

MASTER OF JUDICIAL STUDIES PROGRAM 2014-2016 PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

John C. Anderson

Circuit Court Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois (Will County)

Joliet, Illinois



Judge Anderson graduated from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He also holds a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, a master's degree in political studies from University of Illinois, and a master's in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. He clerked for Justice Thomas L. Kilbride of the Illinois Supreme Court and then entered private practice, specializing in commercial and appellate litigation. In 2009, he was named to the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's* prestigious list of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch." He became a judge in 2010 and handles mainly civil trials and chancery cases. Judge Anderson's legal scholarship has been published or cited in journals at Harvard,

Yale, Columbia, and University of Pennsylvania. His research interests include state constitutionalism and those points in our society where law, politics, and business converge.

Robert Bell

Chief Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Judge Robert (Bobby) Bell graduated from the Norman Public School System and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma. He received his law degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. While practicing law in Norman, he served as a municipal trial judge, and he has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law since 1998. In June 2005, Judge Bell was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. He was subsequently retained for full terms in statewide votes held in 2006 and 2012, and he was elected chief judge in 2011. In 2006, *The Journal Record*, Oklahoma's largest business and legal newspaper, named him one of Oklahoma's outstanding achievers under forty. Judge Bell was appointed vice president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference in 2011.

J. Michelle Childs
Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
Greenville, South Carolina



Judge Childs was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina in August 2010. She holds a Bachelor of Science in management from the University of South Florida Honors College, a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a Master's in personnel and employment relations from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business.

Prior to the federal court Judge Childs served as an at-large Circuit Court judge, including having responsibilities as the chief administrative judge for General Sessions and Business Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Richland and Kershaw Counties. Judge Childs also had the distinct honor of gubernatorial appointments as a Workers' Compensation commissioner (2002-06) and the deputy director for the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of Labor (2000-02) in which she was responsible for overseeing programs for Wages and Child Labor, OSHA, OSHA Voluntary Programs, Elevators and Amusement Rides, Migrant Labor, and Labor-Management Mediation. Judge Childs was formerly a partner with the law firm of Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLP, in Columbia, S.C., where she practiced in the areas of employment and labor law and general litigation. She is very active with various local, state and national bar organizations, and community organizations.

Peter J. Eckerstrom
Vice Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two
Tucson, Arizona



Judge Eckerstrom earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University and a law degree from Stanford University. He was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals by Governor Janet Napolitano in 2003. Prior to his appointment, his practice focused on criminal defense with an emphasis on capital trial and capital appellate litigation. In that capacity, he served on the Ninth Circuit's Federal Habeas Corpus Oversight Committee. As a judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals, he serves on the Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Judicial Conduct and has served on the Arizona Supreme Court Commissions on Judicial Performance Review and Court Technology. He will become chief judge of the southern division of the Arizona Court of Appeals in July 2014. He has acted as an adjunct professor at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, teaching trial practice and, more recently, a seminar on Capital Punishment.

A resident of Tucson, Judge Eckerstrom is married to Ann-Eve Pedersen, a public education advocate, and they have a 13-year-old son, Lars. Judge Eckerstrom is an enthusiastic owner of a fantasy baseball team and an avid college basketball fan.

Terry Fox
Judge, Colorado Court of Appeals
Denver, Colorado



Judge Fox was appointed to the Colorado Court of Appeals in September 2010 and sworn in on Jan. 7, 2011. From 2004-2010, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Colorado, working as trial counsel to federal agencies and specializing in environmental, constitutional, and other civil matters. She also served on the U.S. Attorney's Advisory Council and the Diversity Committee. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Fox was an attorney with the Colorado Attorney General's Office, an associate with the law firm of Holland & Hart (where she practiced environmental law), and a clerk for Justice Craig Enoch on the Texas Supreme Court. Judge Fox served as the Colorado director for the National Association of Women Judges and currently serves as a district director. Her community service includes the Colorado Supreme Court's Board of Law Examiners, and membership in the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, which recognized her in 2006 with its Chris Miranda Outstanding Lawyer Award, and in 1997 with its Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Judge Fox is a longtime member and former board member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association (CWBA). She previously served on Colorado Supreme Court's Attorney Regulation Committee. In 2002, she was selected as a Marshall Memorial Fellow, which allowed her to travel with other emerging American leaders to five countries in Europe.

