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TAMARA ABRAMS is a senior attorney and family violence specialist with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) and has been employed by the AOC since September 1999. Prior to joining CFCC, she directed the legal services program at the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention in San Mateo County for five years. She was co-chair of the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence's Policy and Research committee and was an active member in the Legal Process Committee of San Mateo County's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. In her prior legal life, Ms. Abrams practiced corporate and securities law with Ware & Friedenrich in Palo Alto.

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MEREDITH ALEXANDER is a staff attorney at the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law and the Legal Instructor for the Center's Mothers Behind Bars Project. Ms. Alexander provides direct legal services and representation to low-income individuals with their family law matters. The majority of her clients are survivors of domestic violence. She teaches classes to incarcerated mothers at the Los Angeles County Jail on the dependency, family, and probate court systems with a focus on the best interests of the child standard. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Alexander was a domestic violence legal advocate for 1736 Family Crisis Center in Los Angeles. Ms. Alexander received her J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law (2010) with a concentration in public interest law and a certificate in child advocacy from Legal Services for Children.

HON. LORNA A. ALKSNE is a judge at the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Since 2008, Judge Alksne has served as the supervising family law judge in the San Diego Superior Court and has experience in both family and juvenile law. Judge Alksne was appointed to the bench in 2005 and from 2001–2005 she served as a commissioner in the Superior Court. Prior to working for the court, she served as a civil counsel to the district attorney, a pro tem referee in juvenile court, and in private law practice. She is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association, the California Judges Association, and the San Diego Lawyer’s Club. Judge Alksne is a member of the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Judge Alksne serves as faculty for the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) and was a recipient of Distinguished Judge of the Year in 2009 from the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Judge Alksne is ranked first for her experience in family and juvenile law and her leadership as supervising judge and participation in family law reform efforts.

DEBORAH ALVAREZ-RODRIGUEZ of Goodwill Industries San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin Counties and former vice president of Silicon Valley’s Omidyar Foundation, has spent the better part of her life as an advocate for social justice. Born in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants, she was educated at Harvard-Radcliffe College (Class of 1983) for which she worked tirelessly to recruit and retain talented students of color from this nation’s poorest communities. An award-winning CEO, she is best known for her dynamic and inclusive leadership style. The San Francisco Business Times refers to Deborah Alvarez-Rodriguez as the “Most Admired CEO.” She received the Leadership Award from Independent Sector and the Maestro Award for Philanthropy by Latino Leaders Magazine. She is well known for catalyzing change within organizations that leads them toward greater innovation, accountability, and impact. She has always sought to use collaboration as an instrument for social change. As the director of San Francisco’s Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, she helped to build a powerful coalition that resulted in one of the most comprehensive early childhood education and care systems in the nation and launched one of California’s most wide-ranging working wage and workforce development initiatives for childcare workers. A committed citizen of California, Deborah serves on several boards including: the John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities at Stanford University, the East Bay Community Foundation and the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. The mission of Goodwill is a deeply personal one for Deborah; as the daughter of immigrant parents, Deborah’s mother Aurelia defied the odds and became a successful small business owner. Like many immigrants, she taught her children the value of an education, to show up with enthusiasm, and to live a life of community service. For Deborah, as the proud mother of a beautiful 8-year-old, that legacy continues. Deborah and the Goodwill team have a vision of transformation and are unafraid to challenge the status quo. Together with the communities of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin, they are determined to make California the land of opportunity for all.

VANESSA ALVAREZ is a graduate of San Francisco State University (SFSU) where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice. While a student at SFSU, Ms. Alvarez became active in the San Francisco juvenile justice community through her work with the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJJC). She started with the agency as a case manager in their Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP) and eventually became the DDAP Expeditor, writing supportive and comprehensive release plans for pre-adjudicated youth. Ms. Alvarez is currently the reentry youth advocate for the

Juvenile Division of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, her present assignment is with the Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Team. Ms. Alvarez attributes her love of working with at-risk youth from her early experience as an After School Program Coordinator with the City of Redwood City's Parks and Recreation Department.

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ELLEN BACON-WILEY is a supervising attorney with Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Inc. a non-profit organization representing the roughly 30,000 parents with open dependency cases in Los Angeles County. At LADL, Inc., Ms. Bacon provides day-to-day supervision and training for the staff attorneys in twenty courtrooms in Los Angeles. Prior to working with LADL, Inc., Ms. Bacon was a panel attorney with the Second and Fourth Appellate Districts for the State of California representing criminal defendants and parents and children in dependency proceedings. In addition to appellate work, Ms. Bacon has also done extensive litigation for families of children with special needs. Ms. Bacon is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara and Whittier College School of Law where she was an editor on the school's Law Review, fellow in the Center for Children's Rights, and graduated summa cum laude.

HON. LOUISE BAYLES-FIGHTMASTER is a commissioner at the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served as the Family Law Facilitator of Sonoma County since 1997 and was in private practice from 1982–1997. Commissioner Bayles-Fightmaster earned her J.D. in 1978 from Lincoln University, San Francisco.

ALETA BEAUPIED is a senior attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts and has been employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts since September 2000. Before joining the AOC, she

was in private practice for 18 years. She represented parents and children in dependency matters and children in high-conflict family law custody matters. Ms. Beaupied has been actively involved in various statewide and regional activities related to family law and juvenile law matters. She taught in the San Francisco Unified School District for six years following her graduation from Michigan State University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in humanities and special education. She graduated from Hastings College of the Law in June 1976.

JAMES BELL is the founder and executive director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute (BI). Since 2001, Mr. Bell has been spearheading a national movement to address racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. Mr. Bell and his colleagues at the BI work with juvenile justice systems across the country to reduce the disproportionality of youth of color. Mr. Bell guides the BI's Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY), a national network of programs working successfully with young people of color. Mr. Bell also works closely with the Casey Foundation's JDAI jurisdictions and the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative. He received his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law.

STEVE BERENSON is a professor of law and also the director of the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic. Following graduation from law school (where he served as Trial Operations Director of the Harvard Defenders), Professor Berenson clerked for Justice Edith W. Fine of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. He then spent more than five years as an Assistant Massachusetts Attorney General, where he focused on civil litigation in the areas of administrative, constitutional, and consumer protection law. During that time, Professor Berenson also served as a Supreme Court Fellow with the National Association of Attorneys General. He then spent two years as a teaching fellow in Harvard Law School's Lawyering Program, while at the same time earning an LL.M. degree. Professor Berenson taught for four years at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center, teaching in the school's Lawyering Skills and Values Program and its Children and Family Law Clinic, in addition to teaching traditional courses in Professional Responsibility and Elder Law. At TJSI, Professor Berenson has taught courses in Professional Responsibility, Family Law, Elder Law, Legal Writing, Remedies, and founded our Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic. He has published articles on topics including attorney professional role, access to justice, and clinic legal education, in journals including the Fordham Law Review, the Boston College Law Review, the San Diego Law Review, the Rutgers Law Journal, and the Elder Law Journal. Professor Berenson is a member of the state bars of Massachusetts, Florida, and California

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HON. RICHARD C. BLAKE is a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and Chief Judge of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court. Judge Blake is also the contractual judge for the Smith River Rancheria and temporary judge for the Redding Rancheria. He is the 1st Vice President of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) and a NAICJA region 2 board member, representing tribal court judges located in California, Nevada, and Hawaii. Judge Blake is the founder of the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, consisting of seven developed or developing tribal courts. He earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. Judge Blake is an alumnus of the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno. Judge Blake is also a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care and cochair of the Tribal Court & State Court Forum. Judge Blake has been a faculty member with the National Center for State Courts, conducting trainings throughout the United States on Project Passport/Domestic Violence Protection Order issues.

NADINE BLASCHAK-BROWN has been a senior court services analyst with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts since 2007. She does grants management on the federal Court Improvement Program (dependency court) grant programs and works on various projects funded by the grants. Prior to joining the AOC, she served as director and founder (1991) of Rally Family Visitation Services, which under her direction, received state and national recognition as a model program, in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified Family Court.

BRIAN BLALOCK is a staff attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid, where he is the director of the Youth Justice Project and works in the public benefits unit with clients who are under twenty-five years old. He is the civil legal services coordinator for the Alameda County Juvenile Collaborative Court, a mental health court for youth involved in the delinquency system. At BayLegal, Brian also started the Justice on Wheels Juvenile Court Legal Clinics, which provide benefits and health access advocacy to homeless and delinquency involved youth in Alameda County and to current and former foster care children throughout the Bay area.

BETH L. BOBBY has been an attorney with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts since October 2006. She is a court liaison and trains attorneys in the juvenile field around the state of California. She came from private practice in the Sacramento area, where she specialized in juvenile and family law and served as the supervising attorney for a firm specializing in the representation of parents in juvenile dependency cases. Ms. Bobby has served on various state and local committees relating to juvenile practice, including the Sacramento County redesign and the development of state Dependency Drug Courts. She has been an attorney since 1995, and is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law and California State University, Sacramento.

SHARON BOLES, Ph.D., serves as the research and evaluation director of Children and Family Futures. In this role, she oversees numerous local, state and federally-funded projects that measure performance effectiveness and evaluate outcomes for children and families affected by substance use disorders who are at risk or involved in child welfare services. These projects include: the federally-funded Regional Partnership Grants Support Contract, the federally-funded Children Affected by Methamphetamine

Support Contract, and the locally funded Sacramento Dependency Drug Court evaluation project. Dr. Boles serves as a peer reviewer for scholarly journals that include: Child Abuse and Neglect; Child Maltreatment; Disease Management & Health Outcomes; Nicotine and Tobacco Research; Substance Abuse; and Journal of Drug Issues. Dr. Boles received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She completed a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco's Department of Psychiatry where she conducted research on treatment outcomes.

HON. JERILYN BORACK is a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento and was appointed to the superior court by Governor Davis in June 2002. Prior to her appointment, she was in private practice for 19 years specializing in family law and was a certified specialist. Judge Borack has presided over criminal and civil trials, family law, and probate matters. She was supervising judge of family law from 2006 until 2008. She is currently sitting in the Juvenile Court hearing dependency matters. During her tenure on the bench she has been active in statewide, court, and community activities. She was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George to the Statewide Domestic Violence Practices and Procedures Task Force in 2005 and the Elkins Family Law Task Force in 2008. She is currently a member of the first Tribal Court & State Court Forum. She continues to co-chair her court's Domestic Violence Committee, and is also an active member of the Court Community Focus Committee. In 2005 she became cochair of the Judicial Council Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, having served on the committee since 2003. Her tenure as cochair ended in 2010. She is active as well in California Judicial Education and Research (CJER), chairing the Family Law Education Committee in 2006 and 2007, serving as team leader for the family law overview faculty and teaching numerous courses at several educational institutes and programs. Judge Borack remains an active member of the Milton F. Schwartz Chapter of the American Inns of Court (since 1997), and has been a member, and president, of the Board of Directors of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. She has been a member, and chair, of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Youth Symphony, and has served on the Board of Directors of Sierra Adoption Agency.

CYNTHIA BOYD, Ph.D., is a neuropsychologist and co-senior scientific director at the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center at Naval Medical Center, San Diego. She evaluates military personnel returning from combat with traumatic brain injury and posttraumatic stress disorder. Evaluations are used to guide treatment and assist in duty determinations. Dr. Boyd presents nationally on a variety of neuropsychological issues related to traumatic brain injury, PTSD, and malingering of cognitive and psychological symptoms. She also has an independent practice in forensic neuropsychology specializing in criminal and civil evaluations of brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder, violent offenders, and stalking behavior.

FATHER GREGORY J. BOYLE, S.J., is a Jesuit priest and the founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and reentry program in the country. Begun in 2001, this nonprofit organization is widely recognized as a national model, and traces its roots to "Jobs for a Future", a program created by Father Boyle while he served as Pastor of Dolores Mission parish from 1986 to 1992. In an effort to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth, Father Boyle and the community developed positive alternatives, including establishing an elementary school, a day care program, and finding legitimate employment for young people. Today, Homeboy

Industries serves thousands of clients per year from all over Los Angeles, offering employment referral, legal services, mental health care, tattoo removal, and a variety of other free programs. It is also the home of Learning Works! Charter High School, and its nonprofit economic development enterprises include Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen & Embroidery, Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise, and Homegirl Café & Catering. Homeboy Industries is a therapeutic community where those ready to move beyond gangs voluntarily seek help. It is a place where former gang members have a second chance at life, and for too many, a truly first chance. A renowned speaker and acknowledged expert on gangs, intervention, and reentry nationally, Father Boyle serves on the U.S. Attorney General's Defending Childhood Task Force. He and several "homies" were featured speakers at the White House Conference on Youth in 2005 at the personal invitation of Mrs. George W. Bush. Father Boyle's first book, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, was released on March 9, 2010, and named one of the Best Books of 2010 by Publishers Weekly and is the PEN USA 2011 Best Creative Nonfiction Book. The 2010 Goodreads Choice Awards identified him as "Best Debut Author". Father Boyle was born in Los Angeles, graduated from Loyola High School, received his B.A. in English from Gonzaga University, an M.A. in English from Loyola Marymount University, a Master of Divinity from the Weston School of Theology, and a Sacred Theology master's degree from the Jesuit School of Theology. Prior to becoming Pastor of Dolores Mission, he taught at Loyola High School and worked with Christian Base Communities in Cochabamba, Bolivia. He has also served as Chaplain of the Islas Marias Penal Colony in Mexico and Folsom State Prison in California. The year 2009 was the 25th anniversary of Father Boyle's ordination as a priest.

HON. PATRICIA BRESEE (RET.) has devoted most of her professional life to children's issues. When in private practice, she represented children in juvenile courts who had been neglected or abused or who had been accused of committing a crime, and children who were caught in the middle of custody battles in family court. Serving as a commissioner at the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo for 15 years, she was assigned to sit as a juvenile court judge, and handled dependency and delinquency matters, as well as adoptions and guardianships. As an original member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, she served as Chair of the Juvenile Law Rules and Forms Subcommittee. She continues to participate as faculty for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), and is a regular presenter at Beyond the Bench and other conferences.

BRIAN BROWN is a principal fiscal and policy analyst with the Legislative Analyst's Office focusing in the area of local government finance. He currently focuses on issues related to realignment, redevelopment, and state mandates, among others. He has worked for the Legislature since 2003, working for both the LAO and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. In that time, he has focused primarily on corrections and public safety issues. He has written numerous reports for the LAO on topics including county probation programs, realignment of adult parole services, the Three Strikes law, and California's criminal justice system. Most recently, Brian and his LAO colleagues authored a report on 2011 realignment titled *2011 Realignment: Addressing Issues to Promote Its Long-Term Success*. Brian earned his B.A. in political science and sociology from the University of California, Davis in 1999 and a master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley in 2003.

GIACOMO (JACK) BUCCI has been a deputy district attorney in the County of San Diego since July of 1989. His assignments have included Gang Prosecution and the Family Protection Division where he was both a supervisor and trial lawyer prosecuting cases of domestic violence and child abuse and molest. Other assignments have included the Major Violator Unit and the Computer and Technology Crime High Tech Unit (CATCH). His cases have included multiple victim homicide cases, as well as assault, robberies and fraud. He is presently the Chief of the Juvenile Prosecution Division. Mr. Bucci has also been the past president of the San Diego County Deputy District Attorneys Association as well as a board member of several other boards in the County. Jack has also been an instructor to local law enforcement and state prosecutors. Mr. Bucci has traveled extensively as an instructor to various locations in the world including, Poland, China, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

SUE BURRELL is a staff attorney at the San Francisco-based Youth Law Center. She began her legal career as a trial lawyer and juvenile appellate/training specialist for the Los Angeles County Public Defender, and as an appellate lawyer for the California State Public Defender. She joined the Youth Law Center in 1987, and since that time has worked to stem abuses in the juvenile system, and shift public policy toward services designed to produce better outcomes for young people. She has worked in California and around the country – serving as counsel in civil rights litigation and appellate cases; presenting at conferences and workshops; drafting and testifying on legislation; and writing and consulting on a wide range of juvenile justice issues. For more than a decade, Ms. Burrell has worked with the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative to reduce unnecessary incarceration of youth, and to assure that youth who are detained are held in safe, humane conditions. She has been involved with the National Juvenile Defender Center since its inception and was a co-author of the first national study of juvenile representation, *A Call to Justice: An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Delinquency Proceedings*. Ms. Burrell leads the California team for the MacArthur Foundation’s Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, working to improve the capacity of delinquency lawyers to provide quality representation. She served on the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Working Group, and is on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group for The California Endowment. In 2011, she was awarded the American Bar Association’s Livingston Hall Award for juvenile justice advocacy.

ALICE BUSSIÈRE has been a staff attorney at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco since September 2000. Before that, she was managing attorney for the Child Care Law Center, a staff attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, litigation director for the Texas Legal Services Center, a supervising attorney and lecturer in clinical studies at Yale Law School, and a staff attorney at legal aid programs in New Haven and Waterbury, Connecticut. She received the Reginald Heber Smith Award from the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, the Loren Miller Legal Services Award from the State Bar of California, and awards from other organizations, including the North American Council on Adoptable Children and the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance. Ms. Bussiere received her J.D. from the University of Connecticut.

MARY BUTLER is the chief probation officer for Napa County, a position she has held for the last nine years. Previously, she was the manager responsible for Mental Health and Child Welfare Services in

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FRANCINE BYRNE, M.A. is lead research staff to the Judicial Council of California's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. She has lead several projects including a cost benefit study of adult drug courts; a descriptive study of domestic violence courts; and an evaluation of parolee reentry courts. Prior to her work with the courts, Ms. Byrne conducted program evaluation research for the City of Boston's Homeless Services and managed projects at the Center for Health Care Evaluation. She has authored papers on drug courts, aging and substance abuse, and work training programs for the homeless, and has presented her work at numerous professional and academic conferences.

DIANA M. CARBAJAL-STRAIT

SHANNON CAREY, Ph.D., has worked in the criminal justice field for over 15 years, particularly in the area drug courts and cost analyses. She is currently Principal Investigator for statewide cost-benefit evaluations of adult drug courts in the State of California and in the State of Oregon, a statewide study of drug courts in Florida and New Mexico and process, impact and cost-benefit studies in Family Treatment Drug Courts in Oregon. Dr. Carey has also led the efforts to create online tools that drug courts can use to determine their own costs and benefits. Dr. Carey has been involved in process, outcome and/or cost evaluations in over 150 adult, juvenile, DUI, reentry and family treatment drug courts nationally. Dr. Carey has also acted as consultant for the Portland Police Bureau on economic crime (such as identity theft) and juvenile offender issues.

LINDA CARPENTER currently serves as the program director for the In-Depth Technical Assistance program at Children and Family Futures. In this role, Ms. Carpenter provides technical assistance to jurisdictions across the nation in the areas of cross-system collaboration, comprehensive family-centered treatment, and assisting states and communities improve outcomes for families in the intersection of child welfare, substance abuse, and court systems. Ms. Carpenter has worked for over 30 years in the early childhood, education/special education, substance abuse, and child welfare fields. She has held senior level positions in local government which included directing substance abuse services for children, adolescents and families, a 125-bed emergency shelter facility, and a diagnostic clinic for young children with suspected developmental delays. Ms. Carpenter has worked with both public and private organizations providing training and technical assistance, grant writing, cross-systems collaboration and strategic planning. She holds a master's degree in education/special education from San Jose State University with an emphasis on learning disabilities and social/emotional disorders.

SHARON BALMER CARTAGENA is a staff attorney at the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice (LACLJ). Ms. Balmer Cartagena runs the TeenLA Project, which provides direct legal services to youth between 13 and 24 on issues such as child custody, paternity, divorce, child support, restraining orders, and emancipation. Before coming to LACLJ, she was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Legal Aid

Foundation of Los Angeles. She received her law degree and her master's degree of social work from Fordham University.

MARTIN (MARTY) J. CAVANAUGH joined the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) as deputy superintendent in October 2004. Mr. Cavanaugh also continues to foster good relations with the two bargaining units that represent SCOE employees by offering interest-based bargaining training. Mr. Cavanaugh came to SCOE following 13 years of service to the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) serving in numerous positions such as assistant superintendent for Student Services, director of the Special Education Local Plan Area, and most recently as Chief of Staff. He is nationally recognized for implementing the Neverstreaming program, an early intervention and prevention project for at-risk students that set the stage for the birth of RTI. The Neverstreaming program received the California School Board Association's prestigious Golden Bell Award. Mr. Cavanaugh was named Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators, and has been recognized twice as Outstanding Instructor for Continuing Education by the University of California, Davis. He has also been honored by the Sacramento Association for the Retarded as Distinguished Citizen of the Year. More recently, in 2010, he was honored to accept the Golden Bell Award on behalf of SCOE staff for the development of the "LINKS" program. This program engages high-risk youth through the incorporation and melding of youth development with strong relationships, academic interventions, and linkages to career technical education with real job opportunities. Mr. Cavanaugh retired in July 2011, and he continues to provide consulting services and professional development for school districts and adolescent service agencies. Mr. Cavanaugh holds a Master of Arts degree in educational administration and in speech pathology/audiology from California State University, Los Angeles.

ROGER CHAN is the co-founder and executive director of East Bay Children's Law Offices, the primary provider of children's representation in Alameda County Juvenile Dependency Court. Mr. Chan has previously been an advocate for youth in juvenile court as a public defender in Alameda County and San Francisco. An experienced trial attorney, he also has extensive experience in working with other government and community agencies to create policies to improve the delivery of services to youth in the juvenile court system, including the Interagency Children's Policy Council of Alameda County and the San Francisco Task Force on Residential Treatment for Youth in Foster Care. Mr. Chan is a proud alumnus of the University of California, Berkeley and U.C. Hastings College of the Law. He is a board member of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center and the Youth Justice Institute, and a member of the National Association for the Counsel of Children and the California Public Defender's Association.

GEORGE CHANCE is the tribal liaison and branch chief for statewide training with the California Department of Child Support Services. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Riverside and a master's degree in counseling from California State University, Fullerton. George has been in public service for over 13 years; the last eight with the California Department of Child Support Services. As the Department of Child Support Services' tribal liaison, he provides statewide leadership in guiding efforts to work more effectively work with tribal governments. His professional career also includes over 15 years in the juvenile justice field serving as project director for a multi-agency juvenile delinquency prevention program in Sacramento.

EMILY CHAPA was born into a family with gang affiliations and has endured a lot of physical and mental abuse throughout her life. As a child, Ms. Chapa was always around drugs and weapons, and never attended school because she began to use at an early age. She was smoking marijuana at the age of six. By the age of 12, she was a PCP addict. By age 15, Ms. Chapa was a full-blown meth addict. Being born into a gang family, this had been all she had known. Ms. Chapa served almost eight years in prison, and there, began to participate in the drug programs offered. She was able to learn about her addiction and life style, and started to yearn for a different type of life. At 41 years of age, with no education, she did not know where to turn. A friend introduced her to Homeboy Industries, where she was soon embraced by a new family and given a chance to be successful. Ms. Chapa is now taking courses to become an alcohol and substance abuse counselor, which is her dream.

DEBORAH CHASE, J.D., Ph.D., is a senior attorney working with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts and has been employed by the AOC since June 2002. Dr. Chase has over 21 years in practice as an attorney and is a family law specialist certified by the State Bar. In addition to her J.D., Dr. Chase holds a Ph.D. in psychology. Immediately before joining the AOC, Dr. Chase served as family law facilitator for the Superior Court of Alameda County and as president of the California Family Law Facilitators Association. During her tenure at the Superior Court of Alameda County, she was a member of the court's Community Focused Strategic Planning Committee and chaired the Courts Systems Committee of the Alameda County Family Violence Council. Dr. Chase has served on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council and as a Judicial Council appointee to the State Bar's Legal Services Trust Fund Commission. Dr. Chase has served as president of the Women Lawyers of Alameda County and on the Board of the Alameda County Family Law Association. She has also served on the Board of Governors of the California Women Lawyers. In 2002, Dr. Chase received a California Lawyers of the Year (CLAY) award from California Lawyer magazine in the area of public interest law for her work in the area of court-operated assistance to self-represented litigants.

DEBORAH CIMA serves as faculty with the National Drug Court Institute since 2000. As the treatment court coordinator for the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, she has facilitated the planning and implementation of 14 collaborative courts in her own county as well as more than 40 different jurisdictions across the country. Ms. Cima has experience in adult drug courts for over 14 years as well as the planning and implementation of four mental health courts, three juvenile drug courts, and two dependency drug courts. Her responsibilities as the coordinator include grant writing, data collection for evaluation purposes, policy and procedure development, developing team cooperation and developing relationships, and linkages with community stakeholders. Ms. Cima is the past chair of the California Coordinators Working Group, presently a board member for the California Association of Drug Court Professionals, and a member of the AOC Collaborative Justice Advisory Committee. Ms. Cima has her master's degree in counseling/psychology.

HON. L. MICHAEL CLARK is a judge for the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. Prior to his judgeship, he served as senior lead deputy county counsel in Santa Clara County, where he supervised the child dependency and probate teams. Judge Clark is a former member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. He is a contributing author for the *CEB California Juvenile Dependency Practice Book*, a contributing editor for the *Attorney General's Child Abuse Prevention*

Handbook, and an editorial consultant for the *Attorney's Briefcase* legal software program on children and the law. Judge Clark is a graduate of Westmont College, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Santa Clara University School of Law.

KIMBERLY CLUFF is an attorney with the firm of Forman & Associates. Prior to joining the California Bar, Ms. Cluff worked in Indian Country with a focus on domestic violence and tribal governance. Since becoming a member of the Bar in 1998, Ms. Cluff has continued her focus on advocating for Indian tribes, to ensure they are able to protect the most vulnerable tribal members, children, elders, and victims of violence. From 1998 to 2003, she was an attorney with California Indian Legal Services working primarily with low income tribal governments and individuals on a variety of Indian law matters, including Indian Child Welfare Act cases, domestic violence, elder law and tribal governance, and ordinance development. Ms. Cluff also worked with numerous Indian non-profit organizations developing and expanding services to needy Indian communities. Ms. Cluff has served as a board member and subsequently in-house counsel for Friendship House Association of American Indians, Inc. a Bay Area, native-controlled, residential rehabilitation program. Since 2006, Ms. Cluff has been in private practice with Forman & Associates, a small law firm working exclusively with tribes and Indian organizations. Ms. Cluff currently provides legal counsel to tribes regarding tribal program and ordinance development and represents tribes in ICWA cases; she also continues her legislative efforts on initiatives related Indian families and frequently speaks publically about developments in Indian law and Tribal social services.

KEISHA COMO is 15-years -old and is from Lancaster, California where she attends Quartz Hill High School and is a volunteer at the Antelope Valley Teen Court. She has served nearly three years as a juror and loves it. In school, Ms. Como participates with her student government and Associated Student Body programs. Ms. Como's future plans include becoming a sports attorney or politician, with hopes of becoming a Supreme Court judge, international ambassador, governor, or a member of the state legislature. In 2011, she was chosen to be a member of the California Association of Youth Courts (CAYC) youth advisory committee.

HON. MICHAEL CONVEY

HON. J. RICHARD COUZENS (RET.) served as a judge at the Superior Court of Placer County from 1980-2005 and, since retirement, has served in the Chief Justice's Assigned Judges Program. He was the presiding judge of the juvenile court for over 10 years and was chair of the Placer County Special Multi-Discipline Assessment and Referral Team (S.M.A.R.T) from 1988-1997. SMART is a collaborative team for the delivery of juvenile services to at-risk youth and their families. In 1990, he formed the Placer County Peer Court program which focuses positive peer pressure on first-time youthful offenders and offers a unique education program in the schools. The program has received state and national recognition for its innovative approaches to juvenile delinquency. Judge Couzens served on the California Judicial Council for five years. He frequently serves as faculty for judicial education programs. In 2008, Judge

Couzens was honored for his outstanding service as co-leader of a special team of assigned judges that helped reduce the criminal case backlog in Riverside County in 2007 and 2008.

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LINDA DAELEY is the family law manager for the Superior Court of California, Orange County. She has worked in family law operations for 15 years and has experience as a clerk's office counter clerk, a courtroom clerk, a courtroom supervisor, and now as a manager. She assisted in the design and

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FRANK DOUGHERTY is a private practice attorney, a certified family law specialist, a licensed psychologist, as well as a diplomat in forensic psychology. His practice specialty is in family law, juvenile dependency, and appeals. He has previously worked as counsel for a specialty practice in juvenile dependency law, complex family law, custody, mediation, and divorce. His professional affiliations include memberships in the American Psychological Association, the American Psychology and Law Society, the American Bar Association, the Regional Committee of Family Law Executive Committee, and he is a board member in the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. Mr. Dougherty has worked as an attorney, a forensic psychologist, law clerk to the Hawaii Supreme Court, and an executive director of county mental health facilities. Mr. Dougherty is a member of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

PHILIP DECTER, M.A., M.S.W., is associate director of the Family-Centered Services Project, an organizational change group in Massachusetts. He is a social worker and family therapist who has worked with children and families in inpatient, outpatient, home-based, foster care, and emergency room settings for more than 15 years. Decter works regularly with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families as a coach and consultant, particularly on strength and solution-focused approaches to child protection work.

HON. LEOPOLDO (LEO) DORADO was appointed to the bench in Alameda County by Governor George Deukmejian in August 1988. He served as presiding judge in 1991 and 1996 and as assistant presiding judge in 1990 and 1995 for the San Leandro-Hayward Municipal Court. He assumed the office as superior court judge on July 31, 1998. He was reelected for a fifth term in 2008. He has also served on the Judicial Council of California Court Interpreters Advisory Panel (1998–2002), the Alameda County Superior Court Appellate Division (1999), and Executive Committee (1999–2000), Alameda County Law Day Committee (Chair, 1995–present). His assignments have included civil law and motion, civil settlement conferences, felony jury trials, domestic violence, elder abuse and, currently, juvenile delinquency, with a specialty assignment to collaborative court. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Dorado practiced civil law in San Francisco from 1978–1979 at Armour, Goodin, Ritchie, & McBride. He was deputy district attorney in San Mateo County from 1979–1982, and served as deputy district attorney at Alameda County from 1982–1988. He is a member of the California Judges Association (Ethics Committee 1993–1994), Alameda County Bar Association (Recipient Judicial Distinguished Service Award 2001), and Hispanic National Bar Association. He was on the faculty at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy from 1985–1988 and 1997, “Expediting Civil Trials” Center for Judicial Education and Research Civil Law Institute in San Jose in 1992 and Hastings Trial Advocacy, University of California at San Francisco. Judge Dorado was born in Oakland, California, on October 15, 1949. He attended the University of California, Berkeley and received his B.A. in Economics in 1971, and his J.D. in 1974 from Boalt Hall School of Law.

