

**Speaker Resumes**  
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***Judiciary Under Attack...***  
***Confronting Disinformation, Fake News and Online Assaults***

**Hon. Maria D. Hernandez**

... is the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, the third most populous county (3.2 million residents) in the State and the sixth largest county nationwide. She has served in that capacity since January 2021, and was recently elected by her colleagues to be Presiding Judge beginning on January 1, 2023. The Superior Court is a unified trial court with jurisdiction over all criminal and civil matters filed within the county. This fiscal year, there are 156 courtrooms and 6 virtual courtrooms operating with 144 authorized judicial positions, 1,501 employees and an annual budget of \$218.8 million.

She was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as a judge in 2009. Previously, she served as a senior deputy public defender in Orange County and beginning in 2006, as an appointed Court Commissioner with the Superior Court in Orange County. Judge Hernandez received her Bachelor's Degree from University of California, Irvine and her law degree from Western State University-Fullerton.

Since 2006, Judge Hernandez has served on the Criminal Felony Trial Panel, West Justice Panel, and the Juvenile Justice and Dependency Panels. Judge Hernandez spent nine years with the juvenile court serving as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court from 2014-18, where she created and presided over a specially designated court addressing commercially sexually exploited children (GRACE-Generating Resources to Abolish Child Exploitation) and co-chaired the Orange County Committee relating to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC).

Judge Hernandez also created and presided over an innovative collaborative court dedicated to boys in the child welfare system in 2010, which continues to meet the needs of highest risk system-involved youth and has recently launched a Young Adult Court (YAC), which addresses the special needs of emerging adults charged with felonies in the criminal justice system. In addition, since 2011, she has taught at Chapman Law School and Western State College of Law as an adjunct professor.

**Hon. James R. Brandlin (ret.)**

... is the Director of Public Safety for the Los Angeles Superior Court. Prior to assuming this special position, Judge Brandlin served as a trial judge with that court from 1997 – 2018. As a judge he had assignments in various court locations within Los Angeles County, America's most populous county with 10 million residents.

Prior to his judicial career, Judge Brandlin worked as Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles County, a Sergeant in the Montebello Police Department, a Deputy Sheriff in Santa Barbara County, and a Community Services Officer with the Inglewood Police Department.

He received his J.D. Degree (*cum laude*) from the Santa Barbara College of Law. He has instructor level certifications from the Los Angeles County Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Montebello Police Department, and serves as faculty at the Center for Judicial Education and Research in California, and at the National Judicial College (Reno, NV).

Over the years, he has been involved in numerous judicial security programs, committees, task forces, and has authored a wide array of publications on judicial safety, including as a member of the Judicial Council of California (2012 – 2015); Chair of the CJER Court Security Education Committee and Judges' Security Committee – LASC; AOC – ERS Task Force on Court Security; Judicial Council Criminal Law Advisory Committee; Vice Chair, Public Safety Officials' Home Protection Act; Personal Security Training – US Marshals Service – National Judicial College; Co-Author – Judicial Security – American Bar Association Magazine; Author and/or Co-Sponsor of Judicial Security Legislation; an Instructor in numerous programs, including *Privacy Protection & Personal Security for Judges and Public Safety Officials* at CJA Annual Meetings, CJER – Pasadena, LA Superior Court, LA District Attorney's Office, CA Attorney General's Office, Federal Judges - Central District of CA, Justices - CA Court of Appeal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Appellate District, California State Sheriff's Association, National Sheriff's Association & US Marshals Service, National Judicial College, Administrative Law Judges, Judicial College of CA, Washington DC Courts, CA Statewide Law Enforcement Association, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training Detective Symposiums.

### **Alberto Martinez**

... is the Director of the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC - referred to as oh-kayak), in place since 2007, is part of a network of fusion centers where law enforcement officials coordinate, analyze, collect, and share information and intelligence with other public safety agencies, including fire and health, and both private and public sector groups.

Orange County is the second-highest producing fusion center in the United States, only behind the New York Police Department, according to Sheriff Don Barnes. Aside from counter-terrorism work, OCIAC also addresses social unrest, cybercrimes, domestic violence extremists, threats to judges, other public officials and various institutions such as churches, civic organizations, etc.

### **Darren Toms**

... spent 25 years as a working journalist before joining the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in November of 2013. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Darren graduated from Ohio University in 1989. After graduation, Darren spent seven teaching Ohio University journalism students. In 1997, Darren moved to Cleveland to become the overnight news anchor for Newsradio WTAM 1100. By the time he left the station in 2013, he was news director and managed the newscasts for seven radio markets.