Judge Fox received her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and petroleum refining in 1989 from the Colorado School of Mines, and her law degree in 1993 from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. Judge Fox is a 1985 graduate of Brighton High School in Brighton, Colorado.

Paul W. Grimm
Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
Greenbelt, Maryland



Judge Grimm sits at the Greenbelt, Maryland, courthouse located near Washington, D.C. He was appointed to the court on Dec. 10, 2012. He served as a magistrate judge of the court from 1997 through 2012, the last six as chief magistrate judge. The Chief Justice of the United States appointed Judge Grimm to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in 2009, and he also chairs the Advisory Committee's Discovery Subcommittee. He is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland School of Law, where he teaches courses on evidence and discovery, and he has written extensively on both topics.

Stephane Jackson-Haisley

Resident Magistrate, Corporate Area Criminal Resident Magistrate's Court

Kingston, Jamaica



Her Honor Mrs. Jackson-Haisley has been a resident magistrate at the Corporate Area Criminal Resident Magistrate's Court in Jamaica since October 2007. She was previously a prosecutor at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions where she held the position of deputy director of public prosecutions and was responsible for prosecuting in all the courts throughout the island of Jamaica. She also presides as judge of the Kingston Drug Treatment Court and has been engaged in promoting the concept of Drug Treatment Courts since 2008. She has made several presentations on Drug Treatment Courts in Jamaica, the Caribbean, and in the United States.

Her Honor Mrs. Jackson-Haisley enjoys teaching and is an associate tutor at the Norman Manley Law School. She holds a bachelor of law degree from the University of the West Indies and a certificate of legal education from the Norman Manley Law School. She expects the Judicial Studies program at Duke will enable her to better understand judicial processes and to grasp how other judges approach complex and interesting problems and ultimately improve her ability to enhance judicial training in her country.

Michael Daly Hawkins

Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Phoenix, Arizona



Judge Hawkins graduated from Arizona State University (B.A. and J.D.) and the University of Virginia (LL.M.) and was appointed a United States circuit judge for the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton. He commenced service on Sept. 15, 1994. On Feb. 12, 2010, Judge Hawkins assumed senior status, but continues to hear and decide cases from the nine western states and Pacific Territories that make up the Ninth Circuit. He served to the rank of captain in the United States Marine Corps (1970-73). He engaged in the private practice of law from 1973 to 1977 and again from 1980 to 1994, interrupted by service as U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona (1977-80). While in private practice, he frequently served as a judge pro tempore of the Arizona Court of Appeals. A 1995 recipient of ASU's Alumni Achievement Award, he also was honored in

2003 by the State Bar of Arizona with its James Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award. In 2006, ASU's College of Law presented him with the John S. Lancy Award, recognizing him as an outstanding law journal alumnus. In 2012, Judge Hawkins was inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association's Hall of Fame. He maintains his chambers in Phoenix and San Francisco.

Diane M. Johnsen
Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals Division One
Phoenix, Arizona



Chief Judge Johnsen received her B.A. in journalism and political science from the University of Arizona in 1975, and was a reporter at the *Arizona Daily Star* newspaper in Tucson from 1975 through 1979. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 1982, then served a one-year clerkship with Senior Judge Ben Duniway on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals before joining Munger Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles in 1983. She returned to Arizona in 1985, where she joined the Phoenix firm now known as Osborn Maledon. She practiced commercial litigation there until she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2006. She is a former president and member of the board of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest and a former board member of the Children's Action

Alliance. Her husband, Roger Brodman, whom she met at Stanford, is a Maricopa County Superior Court judge. They have three grown children.

