

2026 POWER Act Webinar for District Courts in the Ninth Circuit

Speaker Biographies

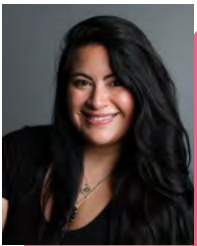


District Judge Jon S. Tigar is a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, where he has served since January 2013. He previously served as a judge of the Alameda County Superior Court for 11 years.

Judge Tigar is a member of the American Law Institute, where he serves as an adviser to the forthcoming “Restatement (Third) of Torts: Defamation and Privacy.” He previously served as an adviser to the “Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Economic Harm.” He has also served on both the Ninth Circuit Jury Instructions Committee and the California Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions. He previously taught pretrial litigation at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Judge Tigar has a long-standing interest in domestic violence and the protection of domestic violence victims. He has assumed responsibility for the Northern District’s—and now Ninth Circuit’s—POWER Act presentations since 2019.

Judge Tigar earned his J.D. from U.C. Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (now U.C. Berkeley Law), where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and an articles editor of the California Law Review. He has a bachelor’s degree from Williams College.



Lizeth Castillo is the managing attorney of the Legal Assistance Project at Peace Over Violence. She is an immigration attorney specializing in providing immigration relief for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. She has been practicing humanitarian immigration law for more than 10

years and graduated from the State University of New York, Buffalo School of Law. Before joining Peace Over Violence, Castillo was an attorney with the Immigration Center for Women and Children in Los Angeles and New York Legal Assistance Group in New York City.



Jennafer Dorfman Wagner is the director of programs at Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP). She has been a legal services attorney since 1997, including over 25 years in a supervisory or managerial role. She has practiced in diverse geographic regions and in multiple subject areas in previous positions at Mental Health

Advocacy Project (a project of Law Foundation of Silicon Valley in San Jose, California); Legal Action of Wisconsin; Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless in D.C.; and Nevada Legal Services.



Dia Omasonte is a pro bono attorney and part of the team that guides WilmerHale’s pro bono program. She develops new pro bono opportunities and maintains close relationships with legal services organizations that refer matters to the firm, helping to identify projects that are responsive to the legal needs of underserved communities.

Before joining WilmerHale, Omasonte served as a pro bono attorney at another international law firm, where she managed West Coast pro bono programs. She also represented survivors of domestic violence in family law and immigration cases at Bay Area Legal Aid, the Bay Area’s largest civil legal aid provider. For six years, Omasonte litigated on behalf of clients in trials and hearings involving custody, visitation, restraining orders and other family law matters. She also obtained immigration relief through the Violence Against Women Act, U-visa and adjustment of status for dozens of clients and their children. After graduating with a concentration in criminal law from U.C. College of the Law, San Francisco, Omasonte defended indigent clients as an assistant public defender in Pennsylvania.

Omasonte is co-chair of the OneJustice California Joint Pro Bono Manager Forum, a quarterly convening that brings together pro bono leaders from legal services organizations, law firms and corporations to address issues relevant to the pro bono community. She also serves on the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County’s Pro Bono Advisory Committee.