

MASTER OF JUDICIAL STUDIES PROGRAM 2018-2020 PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

Carla N. Archie

Judge, North Carolina Superior Court, 26th Judicial District

Charlotte, North Carolina



A native of Danville, Virginia, Judge Archie graduated summa cum laude from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from the College of William & Mary Law School. As a law student, she served as president of the Black Law Students Association and as a member of the Moot Court Board. Upon graduation from law school, she was honored with the Dean's Certificate, the George Wythe Award, and was named into the Order of the Barristers. Judge Archie started her legal career as a prosecutor in Charlotte, North Carolina, and was ultimately promoted to Chief Assistant District Attorney in charge of felony drug prosecutions. She then transitioned into commercial litigation as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for Wachovia Corporation. She went on to serve as Deputy Executive Director and the first General Counsel of the North Carolina Education Lottery, before returning to her commercial litigation practice as Senior Counsel for Wells Fargo & Company. Judge Archie was elected in 2014 to serve as a Resident Superior Court Judge for the 26th Judicial District

of North Carolina based in Charlotte, NC. As such, she presides over felony criminal matters, civil matters involving more than \$25,000 in dispute, and misdemeanor appeals from district court in Mecklenburg County and six surrounding counties. Over the years, Judge Archie has been very active in the community as a member of the Junior League of Charlotte, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, The Links, Incorporated, and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She has also served on the board of directors and in various leadership roles with the Mecklenburg County Bar, the Charlotte Women's Bar, the John S. Leary Association of Black Lawyers, the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, the Triangle Urban League, and the STARS Math & English Academy. For her professional and civic endeavors, she has received numerous awards, including the Hampton University Outstanding Alumna Award, the William & Mary Law School Citizen Lawyer Award, and being named among The Mecklenburg Times 50 Most Influential Women.

Anne Elizabeth Barnes

Judge, Georgia Court of Appeals

Atlanta, Georgia



Presiding Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes won election in 1998 to the Georgia Court of Appeals in a three-way race without a runoff, and took office January 1, 1999. She was the first woman to be elected in a state-wide judicial race without having been first appointed to the bench, and was re-elected, without opposition, to a second term in 2004. In 2010 she was elected to a third term, and to a fourth term in 2016. A native Georgian, Judge Barnes grew up in Chamblee and attended DeKalb County public schools. She received her bachelor's degree from Georgia State University, graduating magna cum laude in 1979. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia in 1983 and her Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia in 2004. Presiding Judge Barnes served on the Judicial Council of Georgia's Standing Committee on Policy and its Budget Committee, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, and the Domestic Violence Committee of the Judicial Council of

Georgia, and has been a member of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal. She chaired the Judicial Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and served on the Supreme Court's Commission on Interpreters. Presiding Judge Barnes has served on the Board of Directors of Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) since 2011. She volunteers with the Truancy Intervention Project's Early Intervention Program (TIP), working with elementary school children, serving on TIP's Board of Directors, from 2014 to 2017, and currently serves on the TIP Advisory Board. She completed a fellowship program with the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR) in

2013, and joined the Board of Directors of the National Courts and Science Institute in 2014. Judge Barnes is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the Atlanta, DeKalb, and Gate City Bar Associations. Presiding Judge Barnes is a Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, a Master of the Bleckley Inn of Court, and a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, and the Old Warhorse Lawyers Club. She is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Atlanta. Presiding Judge Barnes was awarded the Romae Turner Powell Judicial Service Award by the Atlanta Bar Association. She has also been recognized for her service by the DeKalb Bar Association, the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar Association, the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, and Justice Served. Presiding Judge Barnes is married to Dr. Tom Banks, a physicist, and attends St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church.

