

Speaker Resumes
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Mental Health Cases II: Crisis and Opportunity for State and Local Courts

Hon. James Bianco

... is a trial judge with the Superior Court of California in Los Angeles County. He is assigned to a full-time mental health courtroom in the Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles, handling felony cases in which people receive community mental health treatment. He was previously assigned from 2013-2023 to the Mental Health Courthouse, where he heard cases involving criminal competency and a wide variety of civil mental health treatment cases, including conservatorships and petitions for release from involuntary hospital treatment.

Judge Bianco has been active in mental-health related issues on a national level. He was a member of the National Center for State Court's Judicial Task Force to Examine the State Courts' Response to Mental Illness, and has been appointed by the California Chief Justice to numerous Advisory Committees of the California Judicial Council, the Work Group on Homelessness, and the California Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Ethics. Judge Bianco was the founding Chair of the Mental Health Committee of the California Judges Association.

Judge Bianco frequently teaches mental health-related courses to judges, both locally and around California. He has been faculty since 2007 in California's New Judges Orientation, taught criminal procedure at USC Gould School of Law, and taught a criminal externship seminar at UCLA School of Law.

Judge Bianco first took the bench as a Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner in 2005, and became a judge in 2008. He graduated from the USC Gould School of Law in 1987, after receiving his undergraduate degree from Stony Brook University in 1984. He received the Hon. Robert Takasugi Judicial Excellence Award from the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association in 2019, and the Judicial Champion Paradigm Award from the California Forensic Mental Health Association in November 2018.

Hon. Paula M. Carey (ret.)

... served as the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court from July 2013 to January 2022 when she retired from full-time service. She was appointed by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to her position overseeing the statewide trial court. Prior to that time, she had served as the Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court beginning in October 2007. She was appointed an Associate Justice of the Norfolk Probate and Family Court in 2001 where she began her career as a jurist..

In her role as Chief Justice of the Trial Court she partnered with the Court Administrator in the oversight of the Mass. Trial Court, which is comprised of seven court departments with 385 judges, 6,400 court staff, including Probation and Security, and 99 court facilities. They jointly directed the implementation of Strategic Plan 3.0, which targets priorities such as user

experience, judicial excellence, operational excellence and diversity, equity and inclusion. She served on the Council of State Governments Working Group and on Governor Baker's Opioid Task Force and has worked on National Initiatives in the areas of Substance Use disorders and Behavioral Health.

Prior to her appointment to the bench in January 2001, 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, diversity equity and inclusion as well as substance use disorder and behavioral health both as a practitioner and as a judge. She is a graduate of the New England Law School located in Boston, MA.

Chief Carey retired in January 2022. She remains actively involved in many of the initiatives she spearheaded during her time as Chief Justice. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO), and served on the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness.

Hon. Nan G. Waller

... currently is the Mental Health Court judge and manages the competency docket at the Circuit Court of Oregon for Multnomah County (Greater Portland). During her judicial career, she has served in numerous leadership capacities in her trail court, including as Chief Family Court Judge and as Presiding Judge of the Court. She was appointed to the Multnomah County Circuit Court bench in 2001.

Judge Waller Co-Chairs the Chief Justice's Behavioral Health Advisory Council. She also Chairs the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council and serves on the Governance Committee for building a local crisis assessment and stabilization center. Her interests are wide-ranging regarding racial, ethnic and gender fairness and addressing substance abuse and mental health problems prompting her membership on the Circuit Court's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and her participation on the Board of Lines for Life, a non-profit dedicated to preventing substance abuse and suicide and promoting mental health. On the national scene, Judge Waller was a member of the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness.

Judge Waller has received numerous awards for her work on the bench and in the community including the National CASA Judge of the Year, the Classroom Law Project's Legal Citizen of the Year Award and most recently the 2022 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence presented annually to a state trial court judge at a ceremony at the United States Supreme Court. She is the twenty-seventh judge to receive this distinguished Award since its origin in 1996.

Judge Waller received her BA from Stanford University and graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law.

Barbara B. Marcille

... is the Trial Court Administrator of the Circuit Court of Oregon in Multnomah County (Greater Portland), a position she has held since December 2014. It is the largest general jurisdiction court in Oregon with 54 judicial officers, 350 nonjudicial staff, and five court facilities serving a county population of over 800K residents. The court administrator works closely with the presiding judge and is responsible for information technology infrastructure, court records oversight, calendaring and court docketing, facility safety and security, and the administration of the Court's \$64M biennial budget.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Marcille spent two years as the Circuit Court's Deputy Trial Court Administrator, and one year as the Court Operations Supervisor in the Juvenile Division. Her career in court and judicial system management has taken her from the east coast to the west coast, as a mentor at a child abuse center, guardian ad litem in CASA programs, and program and development coordinator for a community mediation center in Wilmington, NC; to the director of a teen court program, grant writer for juvenile justice programs and a municipal court administrator in Los Alamos, NM; and finally the circuit court in Portland, OR.

Among her many honors and professional achievements, Ms. Marcille is the recipient of the Woman of Influence 2020 Award by the Portland Business Journal; the 2020 Award of Merit from the Portland Bar Association; the President's Service Award, National Association of Youth Courts (2009). Currently, she is an active member of the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee; the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council in the Portland area; and the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Youth Courts.

Ms. Marcille has a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, 1988.

John A Bello

... is a Principal Court Management Consultant with the National Center for State Courts' Consulting Services Division. His work is focused primarily in the following areas: leadership, governance, case flow and workload management and court space and technology.

Mr. Bello previously served as Court Administrator of the Massachusetts Trial Court where he oversaw 6,500 court staff, 97 courthouses, and a \$850 million budget for seven court departments and the Massachusetts Probation Service. As Court Administrator, he was responsible for the administrative functions that supported the Trial Court mission – Justice with Dignity and Speed. These included budget preparation and oversight, labor relations and human resources, information technology, facilities management, capital projects, and security. John also served as co-chair of the court's Trauma Task Force.

In 2017, John was named Associate Court Administrator and guided the efforts of the department heads within the Office of Court Management and coordinated their support of the court departments. He also guided the development and implementation of the Trial Court's

Strategic Plan 3.0 and 4.0, introduced enterprise project management, and led major operational initiatives in collaboration with leaders across all court departments.

Mr. Bello joined the Trial Court in 2013 as the Director of Facilities Management & Capital Planning overseeing maintenance and capital improvements for 60 state-owned facilities and working with county and private landlords to manage another 40 court buildings. He oversaw the development of a 20-year Court Master Capital Plan in concert with the state's Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance.