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Margaret Donohoe '95

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Sherry Ingram '94

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Dmitry Slavin '12

Jeremiah Torres '09

Hillary Vedvig '17

John Wei '15

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

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Monica Maldonado '99, *Associate Dean*

Cristina M. Rodríguez '00,
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Jody L. Yetzer '97, *Chair, Fund Board*

YAA REPRESENTATIVES

To 2026

John P. Collins '98

To 2027

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To 2028

Andrea Mercado '86

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Floyd Abrams '59

Stacey Y. Abrams '99

Christine M. Adams '94

Sangwoo Ahn '63

Samuel A. Alito '75

Richard E. Ayres '69

Joan Z. Bernstein '51

David Boies II '66

Craig B. Brod '80

Edmund G. Brown, Jr. '64

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Guido Calabresi '58

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Cynthia H. Cwik '87

John C. Danforth '63

Michael A. Doyle '62

William Drayton, Jr. '70

Marian Wright Edelman '63

John R. Firestone '85

Linda Greenhouse '78

Gary W. Hart '64

Benjamin Heineman Jr. '71

Rosalyn C. Higgins '62

Carla A. Hills '58

William E. Kennard '81

Randall L. Kennedy '82

Harold Hongju Koh

Anthony T. Kronman '75

Eugene A. Ludwig '73
Catharine A. MacKinnon '77
Joseph D. Mandel '64
Margaret H. Marshall '76
Rhonda Joy McLean '83
James D. Miller '75
Drayton Nabers, Jr. '65
Eleanor H. Norton '64
Shigeru Oda '52
Barrington D. Parker, Jr. LL.M. '69
Jean Koh Peters
Neal Pilson '63
Robert C. Post '77
Hugh B. Price '66
Gina M. Raimondo '98
John C. Roberts '68
Linda D. Rottenberg '93
Robert E. Rubin '64
Stephen M. Schwebel '54
Laura A. Seigle '93
Patricia C. Shakow '61
Randall T. Shepard '72
Laurence T. Sorkin '67
Sonia Sotomayor '79
J. Gustave Speth, Jr. '69
Edward L. Strohbehn, Jr. '69
Clarence Thomas '74
Myron H. Thompson '72
Frederick Wiseman '54
Stephen Wizner

**THE MISSION OF THE YALE LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO:**

- Strengthen and cultivate lifelong connections between and among Yale Law School, its alumni, and current students to foster belonging, meaningful engagement, and an inclusive alumni body.
- Support and advocate for Yale Law School, embody and uphold its values, and advise the Dean on the School's priorities and initiatives.

Yale Law School Association
Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution of the Yale Law School Association

ARTICLE I – NAME

This association shall be called the Yale Law School Association (the “Association”). The principal office of the Association shall be located at Yale Law School, 127 Wall Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06520, or at such other location as may be specified in the Bylaws of the Association (the “Bylaws”) as in effect from time to time.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to (i) foster lifelong relationships for the alumni of Yale Law School among themselves and with Yale Law School and its students, all in furtherance of mutual interests; and (ii) provide to Yale Law School the continuing and active support of the members of the Association.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

All alumni of Yale Law School (i.e., each person who has been a candidate for or has earned a degree from Yale Law School), and such other individuals that the Dean of Yale Law School or the Dean’s designee may from time to time designate, shall be members of the Association.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee of the Association (the “Executive Committee”), as provided for in the Bylaws. The officers of the Executive Committee during their respective terms shall also serve without further action as the same titled officers of the Association.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present. Notice in writing of any proposed amendment or amendments to this Constitution to be voted upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee at least one week prior to such meeting by letter or by email pursuant to the contact information most recently provided to the Association by each such respective member. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions for notice, an amendment to this Constitution may be adopted at any meeting of the Executive Committee provided such amendment was proposed at the previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

Historical note: The Constitution of the Association was amended on October 30, 1964, October 1, 2009, and April 6, 2021. This historical note is not a part of the Constitution of the Association.

Bylaws of the Yale Law School Association

ARTICLE I – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July each year and end on June 30 each year.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of the Executive Committee shall be a President, at least five Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. There also shall be a Chairperson, who is the immediate past President of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 Officers shall be selected by the Dean of Yale Law School or the Dean's designee. The new officers shall commence their terms at the beginning of the fiscal year following their selection.

Section 3 Each officer shall serve a three-year term starting on the first day of a fiscal year and ending on the last day of a fiscal year. The three-year terms will be staggered, with the Chairperson, President, and Treasurer treated as "Class 1 Officers" and their terms serving as the base for the staggered officer terms; the Secretary and two Vice Presidents treated as "Class 2 Officers," with their terms starting a year after the Class 1 Officers' terms begin; and the remaining three (and more, if any) Vice Presidents treated as "Class 3 Officers," with their terms starting two years after the Class 1 Officers' terms begin.

Section 4 The Dean or the Dean's designee may appoint such other officers as the Dean or the Dean's designee may deem necessary or advisable, each of whom shall hold office for such period and have such powers and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws.

Section 5 A vacancy in any office may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the action of the Dean or the Dean's designee.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Executive Committee and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Yale Law School Association ("Association"), in consultation with the Executive Committee. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The President shall be an *ex officio* member of any Executive Committee subcommittee (except the Nominating Committee) and shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

Section 2 The Chairperson shall be an informal adviser to the other officers and may assume the duties of the President in the case of absence or disability.

Section 3 The Vice Presidents, in order of seniority of law school class, may assume the duties of the President in the case of absence or disability to the extent the Chairperson is unable to do so. The Vice Presidents shall also assist the President in the performance of such duties as the President may request. One or more Vice Presidents shall serve as a representative to the Yale Alumni Association (“YAA”).

Section 4 The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall distribute the minutes of the previous meeting at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and seek approval of the minutes from those Executive Committee members who are present at the subsequent meeting.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall distribute a report of the financial transactions of the Association at each meeting of the Executive Committee. Whenever required by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer shall report on the finances of the Association.

Section 6 An officer not able to satisfy substantially the duties of the office may be asked, after consultation with the Dean or the Dean’s designee, to step down.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. The officers of the Executive Committee;
- b. The lifetime honorary members of the Executive Committee;
- c. Sixty (60) term members, who shall be nominated and elected as provided in these Bylaws; and
- d. Three (3) graduating class members, one per year, who shall be nominated and elected as provided in these Bylaws.

Furthermore, the Chairperson of the Yale Law School Fund Board, the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the Yale Law School Fund Board, the Director of the Yale Law School Fund, the Deans of the Law School, the Law Librarian, and the Director of Alumni Engagement shall be *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee. The Dean or Dean’s designee may appoint other *ex officio* members as the Dean or the Dean’s designee deems appropriate and desirable.

Section 3 Lifetime honorary members of the Executive Committee shall be the past Chairpersons, Award of Merit recipients as non-participatory members, and other individuals whom the Dean or the Dean’s designee may select as the Dean or the Dean’s designee deems appropriate and desirable.

Section 4 Term members shall serve for three consecutive years. After service of a full three-year term, there shall be a lapse of at least two years before a term member

may again be eligible to serve as a member of the Executive Committee, except as an officer of the Executive Committee. Any vacancy of a term member on the Executive Committee may be filled by the Dean or the Dean's designee.

Section 5 Each graduating class member shall serve for three consecutive years. After service of a full three-year term, there shall be a lapse of at least two years before the graduating class member may again be eligible to serve as a member of the Executive Committee, except as an officer of the Executive Committee.

Section 6 Members are expected to attend the spring and fall meetings of the Executive Committee. Members are expected to serve on subcommittees of the Executive Committee, mentor current and recent students, plan or host events for Yale Law School alumni, attend Regional Association meetings and events in the location where they live or work, and financially contribute to the Yale Law School Fund or otherwise to Yale Law School to the extent they are capable. These expectations shall be communicated to the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee. A failure to satisfy substantially these requirements and expectations may be grounds, after consultation with the Dean or the Dean's designee, for a member to be asked to step down.

ARTICLE V — REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Any group of members of the Association fairly representative of a region may ask for recognition as a Regional Association. Upon approval by the Dean or the Dean's designee, it shall be recognized as a Regional Association.

ARTICLE VI — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall hold two regular meetings each year, in the spring and the fall, or at such other times as it may decide.

Section 2 Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever called by the Dean or the Dean's designee.

Section 3 Notice of the time and place of each Executive Committee meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each member pursuant to the contact information most recently provided to the Association by the member, at least six weeks before the day on which the meeting is to be held. Notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee need not state the purpose thereof.

Section 4 Fifteen members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Committee. If the Dean or the Dean's designee determines that a meeting cannot take place in whole or in part in person, the Dean or the Dean's designee may call for the meeting in whole or in part by telephone or videoconference, in which case 15 members present — in person, by telephone, or by videoconference — shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1 The Dean or the Dean’s designee shall appoint annually a Nominating Committee composed of five or more members of the Executive Committee and shall designate one member as Chairperson. The President shall not be a member of the Nominating Committee, *ex officio* or otherwise.

Section 2 The Nominating Committee shall meet annually in conjunction with the spring Executive Committee meeting to nominate from the membership of the Association a sufficient number of candidates to fill a slate of 20 term members, including potential alternates, to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall hold planning meetings before its annual spring meeting to allow for adequate consideration of potential nominees.

Section 3 Any member of the Association, any member or *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee, and the Dean or the Dean’s designee may submit names of Association members to the Nominating Committee to be considered for nomination. The Dean or the Dean’s designee may nominate such number of the 20 term members so as to account for regional representation among the term members.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION OF TERM MEMBERS AND GRADUATING CLASS MEMBER

Section 1 At the spring Executive Committee meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Executive Committee for election the names of the candidates and alternates for term members. The election of the term members shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast. The Dean or the Dean’s designee will ask the elected individuals if they are able and willing to serve, including in light of the expectations of Executive Committee members as set out in Article IV, Section 6, of these Bylaws. If an individual is not able or willing to serve at the time of election or thereafter, the Dean or the Dean’s designee will select a member from among the alternates. The new term members shall commence their terms of office at the start of the next fiscal year following the spring Executive Committee meeting at which they were elected.

Section 2 The graduating class member shall be elected by the graduating class before the Yale Law School Commencement. The graduating class and the Yale Law School Office of Student Affairs are responsible for holding the election. The graduating class member’s term of office shall commence at the start of the fiscal year after the election.

Section 3 The membership list of the Executive Committee shall be published in the *Yale Law Report*, on the Yale Law School website, on the Association website, or in some other forum accessible to members of the Association, at least annually.

ARTICLE IX—PLANNING COMMITTEE

Section 1 The Planning Committee shall be comprised of the current and previous Chairpersons, the officers of the Executive Committee, the Dean, the Director of the Yale Law School Fund, the Director of Alumni Engagement, and other Deans and the Law Librarian as invited by the Dean or the Dean's designee.

Section 2 The Planning Committee shall meet at least two times a year in conjunction with the spring and fall Executive Committee meetings. The Planning Committee shall assist with planning Alumni Weekend, selecting the Award of Merit nominees and recipients, and helping the Dean as otherwise requested. The Planning Committee also shall serve as a resource to the Dean regarding Yale Law School and its students and alumni.

ARTICLE X—SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall form the following subcommittees. The President shall appoint the members of the subcommittees in consultation with the Dean or the Dean's designee. The Dean or the Dean's designee shall be a member of the following subcommittees. In addition, the President, the Dean, or the Dean's designee may form other subcommittees.

Section 2 The Regional Outreach Subcommittee shall communicate with and assist the Regional Associations with their events and outreach and otherwise serve as a resource for the Regional Associations.

Section 3 The Awards Subcommittee shall assist with nominating and selecting potential recipients for the Award of Merit, creating other awards such as an award for younger alumni and nominating potential recipients, and developing other means of honoring and recognizing alumni.

Section 4 The Liaison Subcommittee shall be responsible for communicating with the YAA and other alumni organizations at Yale University. Any Vice President serving as a YAA representative shall be a member of this subcommittee. The President, in consultation with the Dean or the Dean's designee, may designate other members of this subcommittee as YAA representatives.

ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present at any meeting, provided that notice thereof mentions such amendment or repeal as one of the purposes of the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions for notice, an amendment to, or the repeal of, the Bylaws may be made at any meeting of the Executive Committee provided such amendment or repeal was proposed at the previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

Historical note: The Bylaws of the Association were amended on October 30, 1964, April 25, 1969, October 15, 1971, October 27, 1972, October 22, 1976, April 14, 1978, April 24, 1981, October 1, 2009, and April 6, 2021. This historical note is not a part of the Bylaws of the Association.

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Vigjilenca Abazi '19 LL.M.

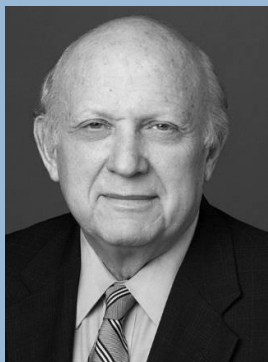
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Dr. Vigjilenca Abazi is a Lecturer in Law at King's College London and the Co-Founder & Executive Director of the European Whistleblowing Institute. She is admitted to practice law in New York. A graduate of Yale Law School (LL.M. '19), Vigjilenca has held distinguished fellowships at Yale's Information Society Project (Resident Fellow, 2019), NYU School of Law (Emile Noël Fellow, 2018), and Columbia Law School (Fulbright Scholar, 2014). Her research and teaching focus on law and technology, freedom of expression, whistleblowing, privacy, and cybersecurity. She was selected as an Obama Foundation Europe Leader (2024–2025) and received the Early Career Award from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences for her impactful contributions to legal scholarship.

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Floyd Abrams is a member of the Executive Committee and Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP's litigation practice group.

Floyd has a national trial and appellate practice and extensive experience in high-visibility matters, often involving First Amendment, securities litigation, intellectual property, public policy and regulatory issues. He has argued frequently in the Supreme Court in cases raising issues as diverse as the scope of the First Amendment, the interpretation of ERISA, the nature of broadcast regulation, the impact of copyright law, and the continuing viability of the Miranda rule. Most recently, Floyd prevailed in his argument before the Supreme Court on behalf of Senator Mitch McConnell as *amicus curiae*, defending the rights of corporations and unions to speak publicly about politics and elections in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. Floyd's clients have included The McGraw-Hill Companies in a large number of litigations around the country involving claims against its subsidiary, Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, *The New York Times* in the Pentagon Papers case and others, ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, *Time* magazine, *Business Week*, *The Nation*, *Reader's Digest*, Hearst, AIG, and others in trials, appeals, and investigations.

Floyd has represented Standard & Poor's in litigations about its ratings; he defended the Brooklyn Museum of Art in its legal battles with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; he represented two of the nation's largest insurers in litigation under Section 17200 in California and he has frequently testified before congressional committees and prepared clients to do so. In 1998, he represented CNN in investigating and issuing a report on its broadcast accusing the United States of using nerve gas on a military mission in Laos in 1970, and again in 1999 in seeking to persuade the United States Senate to permit the public to view its deliberations as it determined whether or not to convict President Clinton of alleged high crimes and misdemeanors. He represented Nina Totenberg and National Public Radio in the 1992 "leak" investigation

conducted by the United States Senate arising out of the confirmation hearing of Justice Clarence Thomas and, in 2004 and 2005, Judith Miller and Matthew Cooper in their efforts to avoid revealing their confidential sources.

In 2006, Floyd was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, an independent research center that conducts multidisciplinary studies of complex and emerging problems advanced by its 4,600 elected members, who are leaders in the academic disciplines, the arts, business, and public affairs from around the world. In 2015, Floyd was honored by Yale Law School with its prestigious Award of Merit. Also in 2015, Floyd received the Walter Cronkite Freedom of Information Award presented by the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government. In 2011, Floyd was awarded the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism's Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1998, Floyd was the recipient of the William J. Brennan Jr. Award for outstanding contribution to public discourse; the Learned Hand Award of the American Jewish Committee; and the Thurgood Marshall Award of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

In November 1999, he received the William J. Brennan Jr. award of the Libel Defense Resource Center. Floyd was awarded, in 1997, the Milton S. Gould Award for outstanding appellate advocacy by the Office of the Appellate Defender in New York. Previously he had been awarded the Ross Essay Prize of the American Bar Association for his study of the Ninth Amendment of the United States Constitution. He has also received awards from, among others, the American Jewish Congress, Catholic University, the New York and Philadelphia Chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, and the National Broadcast Editorial Association.

In November 2011, Yale Law School announced the formation of The Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression, whose mission is to promote free speech, scholarship, and law reform on emerging questions concerning traditional and new media. Developed in cooperation with Floyd, the Institute includes a clinic for Yale Law students to engage in litigation, draft model legislation, and advise lawmakers and policy makers on issues of media freedom and informational access.

The American Bar Association awarded Floyd its Certificate of Merit for his article published in *The New York Times Magazine* entitled "The New Effort to Control Information," which was described by the ABA as a "noteworthy contribution to public understanding of the American system of law and justice." Described by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as "the most significant First Amendment lawyer of our age," Floyd is top-ranked by *Chambers USA*. He is listed in *Who's Who Legal*, *Who's Who in American Law*, and has been awarded with Lifetime Achievement Awards by *The New York Law Journal* and *The American Lawyer* (2013.)

Floyd, who served as chairman of Mayor Edward Koch's Committee on Appointments, New York City, served as the Chairman of the New York State Zenger Commemoration Planning Committee. Previously, he served as the Chairman of the Communications Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, as well as Chairman of the Committee on Freedom of Speech and of the Press of the Individual Rights Section of the American Bar Association and of the Committee on Freedom of Expression of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association.

He has appeared frequently on television on *Nightline*, the *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, *Charlie Rose* and other programs and has published articles and reviews in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Yale Law Journal*, *The Harvard Law Review*, and elsewhere.

Floyd served on the Technology and Privacy Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Defense in 2003–4 and as the Chair of the New York State Commission on Public Access to Court Records in 2004. For 15 years, Floyd was the William J. Brennan Jr. Visiting Professor of First Amendment Law at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. He has, as well, been a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School and Columbia Law School and he is author of *Friend of the Court: On the Front Lines with the First Amendment*, published by Yale University Press (2013) and *Speaking Freely: Trials of the First Amendment*, published by Viking Press (2005).

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Ronnie Abrams is a United States District Judge in the Southern District of New York. Nominated by President Obama on July 28, 2011, she assumed the office on March 22, 2012. She received a B.A. from Cornell University in 1990 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1993. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas P. Griesa, then Chief Judge in the Southern District.