Stephanie K. Bowman

Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Cincinnati, Ohio



Judge Stephanie K. Bowman received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1997 and received her J.D. from DePaul University, College of Law in 2000. Judge Bowman spent the first year of her legal career practicing immigration law at McKinney & Namei. In late 2001, she joined Barrett & Weber, LPA as an associate attorney where her practice focused on the fields of estate planning, zoning, real estate, business transactions and litigation. In 2006 she transitioned to a chambers law clerk to the Honorable Michael R. Barrett, United States District Judge. Judge Bowman was appointed to her first eight-year term as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Ohio on October 29, 2010. Judge Bowman is the judicial advisor to the Re-Entry Court Program for the Cincinnati Division of the Southern District of Ohio. Judge Bowman is a Fellow of the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for

Lawyers and currently serves as Chair of the Steering Committee. She is a past president and member of the Ohio Women's Bar Association and sits on the board of the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky John W. Peck Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Judge Bowman is also a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, and the Potter Stewart American Inn of Court. Judge Bowman was named an Ohio Rising Star by Super Lawyers in 2005.

Elizabeth (“Betsy”) Chestney

Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

San Antonio, Texas



In January 2017, Betsy Chestney was appointed to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Chestney was managing partner of the Austin-based Cornell Smith Mierl & Brutocao, LLP, a boutique firm that represents employers. At Cornell Smith, Judge Chestney represented employers in state and federal court, administrative hearings, and arbitrations, and advised employers on employment-related issues. She also trained management and HR professionals on employment law compliance; assisted employers in drafting handbooks, policies, and employment agreements; and conducted workplace investigations. Prior to entering private practice, Judge Chestney clerked for two years for the Honorable Sam Sparks, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. Judge Chestney has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law, most recently in 2012, where she taught a class that she developed to prepare students to

serve as law clerks for federal district judges. Prior to joining Cornell Smith in 2008 and after clerking, Judge Chestney was a full-time faculty member at UT Law, teaching introductory and advanced courses in written and oral advocacy in addition to the clerkship class. Judge Chestney graduated with honors from UT Law in 2002. During law school, she was an associate editor of the Texas Law Review, and assisted in teaching legal research and writing to first-year students. In 1999, Judge Chestney received her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Ethics from Brown University, where she captained the Division I Women’s Soccer Team. Judge Chestney has served on the boards of the Austin and San Antonio Chapters of the

Federal Bar Association (FBA), as well as the board of the Labor & Employment Section for the national FBA, which awarded her its 2016 “Outstanding Speaker” award. She is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a Barrister in the Lloyd C. Lochridge Inn of Court. While practicing, Judge Chestney was named a “Super Lawyer” in Labor and Employment Law for 2014-2017, after having been named a “Rising Star” from 2012-2014. Judge Chestney is board-certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Josiah Coleman

Associate Justice, Mississippi Supreme Court

Jackson, Mississippi



Justice Josiah Dennis Coleman was elected to the Mississippi Supreme Court on November 6, 2012, and began his term on January 7, 2013. Both his grandfather and his father were appellate court judges. He is the grandson of the late J.P. Coleman, who served as Mississippi Governor and on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. J.P. Coleman also served briefly as a justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, resigning to accept appointment as state attorney general. Thomas Coleman, the younger Justice Coleman's father, was one of the original members of the Mississippi Court of Appeals when the intermediate appellate court began in 1995. Justice Coleman grew up in Choctaw County, near Ackerman, and graduated cum laude from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and philosophy. He bagged groceries at the Ackerman Piggly Wiggly in high school, and worked as a dishwasher, camp counselor and lifeguard while pursuing his undergraduate degree. After earning his law degree, he served for almost two years as a law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Allan Alexander in Oxford. He served as a volunteer firefighter on the Toccoola

Volunteer Fire Department while he and his family lived in Pontotoc County. He and his wife, Ashleigh Burke Coleman, have three children. They live in Fentress in Choctaw County on a farm that has been worked by seven generations of the Coleman family.

Richard Dietz

Judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals

Raleigh, North Carolina



Richard Dietz is a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Before joining the Court, he was a partner on the Appellate & Supreme Court team at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP and an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, DC. During his legal career, Judge Dietz argued appeals in federal and state appellate courts across the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court. He is the only North Carolina Board Certified Specialist in Appellate Practice serving on the state courts. He has served on the North Carolina Courts Commission, Equal Access to Justice Commission, and as Vice Chair of the Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section. Before beginning his career as an appellate lawyer, Judge Dietz served as a research fellow in comparative law at Kyushu University in Japan. He also served as a law clerk for two federal judges, Judge Emory Widener on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Judge Samuel Wilson on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia. He graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law and earned his bachelor's degree at Shippensburg University.

