

PRESENTERS' BIOS

Effective Advocacy: Seeking Ninth Circuit En Banc and U.S. Supreme Court Review

The Hon. Eric Miller:

Eric D. Miller is a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. He was appointed in 2019. His chambers are in Seattle, Washington. Prior to his appointment, Judge Miller was in private practice in Seattle, where he also served as a part-time lecturer at the University of Washington School of Law. He previously served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States, as Deputy General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission, as an attorney on the Appellate Staff of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and as an attorney-adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Judge Miller received his A.B. from Harvard University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the Honorable Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Paul Keller:

Paul Keller is a longtime staff attorney with the Ninth Circuit, and has assisted Judge S.R. Thomas in coordinating the en banc process for over twenty years. Between 1989 and 1990, he served as a law clerk to former Ninth Circuit Judge Alfred T. Goodwin. He taught courses in legal writing, moot court, and appellate advocacy at UC Hastings College of the Law from 1999 to 2014.

Riyaz Kanji:

Riyaz Kanji is a founding member of Kanji & Katzen, PLLC, a firm whose mission is to advance Tribal sovereignty. A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, Riyaz served as a law clerk to the late Honorable Betty Fletcher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice David Souter of the United States Supreme Court. He is a principal advisor to the Tribal Supreme Court Project. Riyaz represents Tribes at all levels of the federal court system, with recent representations ranging from briefing and arguing in front of the Supreme Court in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, which vindicated the continued existence of the Muscogee Creek Reservation, to serving as the lead trial lawyer for the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians in its ongoing efforts to remove the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline from its Reservation.