

Speaker Resumes
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Jurors and Jury Trials in a Post-COVID World
How Court Leaders can Promote Racial Diversity and Better Fact-Finding

Hon. Veronica Galván

...is the Chief Judge of the Maleng Regional Justice Center at the Superior Court of Washington in Kent County. She is a 1994 University of Washington School of Law graduate. She has served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle, and also served the City of Federal Way in this same capacity. Judge Galván took the bench in 2001 as a Judge Pro Tempore and was appointed to a full-time judicial position as an Administrative Law Judge in 2002. In 2007, Judge Galván was appointed to the Des Moines Municipal Court where she served with distinction, earning the Juez Excepcional award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington. Governor Jay Inslee appointed Judge Galván to the King County Superior Court in December of 2014.

While in Des Moines, Judge Galván implemented the only Spanish-language Court in the state of Washington granting hundreds of litigants the opportunity to address the court directly in Spanish. She was recognized by her alma mater with the Dean's Leadership Award in 2015, in 2016 she was recognized as a Woman of the Year by the Center for Women & Democracy, in 2018 earned the Vanguard Award from Washington Women Lawyers, and in 2019 was honored with the Joaquin Avila Award by Seattle University School of Law. In 2021 Judge Galvan was named Co-Chair of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Galván is currently the past Dean of the Washington State Judicial College where she has taught several courses, most recently, *Emerging Through Bias: Towards A More Fair And Equitable Courtroom*. Judge Galván has also been an adjunct instructor at Seattle University School of Law and has lectured extensively at legal education programs across the country.

Hon. Pamela S. Gates

...is the Presiding Judge of the Civil Department for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. Judge Gates previously served as the Associate Criminal Presiding Judge and the Associate Presiding Judge (Downtown Phoenix Court Complex) for Family Court.

She chairs Arizona's Task Force on Jury Data Collection, Policies, and Procedures and co-chaired the committee tasked with improving access to justice and reforming the Court's resource center. Her committee work also includes the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards, the Task Force on the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Committee on Superior Courts, the Committee on Time Periods for Electronic Display of Superior Court Case Records, Data Quality Standards Committee, Commercial Court Review Committee, the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona, Our Courts Arizona, Arizona Task Force to Supplement Keeping of the Record by Electronic Means, National State Court Remote Jury Pilot Group, and the Superior Court Records Retention Schedule Revision Committee. Pam also serves on the Jury Committee and chairs the Court's Data Integrity Committee.

Prior to becoming a judge, Pam worked as a partner at Bryan Cave LLP. Judge Gates has a Juris Doctorate with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law (1996) and a Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Political Science and History from Drake University (1993).

Paula Hannaford-Agor

...is the Director of the Center for Jury Studies at the National Center for State Courts. In this capacity, she regularly conducts research and provides technical assistance and education to courts and court personnel on the topics of jury system management and trial procedure; civil litigation; and complex and mass tort litigation.

Ms. Hannaford-Agor's specific research efforts include:

- A pilot test of jury instructions intended to reduce the impact of implicit bias on juror decision-making;
- Development of a judicial curriculum on preventing and addressing Internet-related juror misconduct;
- A series of case studies of summary jury trial programs in six jurisdictions;
- A pilot study of juror and jury use of new media;
- A study of juror utilization in the Superior Courts of California;
- Development of the *Jury Managers' Toolbox*, an online diagnostic tool to help court administrators, administrative judges, and jury managers evaluate the effectiveness of their jury operations;
- A national survey of judges, lawyers, and jury managers on existing jury improvement efforts;
- A national study of civil bench and jury trials in 46 large, urban courts in 2001;
- A multi-site examination of the frequency and causes of hung juries in felony cases;
- An analysis of judicial removal of jurors for cause and attorney use of peremptory challenges in the Superior Courts of California;
- A compilation of innovations in jury management technology; and
- An evaluation of the impact of Arizona Civil Rule 39(f) permitting jurors in civil cases to discuss the evidence among themselves.

She has authored or contributed to numerous books and articles on the American jury including *Jury Trial Innovations* (2d ed. 2006), *The Promise and Challenges of Jury System Technology* (NCSC 2003) and *Managing Notorious Trials* (1998). She is faculty for the ICM courses *Jury System Management* and *Promise and Challenges of Jury System Technology*. She teaches a seminar on the American jury at William & Mary Law School.

She received her law degree from William & Mary Law School and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy of the College of William and Mary (1995) and her Bachelor of Arts in Government & Politics from George Mason University (with high distinction) (1991).

Hon. Gregory E. Mize (ret.)

...is a Judicial Fellow at the National Center for State Courts, Center for Jury Studies. In that capacity, he guides several projects for the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) including serving as Principal Monitor of Congressional proposals that implicate federalism principles and Reporter to the CCJ Committee on Civil Justice Improvements.

As part of NCSC's Center for Jury Studies, he works to help state courts around the country improve their jury trial systems. He was project director of "Jury Trial Management for the 21st Century" which features a set of judicial education curricula focusing on jury selection and jury deliberations.

President George H.W. Bush appointed Judge Mize to the D.C. Superior Court in 1990 where he presided over hundreds of civil and criminal jury trials. From 1997 to 1998, he co-chaired the D.C. Jury Project, resulting in the issuance of a report called "Juries for the Year 2000 and Beyond" containing proposals to improve jury practices in the Superior Court and U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

His writings include "Tough Cases" (The New Press, 2018); "Jury Trial Innovations Across America: How We are Teaching and Learning from Each Other," *1 J. OF COURT INNOVATION* 189 (2008); "Building a Better Voir Dire Process," *Judges' Journal*, Vol. 47, No. 1 (Winter 2008); "Be Cautious of the Quiet Ones," *Voir Dire*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (Summer 2003); and "On Better Jury Selection – Spotting UFO Jurors Before They Enter the Jury Room," *Court Review*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Spring 1999). As a member of the ABA American Jury Project, he contributed to the drafting of the ABA Principles for Juries and Jury Trials.

Judge Mize is currently a senior trial judge and adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. Before joining the bench, he was first a trial lawyer and then General Counsel to the District of Columbia City Council. He received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown Law Center (1973)