William Hastings

Judge, District Court of New Zealand

Wellington, New Zealand



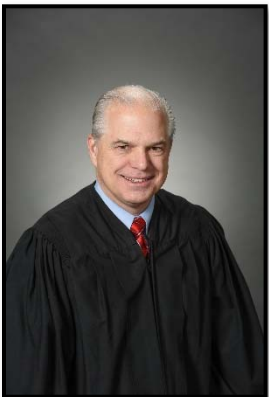
Judge Bill Hastings was appointed to the District Court of New Zealand in 2010. He holds general and jury warrants and has a civil designation. Since being appointed, he has been Chair of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal, Deputy Chair of the Human Rights Review Tribunal and has taught human rights law to Tunisian and Moroccan judges with the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute in Tunis. He is currently co-convenor of the Special Circumstances Court, the Chief Judge's representative on the Council of Legal Education and is an Honorary Fellow in the Faculty of Law at Victoria University of Wellington where he has taught courses including international law, international trade law, contract law, legal system and an LLM seminar in the freedom of expression, full-time from 1985 to 1998, and

part-time since then. He was the Deputy Dean of Law at Victoria from 1996 to 1998 and a member of the Victoria University Council. Before being appointed to the bench, he was the Chief Censor of New Zealand from 1999 to 2010. He has also been a member of the Indecent Publications Tribunal, the Video Recordings Authority, Deputy President of the Film and Literature Board of Review, a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Advanced legal Studies and a Visiting Professor of Law at the California Western School of Law and the College of Law, University of Iowa. He holds a BA from the University of Toronto, a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, and an LLM from the London School of Economics, University of London.

Noel Hillman

Judge, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Camden, New Jersey



Noel L. Hillman was appointed a U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey in 2006 by President Bush after unanimous confirmation by the Senate. Prior to the bench, he served with the U.S. Department of Justice as Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advising on international affairs, wiretapping, and procurement fraud enforcement policies (2006); Chief of the Division's Public Integrity Section (2003-2006) overseeing DOJ's public corruption, campaign finance, and election fraud programs; Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey (1992-2001); and Trial Attorney with the Department's Campaign Financing Task Force (1999-2000). Before becoming a federal prosecutor, Judge Hillman was associated with the New York law firm of Lord Day & Lord, Barrett Smith (1988-1992) and clerked for the Hon. Maryanne Trump Barry, then a U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey (1986-1988). Judge Hillman attended Monmouth University (B.A. cum laude); Seton Hall Law School (J.D. cum laude); and New York University School of Law (LL.M., Trade Regulation). Judge

Hillman is a member of the bars of New York and New Jersey, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and Chair of the Third Circuit Model Civil Jury Instructions Committee and the District of New Jersey's Criminal Law Committee. He has assisted the U.S. Department of State as an anti-corruption expert including Council of Europe treaty evaluations of member states Turkey and Ireland and technical assistance to the Costa Rican Judicial Transparency Commission. He has been an adjunct professor on the faculties of the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers Law Schools.

Molly Huskey
Judge, Idaho Court of Appeals
Middleton, Idaho



Judge Molly J. Huskey received her undergraduate degree and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho. She was admitted to the Idaho Bar in 1993. She served as a public defender and as a prosecutor in Bonneville County before joining the newly-created Office of the State Appellate Public Defender in 1998. She was appointed as the State Appellate Public Defender in 2002 by Governor Dirk Kempthorne. She remained in that position until her appointment to the district court bench in 2011 by Gov. Otter who subsequently appointed her to the Idaho Court of Appeals in July 2015.

