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Panelist Bios

HONORABLE JOHNNIE B. RAWLINSON, Circuit Judge, was born in Concord, North Carolina. She was appointed by Bill Clinton to the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada in 1998, and then to the Ninth Circuit in 2000. Prior to her appointments to the federal bench, Judge Rawlinson spent her entire legal career in Las Vegas, first in private practice, then as a staff attorney for Nevada Legal Services, and then in the Las Vegas District Attorney's Office, where she served for 18 years, ultimately as the assistant district attorney. She earned her J.D. from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1979.

HONORABLE JAY S. BYBEE, Circuit Judge, was born in Oakland, California. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by George W. Bush in 2003. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Bybee served as a law clerk on the Fourth Circuit and spent 3 years in private practice in Washington, D.C. before turning to federal government service for 7 years in the Department of Justice and then the White House under the first President Bush. He then spent 10 years in academia as a law professor, first at Louisiana State University and then here at the U.N.L.V. William S. Boyd School of Law, before returning to the Department of Justice for 2 years immediately preceding his appointment to the bench. He earned his J.D. from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School.

IAN BARTRUM teaches Constitutional Law, Constitutional Theory, and Law and Religion. He has taught previously at Drake Law School, Vermont Law School, and at Yale Law School as the Irving Ribicoff Fellow. His research interests are in constitutional history and theory, the Establishment Clause, and constitutional education. His theoretical work explores the practical norms that govern our constitutional interpretive practices, and the American Association of Law Schools recognized his article "The Constitutional Canon As Argumentative Metonymy" as the Steven Gey paper in Constitutional Law for 2010. He is a graduate of Hamilton College, Vermont Law School, and Yale Law School.

BRET BIRDSONG, a professor of law at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, is a recognized expert in Public Land, Federal Natural Resources, Water Rights and Conservation Law. While on leave from the law school from 2013-2016, he served in the Obama Administration as Deputy Solicitor for Land Resources at the

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U.S. Department of the Interior. At Interior he provided counsel to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and other agencies regarding important conservation and land management policy initiatives. His scholarly research focuses on public land management and water rights.

KELLY DOVE is an appellate litigation partner at Snell & Wilmer, where she has been counsel to companies and individuals in more than 200 state and federal appeals and writ proceedings. Kelly has an active pro bono practice and had the privilege of serving as counsel for the Plaintiff couples in Nevada's federal marriage equality case, *Sevcik v. Sandoval*. Kelly received her J.D. at the University of Nevada Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law where she was summa cum laude and ranked first in her class; her M.A. in philosophy from Rice University; and her B.A., cum laude, from Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Following law school, she clerked for United States District Court Judge, Philip M. Pro, and Ninth Circuit Judge, Jay S. Bybee. Kelly recently served on the Nevada State Bar's Taskforce on the changes to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Boyd School of Law Alumni Association; is a member and co-chair of the State Bar Appellate Litigation Section's Pro Bono Committee; a member of the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices; and a member and group chair of the American Inns of Court, Howard D. McKibben Chapter.

SUSAN GELMIS is the Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations at the Ninth Circuit. She has been with the court for 30 years, starting as a Motions Attorney in 1989. In 1992, she became the Supervising Attorney for the newly established Pro Se Unit, which she helped to define and create. In 1993, she worked with the Court and the federal bar to create the Circuit's Pro Bono Program, which she directed for 22 years. She assumed the additional role of Supervising Attorney of the Motions Unit in 2000. Susan has served on numerous Circuit wide committees and task forces relating to prisoner and pro se litigation, and as liaison to the pro se law clerks in the district courts, organizing and speaking at Circuit wide and national conferences. In December 2015, Susan moved to the Clerk's Office to assume her current position as Chief Deputy Clerk, where she oversees all docketing and filing

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and calendaring systems and procedures, and organizes and speaks at CLE programs around the Circuit. Susan is a 1987 graduate of NYU Law School and originally a native of New York.

MEGAN HOFFMAN has practiced criminal law, with a focus on appeals and post-conviction work, since 2006. She began her career as an Associate with the Law Office of JoNell Thomas in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2007, Megan joined the Federal Public Defender, District of Nevada as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Capital Habeas Unit. In 2009 she moved to the Non-Capital Habeas Unit and currently serves as its Chief. Megan was awarded the Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice Karen Winckler Dedicated Service Award two years in a row for her service to the criminal defense community. She previously served as a member of the Nevada State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Ethics, and she currently sits as a member of the Board of Directors for the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education.

MICHAEL KAGAN is Joyce Mack Professor of Law at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, where he directs the Immigration Clinic and teaches administrative law, professional responsibility, international human rights and immigration law. In both his research and his clinical teaching, Prof. Kagan focuses on the tension between immigration law and civil rights. His scholarship has been published by *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Iowa Law Review*, *Northwestern University Law Review*, *Iowa Law Review*, *Washington University Law Review*, *Boston College Law Review*, *Ohio State Law Journal*, and in online editions of *California Law Review* and *Michigan Law Review*, among others. He wrote several of the most widely cited articles in the fields of international refugee and asylum law, which have been relied on by courts in multiple countries. He is frequently interviewed on immigration issues by local, national and global news media, and is a frequent Op-Ed writer, with his work appearing in *The Washington Post*, *Salon.com*, *The Daily Beast*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

ANN C. MCGINLEY is the William S. Boyd Professor of Law at the UNLV Boyd School of Law, where she has taught Employment Law, Employment Discrimination, Torts, Disability Law, and seminars on employment and gender since 1999. Professor McGinley is the Co-Director of the Workplace Law Program

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and a member of the Health Law Program at Boyd School of Law. Professor McGinley is an internationally recognized scholar in the areas of employment, disability, and torts law and a leader in Multidimensional Masculinities Theory, an emerging discipline that applies masculinities theory from social sciences to legal interpretation. She has published more than sixty law review articles and book chapters. She is the author of *Masculinity at Work: Employment Discrimination Through a Different Lens* (NYU Press 2016). This book uses masculinities theory to analyze Title VII employment discrimination cases and to propose new applications of the law. McGinley is the editor of *Masculinities and the Law: A Multidimensional Approach* (NYU Press 2012) (with Frank Rudy Cooper) and the author of *Disability Law: Cases, Materials, Problems, Sixth Edition* (Carolina Academic Press 2017) and *Disability Law: Statutory Appendix: Federal Statutes and Regulations, Fifth Edition* (LexisNexis) (with Laura Rothstein).

DAN POLSENBERG is a partner in the appellate practice group at Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie. Based in Las Vegas, he also frequently works out of the Reno office. Dan is past President of the State Bar of Nevada and is the first Nevadan named a Fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Dan has more than 30 years of experience representing clients in cases ranging from tort to tax and constitutional to commercial law. He has personally argued over 250 appeals and has written briefs in hundreds more. Dan had previously been president of Beckley Singleton, which partnered with Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie in 2007. He has 200 reported decisions. In addition to issues of public importance, he often handles appeals regarding large awards, punitive damages and other untoward results.

HEIDI PARRY STERN is the Solicitor General for the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. Stern joined the Office in 2016 as Chief of the Post-Conviction Unit. In this position, she supervised attorneys around the State in litigating habeas matters and criminal appeals, focusing particularly on matters pending before the Ninth Circuit. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Stern was in private practice in Las Vegas, where she specialized in commercial appeals. A native Nevadan, Ms. Stern has been practicing law in the State for over 15 years. She began her Nevada career as a law clerk to the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson after graduating from Harvard Law School in 1999.

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ANNE TRAUM joined the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in 2008 after a distinguished career as a public service litigator and is a recognized expert on access to justice. She teaches Federal Courts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Investigation, Criminal Procedure Adjudication, directs the Appellate Clinic and co-directs the Misdemeanor Clinic. Her scholarship has focused on criminal adjudication, related civil litigation, and immigration. Professor Traum serves on Nevada's Access to Justice Commission, Right to Counsel Commission, the Pro-Se Litigation Committee of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and co-chairs the Pro Bono Committee for the state bar's Appellate Litigation Section. She served as a Lawyer Representative for the District of Nevada (2013-2016) and an Appellate Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (2009-2011).