

## **PRESENTERS' BIOS**

### ***Immigration Cases in the Ninth Circuit: Court Process and Hot Topics***

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

Richard Clifton has been a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 2002. His chambers are in Honolulu. After graduating from Princeton University and Yale Law School, he was a law clerk for Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy, the first Hawaii resident to serve on the Ninth Circuit, and practiced law in Honolulu for 25 years before being appointed to the court. He has served as president of the Federal Judges Association, as chair of the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, and as an acting associate justice of the Appellate Division of the High Court of American Samoa. 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. 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 chair. 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. Danielle J. Forrest:**

Danielle J. Forrest is a United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit based in Portland, Oregon. Before joining the federal bench in 2019, Judge Forrest was a state trial judge in Oregon. On the state bench, she served as the Chief Civil Judge and the Presiding Judge.

Judge Forrest graduated summa cum laude from the University of Idaho College of Law. She clerked for Judge Paul J. Kelly, Jr. of the Tenth Circuit, Judge Michael W. Mosman of the U.S. District Court in Oregon, and Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain of the Ninth Circuit. Judge Forrest practiced commercial litigation in Portland, and she has taught advanced civil procedure and litigation skills as an adjunct professor at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Judge Forrest has two adult children and enjoys traveling and kayaking.

### **Lisa Fitzgerald:**

Lisa has worked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 1997. As the Chief Staff Attorney, she manages the 70+ attorneys and 10+ support staff who make up the court's central legal staff. Since January 2021, Lisa has also served as the court's Appellate Commissioner, ruling on procedural matters like appointment of counsel, sealing of documents, and forma pauperis status. Lisa has served on several national committees within the judiciary, including four years on the Information Technology Advisory Council. Before coming to the Ninth Circuit, Lisa was a law clerk to Judge Stanley A. Weigel in the Northern District of California, after receiving her J.D. from Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley School of Law.

### **Stacy Tolchin:**

Stacy Tolchin established the Law Offices of Stacy Tolchin in 2010 and practices exclusively in immigration law. Ms. Tolchin primarily litigates before the Courts of Appeals and U.S. District Courts, as well as the Board of Immigration Appeals and the immigration courts, and speaks regularly at conferences regarding federal court immigration litigation. Ms. Tolchin is the recipient of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association Southern California Chapter 2019 Annual Pro Bono Award; the University of California at Los Angeles Law School's 2018 Alumni Public Service Award; the National Lawyers Guild of Southern California 2017 award, the American Immigration Lawyers Association's 2009 Jack Wasserman Award for Excellence in Immigration Litigation, the 2009 American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California Equal Justice Advocacy Award, the 2008 recipient of the National Immigration Law Center Annual Award, a 2007 Recipient of the "Unsung Hero" Award for the National Lawyers Guild of the Bay Area, and was recognized in 2003 by the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee of San Francisco. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project for the National Lawyers Guild, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Legal Action Center of the American Immigration Council, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and a member of the National Lawyers Guild. Prior to establishing her practice, Ms. Tolchin was an attorney with Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, LLP from 2001 through 2010. Ms. Tolchin is a graduate of University of California at Los Angeles (JD). Her office is located in Pasadena, California.