

## **PRESENTERS' BIOS**

### **The Hon. Marsha Berzon:**

Marsha S. Berzon was confirmed by the Senate to serve as a United States circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on March 9, 2000, and received her judicial commission on March 16, 2000. She assumed senior status on Jan. 23, 2022. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Berzon was in private practice as an associate at Altshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon and Rubin in San Francisco from 1978 to 2000 and at Woll & Mayer in Washington, D.C., from 1975 to 1977. Judge Berzon received her B.A. from Radcliffe College in 1966 and her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, in 1973. She clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge James R. Browning from 1973 to 1974 and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., from 1974 to 1975. She maintains chambers in San Francisco.

### **The Hon. Richard Clifton:**

Richard Clifton has been a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 2002, with chambers in Honolulu. After graduating from Princeton University and Yale Law School, he served one year as a law clerk for Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy, the first Hawaii resident to serve on the Ninth Circuit, and then practiced law in Honolulu for 25 years before being appointed to the court. He assumed senior status as a circuit judge on December 31, 2016, and continues to hear cases in that capacity.

He is the Immediate Past President of the Federal Judges Association and continues to serve on its Executive Committee. He served for ten years on the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, the last four years as its chair. He is a director of the American Judicature Society, the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society, and the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and a member of the American Law Institute and the Pacific Judicial Conference. He has twice served as an acting associate justice of the Appellate Division of the High Court of American Samoa.

Since 1979 he has taught intermittently at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. For 24 years he was a director of Hawaii Public Radio, six years as its Chairman. He is married and has two adult children. He is known to be a devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs (often suffering, but not as much as before 2016).

**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.

**Susan Gelmis:**

Susan Gelmis is the Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations at the Ninth Circuit. She has been with the court for over 30 years, previously serving as supervisor of the Motions and Pro Se Units in the Staff Attorneys' Office and as director of the Circuit's Pro Bono Program for 22 years. 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. Since 2015, Susan has served as Chief Deputy Clerk, overseeing all docketing and filing and calendaring systems and procedures, staffing the Circuit Advisory Rules Committee and Appellate Lawyer Representatives, and organizing and speaking at CLE programs around the Circuit. Susan is a 1987 graduate of NYU Law School and originally a native of New York.