At the time of her confirmation, Abrams was head of the pro bono practice at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, where she had previously worked as a litigation associate from 1994 to 1998. She served as a prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York from 1998 to 2008, holding the positions of Chief of the General Crimes Unit and Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Abrams received several commendations for her work, including the Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney. For numerous years, she taught a course on investigating and prosecuting federal criminal cases at Columbia Law School. She also served on the Southern District's Criminal Justice Act Panel.

Abrams has been active in a variety of criminal justice reform efforts. She earned the New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Award for her work as Counsel to the New York State Justice Task Force—one of the first permanent task forces in the United States to address wrongful convictions. On the bench, she co-founded and runs the Young Adult Opportunity Program, a judicially supervised pretrial diversion program for non-violent young adults designed to reduce recidivism and provide safe and productive alternatives to incarceration. The program offers opportunity, structure and support to its participants, including access to education, employment, treatment, counseling, and housing. Abrams has also been involved in other reform efforts in her district, including the creation of a re-entry court—the Re-entry Through Intensive Supervision and Employment or

“RISE” Court—that assists at-risk individuals reintegrate into society after a term of imprisonment.

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[Stacey Abrams](#) is a political leader, voting rights activist, and *New York Times* best-selling author. After serving for 11 years in the Georgia House of Representatives, seven as Democratic Leader, in 2018, Abrams became the Democratic nominee for Governor of Georgia, winning at the time more votes than any other Democrat in the state's history. Abrams was the first black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States, and she was the first black woman and first Georgian to deliver a Response to the State of the Union. After witnessing the gross mismanagement of the 2018 election by the Secretary of State's office, Abrams launched Fair Fight to ensure every American has a voice in our election system through programs such as Fair Fight 2020, an initiative to fund and train voter protection teams in 20 battleground states. Over the course of her career, Abrams has founded multiple organizations devoted to voting rights, training and hiring young people of color, and tackling social issues at both the state and national levels. In 2019, she launched Fair Count to ensure accuracy in the 2020 Census and greater participation in civic engagement, and the Southern Economic Advancement Project, a public policy initiative to broaden economic power and build equity in the South.

Abrams is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations, where she serves on the Subcommittee on Diversity. As a Next Generation Fellow of the American Assembly on U.S. Global Policy and the Future of International Institutions, she also served as a discussion leader, editor, and essay contributor. As the top-ranking Democrat in Georgia, she traveled to and met with leaders in South Korea, Israel, and Taiwan, and she worked closely with several members of the consular corps. Abrams is a member of former Secretary of State John Kerry's World War Zero bipartisan coalition on climate change. She has been a featured speaker at the Aspen Ministers Forum, the Kerry Initiative-Yale Jackson Institute of Global Affairs, the National

Security Action Forum, and The German Marshall Fund, as well as a contributor to *Foreign Affairs* magazine.

She currently serves on the boards of several organizations including the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, the Marguerite Casey Foundation, the Center for American Progress, and the Women's National Basketball Players Association.

Abrams is the author of *Lead from the Outside*, *Our Time is Now*, and *While Justice Sleeps*, in addition to eight romantic suspense novels under the pen name Selena Montgomery.

Abrams received degrees from Spelman College, the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, and Yale Law School. Born in Madison, Wisconsin, she and her five siblings grew up in Gulfport, Mississippi and were raised in Georgia.

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Christine Adams is the co-founder of Adams, Duerk & Kamenstein LLP, a majority women-owned, Los Angeles-based litigation boutique. Christine is a seasoned litigator who handles complex, high-stakes internal investigations, civil litigation, SEC investigations, and white collar matters. She brings wide-ranging experience across the public and private sectors to her work, including a distinguished tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office. Known for her persistence and persuasive advocacy, Christine has helped individuals and entities—including Fortune 500 companies in the global media and entertainment, gaming, and banking industries—mount effective defenses against all types of civil and criminal claims.

During her 11 years as a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles, Christine compiled an undefeated record in jury trials. As Defense Contractor Fraud Coordinator for the Central District of California, she coordinated and directed investigations by federal law enforcement agencies throughout the Central District, including multiple investigations relating to Department of Defense contracts, aircraft testing, trade secrets, and corruption. Notably, she successfully prosecuted a major defense contractor for trade secrets violations in connection with launch services contracts worth billions of dollars, resulting in the largest criminal and civil penalties on record ever imposed on a defense contractor at the time for both the Department of Defense and NASA. Christine also served in the Government Fraud and Public Corruption and, subsequently, the Major Frauds sections of the U.S. Attorney's Office, where she specialized in complex fraud matters such as SEC investigations; tax, bank, and mortgage fraud; and environmental crimes. Her work for the U.S. Attorney's Office earned commendations from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Army Criminal Investigation Command, Department of Justice's Environmental Crimes Section, NASA Office of Inspector General, and Internal Revenue Service.

After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office, Christine served as Associate General Counsel for The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation. In that role, she advised and represented institutions, including The Broad Center (which trains leaders in public school education) and The Broad (a contemporary art museum) regarding various matters, including negotiations with public entities, litigation involving the museum, and sensitive investigations.

Before she became a federal prosecutor, Christine was a litigator at O'Melveny & Myers, where she defended against claims of securities fraud, antitrust violations, and white collar crimes. She also served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable John G. Davies of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Christine invests substantial time and effort into her communities. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, she served as an instructor in fraud training programs for federal prosecutors and for several law enforcement agencies. Currently, her roles include:

- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Thought Leadership Committee Co-Chair
- Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the Central District of California
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[Sangwoo Ahn](#) is a general partner of Morgan Lewis Githens & Ahn, an international investment banking firm which provides financial advisory services, particularly in mergers and acquisitions, and organizes and invests in friendly management buy-out transactions.

Ahn graduated from Williams College in 1960 with honors, was elected Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year and graduated from Yale Law School in 1963 with a J.D. cum laude and Order of the Coif. He was Managing Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

Prior to founding MLG&A, Ahn was Managing Director of Warbug Paribas Becker, Inc. He directed the firm's corporate finance activities with U.S. industrial corporations as well as those in the Far East. Previously, Ahn was a Voting Shareholder and First Vice President of Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co., Inc. in the Corporate Finance Department and was an attorney specializing in corporate law and finance with Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Ahn is presently a member of the Board of Directors of The Gradall Company, Haynes International, Inc., ITI Technologies, Inc., Kaneb Pipeline Partners, L.P., Kaneb Services, Inc., Korea First Bank of New York, Stuart Entertainment, Inc., Quaker Fabric Corporation, and PAR Technology Corporation. He is a member of the Investment Committee of Greenwich Academy, a member of the Endowment Commission of Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut, a Warden of the Trinity Parish in New York City, and a Trustee of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. He is also a Trustee of the Museum of the City of New York.

Ahn is married to Alison Donald and has three children, Woodrow '95, Laura '99, and Ginger, and lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, with his family. He is a member of the Field Club in Greenwich, the Links, the University Club, the Williams Club, and the Economic Club in New York City, and the Coral Beach Tennis Club in Bermuda and Mill Reef in Antigua.

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[Samuel Anthony Alito Jr.](#), Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on April 1, 1950. He married Martha-Ann Bomgardner in 1985, and has two children – Philip and Laura.

He served as a law clerk for Leonard I. Garth of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 1976–1977. He was Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey, 1977–1981, Assistant to the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1981–1985, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1985–1987, and U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey, 1987–1990. He was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1990.

President George W. Bush nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat January 31, 2006.

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[Richard Ayres](#) has shaped the Clean Air Act and its implementation for more than 40 years. Prior to founding the Ayres Law Group in 2001, Ayres was a partner in the D.C. office of O'Melveny & Myers, where he headed the Washington environmental practice group.

Subsequently, Ayres was a partner in the environmental practice of Howrey Simon Arnold & White in Washington, D.C.

Ayres's work has included representing clients before federal courts (including the Supreme Court), the EPA, the EPA Environmental Appeals Board, the U.S. Congress, and state agencies and courts. He has significant experience facilitating the resolution of environmental disputes using broad contacts among government, industry, and environmental organizations. Ayres frequently advises senior-level corporate management on legislative and regulatory strategies and creative solutions to environmental disputes.

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Ayres is admitted in the District of Columbia and New York. He is a member of the Bars of the United States Supreme Court and of the United States Courts of Appeal for the First, Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Federal Circuits and for the District of Columbia.

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[Kristina Baehr](#) is a national trial lawyer who represents sick clients against the companies that made them sick. She founded Just Well Law to help clients recover financially so that they can rebuild their health and their lives.

At a national trial firm, she represented plaintiffs in bet-the-company cases like Trilogy against SAP, the Medical University of South Carolina against AstraZeneca, Ericsson against Samsung, and TiVo against Comcast. As an Assistant US Attorney, she then represented the United States in civil actions, including catastrophic personal injury. She defended Army doctors accused of medical malpractice, USPS drivers after catastrophic accidents, the Air Force in premises liability, and the VA and FAA in employment disputes.

After tragedy hit her own family, she returned to the plaintiffs' side and founded Just Well Law to help other families in crisis. She built the personal injury firm she couldn't find for her own family.

Kristina attended Princeton University and then Yale Law School. Committed to using the law as a tool of empowerment, she has helped people living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda find financial freedom, founded the domestic violence clinic at Yale Law School, and helped the Ministry of Justice of Liberia launch a sex crimes prosecution unit with the Carter Center. She served as a federal clerk for Nancy Gertner in the District of Massachusetts. And she teaches trial lawyers as an instructor for the Keenan Trial Institute National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

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Bonnie Baker is Counsel at Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins. Bonnie is an experienced civil litigator and white-collar criminal defense attorney. She represents individuals and companies in investigations and litigation related to the securities laws, money laundering, mail and wire fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, sexual abuse and misconduct, defamation, and other white-collar matters. Recognized for her work by Chambers, Bonnie also counsels clients on pre-litigation, litigation avoidance, and compliance matters.

Bonnie is a member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association, and the Legislative Committee for the New York State Bar Association's Women in Law Section. She is a frequent contributor to the *New York Law Journal*. Bonnie is a member of the Ethics Board for the Village of Rye Brook, New York, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation KTI in Port Chester, New York. In 2024, Bonnie was awarded the Westchester Jewish Council's Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award.

Earlier in her career, Bonnie was an Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering at New York University School of Law, an Adjunct Professor at The New School, and an Executive Editor at Brownstone Publishers, Inc., where she researched, wrote, and lectured nationally on school district compliance with federal education laws.

In 1992, Bonnie received a B.A. in history, summa cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. At Yale Law School, she participated in the Barristers' Union Mock Trial Competition, where she was awarded the Caskey Prize for Outstanding Presentation of a Case, and she joyfully sang with Habeas Chorus, the law school's a cappella group. After receiving her J.D. in 1995, she clerked for the Hon. Richard Owen in the Southern District of New York.

Bonnie is married to Brian Butler, and they are the proud parents of Abe (Yale College '25) and Anna (Boston University '27). Bonnie enjoys singing with the New

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Nancy Y. Bekavac was raised and attended parochial and public schools in Clairton, PA (the hometown in *The Deer Hunter*). She graduated from Swarthmore College in 1969 and from Yale Law School in 1973. In the year after college, she traveled as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow in Eastern and Western Europe, then traveled overland in a Range Rover from Teheran to Kathmandu with three Brits and an Australian. In July and August 1970 she was a stringer reporter for *Catholic Welfare News* and *Metro Media* in Danang, South Vietnam. She entered YLS in fall 1970, and she served as Book Review Editor for *The Yale Law Journal* 1972–73. Afterwards, she clerked for Judge Harold Leventhal at the D.C. Circuit. In 1974, she joined Munger, Tolles, Hills & Rickershauser (now Munger, Tolles & Olson) in Los Angeles, becoming a partner in 1979. Throughout her legal career, she taught courses for non-lawyers and lawyers—at UCLA Extension, Occidental College, and at Loyola Law School. On sabbatical in 1983–84, she taught at UCLA Law School. In 1985, she left Los Angeles to become Executive Director of the Thomas J. Watson Foundation in Providence, RI. In 1988, she became Counselor to the President of Dartmouth College, James O. Freedman. In 1990, she became the first woman President of Scripps College in Claremont, CA, where she served until 2007. She served on The White House Fellows Commission from 1992–2000. After retiring from Scripps, she served as a consultant to small colleges, undertook a research project on continuing education for veterans, and served on public company corporate boards and nonprofit boards. She has worked on voter protection programs for federal elections every two years since 2008. She is currently Chair of the Board of The American University in Kosovo and a member of the Board of Own Your History. Nancy lives in Washington, D.C., close to the National Zoo.

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Jodie Bernstein was recently appointed a Public Member of the newly reconstituted Administrative Conference of the United States. Bernstein most recently completed six years as Director of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). During her tenure, the agency targeted fraudulent operators on the developing commercial websites; initiated a leading coordinating program in the government's effort to attack identity theft; reported to Congress on issues of Internet privacy and, at the request of Congress, on self-regulation in the alcohol industry. She served as a spokesperson on many other consumer issues, particularly on those practices that affected children, in traditional deceptive advertising matters and in their online exposures. The government's first examination of the marketing of "violent content" movies, music, and video games to children was conducted under her direction. By working closely with the state attorneys general, enforcement of federal legislation like the Telemarketing Sales Act was expanded significantly.

Bernstein served for several years in the Environmental Protection Agency—first as General Counsel and as Assistant Administrator for Enforcement of EPA's regulatory and permit programs. She was also the General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services. Her responsibilities included developing and issuing a set of regulations giving effect to Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibited gender discrimination in colleges and universities. She also supervised the legal divisions of the Food and Drug Administration as well and the Health Care Finance Administration.

In the private sector, she represented major companies in environmental matters and, for five years, was the General Counsel of Chemical Waste Management, the country's largest hazard waste company. She subsequently served as a Senior Vice President of Waste Management, Inc., the parent company, where she developed the environmental compliance and ethics programs at the company. Bernstein has been recognized as a spokesperson on consumer and environmental and health and

safety issues. As such, she received several awards, including the Good Housekeeping Award, the National Consumer League Trumpeter Award, and an Excellence in Government Service Award from the National Association of Women Executives in State Government.

She resides in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Dr. Lionel Bernstein, have three children.

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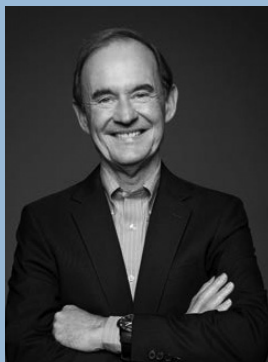
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Boies has been selected as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by *Time* magazine (2010). His awards include the Award of Merit from the Yale Law School, the ABA Medal from the American Bar Association, the Vanderbilt Medal from New York University Law School, the Pinnacle Award from the International Dyslexia Association, the William Brennan Award from the University of Virginia, the Role Model Award from Equality Forum, the Lead by Example Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers, the Torch of Learning Award from the American Friends of Hebrew University, the Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award from the Union for Reform Judaism, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mississippi Center for Justice.

Boies served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the United States Senate Anti-trust Subcommittee in 1978 and Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in 1979.

In 1986, representing the Democratic National Committee, he won a permanent injunction prohibiting the Republican National Committee from targeting minority districts with efforts to challenge voter qualifications. In 1991–1993, Boies was counsel to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, recovering \$1.2 billion from companies who sold junk bonds to failed savings and loan associations.

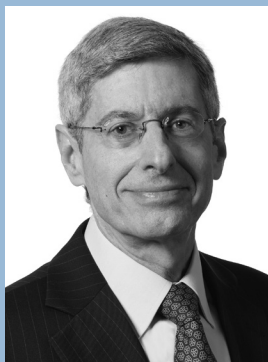
In 1998–2000, he served as Special Trial Counsel for the United States Department of Justice in its antitrust suit against Microsoft. Boies also served as the lead counsel for former Vice-President Al Gore in connection with litigation relating to the 2000 election Florida vote count. As co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in *Perry v. Brown*, he

won judgments establishing the constitutional right to marry for gay and lesbian citizens in California in the federal district (2010) and appellate (2011 and 2012) courts.

Boies was born in Sycamore, Illinois on March 11, 1941. He attended the University of Redlands (1960–62), and received a B.S. from Northwestern University (1964), an LL.B., magna cum laude from Yale University (1966), and an LL.M. from New York University (1967).

Boies is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and a Trustee of the National Constitution Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York University Law School Foundation and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. Boies is the author of numerous publications including *Courting Justice*, published by Miramax in 2004, and *Public Control of Business* (with Paul Verkuil), published by Little Brown in 1977. He has taught courses at New York University School of Law and Cardozo School of Law.

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In connection with his capital markets work, Craig represents corporate issuers, investment banks and investors and has extensive experience in the full range of offerings for U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, including initial public offerings, public and private debt and equity financings for established companies, high yield offerings, and financings in connection with acquisitions and corporate restructurings. Craig's international securities practice has involved global and cross-border financings and exchange listings for issuers domiciled in a wide variety of jurisdictions, including for Canadian issuers both within and outside the context of the U.S.-Canadian Multijurisdictional Disclosure System. Craig served as a member of the Securities Advisory Committee of the Ontario Securities Commission from 1995-1999.

Craig's issuer counseling experience includes addressing a variety of crisis management issues, ranging from accounting restatements to disclosure of cybersecurity incidents.

Craig is distinguished as a leading lawyer by *Chambers Global*, *Chambers USA*, *IFLR 1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Law Firms*, *The Legal 500 U.S.*, and *Lawdragon 500: Leading Lawyers in America*.

Craig joined Cleary Gottlieb in 1980 and became a partner in 1989. He received a J.D. in 1980 from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of *The Yale Law Journal*.

Craig received a B.A., summa cum laude , from Columbia College in 1977.

Craig is a member of the Advisory Board of the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law and in prior years has been a Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. Craig previously served as President and then Chair of the Executive Committee of the Yale Law School Association (YLSA) prior to becoming a lifetime Honorary Member of YLSA Executive Committee. Craig is a member of the Yale Law School Fund Board of Directors, having also served prior terms.

Craig is a member of the Bars in New York and New Jersey and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the District of New Jersey.

Craig is married to Cheryl Hader Brod, Yale College '85 and a partner at Reed Smith LLP. They have two sons, Andrew, Yale College '17 and Yale Law '22, and Alex, Yale College '19 and Yale Law '24. Craig lives in Short Hills, New Jersey with his family.

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[Rakim H. D. Brooks](#) is the senior advisor and former president of Alliance for Justice and a public interest appellate lawyer.

Previously, Rakim served as Campaign Manager for the ACLU's Systemic Equality Campaign. Prior to his work at the American Civil Liberties Union, Brooks was an associate attorney at Susman Godfrey. There, he sued opioid manufacturers, worked to free citizens incarcerated in Dallas prisons at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and filed a Supreme Court amicus brief defending the right of consumers to have an independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Rakim recently served as a member of the Biden-Harris transition team, after previously serving as a policy advisor for the Treasury Department during the Obama administration. He began his career as a C. Edwin Baker Fellow at the progressive think tank Demos, and currently serves on the advisory board for the Brown Center for Slavery and Justice and as a board member of Getting Out, Staying Out in his native East Harlem.

Rakim clerked for Justice Edwin Cameron on the Constitutional Court of South Africa and at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the D.C. Circuit. He has an A.B. from Brown University; an M.Phil. in Politics from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar; and a J.D. and M.B.A. from Yale Law School and the Yale School of Management.

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr. '64

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[Edmund G. Brown Jr.](#) was born in San Francisco on April 7, 1938. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1955 and entered Sacred Heart Novitiate, a Jesuit seminary. He later attended the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1961 before earning a J.D. at Yale Law School in 1964.

Brown was elected Trustee for the Los Angeles Community College District in 1969, Secretary of State in 1970, and Governor in 1974 and 1978. As Governor, he helped create millions of jobs, strengthened environmental protections, and promoted renewable energy. After his governorship, Brown lectured and traveled widely, practiced law, served as chairman of the state Democratic Party, and ran for president.

In 1998, Brown was elected Mayor of Oakland and helped revitalize its downtown and reduce crime, while also founding two high-performing charter schools. Brown was elected California Attorney General in 2006 and worked to protect consumers, pursue mortgage fraud and real estate scams, champion workers' rights, and crack down on violent crime.

Brown was elected to a third gubernatorial term in 2010 and to a historic fourth term in 2014. Since returning to the Governor's Office, Brown helped eliminate the state's multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, spearheading successful campaigns to provide billions in new funding for California's schools (Proposition 30) and establish a robust Rainy Day Fund to prepare for the next economic downturn (Proposition 2).

Under Brown, California has cut its unemployment rate in half, expanded health coverage to millions more Californians, and added more than two million new jobs, while enacting sweeping public safety, immigration, workers' compensation, water, pension, and economic development reforms. California has also established nation-leading targets to protect the environment and fight climate change, and by 2030 the state will: reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels,

generate half of its electricity from renewable sources, double the rate of energy efficiency savings in its buildings, and reduce today's petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50 percent.

Brown is married to Anne Gust Brown, who serves as Special Counsel, an unpaid position, in the Office of the Governor.

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Brown, a Canadian, Jamaican, and U.S. national, was previously a chair of the Jamaica Trade Board. Brown was appointed by Andrew Holness, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, to the CARICOM Commission. She has served on the boards of several publicly traded Caribbean companies and was the youngest director of two subsidiaries of the Bank of Nova Scotia (Jamaica), one of the largest subsidiaries of the largest Canadian bank (by market capitalization). Brown chaired the Conduct Review Committee of the Board for Scotia Jamaica Investment Management. She was a member of the Sugar Enterprise Team, the entity appointed by the Jamaican Cabinet to oversee Chinese government participation in Jamaica's largest agricultural sector, sugar.

Brown was the youngest director of JPSCo, the electric utility owned by Korea Electric Power Corp., Marubeni Corp. of Japan, and the government of Jamaica. She chaired the Pension Fund Subcommittee of the board. She was also a member of the board appointed by the chancellor charged with the septennial review of the

operations of the University of Technology in Jamaica. Brown was also an external board member of Caribiz, an association of Caribbean alumnae and students of Harvard Business School and the Wharton School, formed to promote capital market development in the Caribbean. Brown regularly makes presentations on private equity and venture capital in emerging markets. She has presented on this topic in a variety of fora including the Harvard Business School H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference and the Whitney Young Conference of the Wharton School.

A leading scholar of property, migration, emerging markets, globalization, and development, Brown has been published in the *California Law Review*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *Michigan Law Review*, the *New York University Law Review*, and the *Yale Law Journal*, among many others. Among Brown's academic accolades, her paper, "The Blacks Who 'Got' Their 40 Acres," was one of two papers selected in the property law category for the Yale/Harvard/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum.

Prior to joining the faculty of Penn State, Brown was a professor of law at the George Washington University Law School. She has previously been a Schwartz Fellow at the New America Foundation, a GWIPP Fellow at the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, and a Reginald Lewis Fellow at Harvard Law School. She is a member of the board of directors of the Association for Law, Property, and Society; the Conference Planning Committee for the Immigration Law Professors Association; and the Fellowship Committee for the Association of University Women. She has also served on the Scholarly Prize Committee for the Law and Society Association.

Earlier in her career, she was Chief Operating Officer for Caribbean Metal Products Industries Limited (CMP), a Jamaican publicly traded manufacturing company. Brown was the most senior executive with responsibility for overseeing the restructuring of this company and its subsidiaries and reported directly to the Board of Directors. Primary achievements during her tenure included a significant reduction in CMP's debt, a transformation of the company's financial position from an operating loss to an operating profit, the rationalization of CMP's assets to transform the company into a pure real estate company, and the divestment of a significant subsidiary, CMP Solutions through a management buyout.

Brown holds a bachelor's degree in molecular biology from Brown University and a master's degree in politics from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She earned her J.D. in 1999 from Yale Law School and served as a law clerk for both the Honorable Patricia Wald of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and the Honorable Keith Ellison of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Brown is also active in the Anglican (Episcopalian) faith community. In her volunteer time, she has been particularly interested in children-focused charities. She remains active in Family Life Ministries, a faith based child-services organization, and is the mother of three children.

Brown's service on Boards includes the following:

- Director, JPSCo (JSE: JPS) a Caribbean energy supplier and subsidiary of the publicly traded Marubeni Corporation (TYO: 8002) and Korea Electric Power Corporation (KRX : 015760; NYSE : KEP). Brown was previously a member of the Government Committee charged with overseeing the privatization of the asset formerly owned by the Government of Jamaica (GOJ). Subsequent to the privatization, Brown was appointed by the Office of the Prime Minister to represent the GOJ on the Board of Directors. (Served from 2001–2007, Chair, Pension Subcommittee, 2003–2007)
- Director, Scotia Jamaica Investment Management Limited (Jamaica) (SJIM; JSE: BNSJ), an investment banking subsidiary of Bank of Nova Scotia Limited, the Canadian bank (TSX: BNS). (2003–2007; Chaired the Conduct Review Subcommittee of the Board, 2005–2007)
- Director, Bank of Nova Scotia Limited Foundation (Jamaica) (2003–2007), a charitable foundation
- Former Chairman of the Trade Board, the agency historically responsible for Jamaica's import/export policy (2001–2005). As Chair of the Trade Board, Brown oversaw the process of securing agricultural development assistance for Jamaica under the United States Department of Agriculture PL480 program.
- Director, Salada Foods Limited (Caribbean) (JSE: Salada), a publicly traded coffee production and distribution company, 2002–2007
- Director, Pulse Investments Limited (Caribbean) (JSE: Pulse), a publicly traded fashion and entertainment services company (2012–present)
- Director, Industrial Gases Limited (Caribbean), a privately held subsidiary of the Trinidadian Rahamut Group of Companies, the largest distributor of industrial gases in the Caribbean (2014–present)
- Director, World Brands (Jamaica) Limited, a food distribution subsidiary of Grace Kennedy Limited (JSE: GK; TTSE, GKC) (2002–2007)
- Government of Jamaica (GOJ) representative, Review Board of the University of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica (2004–2006)
- Member, Sugar Enterprise Team, the entity appointed by the Jamaican Cabinet to oversee the transfer of state-owned sugar estates to the Chinese state-owned Complant Group of Companies (2006–2007)
- Director, CARIBIZ, an association of alumnae and students of Harvard Business School and the Wharton School, formed to promote capital market development in the Caribbean and Latin America. (2002–2014)
- Director, Mona Rehabilitation Center for Persons with Disabilities, a nonprofit. (2003–2007)
- Director and Member of Finance Subcommittee, Family Life Ministries, a faith-based nonprofit (2002–2005)
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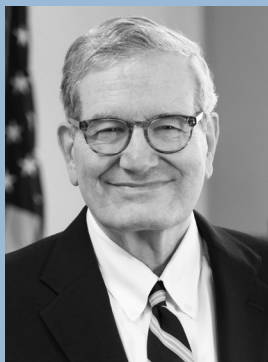
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Jennifer previously served as vice president and legal director of Legal Momentum, a national women's rights organization; as the Reproductive Rights Unit director in the New York State Attorney General's office; and as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. A 1993 graduate of Yale Law School, she clerked for the Honorable Pierre Leval and was a Fellow in the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project.

Jennifer grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and remains an avid Green Bay Packers fan. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her spouse Noelle Leonard. Their daughter is currently a student at Northeastern University.

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José A. Cabranes was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1994. At the time of his appointment, he was Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, a court to which he was appointed in 1979. In 2013, he was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to serve also on the three-judge United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review (FISCR) and, in 2018, as Presiding Judge of the FISCR.

Judge Cabranes was born in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, and at the age of five moved with his family to the South Bronx. After attending public schools in New York City, he graduated from Columbia College (A.B., 1961), Yale Law School (J.D., 1965) and the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England (M.Litt. in International Law, 1967). He studied at Cambridge under a Kellett Research Fellowship from Columbia College and the Humanitarian Trust Studentship in Public International Law awarded by the Faculty Board of Law of the University of Cambridge.

Judge Cabranes was serving as General Counsel of Yale University when appointed to the federal bench in 1979; he was the first Puerto Rican appointed to the federal bench in the continental United States. Previously he had practiced in a New York City law firm; taught law on the full-time faculty of Rutgers University Law School and the adjunct faculty of Yale Law School; and served as Special Counsel to the Governor of Puerto Rico and as head of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's office in Washington, D.C. He is the author of *Citizenship and the American Empire* (Yale University Press, 1979), a legislative history of the United States citizenship of the people of Puerto Rico, and co-author (with Kate Stith) of *Fear of Judging: Sentencing Guidelines in the Federal Courts* (University of Chicago Press, 1998) (Certificate of Merit of the American Bar Association, 1999), and author of articles in various law journals.

Judge Cabranes served as a Successor Trustee of Yale University (Fellow of the Yale Corporation) from 1987 to 1999, and he is now also an emeritus trustee of Colgate University and Columbia University. He has been elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

In 1988, Judge Cabranes was one of five Federal judges appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to the 15-member Federal Courts Study Committee created by Act of Congress “to examine problems facing the Federal courts and develop a long-range plan for the future of the Federal judiciary.”

He was the recipient of the Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence of the Federal Bar Council in 2000 and, in 2019, the Philip Merrill Award of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, for his “extraordinary contribution to the advancement of liberal education, core curricula, and the teaching of Western civilization and American history.” And in 2023 in a ceremony at the Supreme Court, he received the 39th Annual Devitt Award.

Before his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Cabranes served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of two major Hispanic civil rights organizations: Aspira of New York, the educational agency that helps inner-city Hispanic youth prepare for college, and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (of which he was a founding member).



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Femi Cadmus is the Law Librarian and Professor of Law at Yale Law School. With a career in law libraries that spans over three decades, she brings extensive experience from both academic and law firm environments. Most recently, Cadmus was the Archibald C. and Frances Fulk Ruffy Distinguished Research Professor of Law, associate dean, and director of the J. Michael Goodson Law Library at Duke Law School. Prior to that, she was the Edward Cornell Law Librarian, associate dean for library services, and professor of the practice at Cornell University. Cadmus was associate law librarian for administration at the Lillian Goldman Law Library from 2008 to 2011 before which she held leadership positions at George Mason University Scalia Law School Library.

Actively engaged in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the premier professional association for law librarians, Cadmus served as AALL president from 2018 to 2019. She also participates on several legal information advisory boards and is a founding member of Law Archive (a global open access legal scholarship repository) and the Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI) program, which provides free or reduced-cost access to legal information in the Global South as part of the Research4Life initiative. In addition, she serves on the board of the *Yale Law Journal* Company and the *Yale Law Journal* Fund.

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Calabresi received his B.S. degree, *summa cum laude*, from Yale College in 1953, a B.A. degree with First Class Honors from Magdalene College, Oxford University, in 1955, an LL.B. degree, *magna cum laude*, in 1958 from Yale Law School, and an M.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University in 1959. A Rhodes Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif, Calabresi served as the Note Editor of *The Yale Law Journal*, 1957–58, while graduating first in his law school class.

Following graduation, Calabresi clerked for Justice Hugo Black of the United States Supreme Court. He has been awarded some 40 honorary degrees from universities in the United States and abroad, and is the author of four books and more than 100 articles on law and related subjects.

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[Hillary Rodham Clinton](#) is a former United States Secretary of State, U.S. Senator, and First Lady of the United States. From 2009 to 2013, she was the 67th Secretary of State, serving under President Barack Obama. She previously represented New York in the U.S. Senate (2001 to 2009). Before that, as the wife of President Bill Clinton, she was First Lady from 1993 to 2001. She was a candidate for President of the United States in the 2016 presidential election.

Clinton was the recipient of the 2013 Yale Law School Award of Merit. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1969 and then earned her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1973.

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[William Jefferson Clinton](#) was born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas. Clinton graduated from Georgetown University, won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, and received a law degree from Yale Law School in 1973.

In 1975, he married Hillary Rodham, and in 1980, Chelsea, their only child, was born. Clinton was elected Arkansas Attorney General in 1976 and won the governorship in 1978. After losing a bid for a second term, he regained the office four years later, and served until his 1992 bid for the Presidency of the United States.

Elected President in 1992, and again in 1996, Clinton was the first Democratic president to be awarded a second term in six decades. Under his leadership, the United States enjoyed the strongest economy in a generation and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history. Clinton's core values of building community, creating opportunity, and demanding responsibility resulted in unprecedented progress for America, including moving the nation from record deficits to record surpluses; the creation of more than 22 million jobs—more than any other administration; low levels of unemployment, poverty and crime; and the highest home ownership and college enrollment rates in history.

Following Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, President Clinton and President H.W. Bush led a nationwide fundraising effort and established the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund to assist survivors in the rebuilding effort. President Clinton also served as the United Nations Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery for two years following the 2004 tsunami.

After leaving the White House, Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation, now called the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, with the mission to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence.

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John Collins is a City Court Judge in White Plains, New York. Prior to entering judicial service, Collins served as a Special Referee in the Matrimonial Part in Westchester County Supreme Court until his appointment, by the Common Council of the City of White Plains, as a City Court Judge in 2019.

Before his work for the New York State Unified Court System, Collins served for 17 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. As a federal prosecutor, he tried many cases as lead counsel involving crimes such as mail and wire fraud, tax fraud, perjury, obstruction of justice, money laundering, sexual assault of children, and bank robbery. He also briefed and argued dozens of appeals in the Second Circuit. In addition, he supervised a team of United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps officers who were appointed as Special Assistant United States Attorneys to prosecute violations of the New York State Penal Law and the Federal Criminal Code that occurred on the grounds of the United States Military Academy. In 2004, he was awarded the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the trial and conviction of the former owners of Days Inn of America who perpetrated a \$100 million bank fraud, money laundering and tax evasion scheme. In addition, he received awards and commendations from a number of federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Marshals Service.

Before he became an AUSA, Collins served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Juan R. Torruella in the First Circuit. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Barbara S. Jones in the Southern District of New York.

Collins graduated from Yale Law School in 1998, where he served as a Senior Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*. He published a case note in the *Yale Law Journal*. Collins also served as the Production Editor on the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. He was

published twice in the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. While attending Yale Law School, he externed for four semesters with the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, then of the Southern District of New York. He was also a member of the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Project.

Before law school, Collins received a B.A. from Columbia College of Columbia University. He graduated summa cum laude, received Honors for his thesis in the political science department and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior.

In addition to serving on the YLSA Executive Committee, Collins is also the Class Secretary for the Yale Law School Class of 1998. Collins currently serves as the President for the New York State Association of City Court Judges.

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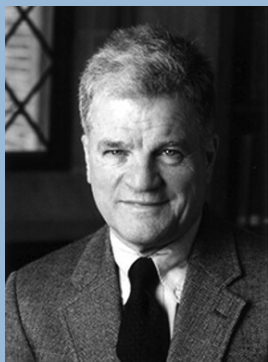
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Vicki is a Visiting Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, where she teaches courses in intellectual property law. She is a Fellow of the Yale Law School Center for Corporate Law.

Vicki serves on the board of the United States Senate Youth Program Alumni Association, chairing its Scholarship Committee, and provides pro bono legal services to a variety of not-for-profit organizations in the arts.

Vicki well remembers looking at the cartoons in stone over the Law School entrance on her first day of school and smiling about the adventures to come. She still does.

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Dennis Curtis is Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School, where he developed with judges a course on sentencing, taught professional responsibility, and pioneered clinical education.

In the 1970s, he created a clinic in which faculty-supervised students worked with indigent clients to gain insights into the substantive law; illustrative was work by Yale Law students, who represented people incarcerated at Danbury Federal Correctional Institution. At U.S.C., where he taught from 1981 to 1996, students assisted federal prisoners at Terminal Island Federal Correctional Institution and state prisoners at the California Institute for Women at Frontera, California. In 1997, returning to Yale Law School, Professor Curtis developed a new clinical offering with the Connecticut agency charged with administering the lawyer disciplinary process.

Professor Curtis's books include *Toward a Just and Effective Sentencing System: Agenda for Legislative Reform* (with Pierce O'Donnell and Michael Churgin, Praeger 1979) and *Representing Justice: Invention, Controversy, and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms* (with Judith Resnik, Yale University Press, 2011). His essays include *Educating Lawyers: Clinical Programs and the Legal Profession*, Keynote Address at World Clinical Conference, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, September 8, 2006 (published as translated into Japanese in 2007); *Grieving Criminal Defense Lawyers* (with Judith Resnik), 70 *Fordham Law Review* 1615 (2002); and *Mistretta and Metaphor*, 66 *Southern California Law Review* 607 (1992);

Professor Curtis has testified before congressional and judicial committees on sentencing, parole, and post-conviction remedies. From 1990 to 1995, he served as the first President of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, created by voters in Los Angeles and overseeing campaign finance regulations, governmental ethics, and distributing millions of dollars in matching campaign funds to eligible candidates for city elections. In 2007, Professor Curtis was appointed to serve on the New

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He is a member of the American Law Institute and served as a consultant for law schools through the Association of American Law Schools. He chaired the AALS's Committee on Clinical Legal Education and served as a director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

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Throughout her career, she has been a nationally recognized leader in issues at the intersection of science, technology, and the law. She has developed extensive experience regarding emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence. She has served as Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Presidential Task Force on Law and Artificial Intelligence. She is the co-editor of the book *Artificial Intelligence: Legal Issues, Policy, and Practical Strategies* (2024), which contains contributions by more than 40 preeminent AI and legal experts. She has served as Chair of the ABA Science & Technology Law Section. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the AI Task Force of the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center.

