

## Western District of Washington – District Meeting and CLE

The 2018 Annual FBA District Meeting and CLE sponsored by the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives was held on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Seattle University. Inspired by a presentation at last year's 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Conference in San Francisco, this year the annual meeting and CLE were expanded to include the participation of law students and the general public, in addition to the judges from our district and lawyers from our association and others. The agenda for the program was split up with a public program in the morning and a program for lawyers and law students in the afternoon.

This year's program was entitled: **“The Japanese American Incarceration: Civil Liberties and Upholding the Rule of Law, Then and Now”**. During World War II, 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from their West Coast homes and incarcerated in desolate camps in the interior U.S. Two-thirds were American citizens. They had committed no crimes; they were incarcerated simply because of their race. The program included the following topics:

9:00-9:15 a.m.

### Welcome

SPEAKERS:

Annette Clark, Dean, Seattle University School of Law

Hon. Ricardo Martinez, Chief Judge, US District Court, Western District of Washington

9:15-9:45 a.m.

### The Japanese American cases: the wartime cases and their reopening

SPEAKER:

Lorraine Bannai, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Director, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality

9:45-10:30 a.m.

### A view from the client in a social justice case

SPEAKER:

Karen Korematsu, Founder & Executive Director, Fred T. Korematsu Institute

10:30-10:45 a.m.

BREAK

10:45-11:30 a.m.

## A view from the court

SPEAKER:

Hon. Marilyn Hall Patel, Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California (retired)

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

## Present-Day Relevance

SPEAKER:

Robert S. Chang, Executive Director, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality

12:15 p.m.

## Evaluations and Adjourn

## Afternoon Session

LOCATION: SULLIVAN HALL, ROOM C5

1:00-1:30 p.m.

### Registration and Coffee Service

LOCATION: SULLIVAN HALL, COURT-LEVEL ATRIUM

1:30-2:45 p.m.

## Panel Discussion: *Hirabayashi coram nobis* litigation

MODERATOR:

Margaret Chon, Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, Seattle University School of Law

SPEAKERS:

Camden Hall, Camden Hall PLLC

Rod Kawakami, The Law Offices of Rod Kawakami

Michael Leong, J.D., Senior Vice President of Corporate and Legal Affairs

Sharon Sakamoto, Sharon Sakamoto, PLLC

2:45-3:30 p.m.

## Current Events

SPEAKER:

Bob Ferguson, Washington State Attorney General

3:30-3:45 p.m.

## Break

3:45-4:15 p.m.

## State of the Courts

SPEAKER:

Hon. Brian Lynch, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington

Hon. Ricardo Martinez, Chief Judge, US District Court, Western District of Washington

4:15 p.m.

## Evaluations and adjourn

Overall, the expanded program (at a venue outside of the federal court house) was both well attended and incredibly well received particularly in light of the historical significance and current applicability of the due process and equal protection issues raised by the Japanese internment cases.