 2021 issue of NAWJ's CounterBalance Magazine. Commissioner Boxer is currently the Co-Chair of NAWJ's Membership Outreach and Retention Committee and is NAWJ's appointed liaison to the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence.

Before joining the Bench, Commissioner Boxer practiced criminal defense law in trial and appellate courts for 26 years. She was the first woman Public Defender of San Bernardino County, the largest geographic county in the contiguous United States. As an attorney, Commissioner Boxer co-authored two popular trade books, was a long-time columnist for California Defender Magazine, and provided training to attorneys on a variety of criminal defense and trial advocacy topics.



Malia N. Brink has spent more than 20 years working in criminal justice research and reform advocacy. She currently serves as Senior Policy Attorney at the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at SMU Law School, where she directs the projects on initial appearance and charging times. Prior to joining the Deason Center, Brink served as the Counsel for Indigent Defense to the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense (ABA SCLCID). While at the ABA as Deputy Director for the ABA SCLCID's Public Defender Workload Study Projects and the Misdemeanor Court Observation Projects, Brink regularly teaches a seminar on the Right to Counsel, as a Lecturer-in-Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She has also taught at American University School of Public Affairs and Georgetown Law Center.

Brink served as the Public Defense Project Director at the Justice Programs Office of American University and as the Director of Institutional Development and Policy Counsel at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Brink began her legal career as the Jerome J. Shestack Public Interest Fellow at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, LLP and a Staff Attorney at the ACLU in Philadelphia. Brink clerked for the Honorable Norma L. Shapiro of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.



Judge Bev Cutler retired in January 2016 after 38 years of judicial service in Alaska. She served 5 years as a limited jurisdiction District Court state judge, 27 years as a general jurisdiction State Superior Court judge where she was the first female judge in Alaska appointed in to that position and 5 years as a Senior Judge. Prior to her first court appointment she was a Public Defender with the Alaska Public Defender Agency. Before that she served as a research attorney for a state bail and sentencing study under an LEAA grant. Judge Cutler was born and raised in Washington D.C. She received her BA in History from Stanford University in 1971, and her JD from Yale Law School in 1974. She has been an NAWJ Board member three times, in the capacity of District 13 Director and Board Secretary. She is a member of the American Bar Association, where she is a Fellow, the Alaska Bar Association, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She is admitted to practice in both Alaska and the District of Columbia Federal District Court. She presently resides in both Alaska and Virginia.



Judge Jessner was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2007. She is the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court. She previously served as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Division, the Assistant Supervising Judge of the Civil Division and the Supervising Judge of the Mental Health Courthouse. She also served in the Criminal Division.

Judge Jessner has served as a Co-Chair of the Technology Committee and leads the court's technology innovation efforts. Her dedication to court technology innovation was recognized by the American Bar Association when she was selected as one of 12 recipients of the ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center's 2021 Women of Legal Tech annual recognition. She has trained hundreds of judicial officers on court technology applications. She has served on many other court committees.

Judge Jessner serves on the Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions. She also is a member of the Information Technology Advisory Committee and the Civil and Small Claims Committee of the Judicial Council. Judge Jessner is a New Judge Orientation Instructor and an instructor for CJER's ethics curriculum. She serves on the Qualifying Ethics Work Group that develops and designs ethics curriculum. She will co-author an update to Rothman, California Handbook on Judicial Conduct Handbook in 2022. In addition, Judge Jessner teaches the Civil Law Update and Basic Civil Law Overview seminars for the Rutter Group. She is also a founding member of the Association of African American California Judicial Officers, a member of the National Association of Women Judges, and a member of The Trusteeship, which is the Southern California chapter of the International Women's Forum.

Judge Jessner has received the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Ernestine Stalhut Award (2021); the John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles, Bernard S. Jefferson Judge of the Year Award (2022); and will receive the California Women Lawyers Association, Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award later this year.

Prior to joining the court, Judge Jessner was an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California for 11 years. Judge Jessner started her legal career as a litigation associate with the Los Angeles Office of Sheppard Mullin. She was also in-house counsel for The Boeing Company and an Assistant Inspector General for the Los Angeles Police Commission. Judge Jessner earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a law degree from Berkeley Law.