Nancy Joseph
Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Judge Joseph, a native of Haiti, earned her undergraduate degree from Howard University (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa) and her law degree and an Honors Certificate in International Law from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. She has served as a magistrate judge since 2010. Prior to her appointment, she worked as a trial and appellate attorney with the Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc. Judge Joseph is an active member of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association and the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, and she serves on the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's National Conference of Federal Trial Judges.

Judge Joseph is also very involved in civics education in her community, chairing *Kids, Courts, and Citizenship*, which exposes middle and high school students to federal court and careers in law, and serving on the steering committee for the Marquette University Law School and Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association's Summer Youth Institute. She has received a Wisconsin Law Journal "Women in The Law" Award, the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association's Judge John W. Reynolds Community Building Award, the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers' Member of The Year Award, and the Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Award. Judge Joseph looks forward to the Master of Judicial Studies program for the opportunity to learn from fellow judges and scholars on the judiciary.

Mark W. Klingensmith
Judge, Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal
West Palm Beach, Florida



Judge Klingensmith earned both his bachelor's degree and his J.D. from the University of Florida. He has served on Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal since August 2013. Prior to that appointment, he served as a Circuit Court judge in Florida's 19th Judicial Circuit. Before taking the bench, he practiced civil litigation for 25 years, was board certified in Civil Trial by the Florida Bar in 2001, and has served as an elected commissioner as well as mayor of Sewall's Point, Florida. "The Judicial Studies program curriculum will help me sharpen my judicial writing and research skills, broaden my understanding of judicial decision-making, and allow me to enhance my analytical skills to deal with a variety of legal issues," writes Judge Klingensmith.

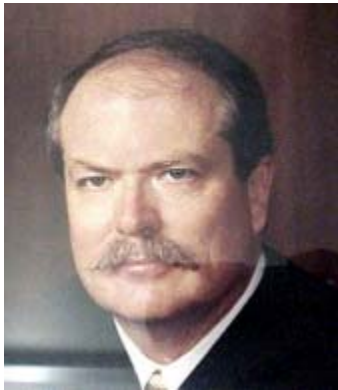
Debra H. Lehrmann
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
Austin, Texas



Justice Lehrmann has served on the Supreme Court of Texas since June 21, 2010; prior to this appointment, she served as a family law judge for 23 years in Fort Worth. She is a past chair the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, a commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission, and a member of the American Law Institute. The author of *Texas Annotated Family Code* (Lexis Nexis-Matthew Bender), Justice Lehrmann was recognized by the Texas Bar Foundation in 2003 for having written the best bar journal article of the year: "The Child's Voice An Analysis of the Methodology Used To Involve Children in Custody Litigation." A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Judge Lehrmann graduated from the University of Texas in 1979 and the University of Texas School of Law in 1982. As both a trial judge and an appellate judge, she has sought to engage lawyers, judges and law professors in projects aimed towards improving the legal system generally, and is "particularly sensitive to the negative effect that traditional litigation can have on participants." Through the Judicial Studies program, she hopes to broaden her understanding of methods to enhance the ability of the judiciary to promote alternative forms of dispute resolution, civility, professionalism, and ethics within the legal profession.

Donald W. Molloy
Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Montana

Missoula, Montana



Judge Molloy was nominated by President Clinton and sworn in as U.S. District Judge on August 16, 1996, following confirmation by the U.S. Senate. He became Chief Judge for the District of Montana on Jan. 31, 2001 and completed the seven-year term on Feb. 1, 2008.

Judge Molloy earned his law degree, with high honors, from the University of Montana in 1976 and then clerked for U.S. District Court Judge James F. Battin. The judge is a former U. S. Navy lieutenant where he flew as a naval flight officer in the F4-B Phantom from the decks of the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy. As a lawyer, he served as a member of the Montana Bar Association Ethics Committee. Judge Molloy was selected for membership in the American Law Institute (ALI) and the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and was a member of the original Montana Chapter of ABOTA. He currently serves on the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. In September 2012 Judge Molloy was an invited visitor to the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba. On June 7, 2013, he was a conferee of an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree at the University College Cork, Ireland in honor of his work to bring Irish law students as well as other undergraduate students from Ireland to the University of Montana to study.

Robert Morris
Judge, Florida Second District Court of Appeal

Lakeland, Florida



Judge Morris has served in his current assignment on the Florida Court of Appeal, Second District, since 2009. Immediately prior to that, he was the chief judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida. His service on that court commenced in 2002. Before that, he served as a Pinellas County Court judge beginning in 1997. Judge Morris's public service has included appointments to the Supreme Court Committee on Children and Families and the Trial Court Budget Commission. Also, he currently serves on the Supreme Court Judicial Management Council and the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Prior to becoming a judge, he was engaged in the practice of law in Florida from 1980 to 1997. His experience as a lawyer includes being a prosecutor, a partner in a national law firm, and principal of his own firm. He also served on the boards of directors of a bank and a hospital. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida and a J.D. from DePaul University.

Virginia Baker Norton
Judge, State of Florida Circuit Court, 4th Judicial Circuit
Jacksonville, Florida



Judge Norton was elected as a Circuit Court judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in August of 2008. She currently presides over Civil Division, CR-D, of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. From January 2009 through December 2010, Judge Norton was assigned to Family Division, FM-G, of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, and she has been assigned to Felony Division, CR-H, of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, since January 2011. She is Death Qualified.

A native of Jacksonville, she is a graduate of The Bolles School, the University of Virginia, and the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Judge Norton began her legal career with the law firm of Moseley, Warren, Prichard, and Parrish, in Jacksonville. During her time with the firm, she co-authored the venue section of the *Lawyers Cooperative Federal Practice Guide*. From 1999 to 2008, she served as an assistant general counsel for the City of Jacksonville, playing an integral role in the city's major legal issues and serving as the city's special master. She also maintained an active trial and appellate practice in both state and federal courts. The Jacksonville City Council passed a resolution in her honor when she departed the city for the bench.

As a community leader, Judge Norton has dedicated her time to activities that address issues concerning children and pro bono legal services. She is currently a member of the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, and the boards of Mental Health America of Northeast Florida, Family Support Services, and the Rotary Club of Downtown Jacksonville. She also serves as a mentor through the Jacksonville Christian Legal Society and is a coach for The Bolles School Trial Team. She has been honored as a 2007 *Florida Trend* "Legal Elite" honoree, as a 1995 and 2006 Community Connections Award Winner, and as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Judge Norton is a member of the Florida and Georgia Bars as well as the Maritime Law Association of America. She has served on the Family Law Rules Committee as well as the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee of the Florida Bar.

Julia Prah
Judge, High Court of Appeals of Hamm
Bochum, Germany



Judge Prah earned her law degree at the University of Trier and the High Court of Appeals of Hamm. She was appointed to the High Court of Appeals of Hamm in 2012 and has been assigned to the court's Family Division since then. Prior to that, she served in the Civil as well as the Criminal Division of the Regional Court in Bochum. Apart from her duties as justice, she headed the court's Human Resources Department for three years and served as a judicial mediator. Having earned an additional degree in a foreign

law program specializing in Anglo-American law at university, she has helped organize and conduct an exchange of German judges and English magistrates in 2006 and 2007, took an additional course in English for judges and prosecutors in 2011, and joined the European Mediation Conference in Belgium in 2012. The Judicial Studies program at Duke University will not only be the "perfect addition and continuation of my international law studies," she says, "but it may also open new perspectives on my own everyday approach to my duties gaining new insights into the daily routines of U.S. judges and the way they deal with their challenges."

