

**Honorable Anna Blackburne-Rigsby**, Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals

The Honorable Anna Blackburne-Rigsby was sworn in as Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on March 17, 2017. As Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby chairs the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration for the District of Columbia. Prior to being designated Chief Judge, Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was nominated by President George W. Bush in August 2006 to serve as an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Before that, Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby, nominated by President William Jefferson Clinton, served as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 2000-2006, and served as a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 1995-2000.

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby chairs the District of Columbia Courts' Standing Committee on Fairness and Access, and serves on the District of Columbia's Access to Justice Commission. Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby is the Chair and Moderator of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and is the Past President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) for the 2013-2014 term.

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has taught Trial Advocacy at the Harvard Law School and teaches Professional Responsibility as an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. She has also taught Continuing Legal Education courses for the District of Columbia Bar.

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and received the Duke University Presidential Leadership Award. Following graduation from Duke University, she was selected to be one of twelve Public Affairs Fellows of the Coro Foundation in San Francisco, California. She earned her law degree from Howard University School of Law, graduating in the top five percent of her class.

**Honorable Eric T. Washington**, Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (2005-2017)

Honorable Eric T. Washington was appointed Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2005 and served until his retirement in 2017, making him the have longest serving Chief Judge in the history of the D.C. Courts.

Prior to being designated as Chief Judge, he was an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and before that, he served as trial judge on the D.C. Superior Court. During his tenure as Chief Judge, Washington initiated live streaming of oral arguments; instituted a new case management system allowing for electronic accessibility to court dockets; and significantly reduced the time on appeal for cases filed.

Chief Judge Washington has also been a past President of the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States, and he is a nationally recognized leader on Access to Justice issues and works tirelessly to raise awareness of the importance of the rule of law and the role of the courts in our

democracy. He has been active in many professional, civic and charitable organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors for the National Center for State Courts, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Foundation, and the National Courts and Science Institute. He has served on several committees of the D.C. Bar, including the Criminal Justice Act/Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect Committee, the Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, the D.C. Courts' Standing Committee on Fairness and Access and the D.C. Access to Justice Commission. He also chaired the CCJ Access, Fairness and Public Trust Committee, the Committee under which the Language Access Advisory Committee serves as a subcommittee.

**Jonathan D. Mattiello**, Executive Director of the State Justice Institute

Jonathan D. Mattiello was appointed as the Executive Director of the State Justice Institute (SJI) in 2010, after serving three years as Deputy Director. SJI was established by federal law in 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10701 et seq.) to award grants to improve the quality of justice in the state courts. Prior to joining SJI, he served at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) as a Budget Analyst working on resource management issues. Earlier in his career, he served as a Program Analyst at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and was detailed to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations/Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee.

Mr. Mattiello is the recipient of numerous awards for service to SJI, DOJ, and DEA, including a Special Act Award for coordination and management of DOJ's response to budgetary issues related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He began his federal career as a Presidential Management Intern in 2001, and served six years in the U.S. Army National Guard. He holds a Master's in Public Affairs and B.A. in Communications from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; a Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University; and Certified Court Manager and Certified Court Executive credentials from the National Center for State Courts/Institute for Court Management.

**Honorable Neal E. Kravitz**, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Neal E. Kravitz has been a judge in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia since 1998. He has served in all of the court's major divisions and has sat by designation in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He is the Chair of the Language Access Advisory Committee and a member of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Access to the District of Columbia Courts, the Superior Court Rules Committee, and the Landlord-Tenant Rules Advisory Subcommittee. Before joining the bench, Judge Kravitz worked as a civil rights lawyer, public defender, and Senate staffer, holding positions with the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, the New Hampshire Public Defender, and the Senate POW/MIA and Whitewater Committees. He is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School and a former law clerk to Judge Henry A. Politz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

**Enoch Chang, Esq., Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center**

Enoch Chang has been working with the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) since May 2011. He is a staff attorney, with a particular focus on issues pertaining to immigration relief in asylum, trafficking visas, and deferred action; healthcare reform; and identify fraud. In addition to substantive legal work, and while continuing to administer the organization's online presence, Enoch is also the supervisor for the APALRC's Legal Interpreter Project (LIP) and the Crime Victims Assistance Program (CVAP), which partners with the DC Superior Court's Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) to provide monetary compensation to victims of violent crime in DC for medical expense, mental health counseling, lost wages, and other related costs.

**David Steib, Esq., Language Access Director, Ayuda, Inc.**

David Steib is the Language Access Director at Ayuda, a nonprofit that supports low-income immigrants through providing direct legal, social and language access services in the Washington, DC area.

David received a BA in Spanish and Theater Studies from Yale University and then spent a year in Madrid, Spain as a Fulbright Scholar. He received his JD from Georgetown University Law Center. Prior to joining Ayuda, David was the Assistant Director of the Office of Public Interest at American University Washington College of Law. Prior to that, he was a housing attorney and Skadden Fellow at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, specializing in language access and in serving Spanish-speaking tenants.

David serves on various committees of the DC Language Access Coalition; the board of the Washington Council of Lawyers (DC's public interest voluntary bar association); the steering committee of the DC Bar's Section on Courts, Lawyers, and the Administration of Justice; and the Language Access Advisory Committee of the DC Courts.

