

Speaker Resumes
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The Power of Civility, Decency and Humility in Leading Courts

Hon. Martha L. Walters

... is the Chief Justice of Oregon having been elected by her colleagues; she began serving in that capacity in 2018. She was originally appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to the seven-member Supreme Court in 2006, elected in 2008, and re-elected in 2014. Aside from her duties as a Supreme Court Justice, she serves as Co-Chair of the Tribal / State Court Forum (since 2016) and is the Court's representative to the Oregon Law Commission (since 2006). The Commission, created by the Oregon's Legislative Assembly, conducts a continuous program of law revision, review and recommendations regarding current laws, administrative rules, and legislative bills to ensure that they are kept up to date.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Walters was in private practice in state and federal courts in the legal areas of employment and civil rights litigation; general practice, including business advice; municipal law and domestic relations employment; civil rights; business and municipal law. Among the firms she has been associated with are Walters Chanti & Zennache, PC (2004-2006); Walters Romm Chanti & Dickens, PC (1995-2004); Walters Romm & Chanti, PC (1992-1995); Swanson & Walters, PC (1985-1992); and Harrang, Swanson, Long & Watkinson (1977-1985).

Over her career, Chief Justice Walters has participated and served in numerous associations and commissions, including the American College of Trial Lawyers (since 1999) ; Uniform Law Commission; President (2007-2009); Co-Chair State and Federal Relations Committee (2013-2018) and Member (since 1992); American Law Institute (since 2004); Judicial Conference of the Ninth Circuit (1992-1995); American Board of Trial Advocates (since 2017); Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (since 1998); Direction Service Board Member (1998-2006); Classroom Law Project; Mock Trial Coach (since 2012). She is also the recipient of the University of Oregon School of Law Distinguished Service Award (2011).

Chief Justice Walters holds a B.A., with distinction, from the University of Michigan (1972); and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oregon School of Law, (1977) where she was a member of the Order of the Coif. She is married to John H. VanLandingham IV and has two adult children.

Hon. Paula M. Carey

...is the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, a unified statewide system composed of general, limited, and specialized court jurisdictions. It encompasses over 370 judges and 6500 court staff located in 101 facilities throughout the state. She was appointed to her position in July 2013 by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Previously, Judge Carey served as the Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court (2007-13). In 2001, she began her judicial career as an appointed Associate Justice of the Norfolk Probate and Family Court.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Chief Justice Carey was a partner in the firm of Carey & Mooney, PC, where she specialized in domestic relations matters. She has lectured and authored material for numerous publications and educational programs in the area of domestic relations, both as a practitioner and as a judge. She is a graduate of New England School of Law.

Chief Justice Carey is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, previously serving on the Family Law Section Council, the Boston Bar Association and Suffolk University Advanced Legal Studies. She is also

a member of the Massachusetts Family and Probate American Inn of Court and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

During her career she has been honored by organizations including the Massachusetts Bar Association with the Daniel J. Toomey Excellence in the Judiciary Award, the Massachusetts Judges Conference, the Middlesex Bar Association, MCLE, Mass. Association of Women Lawyers and the Mass. Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service from the Boston Bar Association in 2013 and was the Dean's Reception Honoree at New England Law for her commitment to public service and dedication to the law school and its students. Most recently, she received the Greater Boston Fiduciary Law American Inn of Court Award of Excellence and the Mass. Judges Conference President's Award of 2016. She currently serves as President of the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO) and will host the Association's Annual Conference in Boston in August 2021.

Hon. Julio L. Mendez

...is the Assignment Judge for the Superior Court of New Jersey in Vicinage 1, Atlantic and Cape May Counties. In this capacity he oversees the efficient operation of the Courts for both counties. Judge Mendez was appointed Assignment Judge by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner effective November 1, 2011.

Prior to his current assignment, Judge Mendez served as a Superior Court Judge for Vicinage 15, including the counties of Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem. He first served two years in the Criminal Division, then seven years in the Family Division. In June of 2005, Judge Mendez was named Presiding Judge of the Family Part for Vicinage 15, serving in that capacity until he was named Assignment Judge.

Judge Mendez has served as chairman for the Children in Court Committee of the Conference of Family Presiding Judges. Additionally, he has served as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Family Practice Committee and various other state-wide conferences and committees. He is also a member the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Judge Mendez has also served as an instructor at Judicial College. He is a member of the Board of NAPCO - National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers.