Johnnie Blakeney Rawlinson
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Las Vegas, Nevada



Judge Rawlinson is the first woman and the first African-American to serve on the federal District Court in Nevada. She is also the first African-American woman to sit on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a *summa cum laude* graduate of N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. She also graduated with distinction from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific.

Judge Rawlinson is a member of the Just The Beginning Foundation, Federal Judges Association, State Bar of Nevada, California State Bar, National Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and an honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has received the following honors and awards: 1996

Distinguished Service Award - Clark County Pro Bono Project; Black Women Lawyers of Northern California Recognition Award; Kappa Alpha Psi Outstanding Community Service Award; N.C. A&T State University Alumni Association Outstanding Professional Achievement Award; NOBLE Award; Martin Luther King Committee Drum Major of the Millennium Award; Nevada Attorney General Role Model Award, Links Achievement Award; Urban Chamber Outstanding Professional Achievement Award; McGeorge School of Law 2003 Alumna of the Year Award; International Legal Professional of the Year 2004; 2005 Green Bag Award for Excellence in Legal Writing; 2007 *High Heels in High Places* Trumpet Award; and 2012 National Bar Association Women Lawyer's Division "Jurist of the Year Award."

Anthony John Trenga
Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
Alexandria, Virginia



Judge Trenga, originally from Western Pennsylvania, received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University, where he studied at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and earned his law degree at the University of Virginia. Following law school, he clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Ted Dalton of the Western District of Virginia and then entered private practice until his appointment in September 2008. He currently serves as a member of the Financial Disclosure Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Since joining the bench, he has also been active in hosting foreign judges through the Open World Leadership Program and has participated in international conferences with foreign judges on issues of judicial independence and transparency. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and currently serves as the vice chair of its International Committee, and as also a fellow of the International Society of Barristers. He also serves on the faculty of the National Trial Advocacy College held annually at the University of Virginia Law School. Judge Trenga views participating in the Judicial Studies Program "as an opportunity to focus on some of many challenges facing our judicial system and how to best discharge our duties as judicial stewards of our constitutional democracy."

Joe L. Webster
Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
Durham, North Carolina



Judge Webster, a native North Carolinian, earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Howard University. Upon graduating from law school, he was a Reginald Heber Smith fellow and staff attorney at Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont in Charlotte, N.C. A year later he hung his shingle in his hometown of Madison, N.C., and for most of the next 25 years, was engaged in the general practice of law there and in other small towns in the state. During this period, he also served as general counsel of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and as a town attorney. In 2006, Judge Webster was appointed as an administrative law judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings for the State of North Carolina, and on Nov. 7, 2012, was sworn in as a Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. He has also served as an adjunct professor of law at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. Judge Webster has dedicated his life's work to community and public service and was the recipient of the N.C. Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award. He also served on the N.C. Board of Law Examiners for 13 years, including two years as chairman. Judge Webster hopes the Judicial Studies program will help him in his "daily commitment to equal justice under law."

Don R. Willett
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
Austin, Texas



Justice Willett, a native Texan, was raised by a widowed mom in a town of 32 people (his zip code began with a decimal) and earned a triple-major B.B.A. from Baylor University and his J.D./M.A. (political science) from Duke University. Before joining the Texas Supreme Court in 2005, he served principally in the executive branch – as deputy attorney general of Texas, special assistant to the president in the White House, deputy assistant attorney general for legal policy in the U.S. Department of Justice, and a lawyer for then-Governor George W. Bush in Texas. Previously, Justice Willett clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, practiced law with Haynes and Boone LLP, and had affiliations with various nonprofit legal and policy-research foundations. He and his wife Tiffany have three young children.

“I want to be an exemplary jurist,” writes Justice Willett, “one with a sterling reputation for top-tier analysis. I trust the Judicial Studies program will up my game.”