She was a Fellow with Stanford's Distinguished Careers Institute, where she focused on emerging technologies, including AI. She also participated in a program on Chinese corporations at the Stanford Center at Peking University.

For twenty years, she was a litigation partner at Latham & Watkins and Jones Day, where she represented major companies in complex commercial litigation and ADR matters, with an emphasis on cases involving science, technology, and healthcare issues. She has handled high-stakes commercial legal disputes in diverse fields, including technology, semiconductors, healthcare, energy, utilities, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, life sciences, consumer products and banking/financial services. She is widely acclaimed for her success in the legal profession, including being

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She has been an invited speaker and moderator for numerous programs, including ABA Presidential Showcase programs, ABA AI & Robotics National Institute programs, the RSA cybersecurity conference, and programs sponsored by the Association of General Counsel and the National Judicial College. She is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and she has received the (ISC)² Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) certificate. She has served as a Yale Alumni Schools Ambassador to Georgia and Armenia and Xiuning, China.

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During his 18 years in the U.S. Senate, Danforth served on the Finance Committee; the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and the Select Committee on Intelligence. The Finance Committee's jurisdiction includes federal taxation and international trade. Danforth's legislative initiatives included the Research and Development Tax Credit and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit. As chairman or ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on International Trade, he was involved in all trade legislation enacted by Congress from adoption of the Tobago Round of GATT in 1979 to adoption of NAFTA in 1994.

Danforth served as a member, ranking Republican, and chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation—the committee with jurisdiction over the nation's transportation policy. He was the author of portions of the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, and of legislation to establish Airport Passenger Facility Charges. Danforth spearheaded efforts that ultimately resulted in TWA employees' buyout of the company. Danforth served as the attorney general of Missouri from 1969–1975.

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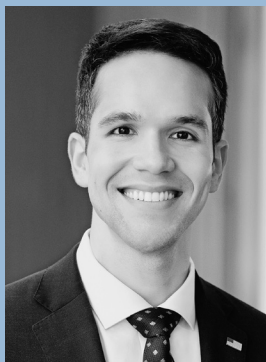
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At Yale, Gabe served as an editor for the *Yale Law Journal on Regulation* and a 3L Class Representative on the Latin Law Students Association (LLSA). He served as a research assistant to Nikolas Guggenberger during his work as Executive Director of the Information Society Project, investigating the legislative origins of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the policy rationale for Congress granting immunity to online computer services regarding third-party content generated by their users. Gabe also served as a research assistant to Dean Heather K. Gerken for her work assessing what has become the dual (as opposed to multivarious) state of American federalism amid a hyper-partisan political era. Beyond research work, Gabe participated in the Yale Law Veterans Legal Clinic for two years helping veterans craft discharge upgrade applications and working to reunite a non-citizen Iraq War veteran, who had been deported from the United States, with his family here at home. Perhaps most important, Gabe served as co-captain of the Yale Law School Softball team for three seasons, which included two Yale University intramural championships and a top-four finish at the famed UVA Law Softball Invitational in Charlottesville, VA during the 2022 spring season!

Gabriel graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Political Science in 2015. He then attended the University of Oxford on the American Friends Scholarship, where he studied the role of political narratives in shaping American public support for the War on Terrorism. He graduated from Oxford with a Master of Philosophy in Comparative Government in 2017. Gabriel was then awarded the Fulbright Scholarship in 2018, which allowed him to serve

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The range of Steve's trial practice is reflected in his most recent representations. In 2019 and 2023, Steve was lead trial counsel in patent infringement cases where he and the trial team obtained two separate \$100+ million plaintiff verdicts. In 2022, Steve was lead trial counsel representing Walgreens in two separate cases brought by state attorneys general alleging that Walgreens' dispensing of prescription opioid medications caused a public nuisance.

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Steve received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He served as managing editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and as chairperson of Yale's Jewish Law Students Association. Following law school, Steve clerked for the Honorable

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Steve is married to Ariel (YSN '96), and they are the proud parents of Rafael and Micah (Yale College '25). Steve is an avid cyclist and holds out hope that one day he will become a better climber despite the lack of mountainous terrain in Chicago.

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As a Yale Law student, Helen was chair of the Alliance for Diversity, president of the Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA), Advocacy Chair of the First Generation Professionals group, and a senior editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation*. She also participated in the Community and Economic Development Clinic, helped revive the law school's National Lawyers Guild chapter, and assisted in organizing the 2016 Critical Race Theory Conference. In 2017, she proudly received a Peer Excellence Award from Yale Law Women+.

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Margaret graduated from Yale University (SM) in 1992 and received her J.D. from YLS in 1995, where she served as chairperson of the Barrister's Union. She began her legal career clerking for the Honorable John C. Lifland at the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, followed by three years practicing complex commercial and securities litigation at Covington & Burling and its predecessor. Her transition to family law was driven by a desire to work more directly with individuals and families navigating pivotal life transitions, while leveraging her commercial litigation training to address intricate financial disputes.

Margaret is a highly sought after lecturer on family law topics for organizations including the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association of New York, the New York Mental Health Counselors Association, and Fordham Law School. Her work and expertise have appeared in publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *New York Law Journal*, and *Psychology Today*. She has been recognized by industry rankings including Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers, Best Law Firms, and *New York Magazine*.

Margaret's notable representations include Donna Hanover, former First Lady of New York City, in her highly publicized divorce from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, where she successfully defended family privacy at Gracie Manion, through appeal (*Anonymous v. Anonymous*, 286 A.D.2d 656, 734 N.Y.S.2d 115 (1st Dep't 2001)). Other notable achievements include matrimonial jurisdictional litigation, favorable settlements involving multi-million-dollar art collections, and successful litigation in complex custody cases, including cases involving international child relocation.

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In 1970, he graduated from Yale Law School and began his career at McKinsey and Company in New York. From 1977 to 1981, Drayton served in the Carter Administration as Assistant Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he launched emissions trading (the basis of much current regulation) among other reforms. After his term at the EPA ended in 1981, he returned to McKinsey half-time and launched both Ashoka and Save EPA and its successor, Environmental Safety. With the support that he received unexpectedly when elected a MacArthur Fellow at the end of 1984, he was able to devote himself fully to Ashoka.

Drayton is currently the CEO of Ashoka, a global association of nearly 3,750 leading "social entrepreneurs," individuals who envision and implement pattern-setting social changes in the environment, education, human rights, and other areas of human need. Ashoka helps launch these major social innovations and the entrepreneurs who drive them, weaving them together into a field far more powerful than the sum of its parts to fulfill Ashoka's mission of realizing an "Everyone a Changemaker" world. In addition to his current role as CEO of Ashoka, Drayton is the chair of Youth Venture, Community Greens, and Get AmericaWorking!

Drayton has won numerous awards and honors throughout his career. In 1996, he was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in recognition of his leadership in public service. In 2005, he was selected as one of America's Best Leaders by *US News & World Report* and Harvard's Center for Public Leadership. In the same month he was the recipient of the Yale Law School's highest

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Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-1960s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years she served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 began CDF. Edelman served on the Board of Trustees of Spelman College which she chaired from 1976 to 1987 and was the first woman elected by alumni as a member of the Yale University Corporation, which she served from 1971 to 1977.

She has received more than 100 honorary degrees and many awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include *Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change*; *The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*; *Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children*; *Stand for Children*; *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors*; *Hold My Hand: Prayers for Building a Movement to Leave No Child Behind*; *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children*; *I Can Make a Difference*:

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She is a board member of the Robin Hood Foundation, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, and the Association to Benefit Children, and is a member of the Selection Committee of the Profiles in Courage Award of the John F. Kennedy Library, the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Marian Wright Edelman is married to Peter Edelman, a Professor at Georgetown Law School. They have three sons, Joshua, Jonah, and Ezra, two granddaughters, Ellika and Zoe, and two grandsons, Elijah and Levi.

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In law school, Elizondo served as a Coker Fellow to Professor Monica Bell's small group. She was also a member of the *Yale Law Journal* and served on the leadership boards of the Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA) and OutLaws. In her role on the LLSA Board, Elizondo created and led a training program that doubled the admission rate of Latinx students applying to the *Yale Law Journal*.

Elizondo was a member of the Foreclosure Track of the Housing Clinic for five semesters. In Housing Clinic, she sued banks for unfair trade practices, challenged fraudulent state marshal practices, and defended multiple New Haven residents in foreclosure proceedings. When Housing Clinic was at risk of closing down, Elizondo organized efforts to advocate for Housing Clinic to continue in future semesters.

Elizondo grew up in San Antonio, Texas. After college, she worked at Deloitte Consulting in Austin, where she worked on technology projects at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to enhance access to food stamps, Medicaid, and cash assistance.

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As a law student, Fernández was a Ludwig Fellow in the Tsai Leadership Program and involved in La Sociedad of Latine Law Students, the American Constitution Society, and the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. He was also a Law Revue director and a member of the Graduate Council at St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center. Fernández worked on a federal fair housing lawsuit as a member of the Housing Clinic and helped craft a proposal for a major mixed-use development in the Fair Haven neighborhood through the interdisciplinary Housing Connecticut Clinic. During his summers, he worked at the United States Department of Justice (Office of Legal Policy) and Sidley Austin.

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John has been an active New York-based YLS alum and has also helped plan and occasionally host the annual summer Yale Law Alumni event on Martha's Vineyard for many years. John has Co-Chaired many class of '85 reunions (including the upcoming 40th) and he has also served as a fundraiser for the Law School and the Ethical Culture Fieldston School, where he is also an active alum.

John received his A.B. from Cornell in 1980. At Yale Law School, John was a regular student volunteer for Gloria McHugh and served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Journal on Regulation*.

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Earlier this spring, Rossella earned her Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School where, as a member of the Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic, she worked to advance women's rights with the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls. While at YLS, she also led as a Coker Fellow, Procedure TA, Chair of the Student Representatives, as the First Generation College Chair of First Generation Professionals, and as a Ludwig Fellow for Public Interest.

Prior to legal academia, Rossella studied Politics, Philosophy & Economics at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. She also holds a B.S. in Physics and Global Politics from Washington & Lee University. Given her interdisciplinary combination of physics, law, and politics, Rossella's professional experiences span the U.S. Senate, NASA's Office of General Counsel, Arnold & Porter, the Elizabeth Warren presidential campaign in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Amnesty International in New York City.

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The Institutional Response Group, of which Leslie is a founding member, is a distinctive legal practice that sits at the intersection of Title IX, Clery Act, and the protection of minors; effective practices within intercollegiate athletics; and pan-institutional integration and coordination to allow educational institutions to best support their institutional values and mission. Leslie focuses her practice on designing, implementing, and improving institutional responses to sexual and gender-based harassment and violence, discrimination and harassment, child abuse, and other forms of serious or criminal conduct. She provides consulting, counseling, and legal advice on all aspects of the institutional response to misconduct. She assists institutions in designing effective institutional responses that integrate the complex federal and state regulatory framework with the unique dynamics of trauma and the impacts of interpersonal violence on individuals and communities. Leslie regularly advises presidents, boards, senior leadership, counsel, student affairs, human resources, campus law enforcement, Title IX Coordinators, and other campus partners in implementing trauma-informed, fair, and impartial processes.

Through the Institutional Response Group, Leslie leads pillars of practice: policy development and audit; design of infrastructure, systems and protocols; investigations and hearing services; training and education; Title IX, Clery, child protection, and other regulatory compliance; coordination with law enforcement in parallel investigations; counseling and advice; institutional governance; community engagement; and public service. She has been at the helm of high-profile and complex investigations and engagements at major public and private educational institutions, including both secular and religious institutions, throughout the country.

Leslie helps institutions develop comprehensive policies, procedures, systems, and training programs in compliance with Title IX, Title VII, Title VI, the Clery Act, as amended by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and state and local laws. Leslie conducts comprehensive policy audits; drafts policies, procedures, and internal operating protocols; develops and trains multi-disciplinary teams; serves as an expert adviser to campus task forces and working groups; consults and advises on Title IX investigations, adjudication and appeal proceedings; and assists educational institutions in meeting federal compliance obligations and responding to investigations by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Clery Compliance Division. She served on the stalking subcommittee of the Department's Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and has been designated as an approved equity consultant by OCR. In addition, her body of work includes extensive work in athletics, fraternities and sororities, and student organizations in the post-secondary context, including conducting risk assessments, conducting climate assessments, conducting investigations of hazing and Title IX-related conduct, authoring policies and procedures, developing effective practices, and building systems of integrity and accountability.

In addition to her work on sexual assault and intimate partner violence, Leslie is nationally recognized for her knowledge and experience related to child sexual and physical abuse, child protection, and child protective services laws. She conducts training and prevention programs on the identification and prevention of child abuse; provides child protection planning related to background checks, professional boundaries, physical plant, and mandatory reporter policies; coordinates internal investigations with child protective services and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and conducts child abuse investigations. Leslie also assists educational institutions in evaluating and responding to historical allegations of abuse in an open and transparent manner designed to promote child safety and welfare. She is a former faculty member for ChildFirst Pennsylvania where she taught forensic interviewing to multi-disciplinary teams of law enforcement and child protective services professionals.

Leslie has more than 25 years of experience investigating sex crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, and stalking, first as a career child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault prosecutor, and later as counsel to colleges, universities, K-12 schools, hospitals, summer camps, child-serving organizations, nonprofits, community associations, and other institutions. Leslie directs internal investigations; coordinates communications and interactions with law enforcement and related agencies; and advises about the interplay between civil and criminal proceedings.

Prior to private practice, Leslie served as an assistant district attorney at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office for 14 years. She handled complex child abuse, kidnapping, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault cases for more than 11

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Leslie presents education and training programs and CLE programs at educational institutions and conferences across the country. She is a regular contributor to the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA), University of Vermont Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference, the Higher Education Protection Network (HEPNet), and the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE). Prior CLE or speaking engagements include the Clery Center, College and University Police and Investigators Conference (CUPIC), Stetson University National Conference on Law and Higher Education, the Virginia Campus Safety Forum, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Association of American Universities, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools, Headmistresses Association of the East, United Educators, American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), Community Colleges Conference on Legal Issues, Council of School Attorneys (COSA), Council for Christian Colleges, National Small Schools Conference, NCAA, and University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA). Her publications include articles in the ABA's *Dispute Resolution Magazine* and *Penn State Law Review*, as well as a chapter in "Campus Sexual Assault Response Teams: Program Development and Operational Management."

Leslie is a volunteer child advocate attorney through the Support Center for Child Advocates. She is the current president of the Yale Law School Association. Leslie is a member of the Children's Crisis Treatment Center board of directors. She also serves on the Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference Board of Advisors, working primarily as a program consultant and ambassador for guiding the success of the conference. In addition, Leslie was recently honored by NACUA with the First Decade Award, which recognizes individual who have been a member of NACUA for ten or fewer years and have made a significantly innovative contribution to NACUA

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Leslie received her undergraduate degree from Brown University, magna cum laude, and her law degree from Yale Law School.

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Linda received several major journalism awards during her newspaper career, including the Pulitzer Prize (1998) and the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Harvard Kennedy School. (2004). In 2002, the American Political Science Association gave her its Carey McWilliams Award for “a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.” She is the author of five books: *Becoming Justice Blackmun* (2005), *Before Roe v. Wade: Voices That Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court’s Ruling* (with Professor Reva B. Siegel, 2010, 2d edition, 2012), *The U.S. Supreme Court: A Very Short Introduction* (2012), *The Burger Court and the Rise of the Judicial Right* (with Professor Michael J. Graetz, 2016), and *Just a Journalist: Reflections on the Press, Life, and the Spaces Between* (2017).

In her extracurricular life, Linda is president of the American Philosophical Society, the nation’s oldest learned society. She is the first woman to hold that position since the Society’s founding by Benjamin Franklin in 1743. She serves on the national Senate of Phi Beta Kappa and on the council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is a former board member of the American Constitution Society and served from 2009 to 2015 as an elected member of the Harvard University Board of Overseers.

She received her undergraduate education at Radcliffe College, Harvard. In 1977–78, she attended Yale Law School on a Ford Foundation fellowship and received the degree of Master of Studies in Law. In 2007, the law school gave her the Yale Law

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Before joining the Arizona Law faculty, Griffin served as the Research Director of the Access to Justice (A2J) Lab at Harvard Law School from 2016 to 2018. In that role, he helped launch the A2J Lab as a major hub for empirical research involving courts, legal aid organizations, and other stakeholders. Griffin has also served on the faculties on William & Mary and Duke Law Schools.

Griffin graduated from Yale Law School in 2010. During law school, Griffin served as an Editor on the *Yale Law Journal* and as Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. He was a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics and, after his first year, received (with a co-author) the Margaret Gruter Prize for the best paper on how ethology, biology, and related behavioral sciences may deepen our understanding of law. Griffin served as a Coker Teaching Fellow for Prof. John Donohue's Torts course and as a teaching assistant all three years for Prof. Donohue's Empirical Law & Economics course.

Prior to law school, Griffin was a researcher at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, where he contributed to a book on the economics of public higher education. He

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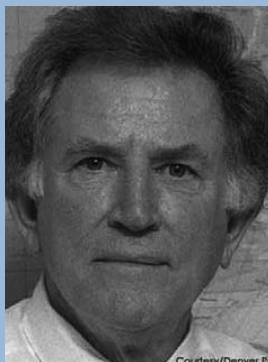
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Prior to Recover, Nick was a founding member of the state and local government transformations team at McKinsey & Company, served as an advisor to two California Governors, in the chambers of Justice Leandra Kruger of the California Supreme Court, the offices of Mayor Duggan of Detroit and Attorney General of California Kamala Harris, and in the White House under President Barack Obama. He received his Bachelor of Arts with Highest Honors and Highest Distinction in Rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley; Associate of Arts from MiraCosta Community College; and is a graduate of a “last chance” high school in California.

While at Yale Law School, Nick was Managing Editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation* and a Dean’s Advisor. He also served on the Board of the Yale Health Law and Policy Society, as Policy Chair for the Yale Food Law Society, and was an active member of First Generation Professionals and a Global Health Justice Fellow.

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He was president of Global Green, the U.S. affiliate of Mikhail Gorbachev's environmental foundation, Green Cross International. He is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the U.S.-Russia Investment Fund; a former member of the Defense Policy Board; and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He was co-chair of the Council task force that produced the report "America Unprepared – America Still at Risk" in October, 2002.

Hart has been Visiting Fellow, Chatham Lecturer, and McCallum Memorial Lecturer at Oxford University, Global Fund Lecturer at Yale University, and Regents Lecturer at the University of California. He has earned a doctor of philosophy degree from Oxford University and graduate law and divinity degrees from Yale University. He was visiting lecturer at the Yale Law School and is the author of 14 books.

Hart represented the State of Colorado in the United States Senate from 1975 to 1987. In 1984 and 1988, he was a candidate for his party's nomination for President.

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She graduated from Stanford University and obtained her law degree from the Yale Law School. She holds honorary degrees from a number of colleges and universities. In 2000, Hills was awarded the Aztec Eagle, the highest honor given by the Mexican government to a noncitizen of that country.

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Miriam is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. As a Yale Law student she was a Senior Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*, an Articles Editor on the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*, a Coker Fellow, and a member of the Lowenstein Clinic for International Human Rights.

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Ms. Ingram began her legal career at Williams & Connolly, LLP, where she managed litigation from inception through trial. Recognizing that corporations are best served by avoiding protracted legal disputes, Ms. Ingram works closely with clients to define their objectives, thoroughly assess the strengths and weaknesses of their case, and develop creative negotiation and litigation strategies to resolve conflicts successfully and efficiently. She prides herself on resolving disputes before claims are filed and helping corporations avert government enforcement actions by tactfully navigating the investigative process.

In addition to litigation, in her work as an Assistant General Counsel with Verizon and later with a small litigation boutique, Ms. Ingram successfully challenged the regulatory authority of government agencies, eliminated or narrowed proposed regulations, and assisted corporations in complying with applicable laws and managing internal and external investigations. She has extensive experience preparing public comments, testimony, and other policy pieces and advocating before state and federal agencies and members of Congress.

Ms. Ingram is a graduate of Yale Law School, where she was Submissions Editor for the *Yale Journal on Regulation*, Vice President of The Federalist Society, and a Coker Fellow. She graduated summa cum laude from Samford University, receiving the President's Cup Award for academic achievement.

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In prior public service, Frank served as the 21st General Counsel of the Navy, one of seven Senate-confirmed Pentagon civilians of four-star equivalent rank overseeing the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps; Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel) of the U.S. Department of Defense; Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Navy; Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Deputy Chief of Staff and Acting General Counsel for Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Previously, he was a litigation partner at Steel Hector & Davis (now Squire Patton Boggs) in Miami, FL, and clerked for Judge Pamela Ann Rymer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena, CA.

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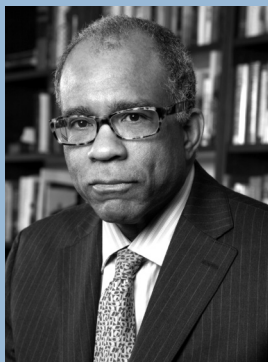
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Appointed by President Obama in November 2009, he promoted transatlantic trade and investment and worked to eliminate regulatory barriers to commerce. Prior to his appointment as U.S. Ambassador, he was managing director of the global private equity firm the Carlyle Group, where he led investments in the telecommunications and media sectors. Kennard also served as General Counsel and later as Chair of the Federal Communications Commission. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University. After earning a law degree at Yale, he joined the firm of Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand (now DLA Piper), where he was a partner and member of the board of directors. Kennard is chair of the board of AT&T, Inc., and serves on the boards of Ford Motor Company and MetLife, Inc. He also is a director and the treasurer of the International African American Museum. A former member of the University Council, he was named a successor trustee in 2014.

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Koh has received 13 honorary degrees and more than 30 awards for his human rights work, including awards from Columbia Law School and the American Bar Association for his lifetime achievements in international law. He has authored or co-authored eight books, published more than 180 articles, testified regularly before Congress, and litigated numerous cases involving international law issues in both U.S. and international tribunals. He is a Fellow of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and a member of the Council of the American Law Institute.

He holds a B.A. degree from Harvard College and B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was Developments Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Before coming to Yale, he served as a law clerk for Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court and Judge Malcolm Richard Wilkey of the U.S.

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Most recently, she served on the Harris-Walz Transition Team, and before that, as Counsel at Protect Democracy, a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to defending and strengthening our democratic laws, norms, and institutions. At Protect Democracy, Christine focused on impact litigation and policy advocacy to stop and seek accountability for abuses of power and those who undermine democracy, including by representing election workers targeted by anti-democratic disinformation and Black Lives Matter protesters challenging unjust law enforcement in Portland, Oregon; led efforts to mobilize national security leaders in defense of democracy and protecting elections; and taught in the Democracy and the Rule of Law Clinic at Harvard Law School. Christine previously was a policy advisor for then-Senator Kamala Harris's presidential campaign and law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She began her legal career as Lecturer in Law and Fellow for the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP) at Yale Law School, running a clinical partnership with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office to conceive, develop, and litigate public-interest lawsuits on civil rights, consumer protection, and public health issues. As both Fellow and a clinical student, she was part of San Francisco's litigation team challenging the president's executive order threatening to withhold federal funding from sanctuary cities.

In law school, in addition to SFALP, Christine participated in the Environmental Protection Clinic and served on the executive boards of the *Yale Law Journal*, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), and Food Law Society. Christine also co-authored *A Portrait of Asian Americans in the Law*, a first-of-its-kind

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Before law school, Christine managed operations for a U.S.-China policy research nonprofit, advocated for city policy initiatives to improve livability for a community wellbeing initiative in Los Angeles County, supervised international exchange students during their U.S. homestays, and worked in program management and marketing.

A first-generation professional, Christine has a B.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University, where she served as Captain of the varsity women's rowing team, and graduated from Yale Law School in 2017.

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Gene Ludwig has achieved great success as a regulator, innovator, and business executive, yet he has never forgotten the lessons his parents instilled in him growing up in rural York, PA. Gene's father, a small-town doctor, would often accept chickens as payment. "Throughout my career, I've felt a deep obligation and responsibility for the people I work with as well as the less fortunate," said Ludwig.

Having empathy for others, staying true to oneself, and demanding the highest integrity standards are the core leadership values that matter most to Ludwig.

"My leadership journey was built on hard work, getting a good education, and becoming better at what I do – both in good and bad times," said Ludwig. He credits his excellent education at YLS as the cornerstone that allowed him to do everything in life – from becoming a lawyer, working in government, and becoming a businessperson who pushes for positive change for low- and moderate-income communities.

"YLS was academically rigorous, and I benefited from the Socratic method of being questioned in front of your peers. My peers were also important, as there was much to learn from them," said Ludwig.

Ludwig is Managing Partner for Canapi Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on investments in early to growth-stage fintech companies; Founder and CEO of Ludwig Advisors, which counsels financial firms on critical matters; Founder and former CEO and Chairman of Promontory Financial Group, a regulatory consulting firm he sold to IBM; and Founder and Former Chairman of Promontory Interfinancial Network (now IntraFi Network). He was U.S. Comptroller of the Currency during the Clinton administration.

"I have insisted that those working for me carry out their duties not only with the highest standard of integrity, but with collegiality," said Ludwig. "I have always endeavored to give them space to grow and succeed by recognizing that everyone

has a skill or talent that is uniquely wonderful. I want to bring those skills out in people and put them in a position to achieve their dreams,” said Ludwig.

When faced with obstacles, Ludwig says the fun is working to overcome them. “To improve and grow, it is also important to work hard on your natural weaknesses. Never be so daunted that one just gives up and doesn’t continue the race. The worst thing you can do is give up. A trick I use in life has been to dig in, work hard, be creative, and not give up. Jumping around and failing to solve or avoid obstacles altogether leaves one weakened, not strengthened,” said Ludwig.

Ludwig founded The Ludwig Institute for Shared Economic Prosperity (LISEP), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economic well-being of middle-and lower-income Americans. Its research includes the creation of more meaningful economic indicators for unemployment, earnings, and cost of living. LISEP’s statistics aim to provide policymakers and the public with a more realistic view into the economic situation of all Americans as compared with traditional metrics.

He is also Co-founder, along with his wife Dr. Carol Ludwig, of the Carol and Gene Ludwig Family Foundation, Inc. (LFF), a 501(c)(3) private foundation based in Washington, D.C.; Carol runs and is President of LFF. The foundation makes contributions to organizations that accelerate medical and scientific discovery, particularly in the area of neurodegenerative diseases. It also creates and contributes to programs that advance access to educational and economic opportunity for young people and seeks to enrich and strengthen the communities where the Ludwigs live and work.

Ludwig has written numerous articles on banking and finance and has been a guest lecturer at Yale, Harvard’s law and business schools, and Georgetown’s International Law Institute.

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If Ludwig could give advice to his former law school self, he would say, “Shoot high. Treat people fairly and with dignity. Integrity and hard work are coins of the realm. We have an obligation, particularly as Yale Law grads, who have benefitted from so much time, effort, and national resources, to leave the world just a little bit better than we found it.”

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Joseph D. Mandel received his A.B. from Dartmouth College in 1960, his M.B.A., with Distinction, from Dartmouth's Amos Tuck School of Business Administration in 1961, and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1964, where he served as a member of the Board of Editors of the *Yale Law Journal* and graduated Order of the Coif. Following receipt of his law degree, Mandel served for one year as a law clerk to the Honorable Stanley N. Barnes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

In the fall of 1965, Mandel joined the Los Angeles law firm of Tuttle & Taylor, where his practice focused on corporate and securities law. He became a principal of the firm in 1970 and rose to become one of the firm's eight senior principals. In 1983, Mandel was elected Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of San Francisco-based Natomas Company, a publicly owned energy, transportation, and real estate company. Following the takeover of Natomas in the aftermath of a hostile tender offer, Mandel returned to Tuttle & Taylor in 1984, serving first in an "of counsel" capacity and then again as a principal of the firm.

In February 1991, Mandel was selected to serve as UCLA's first Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, a position he held until his retirement at the end of June 2007. Until his successor as Vice Chancellor assumed his position in March 2008, Mandel served as Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Legal Affairs.

Mandel has served as President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, the Western Justice Center Foundation and the Yale Law School Association. He was the recipient of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Shattuck-Price Award, the Legal Aid Foundation's Maynard Toll Award, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's West Coast Liberty Award, Public Counsel's Community Service Award and the Anti-Defamation League's Stanley Mosk Liberty Through Justice Award.

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Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall served as the Senior Fellow of the Yale Corporation, the governing board and policy-making body for the University, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. She first served as an Alumnae Fellow of the Corporation from 2004 to 2010.

She was the first woman to serve as Chief Justice, and the second woman appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court in its more than 300-year history. She retired from the Court in December 2010. Marshall is presently Senior Counsel at the Boston law firm Choate Hall & Stewart LLP., and a Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer at Harvard Law School.

Marshall, who was born and raised in South Africa, obtained her baccalaureate from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. While an undergraduate, she was elected President of the National Union of South African Students, at the time a leading anti-apartheid organization. She came to the United States to pursue a master's degree at Harvard University. She became a United States citizen in 1978. She received a master's degree in education from Harvard and a J.D. from Yale Law School ('76).

Following her graduation, Marshall practiced law for 16 years in Boston and became a partner in the Boston firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP. In 1992, she was appointed Vice President and General Counsel of Harvard University, the first woman to hold that position.

During her 14 years on the Supreme Judicial Court, Marshall wrote more than 300 opinions, many of them groundbreaking, including the 2003 decision *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, which declared that the Massachusetts Constitution prohibits the state from denying same-sex couples access to civil marriage. The ruling made Massachusetts the first state to legalize gay marriage.

Marshall has been involved in numerous professional and community activities. She was elected to serve as President of the United States Conference of Chief Justices. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Council of the American Law Institute. She is the recipient of many honorary degrees, including one from Yale University (2012) and one from her undergraduate alma mater, the University of the Witwatersrand (2000).

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Rhonda Joy McLean is President and CEO of RJMLEADS LLC, a leadership consulting and career advancement company based in New York City. She is the former Deputy General Counsel of Time Inc., a global media company, where she managed one-third of the law department and provided legal counsel to over 200 clients for nearly 20 years, including *Time*, *Fortune*, *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, *Essence*, and other global brands. Her current client roster includes domestic and international law firms, other for-profit and nonprofit organizations and academic institutions, as well as senior executives at private and public companies worldwide.

A noted public speaker and executive empowerment coach, she is also the co-author of the popular book series *Little Black Book of Success: Laws of Leadership for Black Women*, co-authored with her longtime business partners Elaine Meryl Brown and Marsha Haygood. In addition, Attorney McLean is a contributing author to *Sacred Sistering: A Devotional for Women of Color Leaders in Ministry*, published in February, 2022. Her books have taken her across the country to conduct leadership workshops, retreats, and seminars, and her book tour continues. In 2022 and 2023, *The Little Black Book of Success* was named as an essential resource for Black executives in the United States and Canada. Currently, Ms. McLean is working with her *Little Black Book of Success* co-authors on a sequel to explore the expanding and evolving landscape of leadership in the post-pandemic era. Ms. McLean was featured in *Late Boomers, Too!* by Jeri Bernstein, published in February, 2023.

Over her nearly fifty-year career, Ms. McLean has received numerous awards for her dedication to excellence in and greater access to the legal profession and higher education generally, as well as her commitment to public service and philanthropy, particularly with regard to women's rights and protecting victims of domestic and family violence. She has been honored by the New York Women's Foundation, the Association of Black Women Attorneys, the National Organization of Women and

Yale Law School, her alma mater, among others. In June, 2023, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Rogue Media Group.

A graduate of Yale Law School, Attorney McLean is a past chair and emeritus member of the Yale Law School Executive Committee, representing more than 17,000 alumni, as well as a current director of the Yale Law School Fund, which supports the fundraising arm of the school. She is the Vice-Chair of the Union Theological Seminary (UTS) Board of Trustees, and also serves as Chair of the Development Committee. Established in 1836, UTS is at the forefront of defining the study and practice of inter-religious engagement. It has served as the incubator for many global social justice leaders, including Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Raphael Warnock.

Ms. McLean is a past president of the Greater New York Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, an international organization of African-American business and professional women with over 17,000 members that provides over 1 million hours of community service annually to underserved communities across the globe, and grants academic scholarships to students from all age ranges. She currently serves as the Chair of the Organizational Effectiveness Committee and a Co-Chair of the Health and Human Services Facet for the her Links Chapter.

In the fall of 2021, Attorney McLean was invited to join the inaugural Alumni Advisory Council for the Yale Law School Tsai Leadership Program, the first leadership institute designed specifically for law students. She is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Transformative Leadership Program at the Pace University Lubin School of Business.

In October, 2022, Attorney McLean participated in Yale Law School's inaugural Transformative Leadership Week, along with Hilary Clinton and other prominent Yale alumni/alumnae. McLean conducted an interactive workshop for law school student leaders on strategies for collaborating across differences to build community. In November, 2023, Ms. McLean launched a virtual workshop series on leadership and networking for law school applicants from all over the United States. She has been invited to continue her work with the incoming YLS Launchpad Cohort in the fall of 2024.

Ms. McLean is a classically trained pianist and mezzo soprano, and enjoys international travel, murder mysteries, museums, botanical gardens, all of the arts, and cooking.

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An accomplished life sciences executive with more than 30 years of experience across multiple legal and business aspects of the biotechnology industry, Brad is currently Chief Business Officer and General Counsel of Tourmaline Bio, Inc., a publicly traded biotechnology company driven by its mission to develop transformative medicines that dramatically improve the lives of patients with life-altering immune and inflammatory diseases, notably cardiovascular disease.

Since completing a clerkship with the Hon. Robert J. Ward of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York following graduation from YLS, Brad has spent his entire career in biotechnology, working with teams developing life-saving and life-altering drugs across a variety of diseases. He was part of the team that developed Opdivo® and Yervoy®, oncology drugs currently marketed by Bristol Myers Squibb, that treat multiple deadly cancers.

Prior to Tourmaline Bio, Brad served as the Chief Legal Officer of Castle Creek Biosciences. Before that, he was General Counsel of Immunovant and Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of PDS Biotechnology Corporation (formerly known as Edge Therapeutics). Before Edge, Brad served as Executive-in-Residence at Princeton University. Previously, he was Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Secretary at Kolltan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., where he also ran the business development function; Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Medarex, Inc.; and Vice President, Business Development and General Counsel at Algos Pharmaceuticals.

Brad started his post-clerkship legal career at Cooley, where he advised life science companies on a broad range of business and legal matters.

Brad has served on multiple nonprofit boards, where he focusses on his dual passions of impactful summer camp experiences for youth and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

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[Jim Miller](#) received a master's degree in public health in 2008 from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, and he is now a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Health Policy & Management at the Bloomberg School.

His primary interests in public health are the regulation of prescription drugs and clinical trials. He is the author of "FDA Performance Goals for Approving Drugs and Biologics," *JAMA* 2009;302(2):189-191, and "Registering Clinical Trial Results: The Next Step," *JAMA* 2010;303(8):773-774.

Before his retirement at the end of 2006, Jim spent 30 years with King & Spalding, where in the early 1980s he helped begin that firm's food and drug practice in Washington, D.C.

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Sonia Mittal is a Clinical Lecturer in Law and Associate Research Scholar at Yale Law School, where she leads the Peter Gruber Rule of Law Clinic with Harold Koh and Bruce Swartz. The Clinic conducts and supports litigation, legislation, advocacy, and public awareness at the local, state, national, and international levels about rule of law threats, and has been active in *President and Fellows of Harvard College v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, *National Treasury Employees Union v. Russell Vought* (involving the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), and *Perkins Coie LLP v. U.S. Department of Justice* among other cases.

She previously served as Senior Counsel to the Capitol Siege Section and Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. In that role, she was honored on multiple occasions for her contributions to the Department of Justice's investigation into the January 6, 2021, siege of the United States Capitol.

Sonia also served as a Trial Attorney in the National Criminal Enforcement Section of the United States Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, where she brought the first charges in the Department's investigation into criminal price-fixing in the generic pharmaceutical industry. That investigation resulted in top executive pleas to felony price-fixing charges, charges against or resolutions with seven pharmaceutical companies, and the largest criminal penalty for a domestic cartel.

Sonia clerked for Judge Denise L. Cote in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In addition to her J.D. from Yale Law School, she holds a Ph.D. in political science and B.A. in history from Stanford University.

Sonia's academic work considers questions of democratic failure here and abroad, and has been published in the *Stanford Law Review Online*, *Journal of Law, Economics*

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In addition to serving on the Yale Law School Association Executive Committee, Sonia chairs or serves on several councils at Stanford University. She also serves on the advisory board of the Katzmman Initiative on Improving Interbranch Relations and Government at the Brookings Institution.

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Meridee Moore is an investor and corporate finance professional with over thirty years of experience in a wide range of industries. She has been actively involved in several restructurings and strategic repositionings and has overseen investments with complex capital allocation, regulatory, corporate finance, real estate, and commodity challenges.

In 2002, Moore founded Watershed Asset Management, L.L.C., an alternative asset manager based in San Francisco. Before returning capital in 2017, Watershed managed institutional capital, primarily for endowments, foundations, and pension funds. As the CEO of an SEC registered investment adviser, Moore was responsible for all investment and operating functions. Watershed now manages firm capital as Watershed Equity Partners, L.P. During the 15 years Watershed managed investor capital, it achieved annualized net returns that exceeded the HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index and matched the S&P 500 with less volatility.

Prior to Watershed, Moore was a partner and portfolio manager at Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., where she invested in private and public equity, debt, and real estate and led the firm's investments in Japan and Latin America. She started her career as a corporate law associate at Simpson Thacher and Bartlett LLP and spent six years as an investment banker at Lehman Brothers Inc., both in New York.

Moore serves as Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee of Rayonier, Inc. (NYSE:RYN), the only pure play, public timber REIT, where she also serves on the Audit Committee. She served on the Audit and Governance committees of Blackrock Capital Investment Corporation (NASDAQ:BKCC), a business development corporation from 2017 to 2024. Her prior public board service also includes fifteen months on the Board of PG&E Corporation (NYSE:PCG) to which she was appointed by the shareholders as part of a slate to manage the utility through its second bankruptcy. She chaired the Compensation Committee, the Ad Hoc

Restructuring Committee, and the ad hoc Real Estate Committee. She also served on the Finance and Nominating and Governance Committees.

Moore serves on the advisory board of Fiduciary Counseling, Inc., the Twin Cities-based investment adviser for a multi-generational family office. She is a founding member of the Global Leadership Council of Right to Play International, a sport for development NGO, where she served on the International Board as Governance Chair. She holds a B.A. in philosophy, summa cum laude, from the University of Colorado Boulder and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Former Chief Justice Nabers was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama in June 2004 by Governor Bob Riley.

He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 1962 and a law degree from Yale Law School in 1965. After graduating from Yale, Nabers served as a Law Clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black. He joined the law firm of Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner, Dumas, and O'Neal in 1967 as an associate before becoming a partner in the firm in 1971.

In 1979, Nabers left private practice to join Protective Life Corporation, rising to the position of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He retired from that position in 2002 and was appointed Finance Director for the State of Alabama by Governor Riley. He served as Finance Director until his appointment to the Supreme Court.

Nabers serves on the corporate boards of Pro Assurance Corporation and Infinity Property and Casualty Corporation and is a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor and the Birmingham Business Hall of Fame. He has served the insurance industry as both Director and Chairman of the American Council of Life Insurers and has served as Director of Energen Corporation, Alabama National Bank Corporation, and National Bank of Commerce.

Nabers' many civic contributions include Chairman, Cornerstone School of Alabama; Chairman, District 7, Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee; Distinguished Lecturer, Beeson Divinity School; Chairman, Leadership Birmingham; and Chairman and Campaign Chairman, United Way of Central Alabama.

Nabers is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama. He has also served as an Adjunct Instructor at Beeson Divinity School.

Nabers is married to the former Fairfax Virginia Smathers. The Nabers have three children, Drayton Nabers III (Deak); Mary James Nabers Doyle (Mary); and Fairfax Virginia Nabers Blount (Sissy). The Nabers are also the proud grandparents of two granddaughters and four grandsons.

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[Dixie Noonan](#) is an accomplished lawyer and strategic advisor who works at the intersection of law and policy, particularly as it relates to financial sector regulation, economic policy, and emerging technologies. Dixie served in the federal government as Senior Counsel to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, as the founding Head of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at a Bay Area fintech startup, and as a strategic advisor to Maria Shriver and her nonprofit organization, with a focus on women's health and economic opportunities. Dixie hails from BigLaw, having cut her teeth as a lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell and O'Melveny & Myers. The Founder and CEO of DLRN Advisory, Dixie manages and advises on high-impact projects in the corporate, government, and nonprofit spheres. She is also a Client Advisor for The Cantellus Group, a boutique firm advising clients on the strategy, oversight and governance of AI and other frontier technologies. Dixie is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Yale Law School.

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[Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton](#) is now in her tenth term as the Congresswoman for the District of Columbia. Named by President Jimmy Carter as the first woman to chair the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, she came to Congress as a national figure who had been a civil rights and feminist leader, tenured professor of law, and board member of three Fortune 500 companies. Norton also had been named one of the 100 most important American women in one survey and one of the most powerful women in Washington in another.

Norton, who taught full-time before being elected, continues as a tenured professor of law at Georgetown University, teaching a course there every year. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Antioch College in Ohio, she simultaneously earned her law degree as well as a master's degree in American Studies from Yale. Yale Law School has awarded her the Citation of Merit as an Outstanding Alumna of Yale Law School, and Yale Graduate School has awarded her the Yale Wilbur Cross Medal as an Outstanding Alumna of the Graduate School, the highest awards conferred by each on alumnae.

She is the recipient of more than 50 honorary degrees.

Norton has served on the board of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Board of Governors of the D.C. Bar Association, as well as the boards of civil rights, and other national organizations. The Congresswoman is a third-generation Washingtonian and is the mother of John Holmes Norton and Katherine Felicia Norton.

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Larry Obhof is a Vice President of the Executive Committee and serves as Chair of the Nominating Subcommittee. He also serves as Class Secretary for the Law School's Class of 2003.

Obhof is an appellate lawyer and political leader in his home state of Ohio. He currently serves in the Ohio Secretary of State's Office as Chief Legal Counsel and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. He is also a former President of the Ohio Senate, a chamber where he served from 2011–2020.

Obhof has substantial experience in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining the Ohio Secretary of State's Office, he was a litigation partner with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP. He focused his practice on major motions and appeals, including (among other topics) both state and federal constitutional law.

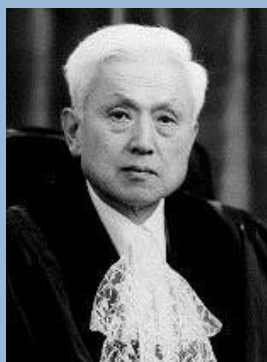
Obhof served as a member of the Ohio Senate for nearly a decade, and he led the 33-member chamber from 2017–2020. During his time in the Ohio Senate, Obhof successfully sponsored legislation on a wide range of topics, including education, tax law, elections administration, criminal law, and corporate law. He received "Legislator of the Year" or similar awards from numerous organizations including, among others, the Ohio Bar Association, the Ohio Library Council, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Ohio Society of CPAs, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, and the Public Animal Welfare Society of Ohio. Obhof also served by federal appointment (from 2018–2021) on the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee ("IGPAC"), which advises the U.S. Trade Representative on issues of trade and economic development that have a significant relationship to the affairs of state and local governments.

Obhof is a former board member of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation (now the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation). He is also a former member of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission,

and the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee. Obhof has taught as an adjunct law professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Alice M. Batchelder of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Prior to attending YLS, Obhof earned a B.A. in History, Economics, and Political Science from The Ohio State University. He and his wife Nicole have three daughters.

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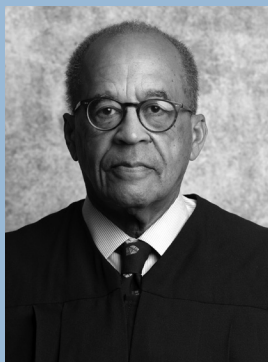
Judge Shigeru Oda is presently Professor Emeritus of the Tôhoku University and Member of the Japan Academy, and serves as Honorary President of the International Law Association of Japan.

Oda received his law degree from the University of Tokyo in 1947 and LL.D. degree from the University of Tôhoku in 1962. He studied at Yale Law School as a graduate fellow in 1950–53. He served as a Judge of the International Court of Justice for three nine-year terms since 1976, and served as Vice-President of the Court from 1991–1994. During his tenure he dealt with almost all the cases pending the court.

Oda is a member of numerous international panels, commissions, and professional conferences, and was a lecturer on the “International Law of the Resources of the Sea” (1969) and on “The International Court of Justice Viewed from the Bench (1976–1993)” (1993) at The Hague Academy of International Law. He was elected to the Institut de Droit international in 1969 and presently is its honorary member. He was nominated in 1975 by the American Society of International Law as its honorary member. He was decorated in 2003 with the Grand Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan and nominated by the Government of Japan in 2007 as “Person of Cultural Merits.”

He is the author of numerous publications, including *International Control of Sea Resources*, *The International Law of the Ocean Development*, *The Law of the Sea in Our Time*, and *Fifty Years of the Law of the Sea*.

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Judge Barrington D. Parker was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit by President Bush in November 2001. Prior to his elevation, he was a Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to which he had been appointed by President Clinton in 1994.

Judge Parker was born on August 21, 1944 in Washington, D.C. He was educated in the Washington, D.C. public schools and at Yale College (B.A. 1965) and Yale Law School (LL.B. 1969). From August 1969 to August 1970, he was law clerk to the Honorable Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., United States District Judge, Washington, D.C. His father, Barrington D. Parker, Sr., was a Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia from 1969 to 1993. Prior to his appointment, he, for many years, practiced law with his father, George A. Parker, whose clients included W.E.B. Dubois and Paul Robeson. A daughter and son-in-law (YLS '06) met in small group.

Judge Parker practiced general commercial litigation in New York City for 24 years. From 1987, until he assumed the bench, he was a partner with Morrison & Foerster. From 1977 to 1987, he was a partner with Parker Auspitz Neesemann & Delehanty, P.C. and, from 1970 to 1977 was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell.

During his years in practice, he was involved in a variety of professional and civic activities. For a number of years, he was the President of the Board of Directors of The Harlem School of the Arts as well as Vice-President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Judge Parker served as a Successor Trustee of Yale University (Fellow of the Yale Corporation) from 1999 to 2011. He also served as a Trustee of the Yale New Haven Hospital. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Central and Eastern European Legal Initiative, and a member of the American Law Institute. He was the recipient of the Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence of the Federal Bar Council in 2013.

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[Jean Koh Peters](#) is the Sol Goldman Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School. An expert in children, families, and the law, as well as asylum law, she joined Yale Law School in 1989 as an associate clinical professor and supervising attorney for The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization. She was named Clinical Professor in 1993 and was named the Sol Goldman Clinical Professor of Law in October 2009. She previously was an assistant clinical professor at Columbia Law School and associate director of Columbia's Child Advocacy Clinic. Prior to that, she served as a staff attorney in the Juvenile Rights Division of the Legal Aid Society in New York City, after clerking for the late William P. Gray of the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. From 1992 to 2017, she supervised students representing children, most recently in the Sol and Lillian Goldman Family Advocacy for Children and Youth Clinic. From 1992 to 2018, she supervised students representing asylum seekers in the Immigration Legal Services Clinic.

Peters has published numerous articles and is author of the book, *Representing Children in Child Protective Proceedings: Ethical and Practical Dimensions*. She is the co-author, with Mark Weisberg of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, of *A Teacher's Reflection Book: Stories, Exercises, Invitations*. She is also the co-creator, with Susan J. Bryant of CUNY School of Law, of the Habits of Cross-Cultural Lawyering, a curriculum now taught in law school clinics around the country. Peters and Bryant also presented extensively and wrote about talking about race in law classrooms and clinics. Peters also conducted trainings for U.S. asylum officers from 1995 to 2018. Among other awards, she received the Society of American Law Teachers Great Teacher Award jointly with Susan J. Bryant in 2016; the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Justice in Action Award in 2012; the Yale Law Women Teaching Award in 1999; and the Yale Law Women Lifetime Excellence Award in 2018. She holds a B.A. magna cum laude from Radcliffe and a J.D. from Harvard.

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[Jim Peterson](#) credits his unexpected admission to Yale Law School in 1967 for a thirty-year detour from his intended pursuit of journalism.

He is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale College (B.A. 1967). He was a member of the Law School class of 1970, with which he identifies; having withdrawn for two years to serve as a Vista Volunteer in Memphis (1969–1971), he received his degree in 1972.

Through ten years in the litigation department of a New York City law firm he worked extensively with the large global accounting firms. In 1982 he moved to Chicago as an early member of the in-house legal group of Arthur Andersen. He was a worldwide partner of the firm, based in Chicago and later in Paris as the firm's senior lawyer in Europe, until his retirement in 2001 when he established his solo practice.

He has concentrated on the representation of the international accounting firms, their professional groups, and global companies, with focus on their disputes, litigation, and risk management and with particular experience and focus on international situations.

He returned to journalism with his column, "Balance Sheet," on financial and accountancy matters, launched in 2002 in the business section of the *International Herald Tribune*, published in Paris, which he has continued on his blog, "Re:Balance."

Since 2008 he has taught a graduate-level course in Risk Management and Decision-Making—in Paris at the law school of CY-Cergy Université and the International School of Management, and at the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business of DePaul University and the law schools of the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois.

He is the author of two books: *Count Down: The Past, Present and Uncertain Future of the Big Four Accounting Firms*, on the existential challenges to the firms on the scale that destroyed Arthur Andersen in 2002 (Emerald Publishing 2015, 2d ed. 2017), and *DOA: Can Big Audit Survive the UK Regulators* (Amazon 2019), on the regulatory, political and public scrutiny and criticism of large-company auditors since the collapse of Carillion in 2018.

He is a frequent speaker, panelist, and commentator before professional groups and trade associations, internationally and in the United States.

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[Neal H. Pilson](#), a senior industry executive and former president of CBS Sports, formed his own sports television consulting company, Pilson Communications, Inc., on June 1, 1995. Now located in Lenox, MA, PCI is active in all areas of sports television, media, and marketing, and provides representation, negotiation, and packaging services for U.S. and international companies and organizations.

In March 2010, at the World Congress of Sports in Los Angeles, *Sports Business Journal* honored Pilson and five other long-time industry leaders in the inaugural class as Sports Champions for their contributions to the business of sports over the past three decades. During his 40 years in television and sports (while at CBS and as an independent consultant), Pilson has negotiated more than \$15 billion in broadcast rights agreements.

He is a member of the faculty at Columbia University's Graduate Program in Sports Management, teaching the Leadership course for the last five years.

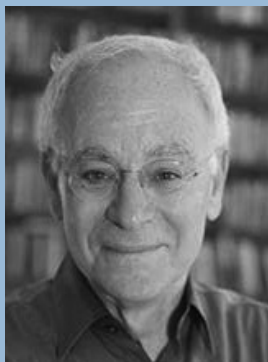
In two terms as President of CBS Sports (November 1981–September 1983 and December 1986–March 1994), Pilson was responsible for negotiating broadcast agreements for all of CBS's major sports franchises, including the NFL, the NCAA Basketball Tournament, The Masters, PGA Golf, the U.S. Open Tennis, college football and basketball, and he handled the acquisition of domestic television rights to the 1992, 1994, and 1998 Olympic Winter Games. During his tenure, the CBS production unit won major Emmy Awards for coverage of the Final Four, NFL Football, Major League Baseball, the Daytona 500, and other events, as well as a George Foster Peabody Award for The Masters. In December 1994, the International Olympic Committee awarded Pilson the Olympic Order, the highest honor given by that organization.

Pilson received an A.B. in history from Hamilton College in 1960, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and played varsity basketball, and an LL.B. from Yale Law

School in 1963. He is the former Chairman and President of the Executive Committee of the Yale Law School Association and was a Board member of the USA Hockey Foundation and the Greater New York Chapter of the March of Dimes. In May 1991, he received the inaugural March of Dimes Sports Luncheon Founder's Award. He also served on the Advisory Committee for The Caption Center in Boston, is a former Ardsley (N.Y.) Village Trustee, and remains active with the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association based in Chicago.

Pilson and his wife Frieda live in Richmond, MA. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Mrs. Pilson is past president of the Board of Trustees of the Katonah Museum of Art.

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Robert Post is a Sterling Professor of Law at Yale Law School, and served as the School's 16th dean, from 2009 until 2017. Before coming to Yale, he taught at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall). Professor Post's subject areas are constitutional law, First Amendment, legal history, and equal protection.

He has written and edited numerous books, including *Citizens Divided: A Constitutional Theory of Campaign Finance Reform* (2014), which was originally delivered as the Tanner Lectures at Harvard in 2013. Other books include *Democracy, Expertise, Academic Freedom: A First Amendment Jurisprudence for the Modern State* (2012); *For the Common Good: Principles of American Academic Freedom* (with Matthew M. Finkin, 2009); *Prejudicial Appearances: The Logic of American Antidiscrimination Law* (with K. Anthony Appiah, Judith Butler, Thomas C. Grey & Reva Siegel, 2001); and *Constitutional Domains: Democracy, Community, Management* (1995).

He publishes regularly in legal journals and other publications; recent articles and chapters include "Theorizing Disagreement: Reconceiving the Relationship Between Law and Politics" (*California Law Review*, 2010); "Constructing the European Polity: ERTA and the Open Skies Judgments" in *The Past and Future of EU Law: The Classics of EU Law Revisited on the 50th Anniversary of the Rome Treaty* (Miguel Poiares Maduro & Loïc Azuolai eds., 2010); "Roe Rage: Democratic Constitutionalism and Backlash" (with Reva Siegel, *Harvard Civil-Rights Civil-Liberties Law Review*, 2007); "Federalism, Positive Law, and the Emergence of the American Administrative State: Prohibition in the Taft Court Era" (*William & Mary Law Review*, 2006); "Foreword: Fashioning the Legal Constitution: Culture, Courts, and Law" (*Harvard Law Review*, 2003); and "Subsidized Speech" (*Yale Law Journal*, 1996).

He is a member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Law Institute and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Constitution Society.

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Hugh B. Price served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League from July 1994 until April 2003. Founded in 1910, the National Urban League is the oldest and largest community-based movement empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. The League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization headquartered in New York City, with more than 100 affiliates in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

Price is the author of two books—*Achievement Matters: Getting Your Child The Best Education Possible*, published by Kensington Books, and *Destination: The American Dream*, a compilation of his speeches and position papers published by the National Urban League. The League has also published collections of his To Be Equal columns.

His articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and journals, including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Phi Delta Kappan*, *Education Week*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Review of Black Political Economy*. While at the League, he distributed a weekly radio commentary and wrote a weekly column, entitled “To Be Equal,” for African-American newspapers across the country.

Over the years, he has appeared on numerous television and radio programs, including *Meet the Press*, *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hannity & Colmes*, *Crossfire*, *On the Record with Greta Van Susteren*, *CBS Evening News*, *Lead Story*, *BET Tonight*, *The Montel Williams Show*, *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*, and many national and local NPR broadcasts.