In his capacity as Assignment Judge, Judge Mendez is a member of the New Jersey Judiciary Judicial Council and a member of the Judiciary's Management and Operations Committee. He previously served as Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Municipal Court Operations, Fines, and Fees, and served as Chair of the NJ Municipal Court Regionalization Subcommittee of the Supreme Court Municipal Court Reform Working Group. Judge Mendez is the Chair of the Drug Court Working Group.

In 1981, Judge Mendez received his J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Camden and in 1978, obtained his B.A. in Political Science from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University).

David Yamasaki

...is the Court Executive Officer and Clerk of Court for the Superior Court of California in Orange County (Greater Santa Ana), a position he has held since December 2016. It is a unified trial court, ranking as the fifth largest in the nation with 140 judicial officers, 8 locations, 1500 employees and 500,000 annual case filings. He has over 32 years of experience in the California Judicial Branch, including Chief Executive Officer (2008-2016) in Santa Clara County Superior Court; Assistant Executive Officer (1998-2008), Director of Criminal Operations (1993-1998), and Coordinator of Criminal Operations (1992-1998) in San Diego County Superior Court; Administrative Operations Manager (1988-1992) in North County

Municipal Court in Vista CA; Senior Administrative Assistant (1987-1988), Legal Research Assistant (1986-1987) in Los Angeles Municipal Court; and Deputy Clerk II (1985-1986) in San Diego Municipal Court.

During his various positions within the California court system, Mr. Yamasaki has served on numerous committees, commissions, and task forces within the Judicial Council, California's judicial system governing board, and as a member of the Council itself. Additionally, he also serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO).

Mr. Yamasaki has a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University, and M.A. Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Judicial Administration from the University of Southern California.

Jackie Bryant

...is the Court Administrator and Clerk of Court for the Second Judicial District Court in Washoe County Nevada (Greater Reno). In this role, Ms. Bryant is responsible for the operations of the District Court and oversees all members of the Executive Leadership Team.

Ms. Bryant is an attorney who practiced in the areas of public utility law, insurance law, and administrative law before coming to the Court. She has worked in both public and private sectors, having served two governors and two attorneys general in her career, as well as having worked for the Holland & Hart law firm.

Immediately prior to coming to the Court, Ms. Bryant was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Sandoval. During that time, she was able to work on a bill to expand telehealth services in rural Nevada, which resulted in a positive impact to Nevadans.

Ms. Bryant earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine, and her law degree from California Western School of Law. She moved to Northern Nevada in 1998 to work for the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. She loves the climate and relaxed, authentic nature of Nevadans. On weekends, she spends her time gardening, hiking, and riding horses.

Gordon (Gordy) Griller

...is the Executive Director of the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO), a nonprofit corporation composed of state and local trial court leadership judges and court executives. He also works part-time with the National Center for State Courts' Court Consulting Services group, having retired in January 2020 as a Principal Court Management Consultant after 14 years of service with the Center. His consulting engagements are wide-ranging, including caseload management, operations, reengineering, facilities planning, efficiency studies, organizational development, as well as leadership programs for presiding judges, chief administrative officers, and program professionals in general, limited, and specialized courts.

Prior to his work with the Center, Mr. Griller held numerous private and public positions dedicated to trial court improvement and reform, including Vice President of Justice Practices for the State and Local Solutions Group at Affiliated Computer Systems (ACS), a division of the Xerox Corporation; the first Administrator of Trial Courts for the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County (Greater Phoenix); Court Administrator for the Superior Court in Maricopa County; the first Judicial District Administrator of the Second Judicial District of Minnesota in Ramsey County (Greater St. Paul); and Court Administrator of

the Municipal Court of Hennepin County, Minnesota (Greater Minneapolis) prior to the unification of Minnesota's state and local trial courts.

Additionally, Mr. Griller has served as President of the National Association of Trial Court Administrators where he co-chaired the Special Commission that created the National Association for Court Management (NACM), the largest professional association in the world dedicated to the improvement of trial court administration. He is a recipient of the National Center's *Warren E. Burger Award* for outstanding contributions to court administration, the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts' *Tom C. Clark Award*, NACM's *Award of Merit*, the Institute for Court Management's *Star Award*, and the Justice System Management Institute's *Ernest C. Friesen Award* for vision, leadership, and sustained commitment to excellence in the administration of justice.

Gordy holds a B.A. Degree in Political Science from the University of Minnesota, and a M.A. Degree in Public Administration from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis).