

Speaker Biographies
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Developing an Updated Playbook for
Adjudicating Self-Represented Litigants

Hon. Mark A. Juhas

... sits in a general family law assignment on the Los Angeles Superior Court and has done so since November, 2002. He is the current Chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice. Further, he is member of several committees for the Los Angeles Superior Court including immediate past chair of the Access and Fairness committee. For the California Judicial Council he currently serves on the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Governing Committee and is the immediate past Co-chair of the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee; he was a member of the Elkins Family Law Task Force, Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force and Self-Represented Litigant Task Force. He recently received a lifetime achievement award from the Family Law Section of the State Bar and a Distinguished Service Award from the Judicial Council.

He regularly teaches for, among others, the Los Angeles Superior Court's education program, CJER, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, The National Judicial College and Southwestern Law School where he serves as an adjunct professor. Judge Juhas received a B.A. degree from Colorado College and a Juris Doctorate from Seattle University Law School.

John M. Greacen

... is the founder and principal of Greacen Associates, LLC, a justice system consultancy located in New Mexico, which has worked with thirty-five states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries. John also has a wide and substantial background in judicial and court administration, including serving as the Director of the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts; Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico; Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; and Deputy Director of Programs for the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia. He has also worked on law school faculties at the University of Arizona and the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington D.C.

Mr. Greacen wrote the seminal article on the difference between legal information and legal advice for court staff in 1995 and continues to publish regularly on the topic. He was editor of the California Benchbook on Self-Represented Litigants and author of the benchbook chapter on judicial ethics. He has been featured in educational presentations on dealing with self-represented litigants in many states and Canada. Additionally, Mr. Greacen has served as Project Consultant to the Self-Represented Litigation Network and was principal consultant for the Network's State Justice Institute-funded study of remote delivery of services to self-represented litigants.

John has an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D. from the University of Arizona. He is a member of the bar in Arizona, Colorado, the District of Columbia, New Mexico, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his work, including the Director's Award for Excellence in Leadership from the federal courts, the Award of Merit from the National Association for Court Management, and the Justice Management Institute's Ernest C. Friesen Award of Excellence for vision, leadership and sustained commitment to the improvement of the administration of justice.