**Dr. Medha Bhadkamkar, Ph.D**

Medha has several years of academic research and industry experience in the areas of machine learning and data management. At NimbleStorage, a Hewlett Packard Enterprise company, she leads the team of data scientists and data engineers that provides insights, recommendations, and forecasting and predictions to customers who use enterprise storage systems in their data center. Medha received her Ph.D. in 2009, after she figured out how to improve I/O performance through workload-specific layout optimizations in the Linux Kernel. As a postdoctoral candidate, she designed and implemented a highly scalable NoSQL key value store, that is currently used to make almost 2 million inserts per second, at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**Robin Ghertner, MPP, Methodologist and Statistician**

Robin Ghertner has spent his professional career implementing and assessing social programs, including language access, at the local and federal levels. He currently *serves as the Director of Data and Technical Analysis in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation* at the US Department of Health and Human Services. He leads a team of social science researchers conducting analysis on poverty, the impact of HHS programs on increasing family self-sufficiency, and a wide range of policies supporting vulnerable populations. He was the lead statistician for the Corporation for National and Community Services, where he managed evaluations and assessed performance of national service programs across the country. Robin has completed assessments of language access policies and programs at the federal and local levels. He worked for the New York City Departments of Health and Education to implement some of the most far-reaching language access programs in the country, providing services to thousands of limited-English proficient families in over twenty languages. Robin received his Master's in Public Policy from the George Washington University.

**Allison Miles-Lee, Senior Supervising Attorney, Bread for the City**

Allison Miles-Lee is a Senior Supervising Attorney at Bread for the City, a non-profit organization in Washington D.C. that provides food, clothing, and medical, legal and social services to low-income D.C. residents. Allison provides direct legal representation to clients in family law cases including custody, divorce, civil protection orders for survivors of domestic violence, and child support. She also represents clients in public benefits cases before the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings. Allison is a member of the D.C. Language Access Coalition and the D.C. Courts' Language Access Advisory Committee.

**Eric H. Moe, Pro Bono Program Paralegal, Language Access Coordinator, Legal Services of Northern Virginia**

Eric Moe received his Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania in 1971. He later went to the University of Guadalajara in Mexico to study Spanish and later became a Spanish-Language interpreter/translator in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He subsequently worked as a caseworker for the American Red Cross for 17 years where he was stationed in Japan, Korea and Germany, and took advantage of being overseas to study the languages of these countries. During this period of time he also started to study French and Chinese. Eric Moe returned to the Washington Metro area and obtained a Paralegal Certificate from Old Dominion University and worked for the Virginia State Department of Child Support as a locate specialist and later as a paralegal in an Immigration Law Firm. Eric Moe joined the Staff of LSNV in 1998 and has worked there since with both the Pro Bono Program and the Language Access Program. Due to the high number of interpreter request in Vietnamese, he has started to study the Vietnamese Language. He also works part time as a Substitute ESOL Teacher with the Fairfax County Public School Adult Education Program.

**Deborah Cuevas Hill**, Staff Attorney, Consumer Fraud & Financial Abuse Unit, AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly

Deborah Cuevas Hill works as a bilingual attorney in the Consumer Fraud & Financial Abuse Unit at Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE). LCE is the primary provider of free legal services and advocacy for older people in the District of Columbia. In this role, Deborah represents low-income seniors who are victims of financial exploitation and real property fraud and/or who are facing foreclosure. Deborah is often in Small Claims Court as LCE's representative on the Court-Based Consumer Legal Services Project and on the DC Superior Court foreclosure docket.

Prior to joining LCE, Deborah was a senior staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society for the District of Columbia in the Housing Unit. Here Deborah staffed an office at the Landlord and Tenant Branch of the DC Superior Court in coordination with local service providers and provided emergency representation to low-income tenants facing eviction. In this role, Deborah also provided extended representation to clients facing eviction or loss of a housing subsidy.

Deborah previously clerked at the DC Court of Appeals for the Honorable Inez Smith Reid. She was also an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the National Partnership for Women & Families, where she educated state and national legislators regarding the need for policies that provide income to workers while on leave for family or medical reasons.

Deborah received her *Juris Doctor* from George Washington University Law School. She is a native Spanish and English speaker and a member of the California and District of Columbia Bars.

**Susan Kielitz, J.D.**, Principal Court Research Consultant, Research Division of the National Center for State Courts

Susan Keilitz, J.D. and Principal Court Research Consultant, joined NCSC in 1985. Over the past 25 years, Ms. Keilitz has focused on working with court leaders to improve domestic violence policy and practice in the civil and criminal justice systems. One of her recent efforts is developing online training modules for interpreters working in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Ms. Keilitz also has provided in-country technical assistance on gender-based violence issues for the U.S. State Department in Barbados and Serbia. Over the past three years, she has assisted in developing resources for court leaders on pretrial justice issues and collaborated with partner organizations promoting pretrial justice reform. Ms. Keilitz currently directs three projects funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (language access, specialized domestic violence courts, and technology for protection orders).

**Richard Schauffler**, Director of Research Services at the National Center for State Courts

Richard Schauffler joined the NCSC in October 2003. At the NCSC, he directs the Court Statistics Project, which collects and analyzes state court data to develop a national perspective on the work of the state courts. He is also project director for State Court Organization, the key reference work on state courts and he directs the National Instant Criminal Background Check System State Records Estimates Development and Validation Project.

Mr. Schauffler also works on the CourTools project, working to develop and assist states and courts to implement performance measures. His third area of concentration is workload assessment projects for judges, clerks, staff, and public defenders.

Previously, he served as Assistant Division Director at the California Administrative Office of the Courts, where he was responsible for statewide policy research and judicial branch strategic planning.