Maha Jweid is an independent expert on access to justice and directs a consultancy working with a number of non-profit and multilateral organizations leveraging insight gained after nearly twelve years in the U.S. Government's Executive Branch. Previously, she led the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Access to Justice. In that role, she also served as the Executive Director of the White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable and represented the U.S. Government as its indigent defense and legal aid expert in international settings. Ms. Jweid is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a fellow with NYU's Center on International Cooperation, and a member of the American Law Institute.



Jennifer Klein is a Co-Chair and the Executive Director of the White House Gender Policy Council. She was previously the Chief Strategy and Policy Officer at TIME'S UP. She has written and taught extensively about domestic and global gender policy, including as an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. She worked with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to develop No Ceilings, an initiative to evaluate progress for women and girls since the 1995 Beijing Conference on Women and to advance gender equality around the world. From 2009 to 2012, Ms. Klein was a Deputy and Senior Advisor in the Office of Global Women's Issues within the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of State. From February 1993 through January 1999, she worked at The White House in a dual appointment as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's senior domestic policy advisor and a Special Assistant to the President on the Domestic Policy Council. She holds a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.



Julia Olson is the Founder, Executive Director, and Chief Legal Counsel of Our Children's Trust. Julia has been a trailblazing leader, litigator, and legal strategist in climate and environmental law for over 25 years. After graduating from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1997, she created her own law practice in the Bay Area to litigate public interest environmental cases on behalf of grassroots conservation organizations in the West. Julia founded Our Children's Trust- a non-profit public interest law firm that provides strategic, campaign-based legal services to youth from diverse backgrounds to secure their legal rights to a safe climate system- in 2010 when, as a new mother, she realized the shortcomings of environmental statutory law in redressing the greatest threat to her children and children everywhere: the climate crisis. She and her team at Our Children's Trust have

since pioneered a globally replicated model for youth-led legal action that draws from and integrates children's rights, constitutional rights, climate science, and the public trust doctrine in order to protect the planet's most vulnerable citizens: children.

Today, Our Children's Trust is the only legal organization on the planet dedicated exclusively to representing young people in lawsuits against their governments to protect their fundamental human rights from the dangers of fossil fuel energy policy and resulting climate disruption, all at no cost to the young plaintiffs or their families. In addition to developing and litigating numerous youth-led state, federal, and global lawsuits and legal actions, Julia is also lead counsel in *Juliana v. United States*, the groundbreaking constitutional climate change case brought by 21 young Americans, including 11 Black, Brown and Indigenous youth, against the U.S. government for violating their Fifth Amendment rights to life, liberty, property, public trust resources, and equal protection of the law; this case is pending in U.S. District Court and could soon proceed to trial.

Julia and the young plaintiffs she represents in *Juliana v. United States* were featured in the award-winning feature length documentary film about their landmark case, "YOUTH v GOV." She was awarded the 2022 Katharine & George Alexander Law Prize, was a recipient of the Kerry Rydberg Award for Environmental Activism, serves as a member of Rachel's Network Circle of Advisors, and was named as one of Bloomberg's "Green 30 for 2020." Julia and Our Children's Trust were also recipients of the Rose-Walters Prize for Global Environmental Activism.



Keith Porcaro is the Director of the Digital Governance Design Studio at Duke Law School. The Digital Governance Design Studio helps communities build more trustworthy relationships with the data and technology they rely on, and helps students prepare to advise clients on digital issues. Keith's research focuses on the future of legal advice and legal institutions in a digitizing world, and how simulations and experiential learning can play a greater role in legal education.

In addition to his work at Duke, Keith maintains a data governance consulting practice and develops collaborative projects under the shingle Small Scale. Keith was previously a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Klein Center and an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law. He has a JD from Duke Law School and is licensed to practice law in California.



On August 9, 2010, **Pamela Scott Washington** was appointed to the Anchorage District Court by former Alaska Governor Sean Parnell. Judge Washington is the first African-American woman to join Alaska's judiciary and at the time only the second African-American judge in the state's history. As a District Court Judge, she manages high-volume criminal and civil cases and serves as the presiding judge of Anchorage's Coordinated Resource Project also known as the Mental Health Court. She also presides over the general jurisdiction calendar for the city of Sand Point.

Judge Washington co-chairs the Alaska Supreme Court's Fairness, Diversity & Equality Commission and serves on the Cultural Competency Committee. Judge Washington is an active member of her community. She currently serves as a teacher and legal advisor in Anchorage Youth Court. She is also involved as a judge, mentor, and mock trial coach for the Court's Color of Justice, the Anchorage

School District's We the People program, and the University of Alaska's Model United Nations program. She is a member of the Links, Incorporated and serves as the Services to Youth Chair and program advisor to the local National Association of Black Engineers Junior chapter.

Judge Washington is a 10-year member of the National Association of Women Judges and currently serves as Vice President of Districts and member of the International Outreach Committee. She is the Anchorage Chair of NAWJ's Color of Justice and Mentor Jet programs. Judge Washington serves in the US Chapter of the Pan American Commission of Judges on Social Justice, and the National Center for State Court Blueprint for Racial Justice Work Group.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Washington practiced law for 18 years. She served as prosecutor for the Municipality of Anchorage in the Domestic Violence Unit. Early on in her legal career, Judge Washington worked for the Alaska Public Defender Agency and clerked for the Honorable Superior Court Judge John Reese (Ret.). She then went on to work in private practice for thirteen years, including ten years as a solo practitioner in Anchorage practicing in family law, employment law, criminal defense and personal injury.

As the first African-American woman appointed to the judiciary in Alaska, Judge Washington has been a catalyst for increasing diversity on the bench, requiring implicit bias training for judicial officers, and ensuring the fair and impartial administration of justice for all people, regardless of race. She is the recipient of many awards and recognitions including the Alaska Supreme Court's Community Service Award, North to the Future Business and Professional Woman in History Award, and the Congressional Coalition Angels in Adoption Honoree for her advocacy in Alaska's foster care system.

Judge Washington is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana but has called Alaska home since 1975. She received a BS in Telecommunication at Northern Arizona University in 1984 and a Juris Doctor from Arizona State University in 1991. She is married to Dr. Stephen Washington, a mental health clinician, and they have three adult children, five grandsons, and finally a joyful granddaughter born in the middle of the pandemic.



Hon. Elizabeth Allen White (Ret.) is an Arbitrator and Mediator with JAMS. She retired as a Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court in July 2020 after serving 23 years on the court. She was twice assigned to serve as a Justice Pro Tem of the California Court of Appeal, 2d District in 2004, and again in 2020.

Judge White presided in Department 48, an Independent Civil Calendar Court at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles. She served as Chair of the Judicial Education Seminars Civil Law Subcommittee from 2016 through her retirement in 2020. As such, she chaired a committee which developed judicial education for all civil judges in the County of Los Angeles. Prior to that she chaired the Civil Law Education Committee for the Judicial Council's Judicial Education and Research Department.

She has been a frequent lecturer for judicial education throughout the State of California and served as Adjunct Faculty at USC's Gould School of Law's LLM program where she taught Constitutional Law and Professional Responsibility. She also served as Adjunct Faculty at Loyola Law School where she taught Civil Discovery and as an Instructor for UCLA's Paralegal Training Program. Judge White graduated from UCLA and obtained her Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School in 1981.

She is the author of The Rutter Group's Paralegal Manual- Civil Procedure Before Trial and co-author of the Paralegal Manual – Civil Trials and Evidence and the Paralegal Manual – Personal Injury.

Judge White is the current President of the National Association of Women Judges ("NAWJ"), an organization dedicated to promoting diversity on the bench, fostering collegiality, and providing quality education for judges.



Judge Mary Dacey White retired on July 31, 2021, from her position as the First Justice of the Brookline District Court, Brookline, Massachusetts. On November 5, 2013, she was appointed as the First Justice after having been selected as the Acting First Justice on July 24, 2012. She was an Associate Justice of the District Court, Region II, in Massachusetts from March 2006 until her appointment as Acting First Justice in Brookline. Prior to her appointment in 2006 by Governor Romney of Massachusetts, she had a varied law practice. Judge White was an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County Massachusetts (1999 – 2006), in private practice at Cushing & Dolan, P.C. (1994 – 1999) and at White and Rafferty (1984 – 1993) and an Assistant Attorney General for Massachusetts (1978 – 1984). Judge White holds a LLM from Boston University in Tax, a JD from Suffolk University Law School and a BA in Chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross. Judge White is currently the District One Director for NAWJ as well as a member of several bar associations. During her lengthy career, she has lectured at many bar association and CLE educational programs on various topics. She has also donated her time to many civic and charitable organizations.