

# ROADMAP TO JUSTICE

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## Welcome

Equal justice under the law is one of America's most proudly proclaimed and widely violated legal principles. It embellishes courthouse entries, ceremonial occasions, and an occasional constitutional decision. But it comes nowhere close to describing the justice system in practice. Millions of Americans lack any access to the system, let alone equal access. It is a shameful irony that our nation, which has the world's greatest concentration of lawyers, also has one of the least adequate systems for legal assistance. It is more shameful still that the inadequacies attract so little concern.

The Roadmap to Justice Project seeks to bring greater visibility and expertise to this issue. Its goal is to draw leaders in the field together to chart a national agenda for access to justice by those who need it most. Through a series of structured conversations with leading experts, we hope to develop a plausible plan for the reorganization of legal processes, ethical rules, court procedures, and pro bono programs.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Suffolk University Law School and Dean Alfred C. Aman, Jr. for hosting our initial gathering, and providing a wonderful location to begin this important work. This symposium, along with a companion event on March 27, 2009 at Stanford Law School and a culminating event the following summer, will provide a starting point for an ongoing effort to turn the tide on this increasingly significant issue.

We thank you for joining us.

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# Symposium Agenda

9:00am	Continental Breakfast available
9:30am	Introduction <b>Alfred C. Aman, Jr.</b> <i>Dean and Professor of Law, Suffolk University Law School</i> <b>James G. Sokolove</b> <i>Law Offices of James Sokolove / Sokolove Charitable Fund</i> <b>Participants</b>
10:00am-12:00pm	Overview Project Objectives <b>Deborah L. Rhode</b> <i>Director, Center on the Legal Profession</i> <i>E.W. McFarland Professor of Law</i> <i>Stanford Law School</i>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify areas of greatest need based on stakes and volume, and relevant sources of data <b>Russell Engler</b> <i>Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs</i> <i>New England School of Law</i></li><li>2. Identify potential strategies, including: increased public support for legal representation, court-mandated representation (Civil Gideon); law reform (simplification, unbundling); court reform (pro se assistance); increased reliance on non-lawyers and technology; increased pro bono and improved quality control; increased law school involvement</li><li>3. Identify potential sources of resources</li><li>4. Identify challenges and possible responses (public education, policy initiatives, judicial initiatives)</li><li>5. Identify project strategies</li></ol>
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:15pm	Breakout session on topical issues: Civil Gideon / Role of Law Schools, Involvement of the Private Sector / Pro Bono Assistance, Court Reform / Law Reform, Technology / Pro Se, Funding / Role of Bar, Non-lawyer Assistance
2:15-2:30pm	Break
2:30- 4:00pm	General session / reports from breakout discussions
4:00-4:15pm	Break
4:15-5:00pm	Forecast of strategies and agenda for spring and summer events
5:00pm	Adjourn
5:30pm	Dinner



## Participant Roster

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### **Deborah L. Rhode**

E.W. McFarland Professor of Law  
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Deborah L. Rhode is one of the nation's leading scholars in the fields of legal ethics and gender, law, and public policy. An author of 20 books, including *Women and Leadership* and *Moral Leadership*, she is the most frequently cited scholar in legal ethics. She is the director of the Stanford Center on the Legal Profession.

Professor Rhode is the former president of the Association of American Law Schools, the former chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession, the founder and former director of Stanford's Center on Ethics, and the former director of the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford. She also served as senior counsel to the Minority members of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary on presidential impeachment issues during the Clinton administration. She has received the American Bar Association's Michael Franck award for contributions to the field of professional responsibility; the American Bar Foundation's W. M. Keck Foundation Award for distinguished scholarship on legal ethics, and the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award for her work on expanding public service opportunities in law schools. She is currently a columnist for the *The National Law Journal* and vice chair of the board of Legal Momentum (formerly the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund).

Before joining the Stanford Law faculty, Professor Rhode was a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.



### **James G. Sokolove**

Founder, The Law Offices of James Sokolove, LLC  
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Recognized as the pioneer and leader in legal services marketing, Attorney James Sokolove is the founder and chairman of The Law Offices of James Sokolove, LLC, a nationwide affiliation of law firms concentrating in personal injury law.

Jim has been driven by his passion to provide quality representation and equal access to the civil justice system for everyone, irrespective of ethnicity, income or geography. He has been listed in the *Boston Business Journal* as one of Boston's 100 Most Influential Business People of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* as one of the most influential attorneys of the past 25 years, for increasing access through marketing to our legal system.

Jim is a tireless servant of the community, advocate for the poor and disabled with a continuing commitment to public service. Among his many awards for his pro-bono and charitable work, Jim was the recipient from President Ronald Reagan of a Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives. He volunteers time with local legal services and serves as a mentor to beginning business entrepreneurs.

For over twenty five years Jim's personal character and exemplary professional standards have been reflected in the impressive success of his firm, its longstanding and valued affiliate relationships and its continuing commitment to community work.

Jim has been awarded the highest ranking of AV by Martindale Hubbell. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and the Suffolk University School of Law and makes his home in Newton, MA.



**Alfred C. Aman, Jr.**  
Dean and Professor of Law  
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Alfred Aman, the Dean of Suffolk University Law School is an internationally known scholar and lecturer. Dean Aman was the Dean of Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington from 1991-2002. More recently, Dean Aman has been the Roscoe C. O'Byrne Professor of Law at Indiana. He has previously served as a member of the Cornell University Law School faculty and has held a Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Trento, Italy, and visiting professorships in England, France, and Italy. Dean Aman is the author of five books and numerous articles on administrative and

regulatory law, especially as it relates to the global economy. He taught Administrative Law during the Spring 2008 semester.

Dean Aman is a graduate of the University of Rochester and the University of Chicago Law School, where he was Executive Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review.

## Participant Biographies



### **Laura K. Abel**

Deputy Director, Justice Program  
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Laura K. Abel is Deputy Director of the Justice Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, where she has worked since 1999. Her work is aimed at enhancing the ability of low-income families and individuals to obtain legal counsel and access to the courts, and at securing the freedom of nonprofit organizations to exercise their First Amendment rights in the course of assisting low-income communities. Prior to joining the Brennan Center, Ms. Abel was a Gibbons Fellow at Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, P.C. where she litigated on behalf of low-income people in a wide variety of cases. In preceding years, she was a staff attorney fellow for the ACLU

Reproductive Freedom Project and clerked for Judge Robert Carter of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Abel received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1994.