Price currently serves on the boards of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Verizon, Mayo Clinic Foundation, and the Committee for Economic Development. He was formerly on the boards of Sears Roebuck, the Educational Testing Service, and the Urban Institute.

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Price has received honorary degrees from Yale University, Amherst College, and Indiana University, as well as the Medal of Honor from Yale Law School, the President's Medal from Hunter College, and honorary degrees from numerous other colleges and universities.

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[Professor Price](#), who was dean of Cardozo from 1982 to 1991, graduated magna cum laude from Yale, where he was executive editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He clerked for Associate Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court and was an assistant to Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz. He was founding director of the Program in Comparative Media Law and Policy at Wolfson College, Oxford; a member of the faculty of social science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton; director of the Stanhope Center for Communications Policy Research; and chair of the Center for Media and Communications, Central European University.

Price was a senior fellow of the Media Studies Center in spring 1998. He was deputy director of California Indian Legal Services, one of the founders of the Native American Rights Fund, and author of *Law and the American Indian*. Among his many books is a treatise on cable television, *Media and Sovereignty*, and *Television, The Public Sphere and National Identity*. Price was also director, Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

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[Gina Marie Raimondo](#) was the United States Secretary of Commerce from 2021–2025. She previously served as the 75th and first female Governor of Rhode Island from 2015 to 2021.

Prior to her inauguration in January 2015, Raimondo served as the state's General Treasurer and worked to redesign Rhode Island's public employee pension system. To move the state forward, she is focused on building the skills our students and workers need to compete in the 21st century, fostering innovation, and attracting entrepreneurs to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

Raimondo attended Harvard University for her undergraduate degree and graduated magna cum laude. Following Harvard, she won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University where she earned a doctorate in 1995 and met her husband Andy Moffit. Raimondo and Moffit both then attended Yale Law School.

After graduating, Raimondo clerked for U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood. She served as founding employee and senior vice president at Village Ventures, a venture capital firm based in Williamstown, Massachusetts, before co-founding her own venture capital firm in Rhode Island, Point Judith Capital.

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[Rev. Patrick E. Reidy, C.S.C.](#) is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame and an ordained Roman Catholic priest with the Congregation of Holy Cross. Father Pat also serves as a Faculty Director for the Church Properties Initiative within the Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate at Notre Dame.

Father Pat teaches and writes in the areas of property law, land use, and religion. Two principal inquiries guide his research: (1) how legal institutions comprehend religion when evaluating property claims, owners, and instruments; and (2) how property doctrines and devices enable, or inhibit, religious practice. While contributing to private law theory, Father Pat also seeks to address practical questions faced by faith communities in their ownership of real and personal property.

Before joining the faculty at Notre Dame, Father Pat taught property as a Visiting Lecturer in Law and Fellow in Private Law at Yale Law School. He clerked for Judge Thomas Hardiman on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During his time in law school, Father Pat served across the street at Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel, where our beloved Guido Calabresi gave him weekly pointers on preaching.

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David is a past President of the Quinnipiac Club, has been a Fellow of Silliman College, Yale University; a Corporator for The Milford Bank; and an Officer of the Yale Club of New Haven.

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[Cristina M. Rodríguez](#) is the Leighton Homer Surbeck Professor of Law and Deputy Dean at Yale Law School, as well as the Faculty Co-Director of the Ludwig Program in Public Sector Leadership. She is a scholar of constitutional, administrative, and immigration law, and her recent writings include a series of empirically informed papers on accountability and policymaking within administrative agencies, set against the backdrop of monumental changes in administrative law; the 2020 Foreword to the *Harvard Law Review*, “Regime Change”; and *The President and Immigration Law*, from Oxford University Press (with Adam B. Cox).

Rodríguez began her academic career on the faculty at NYU School of Law in 2004 and has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Stanford, and Columbia. In 2021, she was appointed by President Biden to co-chair the Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. She also served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2011–2013. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Administrative Conference of the United States, and the Council of the American Law Institute, and she is a non-resident fellow and trustee of the Migration Policy Institute. She earned her B.A. and J.D. degrees from Yale and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where she earned a Master of Letters in Modern History. After law school, she clerked for Judge David S. Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Justice Sandra Day O’Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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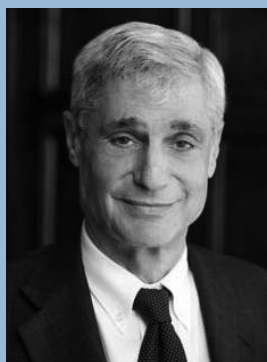
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Kristen Rozansky is an experienced fundraising, alumni relations, and communications professional with a 29-year career spanning higher education, academic medicine, biomedical research, and public health at institutions that include the University of Pennsylvania, Penn State University, Columbia University, and Harvard University.

Throughout her career, Kristen has demonstrated success in building high-performing fundraising, alumni engagement, marketing, and communications teams; engaging volunteers and trustees; planning and executing fundraising campaigns; strategic planning; and collaborating with key internal and external stakeholders. Prior to joining Yale Law School, Kristen was the Vice Dean for External Relations at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, where she provided oversight for all philanthropic functions and alumni affairs. Before assuming her leadership position as Vice Dean at Harvard, Kristen served as the Associate Dean for Development at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health; Vice President for Development and Communications at the Jackson Laboratory; and Chief Development Officer for Penn State University's medical center, medical school, and children's hospital. At Penn State Health, Kristen led the implementation of a grateful family fundraising program and successfully exceeded the fundraising campaign goal for the construction of a new, freestanding children's hospital.

Before joining the team at Penn State, Kristen spent 11 years at the University of Pennsylvania, where she built a highly successful fundraising program at the Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine. As the Executive Director at Penn Medicine, she directed alumni fundraising, alumni relations, planned giving, and campaign communications. Prior to joining Penn Medicine, Kristen served for six years as the Director of Donor Relations and Board Management at the Wharton School.

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[Robert Rubin](#) began his career in finance at Goldman, Sachs & Company in New York City in 1966. Rubin served as Vice-Chairman and Co-Chief Operating Officer from 1987–1990 and as Co-Senior Partner and Co-Chairman from 1990–1992. Before joining Goldman, he was an attorney at the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York City from 1964–1966.

Long active in public affairs, Rubin joined the Clinton Administration in 1993 as Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and as Director of the newly created National Economic Council. At the NEC, he coordinated economic policy recommendations to the President and monitored the implementation of the President's economic policy goals.

In January 1995, Rubin was appointed as our nation's 70th Secretary of the Treasury. He served for four-and-a-half years until July 1999. He was involved in balancing the federal budget; opening trade policy to further globalization; acting to stem financial crises in Mexico, Asia and Russia; helping to resolve the impasse over the public debt limit; and guiding sensible reforms at the Internal Revenue Service.

From 1999 to 2009, Rubin served as a member of the Board of Directors at Citigroup and as a senior advisor to the company. In that capacity, he worked extensively with the firm's clients around the world.

Rubin is one of the founders of The Hamilton Project, an economic policy project housed at the Brookings Institution that offers a strategic vision and innovative policy proposals on how to create a growing economy that benefits more Americans.

Rubin is the author of *In An Uncertain World: Tough Choices from Wall Street to Washington* (Random House, 2003, with Jacob Weisberg), which was a *New York Times* bestseller as well as being named one of *Business Week's* 10 best business books of the year.

Rubin is Co-Chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Boards of Trustees at the Mount Sinai Health System, and Chairman of the Board of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which is the nation's leading community development support organization with 38 offices nationwide. In June 2014, he completed a 12-year term as a member of the Harvard Corporation and is now a member of its Finance Committee. Rubin joined Centerview Partners in 2010 as a senior counselor of the firm. In his role at Centerview, he serves as a sounding board and advisor to clients across the firm's various activities, bringing years of experience in finance and public policy.

Rubin graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1960 with an A.B. in economics. He received a LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1964 and attended the London School of Economics. He has received honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other universities. He was born in New York City in 1938 and is married to Judith Oxenberg Rubin, who served as the New York City Commissioner of Protocol for four years under Mayor David Dinkins. The Rubins have two adult sons, James and Philip.

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Casey Ryan is a pragmatic and strategic alumni relations professional with over 20 years' experience fostering dynamic engagement and volunteerism. Prior to joining Yale Law School in 2023, he served as Director of Alumni Relations at the University of Sciences in Philadelphia where he managed outreach for 19,000 alumni, spearheaded celebratory, educational, and networking events, and modernized board and program operations to maximize impact. Previously at the University of Pennsylvania, Casey held several alumni relations roles in which he managed 30 regional clubs and two decades of alumni classes and supported leadership development, regional engagement, and meaningful reunions.

Casey's expertise includes board coordination, volunteer management, conflict resolution, budget stewardship, and data-driven communications. Beyond his professional roles, Casey is the founding president emeritus for the Philadelphia Gryphons Rugby Football Team and an active volunteer with Penn's undergraduate class of 1995, serving as co-President and class reunion co-chair. He holds a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Glenn Schroeder retired in 2022 after practicing law for 44 years since graduating from Yale Law School in 1979. For the last 17 of those he served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Ethics Officer of Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, NJ. Immediately prior to that, Glenn was a partner in Seattle, WA, with the Intellectual Property group of Preston, Gates & Ellis (now part of K&L Gates), representing clients, ranging from large technology companies to individual authors, in a wide variety of commercial transactions and other corporate and IP matters. He also served a term on the firm's Management Committee.

Glenn's first stint as General Counsel was from 1987 to 1995 with Community Television of Southern California, the nonprofit licensee of public television station KCET at that time. He spent his first 8 years after law school with the entertainment law group of Loeb and Loeb in Los Angeles, concentrating on transactional work in the motion picture and television industry and providing advice regarding copyright law and the right of publicity.

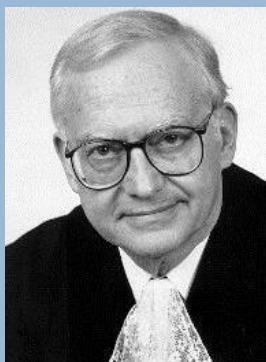
At various times during his career, Glenn taught courses on Copyright and Entertainment Law as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School and Whittier Law School in Los Angeles, and Seattle University School of Law, and served as a member of the Boards of the Education Law Center (Newark, NJ), Bellevue Arts Museum (Bellevue, WA) and Asian Rehabilitation Services (Los Angeles, CA).

Prior to Yale Law School, Glenn attended the University of Illinois on a University Fellowship and received his M.A. in mathematics in 1976. He earned his B.A. summa cum laude with highest departmental honors in mathematics, from UCLA in 1975. He also is a proud graduate of Indio High School (well before the community became famous for the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival).

Today Glenn lives in Gig Harbor, WA, overlooking the Puget Sound. With his wife, Janet Wong '87, he also enjoys her new passion – playing pickleball. They have one

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[Stephen M. Schwebel](#) is an active international arbitrator. He spent five years in practice at White & Case in New York City, two years as an assistant professor of law at Harvard Law School, and some 13 years in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State. He served as an assistant legal adviser and deputy legal adviser. In 1977, he was elected a member of the UN International Law commission and in 1980, a judge of the International Court of Justice in The Hague. He served on the Court for 19 years, and as vice-president from 1994–97 and president from 1997–2000.

Since retiring from the Court, Schwebel has served as an international arbitrator in some 60 cases. Six have been arbitrations between States and the remainder disputes between foreign investors and States and international commercial arbitration. Schwebel is author or editor of six books and more than 200 articles.

He and his wife Louise divide their time between New York City and Vermont. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

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Lydia Scovitch is a Senior Manager at Bain & Company in Washington, D.C. In this role, she has advised Fortune 500 companies and nonprofit institutions across Energy, Education, Impact Investing, Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing, and Consumer Products.

The bulk of Lydia's recent work at Bain has focused on energy and sustainability: helping a power generation original equipment manufacturer navigate the energy transition while increasing revenue by 20%; reducing project delays and cost overruns for a leader in wind energy; and conducting rapid experimentation to refine a multinational beverage company's product sustainability strategy. Previous engagements include coordinating the merger of two advanced manufacturing businesses; building a 5-year growth strategy for a D.C. charter school network; progressing DE&I initiatives at a Top 20 liberal arts university; maximizing financial returns and measurable impact across an international impact investor's portfolio; and supporting the merger of two global vaccine producers. Lydia also spent a year managing staffing and professional development for 100+ consultants in Bain's D.C. office.

Lydia received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2019 and her B.S. from Vanderbilt University in 2014. At Yale Law, she was a member of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Clinic and the Education Advocacy Project; a research assistant for Professors Owen Fiss and Jerry Mashaw; a Dean's Adviser; and an Admissions Coordinator. She was an editor for the *Yale Journal of International Law*, and published a note in the *Yale Law Journal*. During law school summers, Lydia worked as a Legal Intern at the U.S. Department of Justice's Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section and as a Summer Associate at Covington & Burling. Prior work experience includes working on policy at the U.S. Department of State's Office of Human Rights & Humanitarian Affairs, and on financial transactions and restitution disbursements at the Wayne County Third Circuit Court in her hometown of Detroit, Michigan. She currently lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband and two young children.

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Judge Seigle regularly teaches on a variety of topics including civil law and evidence. While in practice, Judge Seigle was named one of *The National Law Journal's* 75 "Outstanding Women Lawyers" in the country, Intellectual Property Litigator of the Year by the Century City Bar Association, one of the 20 "Most Influential Women in IP Law" nationally by *Law360*, one of 75 "Top Intellectual Property Litigators" by the *Daily Journal*, one of the "50 Women Leaders in Tech Law" by *The Recorder*, and a Top 100 Women Lawyer in California by the *Daily Journal*. For many years Judge Seigle was included on the Southern California "Super Lawyers" list.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Seigle was a partner at Irell & Manella LLP and clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Seigle graduated from Yale Law School and Harvard University.

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Tom Sharp is an experienced federal government leader with more than two decades of public service working at the intersection of civil rights, compliance and risk management, and institutional accountability. He most recently served as Director of the Process, Data, and Mission Support Section in the Compliance Branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL). In this role, he led a multidisciplinary team supporting investigations, building and managing enterprise systems, and overseeing inquiries involving some of the Department's most critical civil rights issues.

Tom built his career around strengthening systems that protect individual rights and improve government accountability. At CRCL, he led the development of the office's public complaint portal, managed litigation and FOIA response strategies, and implemented technology-driven solutions to enhance transparency and investigative oversight. He also played a key role in launching the Department's sexual abuse prevention framework for immigration detention – work that has been recognized with multiple DHS Secretary's Awards.

Before joining DHS, Tom served as Deputy Director of the District of Columbia Office of Police Complaints, overseeing operations for an independent agency investigating misconduct by law enforcement. He has also worked as Associate Director of Programs at the American Constitution Society and practiced law at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, where he handled securities investigations and regulatory matters. Tom began his career as a law clerk to the Hon. Myron H. Thompson in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, after which he served as staff counsel to then-Newark Councilmember Cory Booker.

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A seventh-generation Hoosier, Shepard graduated from Princeton University cum laude and from Yale Law School. He earned a Master of Laws degree in the judicial process from the University of Virginia.

Shepard was Judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court from 1980 until his appointment. He earlier served as Executive Assistant to Mayor Russell Lloyd of Evansville and as special assistant to the Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Shepard was also chairperson of Indiana's State Student Assistance Commission and trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He served as chair of the ABA Appellate Judges Conference and of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. In 2005-06, Shepard served as President of the National Conference of Chief Justices. He is presently a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference's Committee on Civil Rules.

The American Judicature Society named Shepard its 2009 winner of the Opperman Award, its highest honor for a state judge. In 2010, the National Black Law Students Association gave him its Higginbotham Award.

He is married and has one daughter.

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[Dmitriy Slavin](#) is a Trial Attorney in the Counterterrorism Section, National Security Division, of the United States Department of Justice. In that role, he is involved in the prosecution of terrorism cases across the United States, from initial investigation through indictment, trial, and sentencing. He is responsible for responding to terrorism and other major national security events around the country. He trains Assistant United States Attorneys, federal law enforcement agents, and foreign partners on best practices in handling national security cases.

Previously, Dmitriy was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky, where he prosecuted white collar fraud, drug trafficking and money laundering, and crimes against children and seniors. He also handled a significant appellate practice. Dmitriy has also worked in private practice at Vinson & Elkins LLC in Washington, D.C., and clerked for the Honorable John M. Rogers of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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Larry has been an adjunct professor of law at Fordham Law School since 2007 and is also a visiting professor at the University of Amsterdam Law School in The Netherlands and the University of Freiburg Law School in Freiburg, Germany. He taught as a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School from 2011–13 and has also taught at Universidade Católica Portuguesa School of Law in Lisbon, Portugal. He is also a member of the advisory boards of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies at Loyola University (Chicago) School of Law, the Fordham Law School Competition Law Institute, and the Instituto de Derecho de la Competencia in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law, where he has served in a variety of leadership capacities, including co-chair of the Section's International Civil Redress Task Force and co-chair of the Section's Global Private Litigation Committee, and was instrumental in establishing the Section's Global Private Litigation Workshop. He has also served as a member of the Section's International Cartel Task Force.

Larry was counsel for many years to the Dramatists Guild of America, the trade association of American playwrights, and now serves on the board of directors of

the Dramatists Legal Defense Fund. He has also served on the board of directors of Sympho, an innovative orchestral group known for its immersive performances of classical music in unconventional spaces.

Larry is a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation and a past board member of The Legal Aid Society of New York City and the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. He successfully represented Samuel Bice Johnson, a Mississippi death row inmate, in state post-conviction proceedings and later in the Supreme Court, which vacated Mr. Johnson's death sentence in *Johnson v. Mississippi*, 486 U.S. 578 (1988). For his work on the Johnson case and other death penalty cases he received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in 1998.

Larry received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1967 and his A.B., summa cum laude, from Brown University in 1964. He also studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics, from which he received an LL.M. in 1968. While at the LSE, he worked as a research assistant to Anthony Lester (later Lord Lester) and Geoffrey Bindman for their book, *Race and Law in Great Britain* (1972), one of the earliest accounts of the law of race relations in the United Kingdom. In 1968–69 he was law clerk to Judge J. Joseph Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. From 1971–73 he was a visiting lecturer at Yale University. He is a past president and chair of the Yale Law School Association Executive Committee.

Larry is married and has two grown children, Andrew and Suzanne. His wife, Joan Ross Sorkin, is a playwright and opera librettist.

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[Sonia Sotomayor](#), Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned an A.B. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university's highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

She served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she served as an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. She served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998–2009.

