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Roger Townsend – LRCC Chair

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Roger Townsend is the program chair of 2024 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and chair of the Ninth Circuit's Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee, or LRCC. Townsend is a trial attorney and founding partner of Breskin Johnson & Townsend, PLLC, a plaintiff-side civil litigation firm in Seattle. Townsend is a past president of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington and serves on the district's Litigation Academy Faculty. Townsend volunteers at the bar association's Civil Rights Legal Clinic and is a former city councilmember from Bainbridge Island, Washington. Townsend began his career as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge William L. Dwyer of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. He subsequently served as a law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge Robert R. Beezer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Townsend earned his B.A. from Wesleyan University and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.



Cynthia Jones – LRCC Chair Elect

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Cynthia Jones of Jones Legal Group concentrates her practice on civil and criminal appeals in federal and state courts, including briefing and arguing cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the Supreme Court of Washington, and the various courts of appeal in Washington state. She also handles matters at the trial level in both federal and state courts. She was elected to "Washington Rising Stars," 2010-2016 and to "Washington Super Lawyers," 2017-2022. Jones is an appointee to the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Ninth Circuit and Western District of Washington. She served as past president of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington, past president of the William L. Dwyer American Inn of Court and past chair of the King County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section. She currently serves, by appointment of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit and currently serves as program chair for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society. She started her legal career clerking for Justice Charles W. Johnson of the Washington Supreme Court.

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Robert Marticello is a corporate bankruptcy attorney and founding partner of Smiley Wang-Ekval, LLP, a bankruptcy boutique firm in Costa Mesa, California. He represents parties in cases across the country and in virtually all aspects of Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, out-of-court restructurings, and bankruptcy litigation. In one notable case, Marticello helped reorganize Roscoe’s House of Chicken and Waffles restaurants, including the original in Hollywood. Marticello is currently serving as the vice chair of the Ninth Circuit’s Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee. He has been consistently recognized by Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers Magazine. He was previously selected by the American Bankruptcy Institute for its inaugural “40 Under 40” award as one of the top insolvency professionals in the U.S. and for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges’ Next Generation Program as one of the 40 “up and coming” bankruptcy attorneys in the country. Marticello is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Federal Bar Association, Orange County Chapter, and the Turnaround Management Association-Southern California. He served as president of the California Bankruptcy Forum (2015-2016) and of the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum (2010-2011). Marticello began his career as the law clerk for two United States bankruptcy judges for the Central District of California, the Honorable John E. Ryan and the Honorable Robert N. Kwan.