



# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

## Appellate Advocacy Program

San Diego, California

March 19, 2019

**9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

### **Introduction and Overview**

Overview of Court process and caseload, Resources, New and Pending Rule Changes and Forms – Susan Gelmis, Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations

**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

### **Nuts and Bolts - Motions Practice and Mediation**

Panel: Allison Taylor (Motions Attorney); Sasha M. Cummings (Circuit Mediator); Kara Hartzler (Federal Defenders); Todd Burns (Burns and Cohan)

Topics: Mediation at the Appellate Level, Motions Practice, How it Works from the Inside

**10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

### **Break**

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10:45 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

**Demystifying Federal Appellate Practice**

Panel: Siri Shetty (Appellate Defenders, Inc.), Rupa Singh (Niddrie Addams Fuller Singh), Laura Castillo (Career Law Clerk to Judge Owens)

Moderator: Johanna Schiavoni (Law Office of Johanna S. Schiavoni)

Topics: Comparing and contrasting Ninth Circuit civil and criminal practice with California state appellate practice; insider perspectives on Ninth Circuit practices

11:45 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

**Lunch Break**

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Writing Persuasive Appellate Briefs/Tips for Oral Argument**

Panel: Hon. Margaret M. McKeown (Circuit Judge); Hon. John B. Owens (Circuit Judge); Helen Hong (Appellate Chief, United States Attorneys' Office); Harini Raghupathi (Federal Defenders)

Topics: Effective Brief Writing and Oral Argument