### **IV Ashton**

President & CEO  
PS Technologies, Inc.

IV Ashton is the founder and President of P.S. Technologies, Inc. Mr. Ashton has a proven track record of providing technical assistance to non-profit organizations with regard to designing, developing and implementing vital information and knowledge management solutions. As the founder of the Illinois Legal Aid Online ("ILAO"), Mr. Ashton developed the first Internet-based platform to deliver legal training and support to volunteer attorneys and pro se litigants in Illinois. The ILAO continues to utilize advanced database applications and tackle the fundamentals of distance learning.

In addition to his work domestically, Mr. Ashton has significant international experience assisting governmental and non-government organizations in developing information technology solutions to increase efficiencies. For instance, Mr. Ashton designed Albania's legal information infrastructure for the World Bank. Additionally, he developed a war crimes database to track the violations of human rights in Kosovo as a result of the conflict in Kosovo and has led legal/information technology projects in Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania.

Mr. Ashton graduated with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, and received both a M.A. in Public Administration from the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado, and a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Colorado.



**Todd Baskin**

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Head of Global Investment Banking Legal  
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Todd M. Baskin is a Managing Director and Head of Global Investment Banking Legal at Banc of America Securities LLC. He oversees legal coverage for global investment banking, mergers and acquisitions and private equity investments. In addition, Mr. Baskin is the Chair of Bank of America’s pro bono program.

Prior to joining Banc of America Securities, he was a Senior Vice President in the Investment Banking Division of Lehman Brothers Inc. Mr. Baskin also worked as a corporate associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell. He clerked for the Honorable Marie L. Garibaldi,

Supreme Court of New Jersey, from 1995 to 1996.

Mr. Baskin graduated, *summa cum laude*, from Princeton University and received his J.D., from Yale Law School. He is admitted to the bars of New Jersey and New York.



**Jeanne Charn**

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From 1970-1973, Ms. Charn was a legal aid lawyer. In 1973, Ms. Charn was appointed Assistant Dean for Clinical Programs at Harvard Law School and worked with Professor Gary Bellow to develop Harvard’s clinical program. In 1975, she was appointed Lecturer in Law and continues to teach *The Lawyering Process*, an introduction to professional ethics and civil practice; *Delivery of Legal Services*; *Legal Needs of Moderate Income Households*; *Poverty, Law, Policy and Practice*; and, with Professor Duncan Kennedy, *Housing Law and Policy*.

In 1979, Ms. Charn and Professor Bellow founded a clinical practice center, now the WilmerHale Legal Services Center. From 1979 to 2006, Ms Charn directed WilmerHale Legal Services Center, the largest clinical center at Harvard which also serves as a laboratory for approaches to service learning and for experiments in delivery of high quality and cost effective legal services. Since 1999 Ms. Charn has directed the *Bellow-Sacks Access to Civil Legal Services Project* a research and policy effort aimed at making civil legal services more widely and effectively available. Ms. Charn is on the Advisory Committee of the International Legal Aid Group (ILAG) and is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services. Ms. Charn received her B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1967, her J.D. from Harvard in 1970.



**Hon. Cynthia J. Cohen**

Associate Justice  
Massachusetts Appeals Court

Cynthia J. Cohen has been an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court since March 8, 2001. She chairs the Supreme Judicial Court Steering Committee on Self-Represented Litigants and serves on the Appeals Court Information Technology Committee and Case Management Committee. Before her appointment to the bench, Justice Cohen was a principal of the Boston law firm of Meehan, Boyle & Cohen, P.C. (now known as Meehan, Boyle, Black & Bogdanow), where her civil litigation practice emphasized tort, insurance and appellate matters. She served a four-year term on the Board of Bar Overseers, which she chaired in 1998, and was active in the Massachusetts Bar

Association, where she served as Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer. Justice Cohen is a fellow and former Trustee of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. She is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and an honorary fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. She has taught Appellate Practice as an adjunct faculty member of Suffolk University Law School. Justice Cohen received her undergraduate degree with honors from Brown University in 1969, a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1972, and her law degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1975. Upon her graduation from law school, she joined the Boston law firm of Parker, Coulter, Daley & White, where she was employed, first as an associate and later as a partner, until co-founding Meehan, Boyle & Cohen, P.C. in 1985.



**Matthew Diller**

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Professor Matthew Diller is the Cooper Family Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. Professor Diller teaches Administrative Law, Social Welfare Law and a seminar in Ethics and Public Interest Law. Professor Diller is Co-Director of the Louis Stein Center on Law and Ethics at Fordham Law School. He served as Fordham Law's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2003-2008.

Professor Diller's articles on issues relating to disability, welfare and Social Security have appeared in major law journals and in other publications. He is a member of the Board of Legal Services NYC and has served as a Board Member of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice and Volunteers for Legal Services (VOLS). Professor Diller was as an attorney in the Civil Appeals and Law Reform Unit of the Legal Aid Society in New York City from 1986 to 1993. Professor Diller is a graduate of Harvard College (1981) and Harvard Law School (1985), where he was an editor of The Harvard Law Review. He served as law clerk to the Late Judge Walter R. Mansfield of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



**Robert Echols**

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Robert Echols is the State Support Consultant for the ABA Resource Center for Access to Justice Initiatives. He provides support to bench and bar leaders around the country who are engaged in efforts to expand access to civil justice. He also serves as a consultant on issues relating to the delivery of civil legal assistance. In his home state of Maine, he works on a volunteer basis with the Justice Action Group, Maine's Access to Justice commission. He began his career as a staff attorney and managing attorney at New Haven Legal Assistance. Subsequently he served as Senior Legislative Assistant to U.S. Representative Bruce

Morrison, handling issues related to legal services in the House Judiciary Committee, and Special Assistant to the President of the Legal Services Corporation, Alexander D. Forger.



