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Panelist Bios

HONORABLE MARGARET M. McKEOWN, Senior Circuit Judge, was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1998. She graduated from Georgetown University Law Center and holds an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University. Before her appointment, Judge McKeown was the first female partner at Perkins Coie in Seattle and Washington, D.C., and she served as a White House Fellow. Judge McKeown chairs the Ninth Circuit Workplace Environment Committee and is a member of the National Workplace Conduct Working Group and the Judicial Conference United States Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability. She also chairs the Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee. She served as president of the Federal Judges Association, chair of the Judicial Conference United States Codes of Conduct Committee (ethics), and chair of the ABA Commission on the 19th Amendment. She serves on the boards of the World Justice Project and the Teton Science Schools and is on the Council of the American Law Institute, the Judicial Advisory Board of the American Society of International Law, and the editorial board of *Litigation* magazine.

Judge McKeown is Vice Chair of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative. She has lectured throughout the world on international law, human rights law, intellectual property, litigation, ethics, judicial administration, and constitutional law and has participated in numerous rule of law initiatives with judges and lawyers. Judge McKeown is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She received the American Inns of Court Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Ethics and Professionalism Award, the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement award, the ABA John Marshall Award, and the Girl Scouts Cool Woman Award, among others. Judge McKeown is the author of *Citizen Justice: The Environmental Legacy of William O. Douglas—Public Advocate and Conservation Champion* (2022).

HONORABLE JOHN B. OWENS, Circuit Judge, was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2014. Prior to becoming a federal judge, he was a partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (where he focused on white collar investigations and appellate matters), and a federal prosecutor for more than 11

years in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and San Diego. He served as the Chief of the Criminal Division in the U.S Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, and received two Director's Awards for his work there. The television show American Greed featured two of his prosecutions, and he obtained the longest sentence for a white-collar defendant in the history of the Southern District of California in *United States v. Cao*.

Judge Owens graduated first in his class from Stanford Law School in 1996, where he was an Executive Editor on the Stanford Law Review. After graduation, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the Supreme Court of the United States. His written work has appeared in the *California Law Review*, the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Northwestern Law Review*, and other law reviews.

HONORABLE KENNETH K. LEE, Circuit Judge, was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2019. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Jenner & Block in Los Angeles. He earlier served as an Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush and as Special Counsel to Senator Arlen Specter, then-chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He started his legal career at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York.

Judge Lee is a 2000 *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1997 *summa cum laude* graduate of Cornell University. He clerked for Judge Emilio M. Garza of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 2000 to 2001.

HONORABLE PATRICK J. BUMATAY, Circuit Judge, was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2019. He is based in San Diego, California.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Bumatay served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, where he was a member of the Appellate and Narcotics Sections. He also served as a Counselor to the Attorney General on criminal law issues, including on national opioid strategy and combating transnational organized crime. Judge Bumatay has also worked in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, the Office of the Associate Attorney General, and the Office of Legal Policy at the U.S. Department of Justice. Judge Bumatay has twice received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award.

Judge Bumatay previously worked as an associate at Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason, and Bohrer in New York, New York. Judge Bumatay clerked for the Honorable Timothy M. Tymkovich of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the Honorable Sandra L. Townes of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Judge Bumatay earned his B.A., cum laude, from Yale University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

ZANDRA LOPEZ is an appellate attorney at the Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. In recent years, her practice has focused on capital post-conviction, compassionate release cases, and appeals. Three years after joining FDSDI, she left the office for a few years to start her private practice where she focused on both trial and appellate criminal defense. Prior to joining FDSDI, Zandra was an associate attorney at the law firm of McKenna, Long, & Aldridge LLP practicing civil litigation and criminal defense. In 2023, Zandra was awarded Federal Defender of the Year by the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association. She is a graduate of the University of California San Diego and George Washington University Law School.

DANIEL ZIPP is the chief of criminal appeals at the U.S. Attorney's office for the Southern District of California. He has argued over 60 appeals before the Ninth Circuit including two en banc arguments. Daniel has been chief of the appellate section since 2019, where he is responsible for reviewing every brief filed by the office and leading moot courts to prepare other appellate attorneys for oral arguments. He has been with the U.S. Attorney's office since 2008, working in the general crimes and narcotics sections before joining the appellate section in 2015. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's office, Daniel served as a law clerk for Judge J. Clifford Wallace, and he worked for several years at a Cleary Gottlieb in New York. He received his J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law.

SUSAN GELMIS is the Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations at the Ninth Circuit. She has been with the court for 35 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.

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 University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) from 1999 to 2014.

KATIE A. RICHARDSON is lead appellate counsel with the San Diego County Counsel's Office and a current Ninth Circuit Appellate Lawyer Representative. Her work focuses on complex federal and state appeals, and major issue litigation in which an appeal is likely. In addition to serving as an Appellate Lawyer Representative, she has served on the Executive Board of the ABA's Counsel of Appellate Lawyers and as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Southern California. Before joining the County Counsel's Office, Katie was in private practice specializing chiefly in appellate litigation. Katie clerked for the Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez of the U.S Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Honorable Valerie Baker Fairbank of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.