Kimberly Ann Jolson
Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio



Magistrate Judge Kimberly A. Jolson was born in Chicago, Illinois. She received her B.A. degree, summa cum laude with Honors in the Liberal Arts, in 2001 from The Ohio State University. She received her J.D., with Honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in 2006. From 2005 to 2006, Judge Jolson was the Administrative Editor for the Texas Law Review. In 2006, Judge Jolson began her legal career in private practice and then, in 2008, joined the Appeals Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, where she was a Deputy Solicitor. From 2009 to 2010, Judge Jolson served as a law clerk to now Chief Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and also taught appellate advocacy as an Adjunct Professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. In 2010, Judge Jolson re-entered private practice, engaging in both trial and appellate litigation, and representing numerous individuals

pro bono. Magistrate Judge Jolson is a member of the Columbus and Federal Bar Associations, and was named an Ohio rising Star by Super Lawyers from 2012 – 2016. In addition, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources presented her a distinguished service award for arguing State v. Coburn before the Supreme Court of Ohio. Judge Jolson was appointed to her first eight-year term as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Ohio on February 10, 2016.

Kelvin Jones
Judge, Eighth Circuit Court, 20th Judicial District
Nashville, Tennessee



Kelvin D. Jones is the Eighth Circuit Court Judge for the 20th Judicial District, State of Tennessee, serving Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee. Judge Jones received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors from Howard University in 1990 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1993. Upon graduating from law school Judge Jones began his practice as a corporate/securities litigation attorney with the law firm of Holme Roberts and Owen, LLC in Denver, Colorado. While in Denver, Judge Jones served as an adjunct professor at the Metropolitan State College of Denver where he taught courses in Ethics and Pre-Law. In 1997 Judge Jones moved to Nashville to join the law firm of Bass, Berry and Sims, PLC as a member of its Corporate and Securities practice group. In 1999 Judge Jones advised and then joined newly elected Mayor Bill Purcell as his in-house legal advisor. Judge Jones served as the Mayor's representative to the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, liaison to the Nashville Sports Authority, the Nashville Hospital Authority, the Nashville Power Board

(NES) and the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency. After serving as the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development and as the Director of the Metropolitan Nashville Transportation and Licensing Commission, Judge Jones was tapped in 2004 to serve as the Executive Director of the Metro Human Relations Commission where he served until founding The Kelvin Jones Law Group in 2010. Judge Jones has been admitted to practice law in Tennessee, Alabama, and Colorado and is a former Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Civil/Family Mediator. He is a Nashville Bar Association Fellow and alumnus of both Leadership Nashville and the Tennessee Bar Association's Leadership Law program. Judge Jones is also a Master of the Bench of the Belmont University College of Law American Inn of Court. Judge Jones currently serves as Chair of the American Bar Association Judicial Division's Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

Abdul Kallon

Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama



Abdul Kallon serves as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. Judge Kallon was appointed to the United States District Court bench in 2010 by President Barack Obama. Before his appointment, Judge Kallon was in private practice for 15 years with the Bradley Arant Boult Cummings firm in Birmingham, Alabama. Judge Kallon's current bar and civic activities include the Alabama Law Foundation, the Bethel Baptist Historic Church Renovation Fund, Children's Village, the Eleventh Circuit Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee of Avondale United Methodist Church.

François Kunc

Justice, Supreme Court of New South Wales

Sydney, Australia



The Honourable Justice François Kunc was appointed to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in April 2013 and sits in the Equity Division. This is a trial division of the Court and his Honour hears a very wide range of commercial and private disputes, as well as adoptions. His Honour was raised in a multilingual migrant home and speaks several languages. He was an Entrance Scholar at Sydney Grammar School. After graduating with degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney he practised from 1986 as a solicitor and then senior associate with one of Australia's oldest commercial law firms, then known as Allen Allen & Hemsley. He was called to the Bar in 1992 and appointed Senior Counsel in 2007. He was a leader of the commercial bar appearing in courts throughout Australia for major government, corporate and individual clients, including Paul Hogan and Ginia Rinehart. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and in 2016 was appointed only the eighth General Editor of The Australian Law Journal in its ninety year history. The ALJ is Australia's premier national law journal. Having

studied piano and violin at the NSW Conservatorium and voice and conducting, and after seriously considering a career in classical music, his Honour has maintained a lifelong interest in the arts and culture including as a legal adviser and board member, and has also held a number of positions in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. In 2016 Pope Francis created his Honour a Knight Commander of St Gregory the Great for services to the Catholic Church. His Honour's current legal and other appointments are:

