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Insider's View of Ninth Circuit Process and Workload; Judges' Perspective on Effective Appellate Advocacy

The Hon. Jay S. Bybee:

Judge Bybee was appointed to the U. S. Court of the Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2003 by President George W. Bush. Prior to joining the court, he served as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice. Previously, he was professor of law at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. Judge Bybee has served as Associate Counsel to the President at the White House, as an attorney at the Department of Justice in the Appellate Section of the Civil Division and in the Office of Legal Policy, and as an associate at Sidley & Austin in Washington, D.C. He clerked for Judge Donald Russell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Judge Bybee did his undergraduate work in economics at Brigham Young University and received his J.D. from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU. He has co-authored a book on the history of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments and has published articles in numerous journals, including *The Yale Law Journal*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Law Review*, *Northwestern University Law Review*, and *The George Washington University Law Review*.

The Hon. Daniel P. Collins:

Judge Daniel P. Collins was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2019 by President Donald J. Trump. Prior to his appointment, Judge Collins practiced law for nearly 20 years as a partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, where he focused on appeals and complex civil litigation. Over the course of his career, he also served in the U.S. Department of Justice in a variety of roles, including as an Associate Deputy Attorney General under Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California, and an Attorney Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel. He served as a law clerk for Judge Dorothy W. Nelson of the Ninth Circuit from 1988–89 and for Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court during O.T. 1991. Judge Collins also taught for several years as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard College in 1985 and received his law degree from Stanford Law School in 1988.

Susan Gelmis:

Susan is the Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations at the Ninth Circuit. She has been with the court for over 35 years, previously serving as supervisor of the Motions and Pro Se Units in the Staff Attorneys' Office and as founder of the Circuit's Pro Bono Program, which she directed 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. In 2015, Susan moved to the Clerk's Office to assume her current position, where she oversees all docketing and filing, records and calendaring systems and procedures, supports the Circuit Advisory Rules Committee and the Appellate Lawyer Representatives, and organizes and speaks at CLE programs around the Circuit. Susan is a 1987 graduate of NYU Law School and originally a native of New York.

Peder Batalden:

Peder K. Batalden is a partner at Horvitz & Levy LLP, a civil appellate boutique with offices in Burbank and San Francisco. He has handled dozens of appeals in the Ninth Circuit, including from 12 of the 15 judicial districts within the circuit. Peder co-authors a leading treatise, the Rutter Group's Ninth Circuit Civil Appellate Practice, which is available on Westlaw. He currently serves as a Ninth Circuit Appellate Lawyer Representative. He is a past Chair of the State Bar of California's Standing Committee on the Federal Courts, which works to enhance bench-bar relations. Before joining Horvitz & Levy, Peder worked in the Los Angeles office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He served as a law clerk to Judges Kermit E. Bye (8th Cir.) and Robert J. Kelleher (C.D. Cal.). He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the UCLA School of Law.