

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



2016 LAWYER REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

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The Lawyer Representatives for the Central District of California (“Lawyer Representatives”) are a large and diverse group that reflect a broad spectrum of practice areas. This past year, the Lawyer Representatives made great contributions in supporting the functioning of the courts, assisting in planning the judicial conference, and advancing the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest and the Central District Civics Contest throughout the jurisdiction.

The Lawyer Representatives organized a Central District Judicial Conference with a committee of judges from the District, led by the Honorable Michael Fitzgerald. The conference was in partnership with Loyola Law School under the leadership of Justin Levitt, Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Research.

The Central District Judicial Conference was held April 20-22, 2018 in Lake Arrowhead, California. The Conference opened with a welcoming reception at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa sponsored by Loyola Law School. After the reception, the attendees enjoyed dinner and a presentation, by Michael Waterstone, Fritz B. Burns Dean of Loyola Law School and CNN Anchor Carol Costello, entitled “*The Future of News.*” The second day of the Conference, attendees participated in panel discussions with esteemed professors from the Loyola Law School discussing such topics as “*The Future of Criminal Law and Procedure: A Roundup of Supreme Court Decisions, Recent and Forthcoming*”; “*The Future of Sex/Gender Discrimination and Harassment*”; and, “*The Future of Judicial Selection and Challenges Facing the Courts*”. The conference also featured a special Tribute to Judge Hillman and Judge Nakazato, two esteemed magistrate judges who passed this year.

In addition to the education component of the Conference, the Lawyer Representatives planned several activities to take advantage of the conference location, a visit to Sky Park at Santa’s Village where children and their families enjoyed rock climbing, ziplining, ice skating, go carts, hiking and biking trails and a

host of other activities; a special hike to Heart Rock; and a narrated boat tour on the Lake Arrowhead Queen. The conference was a great success. We received positive feedback from the judges and lawyers in attendance. Overall the partnership with Loyola Law School was a resounding success.

In addition to the Central District Judicial Conference, the Lawyer Representatives worked closely with the courts to assist in advertising and promoting the Ninth Circuit Civics Contests. The Lawyer Representatives worked closely with Judge Klein, Judge Kronstadt, and the court staff to advertise and to encourage students throughout the Central District to participate in the contest. The Lawyer Representatives engaged in significant outreach to high schools throughout the vast region that encompasses the Central District. Due to these efforts there was a significant increase in student submissions from the prior year. Lawyer Representatives also ranked the essays that were submitted by the students to determine the finalists for the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest.

We also organized the annual downtown dinner in Los Angeles. This was an opportunity for the Lawyer Representatives and Judges of the District to meet informally and to discuss mutual goals for the District.

The Lawyer Representatives have already begun working on the 2018 Central District Conference. Working with a committee of judges led by the Honorable Michael Fitzgerald, we have already identified a location and have begun work on formulating the program for the upcoming Conference.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Co-Chairs of the Lawyer Representatives over the past term. We are grateful for the opportunity to have played a role to assist the Courts and we look forward to a very successful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Misty Perry Isaacson and Nina Marino

Co-Chairs, Central District Lawyer Representatives