**Russell Engler**

Professor of Law  
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Russell Engler is a Professor of Law and the Director of Clinical Programs at New England School of Law (NESL). He directs NESL's clinical programs, teaches the Lawyering Process, and Public Interest Law Seminar and Clinic, and co-teaches clinical component courses. During the 1999-2000 academic year, he was also a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School, where he taught the Lawyering Process. Before joining the NESL faculty in 1993, he was the director of the Housing Law Unit at Brooklyn (NY) Legal Services, Corporation B. He clerked for the late Hon. Francis

D. Murnaghan, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. from Yale University. He has published articles on a range of topics, including Civil Gideon, Unrepresented Litigants, Access to Justice, Judicial Ethics and Legal Education.

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**Maria Foscarinis**

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Maria Foscarinis is founder and executive director of the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, a not-for-profit organization established in 1989 as the legal arm of the nationwide effort to end homelessness. Ms. Foscarinis has advocated for solutions to homelessness and poverty at the national level since 1985. She is a primary architect of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the first major federal legislation addressing homelessness, and she has litigated to secure the legal rights of homeless and poor persons. Ms. Foscarinis writes regularly about legal and policy issues affecting homeless and poor persons, and her work has appeared in legal journals, general audience publications, and books. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and other events, and is frequently quoted in the media.

Ms. Foscarinis is a 1977 graduate of Barnard College and 1981 graduate of Columbia Law School, where she was an editor of the Law Review; she also holds a Masters of Arts degree in Philosophy. After clerking for the Honorable Amalya L. Kearsse of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, she was a litigation associate at Sullivan & Cromwell; while there she volunteered to take a pro bono case representing homeless families. In 1985, she led the establishment of the Washington office of the National Coalition for the Homeless until she founded the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty.



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Charles W. Goldner, Jr. received his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1973 and his LL.M. from Georgetown University in 1987. Prior to joining the faculty of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law in 1988, Professor Goldner practiced law for fourteen years in Dallas, Texas, and Washington, D.C.; his practice was concentrated in municipal finance, general municipal law, and commercial real estate. Professor Goldner has taught Local Government, Legal Profession, and Property. He served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1993-1997, served briefly as Interim Dean of the School of Law in 1997, served as

Associate Dean for External Relations from 1998-2000, and served as Dean from 2000-2008. On June 30, 2008, Professor Goldner returned to the full-time teaching faculty. He currently serves as chair of the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, chair of the Arkansas Supreme Court Professional Practicum Committee, chair of the Law School Admission Council Finance and Legal Affairs Committee, member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council, and member of the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education.



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**Michelle Harper**

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Michelle Harper is the Director of Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs in the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service at Suffolk University Law School. Prior to joining the Suffolk Law School administration, Michelle worked as a staff attorney and the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Victim Rights Law Center, a non-profit legal services agency representing victims of sexual assault.

Michelle also worked as an associate at Ropes & Gray LLP in the Litigation and Labor & Employment departments. Before attending law school, she worked as a domestic violence and rape crisis counselor in Juneau, Alaska and Memphis, Tennessee. Michelle received her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Loyola University, New Orleans and her law degree, *summa cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School.



**William Hornsby**

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Will Hornsby is staff counsel in the American Bar Association's Division for Legal Services, where he manages the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. Since joining the ABA staff in 1988, he has provided staff support to the Standing Committee on Professionalism, the Commission on Responsibility in Client Development, the Committee on Research on the Future of the Law and the ABA Presidential Commission on Access to Lawyers.

Will has written several articles on access to legal services, the role of technology, and legal ethics for publications such as the *National Law Journal*, the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* and the *ABA Law Practice Management magazine*. He is a frequent speaker at bar association conferences and has participated in programs on access to justice and practice management at Arizona State University, DePaul University, and Fordham University.

Will is currently a chair of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Hearing Panel and an adjunct faculty member of the John Marshall Law School, where he teaches the first law school course on the professional responsibility of a technology-based law practice.



**Hon. Denise R. Johnson**  
Associate Justice  
Vermont Supreme Court

Denise R. Johnson was appointed a justice of the Vermont Supreme Court by Governor Madeleine Kunin on December 3, 1990. She was educated at Wayne State University (B.A. 1969), the University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D. with honors 1974), and the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.M. 1995). She was an attorney with New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. from 1974 to 1978, a Legal Writing Instructor at Vermont Law School from 1978 to 1979, a Vermont Assistant Attorney General, serving as Chief, Civil Rights Division and then Chief, Public

Protection Division from 1980-1988. She was in private practice, working in the areas of employment law and public utilities, and Chair of the Vermont Human Rights Commission from 1988 to 1990. In 1997 she was elected a member of the American Law Institute. She is a member of the American Bar Association and has served as Chair of the Appellate Judges Conference. She currently serves the ABA as a member of the Commission on IOLTA. She has been active in appellate judicial education nationally since the late 1990's. Recently, she has lectured on criminal procedure, employment law and property in law schools in Trento and Udine, Italy. As a member of the Vermont Supreme Court, she has chaired the Gender-Bias Study Implementation Committee and the Equal Access to Justice Committee. She is a member of the Access to Justice Coalition, a statewide planning agency for the delivery of legal services to the poor, and a board member of the Vermont Bar Foundation.

**Hon. Robert Katzmann**  
United States Circuit Judge  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Robert A. Katzmann is a United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. At the time of his appointment in 1999, he was Walsh Professor of Government, Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; a Fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution; and president of the Governance Institute (a nonprofit organization concerned with the nexus between law, institutions, and policy).

A lawyer and a political scientist by training, Judge Katzmann received his A.B. (summa cum laude) from Columbia College, A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in government from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the Yale Law School, where he was an Article and Book Review Editor of the Yale Law Journal. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit for Judge Hugh H. Bowles, he joined the Brookings Institution Governmental Studies Program, where from 1981-99, he was a research associate, senior fellow, visiting fellow, and acting program director.

As to book publications, he is the author of *Regulatory Bureaucracy: The Federal Trade Commission and Antitrust Policy*; *Institutional Disability: The Saga of Transportation Policy for the Disabled*; *Courts and Congress*; editor, contributing author and project director of *The Law Firm and the Public Good*; co-editor of *Managing Appeals in Federal Court*; editor and contributing author of *Daniel Patrick Moynihan: The Intellectual in Public Life*; and editor and contributing author of *Judges and Legislators: Toward Institutional Comity*. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



**Karen Lash**  
Consultant  
Equal Justice Works

Karen Lash is a private consultant for law schools and nonprofits. Her recent work includes helping design and launch two online resources: Equal Justice Works' *The E-Guide to Public Service at America's Law Schools* (<http://ejw.newsweek.com>) and the American Constitution Society's ResearchLink at <http://researchlink.acslaw.org>. Since Hurricane Katrina, she has worked half-time for the Mississippi Center for Justice helping to coordinate national pro bono and other advocacy efforts. She continues to work with the new University of California Irvine, School of Law and is planning a semester program in Washington DC with UCLA and UC Berkeley law schools. Prior to serving as Vice President of Programs and a board member of Equal Justice Works, Lash was Associate Dean at the University of Southern California Law School, Director of Public Counsel's Child Care Law Project, associate at Tuttle & Taylor, and clerk to United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Warren J. Ferguson. She has served as co-chair of the California Access to Justice Commission and legal education specialist with the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative in Moldova, Ukraine, Slovakia, Cambodia, and Bahrain, and with the Public Interest Law Institute in Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine. Lash is a graduate of UCLA and USC Law School.



**Anne W. Lewis**  
Co-Chair, Committee on Civil Justice  
Georgia Equal Justice Commission  
Partner, Strickland Brockington Lewis LLP

Anne is a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Strickland Brockington Lewis LLP. Her practice includes election-related litigation including redistricting, Voting Rights Act cases, election contests and candidate qualifying challenges. She currently serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General on state and federal litigation related to Georgia's requirement of photo identification for voting.

In addition to litigation, Anne represents candidates and elected officials before the State Election Board and the State Ethics Commission.

Anne also represents the firm's public utility clients in matters before the statewide-elected Public Service Commission and before various other state agencies. She serves as the Chief Deputy General of the Georgia Republican Party, a member of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia GOP and as special counsel to the House and Senate Republican Caucuses. Anne is Special Redistricting Counsel to Georgia's Republican Congressmen and the Georgia House of Representatives and State Senate. Anne serves as Co-Chair of the Committee on Civil Justice, a committee of the Georgia Supreme Court created to address the growing civil legal needs of Georgia's poor. The Committee on Civil Justice is in the process of completing the first statewide legal needs study in Georgia in fourteen years and is charged with devising a statewide plan for addressing those needs.

She also serves on the St. Thomas More School Board of Education, the St. Thomas More Catholic Church Youth Advisory Committee and the Georgia State University Graduate Leadership Council. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Resource Center and the State Bar Committee on Indigent Defense.

Anne has been named one of Georgia Super Lawyers (2004-2009) and in 2007 was named one of the top fifty women lawyers in Georgia. In 2006, she was named one of 20 Legal

Eagles by Atlanta Woman Magazine. She is a member of the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers and serves on the Executive Board of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federalist Society.

Anne received her ABJ (Journalism) from the University of Georgia in 1985 and her JD, cum laude, from Georgia State University College of Law in 1989, where she was the Managing Editor of the *Georgia State University Law Review*.



**Hon. Juanita Bing Newton**

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives  
New York State Unified Court System

Juanita Bing Newton, a native New Yorker, was appointed by Governor Mario M. Cuomo in December 1986 to the New York State Court of Claims. Her appointment was confirmed by the Senate and she commenced her term on January 1, 1987. For more than a decade, she served as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court in New York County first as a trial judge and then as the Administrative Judge. In 1999, Judge Newton was appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Lippman to the statewide position of Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives. In 2003,

Judge Newton assumed an additional assignment when she was appointed as the Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court for the City of New York.

B.A., Northwestern University, 1972; J.D., Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, 1975. Admitted to the New York State Bar, 1976. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Newton was an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, the Executive Director/General Counsel to the New York State Sentencing Guidelines Committee, and the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts. Judge Newton is a member of several committees and organizations including the NYCLA Task Force to Increase Diversity in the Legal Profession. Judge Newton is a recipient of two honorary degrees, and numerous awards including the Constance Baker Motley Award of the Association of Black Westchester Lawyers which was presented to her by Judge Motley.



**Stephanie A. Nye**

Counsel to Chief Justice Jean Toal  
South Carolina Supreme Court

Stephanie A. Nye is Counsel to the Honorable Chief Justice Jean H. Toal of the South Carolina Supreme Court. She works as the primary liaison between the South Carolina Supreme Court and the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission. In addition, she serves on the South Carolina Board of Governor's Professional Potential Task Force, South Carolina Supreme Court Task Force on Public Access to Court, and South Carolina Bar's Task Force on Courts. Since 2004 she has also served on the South Carolina Women Lawyer's Association's Board of Directors, and is currently the editor-in-chief of its newsletter.

A member of the South Carolina Bar, Ms. Nye was an adjunct professor of legal writing for three years at the University of South Carolina School of Law. She served as law clerk to Chief Justice Jean Hoefer Toal from 1999 to 2001. From 2001 to 2005, Ms Nye was an associate at Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, LLP, where she practiced in litigation, pharmaceutical and medical devices, and product liability. From 2005 to 2006, she served as an Assistant Attorney General at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Insurance Fraud Division, where she prosecuted insurance fraud cases statewide. Ms. Nye has served as Chief Justice Toal's Counsel for two years.

Ms. Nye received a Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Biology, and History from Duke University in 1996. Ms. Nye received a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1999. During law school she served as editor in chief of the South Carolina Environmental Law Journal. She was also a member of the Moot Court Bar, Order of Wig and Robe, and Women in Law.



**Mark O'Brien**

Executive Director  
Pro Bono Net

Mark O'Brien is the co-founder and Executive Director of Pro Bono Net, a nonprofit organization that increases access to justice for the poor and other vulnerable populations through innovative uses of technology, increased participation by volunteers and facilitating collaborations among nonprofit legal organizations, courts and other advocates working on similar issues or in the same region.

Over the past 10 years, Pro Bono Net has built web platforms to support public interest lawyers and their clients throughout the United States: [www.probono.net](http://www.probono.net) provides online tools to support both full-time poverty law advocates and pro bono attorneys; and [www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org) provides referrals to legal aid and public interest law offices, community legal education information, self-help tools and other resources directly to the public. Earlier this year, Pro Bono Net was awarded the American Bar Association's Gambrell Award for the promotion of professionalism through pro bono service.

In addition to Pro Bono Net's core programs, Mr. O'Brien was instrumental in the development of Pro Bono Manager, a pro bono practice management solution for AmLaw 200 law firms that launched in 2007. Developed with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Pro Bono Manager integrates custom feeds of content from [www.probono.net](http://www.probono.net)

regarding local training events, volunteer opportunities and news with powerful reporting, knowledge management and lawyer matching tools that draw on data from the law firm's internal personnel and time and billing systems.

Prior to starting Pro Bono Net, Mr. O'Brien was the pro bono coordinator at Davis Polk and Wardwell from 1992 to 1999. During Mr. O'Brien's tenure, both he and the firm won numerous awards for contribution to pro bono issues. He has served on various New York State, City and national bar committees dealing with pro bono and legal services issues, and is a member of the Advisory Committee of the University of Pennsylvania Law School Public Service Program.



**Jeffrey Pokorak**  
Professor of Law  
Director of Clinical Programs  
Suffolk University Law School

Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Programs, Suffolk University Law School, MA, 2001-Present; Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director, Clinical Programs, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX, 1993-2001; Visiting Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM, Fall 2000; Clinical Supervisor, St. Mary's University School of Law,

San Antonio, TX, 1990-1992; Senior Staff Attorney, Texas Appellate Practice and Educational Resource Center, Austin, TX, 1989-1992; Staff Attorney, Committee for Public Counsel services, Roxbury, MA, 1988-1989; Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Miami, FL, 1984-1988; Law Clerk, Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami, FL, 1985-1986

Professor Pokorak received his BA from the State University of New York, and his JD from Northeastern University. At Suffolk, his teaching primarily focuses on the following subjects: Clinical Program, Evidence/Trial Practice, Criminal Law, Capital Punishment Law. He holds the following professional affiliations: Member in Good Standing, State Bar of Texas and State Bar of Florida; Board of Directors, Texas Defender Service; Special Project Advisor, Fair Defense Project/Texas Appleseed; Participated in numerous conferences and training sessions regarding death penalty trial and post-conviction practice; Participated in numerous conferences and training sessions regarding clinical education, including acting as co-facilitator for Association of American Law Schools Workshop on Clinical Legal Education, May, 1995.



**Lonnie Powers**

Executive Director  
Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation

Lonnie Powers is the nationally recognized director of a statewide, non-profit organization providing funding and support to civil legal services programs with thirty-eight years of policy, planning and legal experience at the state and national levels. His career for the last twenty-nine years has been devoted to establishing, building, sustaining and revitalizing legal services organizations through leadership and vision. He has led efforts to establish a coalition of the bar, legal services and the public which resulted in sustained increases in funding from the legislature and through the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account program for legal services programs in Massachusetts.

As Executive Director of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation, his primary responsibilities include increasing funding for civil legal services to the poor, enhancing partnerships with the bar, the legislature, the judiciary and the public and strengthening legal services programs serving the poor. He led the creation of the Equal Justice Coalition, a collaboration between bar associations, business, legal, religious and social service leaders to support increased funding for civil legal services resulting in continuing increases in funding.

To increase efficiency and effectiveness among and between legal service programs, he led the successful effort to establish a uniform case management system for and to create a technology platform linking the twenty-two programs in the Commonwealth.

He has served on and chaired bar committees at the local, state and national level including serving as Chair of the ABA Delivery of Legal Services Committee and as a member of the ABA Presidential Task Force on Access to Civil Justice. He also serves on the Supreme Judicial Court Pro Bono Committee and the Boston Bar Association Task Force on Expanding the Civil Right to Counsel.



**Susan Prosnitz**

Executive Director  
Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service  
Suffolk University Law School

Susan M. Prosnitz currently serves as the Executive Director of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service at Suffolk University Law School.

Previously, Ms. Prosnitz held several senior positions in state and local government including General Counsel to the Executive Office of Public Safety, Chief Counsel to the Massachusetts Highway Department, General Counsel and Executive Director for the Special Advisory Task Force on Massport and Chief of Litigation for the Boston Police Department.

Prior to her government service, Ms. Prosnitz worked as an associate with the law firm of Hinckley, Allen, and Snyder and as a law clerk for the Superior Court of Massachusetts.

Ms. Prosnitz serves on several non profit Boards including the Anti-Defamation League, Citizen Schools Council of Champions, Duke University Law Alumni Association and the Municipal Police Institute.

She is a member of the Boston Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, National Association of Legal Professionals and the Boston Club.

She is a graduate of Amherst College and Duke University School of Law.



**James Rowan**

Professor of Law  
Associate Dean for Experiential and Community Based Education  
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Northeastern University Law School

James V. Rowan is a Professor at Northeastern University School of Law and Director of Clinical Education. He is a founding member of CURP's World Class Housing Collaborative. Rowan has participated in the design and delivery of a series of innovative clinical programs, including a long-term collaboration with Harvard Law School and the Legal Services Corporation. He was formerly Director of Training for the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. His practice in poverty law includes economic development of worker cooperatives, legislative lobbying on welfare reform, and community legal education for working women.



**Louis S. Rulli**

Practice Professor of Law  
Director of Clinical Programs  
University of Pennsylvania Law School

Louis S. Rulli is a practice professor of law and the Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He possesses special expertise in public interest law, litigation, legislation, and clinical education and has written and lectured extensively on the subject of access to justice for the poor. He is a frequent consultant, trainer, facilitator, and mediator for civil legal assistance programs and other non-profit organizations. In 2006, he received the Provost's Award of the University of Pennsylvania for Distinguished Teaching, one of two university-wide provost's awards bestowed each year on faculty for teaching excellence.

Prior to joining the Penn faculty in 1995, Professor Rulli was the executive director of Community Legal Services in Philadelphia and a public interest lawyer for more than twenty years. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's House of Delegates, where he co-chairs the Association's Task Force on Student Loan Forgiveness and Repayment Assistance and is a member of its Legal Access Task Force. Professor Rulli was a founding member of the Pennsylvania Lawyer Trust Account Board (IOLTA), on which he served from 1988 until 1995, and he is a past chairman of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. He served for five years as chair of the board of directors of Philadelphia Legal Services, and he is currently a board member of Community Legal Services and Philadelphia Legal Assistance. He served for many years on the executive committee of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) and was selected as the consultant to the Chancellor's Commission on Pro Bono Legal Services which resulted in a major report and series of recommendations

adopted by the Philadelphia Bar Association. He served on the Third Circuit's Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts, and was an original member of the Independence Foundation's Public Interest Fellowship Advisory Committee.

His scholarly writing focuses heavily on public interest law and access to justice themes, and includes the following published articles: *Too Long Neglected: Expanding Curricular Support for Public Interest Lawyering*, 55 CLEV. ST. L. REV. 547 (2007); *Unfinished Business: The Fading Promise of ADA Enforcement in the Federal Courts Under Title I and its Impact Upon the Poor*, 8 J. GENDER, RACE & JUST. 595 (2005); *The Long Term Impact of CAFRA: Expanding Access to Counsel and Encouraging Greater Use of Criminal Forfeiture*, 14 FED. SENTENCING REP. 87 (2001); *Employment Discrimination Litigation Under the ADA from the Perspective of the Poor: Can the Promise of Title I be Fulfilled for Low-Income Workers in the Next Decade?*, 9 TEMP. POL. & CIV. RTS. L. REV. 345 (2000); and *Access to Justice and Civil Forfeiture Reform: Providing Lawyers for the Poor and Recapturing Forfeited Assets for Impoverished Communities*, 17 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 345 (1998). His writing also appears in bar association journals and other publications, including articles such as *New Rule Represents Progress* (Side Bar Commentary on Pa. Professional Responsibility Rule 6.5), 70 THE PHILADELPHIA LAWYER MAGAZINE 17 (2007) and *Representation of Low-Income Clients*, 5 ABA FAMILY LAW LITIGATION 9 (2006).

Professor Rulli received his J.D. and B.A. (with high honors) from Rutgers University. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award, a Leaders for Justice Award from Pennsylvania Legal Services, the Andrew Hamilton Award, the Mary Philbrook Award, and a Citation from the City of Philadelphia for leadership on behalf of the legal needs of the City's poor.



**Mary K. Ryan**  
Partner  
Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

Mary K. Ryan is a partner in the Litigation Department at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP. Her practice includes substantial trial and appellate cases in the state and federal courts, particularly in environmental litigation. She is a past president of the Boston Bar Association (BBA) and the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, a past Chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and a past member of the ABA House of Delegates. Currently, she chairs the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and co-chairs the BBA Task Force on Expanding the Civil Right to Counsel. She has chaired the Environmental Litigation Committee of the BBA, is active with the ABA Litigation Section's Environmental Litigation Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Business Council honors for her contributions as a member of the legal profession, such as the Leila J. Robinson award by the Women's Bar Association in 2003; the Dennis Maguire Pro Bono Award in 1999 from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association; and the William J. Kenealy, S.J. Alumnus of the Year Award from the Boston College Law School Alumni Association. She has also been listed in the The Best Lawyers in America and Chambers & Partners USA in the field of environmental law, since 1989 and 2004 respectively. Ms. Ryan received a J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Boston College Law School and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Tufts University. She served as law clerk and then chief law clerk to the Superior court of Massachusetts, and as law clerk to the Honorable Ruth I. Abrams, former associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.



**Robert Sable**  
Executive Director  
Greater Boston Legal Services

Robert Alan Sable is Executive Director of Greater Boston Legal Services. Before coming to GBL in 1991, he worked at the National Consumer Law Center starting in 1974, serving as staff attorney and Executive Director. He has published several articles in the area of consumer law. For six years after law school he worked for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He is a recipient of the Claude E. Clark Award for Outstanding Service to the Legal Aid

Society of Cleveland and of the Massachusetts Bar Association Legal Services Award. Mr. Sable graduated from Harvard College in 1963, served two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, and received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1968.



**Elizabeth Scheffee**  
Former Maine State Bar President  
Givertz, Hambley, Scheffee & Lavoie LLP

Elizabeth J. Scheffee was president of the Maine State Bar Association of 2001, and is now past president of the Maine Bar Foundation. After attending the National Conference on Pro Se Litigation (1999) and the National Conference on Unbundled Legal Services (2000), Ms. Scheffee created a draft of amendments to the Maine Code of Professional Responsibility and Maine Rules of Civil Procedure to permit unbundled legal services in Maine. These draft amendments formed the basis of the Amendments adopted by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in 2001.

Ms. Scheffee's law practice focuses on family law. She provides both unbundled and traditional legal services to her clients. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She is a past chair of the Maine Bar Association's Family Law Section. She is a past member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral and Information Services, and a current member of the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. She moderated a discussion on establishing an unbundled LRIS panel at the National Lawyer Referral Workshop in October, 2002. Ms. Scheffee spoke about unbundled legal services at the 2005 annual meetings of the Massachusetts and Connecticut Bar Associations, at the 2006 Eastern Regional Conference on Access to Justice for the Self-Represented, the May, 2006 meeting of the New Hampshire Bar Association regarding proposed rules to permit unbundled legal services, and the 2006 Mid West Regional Conference on Pro Se Litigation.

Ms. Scheffee is a member of the Self-Represented Litigant Task Force of the Maine State Justice Action Group, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Code of Professional Responsibility, a member of the Ethics 2000 Advisory Committee of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, and has been a speaker, lecturer and/or moderator in many Continuing Legal Education programs sponsored by the Maine State Bar Association.

Ms. Scheffee earned her B.A. (with distinction) from the University of Virginia College of Arts and Sciences (1980) and her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law (1984). Ms. Scheffee is a shareholder of Givertz, Hambley, Scheffee and Lavoie, PA.



**Andrew Scherer**  
Executive Director  
Legal Services NYC

Since 2001, Andrew Scherer has been Executive Director and President of Legal Services NYC, the largest nonprofit organization in the United States exclusively devoted to providing free legal services in civil matters to low-income people. Mr. Scherer has held a variety of positions at Legal Services NYC since joining the organization in 1978, including Director of the Legal Support Unit, Coordinating Attorney in Housing Law and staff attorney.

Legal Services NYC assists approximately 25,000 households each year with a wide range of non-criminal legal matters that affect fundamental human needs, including matters involving housing, family, disability and other government benefits, employment, education, and immigration. The work of Legal Services NYC's staff, which includes over 250 attorneys and paralegals in 17 offices throughout the five boroughs, is supported by *pro bono* help from over 400 attorneys each year.

Mr. Scherer is the author of the treatise, Residential Landlord-Tenant Law in New York, (West Group, pub.), and of numerous articles, reports and contributions to legal and other publications. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, where he teaches planning law. He has also taught at CUNY Law School, NYU Law School and Bennington College. Mr. Scherer is a graduate of NYU Law School and the University of Pennsylvania.



**Steven Scudder**  
Committee Counsel  
ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service

Steven Scudder has been leading the American Bar Association's efforts to promote and expand pro bono across the country and globally since 1994. First hired as the director of the ABA Center for Pro Bono, he has been Counsel to the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service since 1996. Prior to coming to the ABA Scudder was director of the New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program and other public service activities of the New Hampshire Bar Association. He is a 1983 graduate of Pierce Law School in Concord, NH, a past president of the National Association of Pro Bono Professionals (NAPBPro) and the 2006 recipient of

NAPBPro's *William Reece Smith Jr. Special Services to Pro Bono Award*. Scudder has provided support for ABA presidential initiatives relating to pro bono and writes, consults and speaks about pro bono as a critical component of the overall access to justice system.



**Jason Searns**  
Special Counsel, Law Office of James Sokolove LLC  
Searns & Associates

Jason Searns is Special Counsel to The Law Offices of James Sokolove, LLC. In this capacity, Jason is responsible for overseeing all National Partnership Projects, National Ethics Advisory, and Strategic Planning.

Before joining the firm, Jason was General Counsel and Executive Vice President for We The People USA. Prior to that, Jason worked as a Professor in the MBA Program at Webster University focusing on strategic planning and organizational development. Earlier in his career, he was also Special Counsel for the Legal Center for Persons with Disabilities in Denver, CO and a trial attorney at Phillips, Lytle, et. al. He started his careers as an Assistant District Attorney in Buffalo, New York in the Organized Crime Task Force.

Jason grew up in Buffalo, NY and currently resides in Denver, CO with his family. He earned his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University, his MA from the Graduate School at Lancaster University, and his JD from University of Toledo Law School. Jason is the author of the nationally published book, Public Accommodations Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Founder of the National Center for Legal Administration. Over his career, he has also been published in several reputable, national trade publications. Jason is a member of the ABA, AAJ and Colorado bar Association.

"I have spent 25 years as an attorney seeking to provide affordable legal services, especially for those who have not had access to the legal system because of background or financial resources. I became a part of the LOJS team, because I believe they are the most forward thinking firm in the nation in meeting the needs of the underserved of this country. Our goal is to provide, on a national basis, a source and resource to meet the diverse needs of American consumers in pursuit of their legal rights."



**Gerry Singesen**  
Consultant  
Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission

Gerry Singesen has been a consultant to legal aid and access to justice organizations for thirty years, including currently the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission. He began his career as a legal aid lawyer and manager, was Vice President of the Legal Services Corporation, a lecturer at Harvard Law School and Director of its Program on the Legal Profession, Director of the Interuniversity Consortium on Poverty Law, and a member of the

ABA's Commission on Nonlawyer Practice and the recent Boston Bar Association Task Force that produced "Gideon's New Trumpet." He is based in Watertown, MA.



**Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens**

Judge, Third Circuit Court of Appeals  
Co-Chair, Michigan Standing Committee on Justice Initiatives

The Honorable Cynthia D. Stephens currently serves as a judge of the Third Circuit Court in Detroit. Appointed to the court in 1985, she has served as its Chief Judge Pro Tempore and as chair of the Mediation Tribunal Association. Much of her time has been devoted to improving the quality of justice. She is acknowledged for her "deep vision and keen intelligence" and is an outstanding leader in the State Bar's efforts to promote the effective delivery of high quality legal services to all Michigan citizens.

Judge Stephens has been a member of the State Bar's Board of Commissioners for a total of 20 years. Through Supreme Court appointments she has served on task forces and commissions including: the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; Prison Over - Crowding Commission; Race and Ethnic Bias Task Force. She has won numerous awards and is an officer in many legal organizations. She has written articles on subjects from jury selection to judicial selection and she is also a contributing author to a text used to train law enforcement officers. She was also instrumental in bringing the successful National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Legal System to Michigan in 2003 as a State Bar hosted national event. Her work to improve the justice system continues as she co-chairs the Standing Committee on Justice Initiatives. She is a special liaison to the Committees' Planning Workgroup, forging a three to five year strategic plan for the justice initiatives work at the Bar. Judge Stephens been instrumental in shaping justice initiatives at the Bar, and she has also generously participated in national gatherings to share Michigan's work in this area.



**Paul Tremblay**

Director, Community Enterprise Legal Clinic  
Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Boston College Law School

Paul R. Tremblay is a Clinical Professor of Law and Law Fund Research Scholar at Boston College Law School. A member of the faculty since 1982, he teaches clinical courses at the Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau as well as classroom courses in legal ethics and professional responsibility. Prior to his appointment at Boston College Law School, Professor Tremblay was a Senior Attorney at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and an instructor at UCLA School of Law.

In January, 2008, Professor Tremblay launched a new transactional clinical course at Boston College Law School, the Community Enterprise Clinic. In the Community Enterprise Clinic, students represent low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits. The mission of the Community Enterprise Clinic is to support economic progress in under-resourced neighborhoods, and to offer a vibrant educational experience to students interested in business law, transactional work, and community economic development.

Before offering the transactional clinic, Professor Tremblay taught civil litigation and housing law clinics at LAB.

Professor Tremblay has considerable interest in professional ethics, interdisciplinary collaboration, and legal services for the poor. He has been a member of the Boston Bar Association Ethics Committee since 1993, and he has served on the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility. He has published in several scholarly journals on matters of professional ethics, including articles on lawyers' obligations with questionably competent clients, on rationing legal services for the poor, and on a method of ethical decision making known as "casuistry." His forthcoming article, "Public Health Legal Services," will appear in 2008 in Volume 15 of the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy.

Professor Tremblay was the recipient of the 2004 Outstanding Advocate for Clinical Teachers Award from the Clinical Legal Education Association and was awarded the Emil Slizewski Excellence in Teaching Award in 2008.



**James Turner**  
Executive Director  
HALT

Jim has been HALT's Executive Director since December of 1997, and oversees all aspects of its efforts to improve access and accountability in our civil justice system. Author of *Do-it-Yourself Law*, he has published widely on issues ranging from access to independent paralegals and self-help materials, to attorney discipline and judicial accountability. He has directed development of HALT's popular national report cards and best practice guides on lawyer discipline, judicial accountability, small claims and small estate procedures.

A public interest lawyer with a lifelong commitment to individual rights and equal justice, from 2003 to 2008 Jim also served as Director and Chair of the Government Accountability Project, the nation's leading whistleblower protection organization.

During 1996 and 1997, he directed investigations of chemical warfare exposure incidents during the Gulf War for a Presidential Advisory Committee, which ultimately led to legislation that aids ill veterans.

During the early 1990s, as Staff Director of the Legislation and National Security Subcommittee, Jim directed investigations of governmental fraud, waste and abuse at DOD, NASA, GSA, FEMA, USAID and the State Department, and coordinated legislative activities for the House Government Operations Committee.

During the 1980s, with his partner the late Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Jim represented plaintiffs in public interest lawsuits, including the largest legal settlement on record by the CIA, which was later dramatized in the award-winning CBC film "The Sleep Room."

A member of the District of Columbia, US Supreme Court and numerous federal court bars, Jim received his BA from Cornell University in 1975 and his JD from Catholic University in 1979.



**Jayne Tyrrell**  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts IOLTA Committee

Jayne Tyrrell is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Program (IOLTA). She is co-chair of the Boston Bar Association Task Force on Expanding the Right to Counsel, which recently issued “Gideon’s New Trumpet: . . .” She is a member of the National Coalition on Civil Right to Counsel, the Supreme Judicial Court Working Group on Limited Assistance Representation and the Self-Representation Network, and she has worked on access to justice for the self-represented for many years. She is a former President of the National Association of IOLTA Programs. She has practiced law, managed a pro bono legal services program, created innovative programs for community legal education, been a staff attorney in a legal services office, worked on court and prison reform and on delivery of legal services.



**Robin F. Wheeler**  
Executive Director  
South Carolina Access to Justice Commission

Robin F. Wheeler is the first Executive Director of the South Carolina Access to Justice (SCATJ) Commission. She began her work at the SCATJ on October 1, 2007. Prior to October, Robin worked at Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) for 8 years. While there she was team leader and staff attorney for the Outreach, Information and Referral (OIR) and Conditions in Facilities (CF) Teams. Robin received the 2005 Anthony J. Raymond Award at P&A. Robin was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November 1999, the United States District Court, District of South Carolina in 2002, and the Supreme Court of the United States in 2006. Due to her past work with people with disabilities, she recently asked to join the Board of Directors for Mental Health America of South Carolina. She is a member of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association and the Richland County Bar Association.



**Hon. Herbert Wilkins**

Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor  
Boston College Law School  
Chief Justice (Ret.)  
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

Herbert Wilkins is the BC Law Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor. Professor Wilkins retired as Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. A former practicing attorney with the law firm Palmer and Dodge, Wilkins served the Supreme Judicial Court for nearly thirty years. His contributions

to the legal system are many, including his leadership in the adoption of the new Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct.

A member of the American Law Institute and the American College of Trial Lawyers, he has received the Boston Bar Association's Citation of Judicial Excellence Award, and the Haskell Cohn Distinguished Judicial Service Award. He is the former Town Counsel for Acton and Concord. He teaches Conflicts of Law.



**Brian Wolfman**

Director  
Public Citizen Litigation Group

Brian Wolfman is the Director of Public Citizen Litigation Group, where he has worked since 1990. Mr. Wolfman's litigation includes cases involving consumer health and safety regulation, freedom of information, expanding access to the courts, opposing federal preemption of state products liability law, consumer law, and class actions. In the preemption area, he has been lead counsel in a range of cases involving injuries from radiation exposure,

prescription drugs, pesticides, and medical devices, including *Medtronic, Inc., v. Lohr*, 518 U.S. 470 (1996). Regarding access to the courts, he has concentrated on litigation regarding court-awarded attorney's fees, including acting as lead counsel in four U.S. Supreme Court cases involving the Equal Access to Justice Act, the principal statute authorizing fee shifting against federal agencies. *Richlin Sec. Serv. Co. v. Chertoff*, 128 S. Ct. 2007 (2008); *Scarborough v. Principi*, 541 U.S. 401 (2004); *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292 (1993); *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991).

With respect to class actions, Mr. Wolfman's practice includes representing class plaintiffs. In recent years, however, his class action work has focused on settlement objections. Mr. Wolfman has briefed and argued objections to class action settlements on behalf of absent class members, consumer safety organizations, and labor unions in the Amchem asbestos settlement, the General Motors coupon cases, the *Bowling v. Pfizer* heart valve settlement, the *AcroMed* bone-screw case, and the *Community Bank and Delta Funding* predatory lending settlements, among others. He has written articles on class actions, has testified before Congress regarding the so-called Class Action Fairness Act (and its predecessors) and before the federal Civil Rules Advisory Committee on proposed changes to Rule 23. He is also an advisor to the American Law Institute's project on the Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation.

Mr. Wolfman has argued five cases before the Supreme Court (winning four of them), been lead counsel in about a dozen others, and, as co-counsel to his Litigation Group colleagues and others, had substantial involvement in several dozen more. He co-directs the Litigation Group's Alan Morrison Supreme Court Assistance Project with the Project's Fellow. The Project assists lawyers around the country who have public interest cases before the

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