General Editor, The Australian Law Journal

Member, Editorial Board of the Journal of Equity

Member, Editorial Committee of the Civil Trials Bench Book

Member, Drafting Committee for the Australian national standards for interpreters in courts and tribunals (under the auspices of the Judicial Council for Cultural Diversity)

Director, Opera Australia Capital Fund

Chairman, The Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation (supporting girls and young women around Australia)

His Honour is married to Felicity Rourke, a partner in the firm now known as Allens, and they have two children who are both studying at university.

Marina Garcia Marmolejo

Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

Laredo, Texas



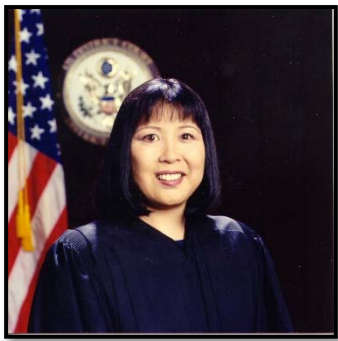
Marina was born in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Mexico. A native Spanish speaker, she lived in Nuevo Laredo for ten years prior to immigrating to the United States with her family. Upon graduating from the University of the Incarnate Word in 1992, she returned to Laredo and worked as a substitute teacher and volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of America. Marina became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1995. In 1996, Marina received her J.D. cum laude from St. Mary's University Law School of Law and her M.A. as a distinguished graduate. As a law student, Marina held the position of Associate Editor on the St. Mary's Law Review. Marina has dedicated the vast majority of her legal career to public service. From 1996 to 1999, she served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Del Rio and Laredo, Texas. In 1999, Marina joined the United States Attorney's Office in Laredo, Texas and served as an Assistant United States Attorney for over 8 years. During her tenure as an AUSA, Marina was often recruited

by the Department of Justice's OPDAT (Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training) program to teach trial advocacy skills to foreign prosecutors and agents in Colombia and the Dominican Republic. Marina handled hundreds of cases annually and tried over 30 cases to verdict. In one of several high profile public corruption cases, at age 29, she prosecuted and won a complex public corruption case against several Laredo public officials and several family members. In 2007, Marina began working in the private sector, joining the international law firm of Thompson and Knight LLP. Her private practice focused primarily on white collar criminal defense, to include: Immigration, Governmental Investigations, Regulatory and Administrative Proceedings, and Complex Commercial Litigation. Before her judicial appointment, Marina also worked, as a partner, for the firms Diamond McCarthy LLP and Reid Davis LLP. In October of 2011, Marina received her appointment to the federal judiciary. She is assigned to the Laredo Division of the Southern District of Texas. Marina has received several awards and recognitions since beginning her legal career. At age 31, the Executive Office of the Department of Justice awarded Marina one of its most prestigious awards—the Attorney General's Director's Award—for her superior performance as an AUSA and her work on several public corruption cases. Marina was listed as one of the United States' 100 most influential Hispanics by "Hispanic Business" in 2010 and received the Distinguished Alumni award from the University of the Incarnate Word in 2011. She was also listed as a Texas Rising Star by "Super Lawyers" in 2011, and has received awards for outstanding service by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and Office of the Inspector General. In 2014, she was recognized as the Latina Judge of the Year by the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA). Marina serves as the co-chair on the HNBA's Judicial Council responsible for the annual National Moot Court competition. She is a member of the Federal Bar Association, a Director-at-Large for the Federal Judges Association, and the Chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section Book Board. She recently served on the University of California, Berkeley's Texas Hague Convention and Domestic Violence Bench Guide Consulting Committee. She is married to Wesley Boyd and they have two children, Natalia and Nicolas.

Susan Mollway

Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii



Susan Oki Mollway became a United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii in 1998. She served as her District's Chief Judge from 2009 to 2015, and as the Chief of the Chief District Judges within the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit between 2014 and 2015. She was the Chair of the Ninth Circuit's Jury Instructions Committee. After taking senior status in 2015, she was elected the Senior District Judge Representative on the Ninth Circuit's Judicial Council. She has also served on the Ninth Circuit's Pacific Islands Committee and Conference Executive Committee. Before becoming a judge, she was with the Honolulu law firm of Cades Schutte, where she concentrated in commercial litigation. One of her cases reached the United States Supreme Court, where she argued successfully. Judge Mollway also taught appellate advocacy at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. Judge

Mollway was born and raised in Hawaii. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature from the University of Hawaii. She graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she was the editor in chief of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. Before becoming a lawyer, Judge Mollway taught expository writing and British and American literature at the University of Hawaii. She then moved to Tokyo, where she taught English and worked as a book editor. In 1998, Judge Mollway received the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She was named the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year in 1987 by Hawaii Women Lawyers and was the 1999 Edith House Lecturer at the University of Georgia School of Law. She received the Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award from Hawaii Women Lawyers in 2004 and a Distinguished Service Award from the Asian American Justice Center in 2006. She has served on the boards of directors of the Hawaii Justice Foundation, Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, American Judicature Society, and the Hawaii chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. She is a member of the American Law Institute.

Colleen O'Toole

Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals, 11th District

Warren, Ohio



Colleen O'Toole was elected to the Eleventh District Court of Appeals in 2004, serving through 2010. She was again elected to the court in 2012. Throughout her tenures on the court, she has worked hard to increase the speed with which appeals are processed, and has written over 700 opinions. She believes strongly in upholding the United States and Ohio Constitutions, the application of due process principles, and equal access to justice for all litigants, including those appearing pro se. Admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1991, Judge O'Toole initially practiced law and interned in the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office in the major trial division. She then worked with the National Interstate Company in Cleveland as a Litigation Manager. In addition, she was associated with the Cleveland law firm of Kramer and Nierman, LPA and the Housing Advocates Inc. In 1998 she opened her own law firm, focusing on criminal, civil and juvenile litigation in state and federal courts. Judge O'Toole has extensive experience in civil, criminal, and family law litigation, and

appeals. In 2011 she founded ODIS, LLC., an award-winning technology startup company which provides legal interpretation services for courts, in 170 languages, including ASL, on personal and mobile devices. Judge O'Toole is an active member of the American Bar Association, as well as an Ohio State Bar Association Fellow. She is also a member of the Appellate Judges Education Institute affiliated with Duke Law School. Additionally, she serves on many committees within the Ohio Judicial Conference. She is presently pursuing a Master of Judicial Studies program at Duke Law School. She is a member of the Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull Bar Associations. She is a member the Executive Board of the Lake County NAACP. She is fond of sporting activities such as hunting and fishing. She enjoys gardening and reading. She is the proud mother of three grown children and resides in Lake County.

Michael Shipp

Judge, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Trenton, New Jersey



Judge Michael A. Shipp was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey in 2012. Prior to his appointment, he served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey, Newark Vicinage, from 2007 through 2012. Judge Shipp earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. He began his legal career with a clerkship for the Hon. James H. Coleman, Jr., Supreme Court of New Jersey. Thereafter, he spent eight years with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In September 2003, Judge Shipp joined the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety as the Assistant Attorney General in-charge-of the State’s Consumer Protection Practice Group. In February 2007, Judge Shipp was named Counsel to the Attorney General, where he served as a top advisor on a variety of sensitive legal issues relating

to ethics, appointments and other matters requiring personal involvement by the Attorney General. He also assisted in managing day-to-day issues and advised and strategized with attorneys, directors, commissioners and other government officials on significant litigation matters. Judge Shipp is an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law. He and his wife Michele have three teenage sons.

Bonnie Sudderth

Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Second District

Fort Worth, Texas



Prior to her appointment to the Second Court of Appeals in 2015, Justice Bonnie Sudderth served as a trial court judge for 25 years – six years as a judge and Chief Judge of the Fort Worth Municipal Courts and almost 19 years as a State District Judge in Tarrant County. In October, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Sudderth to her current position, Chief Justice of the Second Court of Appeals. For almost 20 years, Sudderth served as an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University Law School (formerly Texas Wesleyan University Law School), teaching Texas Trials & Appeals and a Civil Motion Workshop to upper-level law students. In 2008, the Texas Wesleyan Law School Alumni Association conferred upon her the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award. In 2011, Texas Wesleyan University Law School awarded her the Excellence in Justice Award. For decades Chief Justice Sudderth has served as a mentor to law students and young lawyers in the

community and throughout the state. In recognition of her service, she received the Outstanding Mentor Award from both the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association and the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 2008. Judge Sudderth is active in the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court as an Emeritus Master of the Bench, Past President, a member of the Honorary Serjeant’s Inn and as a James B. Barlow Emeritus Fellow. On two occasions, she has participated as a delegate from the American Inns of Court to the Middle Temple and Inner Temple English Inns of Court in London. Chief Justice Sudderth currently serves as the webmaster for the Mahon Inn. A prolific writer and speaker on legal topics, Sudderth has twice received the “Outstanding Series of Articles” award from the State Bar of Texas. She is Board Certified in two areas of specialization—Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law, and she currently serves as a Commissioner for the Civil Trial Examination on the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Samuel A. Thumma

Vice Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One

Phoenix, Arizona



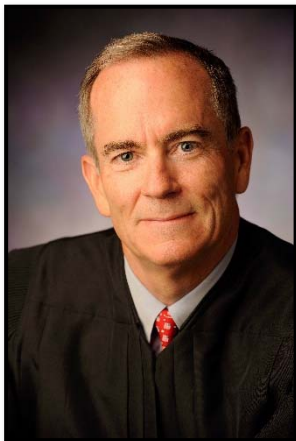
Samuel A. Thumma is Chief Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals, since 2017; was Vice Chief Judge from 2015-2017 and has served as a Judge on the Court since 2012. He was a Judge with the Arizona Superior Court from 2007-2012, serving on Criminal and Juvenile rotations. Nationally, Sam is a Uniform Law Commissioner and chaired the Uniform Employee and Student Online Protection and Privacy Drafting Committee; is an Advisor to the American Law Institute's RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW (THIRD) OF TORTS: LIABILITY FOR ECONOMIC LOSS; is Secretary of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division Appellate Judges Conference and the Appellate Judges Education Institute, Inc., Board of Directors; is Chair of the 2019 AJEI Summit; is Chair of the JD's Technology Committee and is a member of the JD's Ethics and Professionalism Committee. In Arizona, Sam Chairs the Arizona Supreme Court's Digital Evidence Task Force; is Co-Chair of the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on the Rules of Evidence; Chairs the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee; is a member of the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on Juvenile Courts;

is Co-Editor of the ARIZONA APPELLATE HANDBOOK and is a member of the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Recommended Arizona Jury Instructions Committee. Sam has chaired the State Bar's Civil Practice and Procedure and Fee Arbitration Committees and served as a member of the Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. He has presented at more than 300 seminars, and published 11 law review articles and nearly 50 other law-related articles on a variety of different topics. Since 2012, he has taught evidence to all new trial judges in the Arizona judicial system. In the community more broadly, he is active in the Phoenix Rotary 100 Club and has served in leadership positions in the American Red Cross, including as a member of the National Leadership Council, Vice Chair of the National Resolutions Committee and Chair of the Grand Canyon Chapter. In 2008, he received the National Leadership Award from the American Red Cross. Previously, Sam was a partner at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, P.A., in Phoenix, and an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. He served as a law clerk for Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley G. Feldman and Judge David R. Hansen, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. Sam graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1988, where he was a Note & Comment Editor on the IOWA LAW REVIEW, and from Iowa State University in 1984, where he was a Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholar. Sam is married to Barbara J. Dawson, a partner at Snell & Wilmer, LLP, and their daughter Nicole is a sophomore in college.

Laurance VanMeter

Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court

Lexington, Kentucky



Laurance B. VanMeter was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in November 2016 from the 5th Appellate District, comprising Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, Scott, and Woodford Counties. Upon taking office on January 2, 2017, he became just the third Justice to have served at all four levels of Kentucky unified court system. Prior to being elected to the Supreme Court, Justice VanMeter served thirteen years as a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, having been elected in November 2003, and being re-elected unopposed in 2006 and 2014. Justice VanMeter currently serves as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Judicial Form Retirement Systems, having previously served as chairman of that Board for two terms (2012-16), with an intervening term as chairman of the Judicial Retirement Fund Investment Committee (2016-18). Justice VanMeter is the Supreme Court's liaison to the Kentucky Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education Commission. He served the Court of Appeals as acting Chief Judge during 2010 and as Chief Judge Pro Tempore from 2007 to 2010, and served as the Court of Appeals' representative on the Ethics Committee of the Kentucky Judiciary from 2004 to 2012 and as

its alternate member on the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission from 2012 to 2016. In addition, Justice VanMeter has served on the Probate and Trust Legislative Committee of the Kentucky Bar Association, the Family Court Rules and the Civil Rules Committees of the Kentucky Supreme Court, the Chief Justice's Fayette County Family Court Task Force, and is

a frequent speaker for continuing legal education. Justice VanMeter was born in 1958 in Lexington, and was raised in Winchester. He received his undergraduate degree with a major in history in 1980 from Vanderbilt University, and his law degree in 1983 from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Kentucky Law Journal. Justice VanMeter practiced law with the Lexington firm of Stoll, Keenon & Park from 1983 to 1994, where his practice areas included equine law, business planning and organizations, real estate, taxation, estate planning, trusts and probate. He has been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and is a member of the Kentucky and Fayette County Bar Associations. From 1994 to 1999, he served as a judge of the Fayette District Court, 22nd District, Division 1. Justice VanMeter was appointed and then elected to the Fayette Circuit Court bench in 1999 on which he served until his election to the Court of Appeals. Justice VanMeter has been actively involved in a number of community organizations, including Little League Baseball, Lexington Youth Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America, Parents' Place, the University of Kentucky Libraries National Advisory Board, and has served on the vestry of Christ Church Cathedral, on the Vanderbilt University Alumni Board of Directors, and on the Sayre School Board of Trustees. He is a Fellow of the University of Kentucky, a Life Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, and a Founding Fellow of the Fayette County Bar Foundation. He is a member of Christ Church Cathedral. Justice VanMeter and his late wife, Lucy, are the parents of four children.

Jason Woodard

Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District Mississippi

Columbus, Mississippi



On January 16, 2013, Jason D. Woodard was sworn in as bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, with his chambers located in Aberdeen. Judge Woodard presides over all bankruptcy cases filed in thirty-one counties, holding hearings in Aberdeen and Oxford. Upon assuming office, Judge Woodard immediately became chief judge. Judge Woodard received both his undergraduate (1997) and law degrees (2000) from The University of Alabama. Immediately following law school, Judge Woodard served as law clerk to the Honorable Tamara O. Mitchell, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Alabama in Birmingham. Prior to his appointment, Judge Woodard was a partner with Burr & Forman LLP in Birmingham, Alabama, representing clients in distressed debt situations, typically secured creditors in bankruptcy, receivership, and foreclosure proceedings and in out-of-court workouts. Judge Woodard is a past chairman of the Birmingham Bar's Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section and formerly sat on the board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Foundation and the executive committee for

the Birmingham Bar Association. He is a recipient of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Medal of Excellence. Judge Woodard served as chairman of the board of directors and later as president of the Advisory Board for Hands on Birmingham, a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect busy people with organized and meaningful volunteer opportunities to improve their community. Judge Woodard has served on committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and currently serves as Judicial Liaison to the Mississippi Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee. Judge Woodard and his wife Stephanie live in Columbus with their four sons, where they are members of First United Methodist Church.