As PIO and community outreach coordinator for the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Darren has worked closely with media on high-profile trials, records requests, and court-related

communications. Darren has developed a number of programs including a court podcast, a monthly in-house newsletter, a variety of employee outreach programs, and Court In The Classroom, in which actual cases are heard in middle schools around the county. Darren is currently serving a two-year term as president of the Conference of Court Public Information Officers.

### **Brian Gunsolley**

... is a sergeant with Orange County Sheriff's Department with experience working in Corrections, Patrol, Critical Incident Response Team, Field Training Officer, Drug Liaison Officer, DUI Task Force member, and School Resource Officer. He has been with the Sheriff's Office for 23 years.

Sergeant Gunsolley currently supervises the Community Engagement Unit, responsible for providing safety education for schools and the general community. holds a BA in Economics from UCLA and a Master of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego. In 2012, Sergeant Gunsolley created an active shooter training program for the Saddleback Valley Unified School District to prepare teachers and staff for a school shooting.

Over the years, the demand for active shooter training in all community sectors has increased steadily. Sergeant Gunsolley now provides training for businesses, local governments, senior citizen communities, non-profit organizations, health care agencies, houses of worship, and private schools.

### **Anthony Pacheco**

... is a litigation shareholder at Vedder Price and a member of the firm's Government Investigations & White-Collar Defense group, which focuses on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, sensitive crisis management, and complex business litigation, including civil and criminal trials.

Pacheco advises a range of organizations and executives including public and private companies and nonprofits. Included among his clients are studios, post-production companies, software companies, private equity firms, brokerages, financial institutions, municipal governments, universities, medical centers, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and laboratories.

While much of his work is behind the scenes and intentionally kept out of the media, his opinion is frequently sought by clients and the media alike. He was recently quoted in the L.A. Times and Law360 and has been quoted previously in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Christian Science Monitor, the LA Daily Journal, a number of other regional papers and previously on CNN.

Pacheco is a former President of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners (LAPD) and a former Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Division, Central District of California.

## **Justin Mammen**

... currently serves as the Emergency Response and Security Services (ERSS) Manager for the Superior Court of California, County of Orange. In this position, he coordinates safety, security, and emergency management for all court facilities in the County. As the security manager, Justin liaisons with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, develops security policies, and provides technical guidance to improve the physical security of the Court. Prior to serving as the ERSS Manager, Justin began his career with the Court in 2011 as the Emergency Response Officer where he developed innovative programs such as social media monitoring for the Court and the first Courthouse Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the nation. Justin has taken the lead in developing safety, security, and emergency plans for the Court and has conducted tabletop, drills, functional, and full-scale exercises to ensure all staff from Court Clerk to Executive Management are aware of how to respond and manage emergency incidents. He successfully completed and managed several FEMA and Homeland Security Grant projects. He has provided technical guidance to other court systems throughout the United States in terms of emergency preparedness/security plan and policy development. Justin also serves as a part time Court Consultant with the National Center for State Courts focusing on court emergency and security planning. In the past year, Justin has worked with FEMA to develop the first judicial focused continuity of operations training course to further preparedness efforts for federal and state court systems.

Prior to working at the Court, Justin served as the Deputy Director with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leading their emergency management, disaster response, and emergency sheltering programs. During this time, Justin developed the first interagency disaster plan for homeless service providers within the "Skid Row" region of Downtown Los Angeles. His work on this plan was published as an innovative practice through the Department of Homeland Security.

Justin obtained his bachelor's degree in Psychobiology at the University of California, Los Angeles in 2003. He returned to UCLA to obtain his Masters' degree in Social Welfare in 2005 where his graduate research focused on community-oriented policing. Justin's passion is judicial security and emergency management. As a result, he has obtained numerous certifications in these fields. He is currently a Certified Emergency Manager through the International Association of Emergency Managers, a Master Exercise Practitioner, Master Continuity Practitioner, and Advanced Professional Series Certified through the Department of Homeland Security - FEMA, an Emergency Management, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Specialist through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, a Master Military Emergency Management Specialist through the State Guard Association of the United States, a Terrorism Liaison Officer through the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, a Critical Infrastructure Protection Specialist through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and is Certified in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) through the National Institute of Crime Prevention. He is a member of the California Emergency Services Association, International Association of Emergency Managers (Chair of the Region IX Judicial

Subcommittee), and currently serves on the Judicial Council of California – Court Security Advisory Committee.