President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

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James Gustave Speth recently became a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos and in July 2010, joined the faculty of the Vermont Law School as Professor of Law. In 2009 he completed his decade-long tenure as Dean, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. From 1993 to 1999, Gus Speth was Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and chair of the UN Development Group. Prior to his service at the UN, he was founder and president of the World Resources Institute; professor of law at Georgetown University; chairman of the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality (Carter Administration); and senior attorney and cofounder, Natural Resources Defense Council.

Throughout his career, Speth has provided leadership and entrepreneurial initiatives to many task forces and committees whose roles have been to combat environmental degradation, including the President's Task Force on Global Resources and Environment; the Western Hemisphere Dialogue on Environment and Development; and the National Commission on the Environment.

Among his awards are the National Wildlife Federation's Resources Defense Award, the Natural Resources Council of America's Barbara Swain Award of Honor, a 1997 Special Recognition Award from the Society for International Development, Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Environmental Law Institute and the League of Conservation Voters, and the Blue Planet Prize. He holds honorary degrees from Clark University, the College of the Atlantic, the Vermont Law School, Middlebury College, and the University of South Carolina. He is the author, co-author, or editor of six books, including the award-winning *The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability* and *Red Sky at Morning: America and the Crisis of the Global Environment*.

Speth currently serves on the boards of the Natural Resources Defense Council, World Resources Institute, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, New Economics Institute, New Economy Network, 1Sky, and the Institute for Sustainable Communities.

He graduated from Yale University in 1964 with a B.A. in Political Science, and subsequently earned an LL.M. in Economics from Oxford University in 1966 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1969.

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Previously, Adina served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of Cedar Realty Trust, a former NYSE-traded real estate investment trust, where she served on the Legal Advisory Council for the International Council of Shopping Centers. Prior to her decade leading public company legal departments, Adina spent her private practice career specializing in international capital markets law in Paris for Shearman & Sterling and complex commercial litigation as a partner at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP. While in private practice, Adina was recognized by Thomson Reuters as a New York Super Lawyer and one of the Top Women Attorneys in New York in real estate.

As corporate counsel, Adina has twice won the Top General Counsel award by the First Chair organization, a peer-nominated award given to in-house counsel “who have, through hard work and innovation, made significant contributions to the legal community.” In 2023, Adina earned a prestigious “Women, Influence & Power in Law Award,” in the category of “Innovative Leadership” from *Corporate Counsel* magazine. She has been profiled in *Modern Counsel* and, most recently, in *Vanguard Law Magazine*, for her executive leadership and featured in the director spotlight series of Corporate Board Member for her contributions as a public company director.

Outside of work, Adina donates her time to various philanthropic causes that promote literacy and individuals with developmental disabilities. In 2022, Adina was honored as a recipient of the “Fuel Her Fire Award” by Girls, Inc., a national organization that promotes leadership development in girls from underserved communities. Adina is a frequent speaker on podcasts, at conferences, and on women in leadership panels.

Adina graduated summa cum laude with distinction in the English major from Yale College, where she was President of Phi Beta Kappa for her class, a two-time winner of Yale’s John Hubbard Curtis Writing Prize and the recipient of the Warren Memorial Prize awarded to the graduating senior majoring in the Humanities who ranks highest in scholarship. While in college, Adina served as the first female manager of the Yale Football team, and was the first Yale woman to earn a letter in this sport. She also served as manager and statistician for the Yale Varsity Baseball team. In her senior year at Yale, *Glamour Magazine* named Adina one of the “Top Ten College Women of the Year”.

While at Yale Law School, Adina was a senior editor of *The Yale Law Journal*, and submissions editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*.

Adina is fluent in French, and lives on Long Island with her family.

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Edward Strohbehn is Counsel (retired) at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, D.C. Prior to his retirement he practiced environmental law for many years at Morgan and Bingham McCutchen in San Francisco.

On October 2010, he, along with three Yale Law School classmates, was awarded Yale Law School's highest honor—the Yale Law School Association Award of Merit. He and his classmates were cited for their pioneering role in founding the Natural Resources Defense Council and their extraordinary careers in environmental law.

In August 2015, he was awarded the ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources highest honor, its 2015 Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy Award.

In July 2011, he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. His legal career includes substantial government and public interest sector experience.

He co-founded and served as a lawyer with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) (1970–1977). He was Executive Director of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Executive Office of the President (1977–1981). He was Chairman of the Board of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) (2012–2016), where he was a Director (2005–2016). He was a Director of Resources for the Future (RFF) (1995–2004). ELI and RFF are Washington, D.C., nonprofit environmental and economic policy think tanks. He was a law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren (then-retired), United States Supreme Court (1969–1970).

He is a member of the Leadership Council of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (2001 to present). He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy (2014–present). He is a member of the Research Advisory Board of the Center for Law, Energy & the Environment,

U.C. Berkeley Law School [formerly Advisory Board] (2007–present). He was a Council member of the American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy & Resources (1998–2001) (1976–1979). He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed in West Germany (1962–1964).

Edward received his B.A., magna cum laude, and his B.E., magna cum laude, from Yale College (1962, 1963). He received his M.S. in political science from the Yale Graduate School (1966). He received his LL.B. from Yale Law School, where he was Articles and Book Review Editor of the *Yale Law Journal* (1969).

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[Nabiha Syed](#) is the CEO of The Markup, a media startup that investigates how powerful actors use technology to reshape society. In 2022, The Markup was recognized by FastCompany as both a World Changing Idea and one of the Most Innovative companies. *Forbes* has called Nabiha “one of the best emerging free speech lawyers.”

Previously, Nabiha served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel at *BuzzFeed*, as the company’s first newsroom lawyer, and as the First Amendment Fellow at *The New York Times*. She has worked on legal access issues at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, represented asylum-seekers in south Texas, counseled on whether to publish leaked and hacked materials, co-founded the nation’s first media law clinic, and spoken widely about misinformation and propaganda. For her work, Nabiha has been named as a “Rising Star” by the *New York Law Journal*, a finalist for the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year from the International Bar Association, and received an inaugural Reporter’s Committee for the Freedom of the Press Award. She holds a law degree from Yale Law School and from Balliol College, Oxford, which she attended as a Marshall Scholar.

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Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was born in the Pin Point community of Georgia near Savannah June 23, 1948. He married Virginia Lampin in 1987 and has one child, Jamal Adeen, by a previous marriage.

He attended Conception Seminary and received an A.B., cum laude, from Holy Cross College, and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1974. He was admitted to law practice in Missouri in 1974, and served as an Assistant Attorney General of Missouri from 1974–1977, an attorney with the Monsanto Company from 1977–1979, and Legislative Assistant to Senator John Danforth from 1979–1981. From 1981–1982, he served as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, and as Chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 1982–1990. He became a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1990.

President George H. W. Bush nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat October 23, 1991.

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The Honorable [Holly A. Thomas](#) is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Thomas was nominated for the judgeship on September 20, 2021, and confirmed by the Senate on January 20, 2022. She received her judicial commission on January 24, 2022.

Judge Thomas previously served, from 2018 to 2022, as a judge on the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, a position to which she was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., and in 2021 as a pro tem judge on the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. She also served, from 2016 to 2018, as the deputy director of executive programs at the California Civil Rights Department, the nation's largest state civil rights agency. She was appointed to that position by Governor Brown in 2016.

From 2015 to 2016, Judge Thomas served as a special counsel to the solicitor general at the New York State Attorney General's Office. Prior to that, from 2010 to 2015, she was a senior attorney in the Appellate Section of the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice. She also served, from 2005 to 2010, as an assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., where she was an Arthur Liman Fellow from 2005 to 2006. Judge Thomas served as a law clerk for the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2004 to 2005.

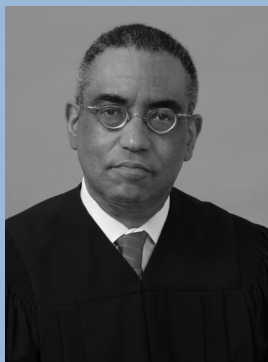
Judge Thomas is a recipient of, from the New York City Bar Association, the 2008 Thurgood Marshall Award for Capital Representation; from the U.S. Department of Justice, the 2012 Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Civil Rights Division, 2013 Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, 2014 Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service—the Department's highest award for employee performance—and 2015 John Marshall Award for Providing Legal Advice; and, from the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles,

the 2022 Trailblazer Award. In recognition of her professional contributions and achievements, in 2023 she was elected as a member of the American Law Institute.

Judge Thomas is a member of the boards of directors of 826LA, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write, and the Western Justice Center, a Pasadena-based nonprofit organization that empowers people to strengthen their communities by growing the conflict resolution skills and capacity of youth, educators, schools, and community partners.

Born in San Diego, California, Judge Thomas received her bachelor's degree, with honors and distinction, in political science and African and African American studies from Stanford University in 2000; and her Juris Doctor in 2004 from Yale Law School.

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Judge [Myron H. Thompson](#) is a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. He was nominated to that seat in September 1980 by President Jimmy Carter. He served as Chief Judge from 1991 to 1998.

Thompson served as an Assistant Attorney General of Alabama from 1972 to 1974. He was the first African-American Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama, the first African-American bar examiner for the State, and the second African-American federal judge in the State.

Thompson was in private practice from 1974 until 1980. He was a Founding Director and Board Chair of the Alabama Legal Services Corporation.

Thompson has contributed to the development of legal scholarship by serving as Jurist in Residence at Pace Law School in 2012, delivering the Dean's Lecture at Yale Law School in 2004, and serving as a New York University Law School Scholar in Residence in 1998 and 1999. He was the 11th Circuit's District Judge Representative on the Judicial Conference of the United States from 2007 through 2011 and was chair of the District Judges Representatives to the Conference from 2010 through 2011. As Chief Judge, he was instrumental in preserving the Montgomery bus station where the Freedom Riders were attacked in 1961 and in establishing the Freedom Rides Museum.

In 2017, for having made a substantial contribution to public service and the legal profession, Thompson received the Yale Law School Award of Merit, the highest award the law school may give to a graduate and faculty member. He was also named a 2017 Alabama Humanities Foundation fellow in honor of his noteworthy achievements and commitment to the advancement of the humanities in Alabama. In 2015, Thompson received the National Public Service Award from Stanford Law School, in recognition that his "work on behalf of the public has had national impact." In 2013, he was awarded the Thurgood Marshall Award by the National Bar Association's

Judicial Council in recognition of his “personal contributions and extraordinary commitment to the advancement of civil rights and for being a role model for members of the bench and bar.” He received the 2005 Mark De Wolfe Howe Award from the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* “for his Unyielding Commitment to Advancing the Personal Freedoms and Human Dignities of the American People.”

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Maxim Thorne '92

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Maxim Thorne is the CEO of Civic Influencers, the impactful, nonpartisan non-profit that equips young leaders on college campuses to use peer-to-peer relation organizing and data driven strategies to increase youth voter education, registration, and turnout.

He is a thought leader, lawyer, and philanthropist fighting “generational gerrymandering” to ensure that young people have access to the ballot. Maxim helps equip young influencers to change hearts and minds by mastering new and legacy media. He has served as Managing Director of the Andrew Goodman Foundation, Executive Vice President at the Paley Center for Media, Senior Vice President and Chief Development and Communications Officer of the NAACP, the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Human Rights Campaign, and Executive Director of New Jersey Head Start Association.

He has helped carve out a unique role for philanthropy and the expansion of human rights in the country’s largest and oldest civil rights organizations. He oversaw the formation and implementation of the first NAACP LGBT Task Force at the NAACP Centennial Convention in 2009, introduced the keynote speaker Julian Bond at the National Equality March on Washington in 2009, was the first to break the news that the NAACP had endorsed gay marriage, and has stewarded multimillion-dollar gifts, including a \$1M gift from Tyler Perry, then the largest gift ever from an entertainer to a civil rights organization, as well as multi-million and multi-year funding from the world’s largest corporate and philanthropic foundations.

As a young legal services lawyer at Passaic County Legal Aid Society in NJ, he successfully represented the NAACP, Head Start, and local daycare centers in the famous *Abbott v. Burke* school funding case in the NJ Supreme Court. One of his significant legal aid cases resulted in his client, a low-income family facing eviction, successfully

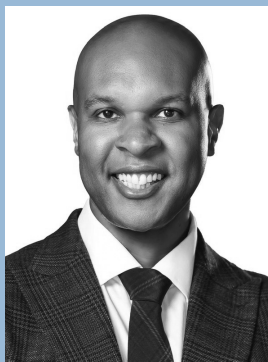
defeating a large mortgage bank and being awarded clean title to actually own their home – in an early victory against bank redlining.

Maxim also advises philanthropies and family foundations. He is the Founder of Weekend Renewing America's Promise (WRAP), which brings together exceptionally talented leaders from across the globe to Martha's Vineyard each year. (WRAP's theme also became the theme of the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, at which Barack Obama was nominated.)

Maxim received his B.A. in Economics and Political Science, cum laude honors, from Yale University and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. At Yale, Maxim has taught courses in philanthropy, law, and management. In his college seminar Philanthropy in Action his students actually awarded more than \$100,000 at the end of each semester to selected charities. He stresses the importance of private philanthropy in a healthy civil society and convenes and trains next-generation donors in effective philanthropy in China, Nigeria, South Africa, India, Pakistan, and elsewhere. He served on the Yale Board of Governors, the Executive Committee of Yale Law School, the Academic Council for the Motion Picture Association of America, the National Board of GLAAD, the founding Board of National Board of Yale Black Alumni Association, and the Advisory Board of the Division of Gender, Sexuality & Health, Columbia University Department of Psychiatry, and NYS Psychiatric Institute.

Maxim's formative years were in Guyana and the Bahamas before immigrating to the United States.

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Travis graduated from Yale Law School in 2005 and received his undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, in Communication and Political Science from Tulane University. Before joining Shell, Travis was a senior associate at Norton Rose Fulbright. He began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Edward C. Prado of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Travis currently serves as Chair of the Executive Council of the Yale Law School Fund Board and the Hollyfield Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors of

the Texas Access to Justice Foundation and Dress for Success Houston, and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He is also a member of the Board of the Yale Alumni Fund and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for Tulane University's School of Liberal Arts. He has also served as the 2022 Grand Marshal of Houston's LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration, Chair of the Houston Bar Foundation, President of the Board of Directors of the National LGBTQ+ Bar Foundation, an executive committee member of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, President of The Arthur L. Moller/David B. Foltz, Jr. American Inn of Court, President of the Bo's Place Board of Directors, member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Bar Foundation, and Chair of the Texas Minority Counsel Program.

Travis is a former champion of Dancing With The Houston Stars and an honoree in the *Houston Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" and has chaired numerous philanthropic events, including the World AIDS Day Luncheon, the Victory Fund Champagne Brunch, the Montrose Center's Out For Good Gala, Dining Out for Life, the Camp For All Gala, the Greater Houston LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce's Pride in Business Luncheon, and the Houston Boychoir Luncheon. Travis previously worked as an on-air personality for B-97 FM; New Orleans' #1 Hit Music Station.

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[Sam Thypin-Bermeo](#) serves as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. Prior to this, he served as a staff attorney at the Florida Justice Institute and founded his own civil rights law firm, Thypin-Bermeo PLLC. Additionally, he clerked for Judge Edgardo Ramos of the Southern District of New York, Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit, and Judge Joseph Greenaway, Jr., of the Third Circuit.

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Felix Valenzuela is the owner of Valenzuela Law Firm based in El Paso, Texas. He litigates federal and state cases involving civil and criminal issues at all stages of litigation. A dedicated educator, he served as a lecturer at the University of Texas at El Paso from 2012 to 2021, where he taught advanced legal composition, torts, and social media law.

Felix earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was a William S. Beinecke Scholar, an American Bar Association Legal Opportunity Scholar, and an editor for the *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities*. He holds an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame, where he was a Joseph L. Gaia Distinguished Fellow in Latino Studies. He also completed a Post Graduate Program in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning at the University of Texas at Austin.

Felix was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Judge Philip Martinez in the Western District of Texas from 2011 to 2013. He has also been involved in significant federal cases, ranging from civil defense of federal agents in the Supreme Court to mass-murder death penalty defense and international cartel jury trials. His defense in high-profile cases has been featured in numerous media outlets and on international true-crime shows.

In recent years, Felix has focused on the development and ethical implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) in the legal field. He has presented on topics such as leveraging AI in pretrial strategy and judicial workflow optimization at various legal seminars. As an advocate for the responsible use of AI, Felix trains on effective AI implementation, ensuring that ethical considerations are at the forefront of technological advancements.

Felix is a member of several professional organizations, currently serving on the grievance committee for the State Bar of Texas. By the local bar, he was awarded the Honorable Philip R. Martinez Award in 2023 for his work in mentorship,

community-dedication, and advancement of the legal bar. He is also recognized as a Super Lawyer and a Rising Star by *SuperLawyers*. In addition to his legal practice and teaching, Felix contributes to the community through his involvement with the Yale Club of El Paso, where he served as President from 2012 to 2017 and as Regional Director for the Yale Day of Service from 2014 to 2017.

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Hillary currently serves as the Director of Wisconsin Government Relations at The Nature Conservancy. Hillary works to build and sustain productive relationships with elected leaders, government agencies, and community groups in order to advance public policy initiatives that align with TNC's global mission and goals, including land and water protection, climate change, clean energy, biodiversity, regenerative agriculture, and the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

Prior to joining TNC, Hillary practiced environmental law at Foley & Ladner, LLP, focusing on renewable energy development and Environment, Social, and Governance ("ESG") strategies for clients. She also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Hillary is in the eighth generation of her family to grow up and live on her family farm in Stoughton, Wisconsin. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of South Carolina in 2011 and a law degree from Yale Law School in 2017.

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John received his B.S.E. in computer science, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from Princeton University in 2003, his Ph.D. in medieval European history from Yale University in 2008, and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 2015. In 2016, after clerking on the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, John joined DLA. He became a partner there in 2025.

John lives with his wife and son in Connecticut.

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[Frederick Wiseman](#) is a film and theater director of 43 films, primarily focusing on American institutions. In 2016 he was awarded an Honorary Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Board of Directors. He is a MacArthur Fellow, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, and an Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He has won numerous awards, including four Emmys. In recent years, he directed Beckett's *Happy Days* and Vassili Grossman's *The Last Letter* at the Comédie Française in Paris, and *The Last Letter* at Theatre for a New Audience in New York. A ballet inspired by his first film, *TITICUT FOLLIES* (1967), premiered at the New York University Skirball Theater in 2017.

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Stephen Wizner

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Stephen Wizner is the William O. Douglas Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School. He has been on the Law School faculty since 1970. He also has a Special Appointment as the Sackler Professor of Law at Tel Aviv University, where he serves as consultant and advisor on clinical legal education. He received his A.B. from Dartmouth College in 1959, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1963.

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