CRAIG DOWNING began his career with the Fresno County Probation Department in 1994 as a group counselor at the C.K. Wakefield School for Boys. He was promoted through the ranks as a deputy probation officer and worked in several assignments, which include adult supervision, narcotics enforcement, juvenile investigations and adult pre-trial services. In 2007, Craig Downing was promoted to a Probation Services Manager and was assigned to the Juvenile Court Services Unit. Mr. Downing has demonstrated an expertise in juvenile sentencing law and has provided numerous hours of training on this specific topic. While in this assignment, Mr. Downing has been committed to providing the highest level of service to the court, through a collaborative effort with all of the justice partners, and was a key stakeholder with the implementation of the Community Justice Conference. For the past four years, he has been a probation officer core instructor, teaching juvenile sentencing and disposition alternatives.

HON MARGUERITE D. DOWNING is a judge at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Appointed August 21, 2007, she presides over dependency cases at the Edelman Children's Court. Since January 2009, Judge Downing has chaired the Incarcerated Parents Working Group for Los Angeles County working to address issues effecting this population of parents and the effect incarceration has on dependent children in the child welfare system. Judge Downing has lectured and trained on this and other dependency subjects within California and in such far flung places as Beijing, China, Dubai, Guam, and Saipan. She has been an active member of both the National and American Bar Associations as both a lawyer and as a judge. Currently, Judge Downing serves as a commissioner for the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk.

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HON. LEONARD EDWARDS (RET.) is a judge-in-residence with the California Administrative Office of the Courts. In that capacity, he provides technical assistance to the courts of California, particularly in areas involving children and families. Judge Edwards served for 26 years as a superior court judge in Santa Clara County, California. He sat as a domestic relations judge and as a juvenile court judge. During his judicial career, Judge Edwards founded and was the first president of the Juvenile Court Judges of California, was co-founder of the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council, was co-founder of Kids In Common, and founder of the Child Advocates of Santa Clara County. Judge Edwards was the president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in 2002-2003. Judge Edwards has taught at the University of Santa Clara Law School, Stanford Law School, and the California Judicial College. He has provided judicial trainings in over 47 states and nine foreign countries. Judge Edwards has written widely including a book entitled *Child Abuse and the Legal System*. Judge Edwards has received many awards. He was the recipient of the 2004 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.

NICOLE EDWARDS-MASUDA graduated from Golden Gate University and was awarded a grant from the California Bar Foundation. Nicole was inspired to pursue a career in law after witnessing a family

member struggle in an abusive relationship. Law school taught her how attorneys can create social change by working with individual clients and by developing innovative policies to address issues like gender violence, poverty, and racism. After graduating from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nicole supervised a youth program for survivors of domestic violence and, in law school, interned at JusticeNow and the Family Violence Law Center. She has been employed as the youth program manager at the Family Violence Law since August 2011 and works to educate community youth about the importance of healthy relationships and how to recognize dating violence.

LINDSAY ELLIOTT, J.D., M.S.W., has been with the Children's Law Center (CLC) since 2008, first as a staff attorney and currently as CLC's Fostering Connections Project Attorney. In this capacity, Ms. Elliott works with a statewide coalition of non-profit organizations and public agencies to ensure the effective implementation of The California Fostering Connections to Success Act, critical legislation which allows youth to remain in foster care until age 21. Prior to assuming her current role, Ms. Elliott provided direct legal representation to youth in the Los Angeles foster care system. Before joining CLC, Lindsay worked at Bay Area Legal Services in Tampa, Florida, primarily representing victims of domestic violence. Ms. Elliott interned and volunteered extensively with the Guardian Ad Litem Program while obtaining her Masters in Social Work.

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MIKE ELLIOTT

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STACEY FERNANDEZ is a fellow/staff attorney from the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) at the University of California Hastings. Prior to joining CGRS, Stacey received a J.D. and a Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies from Georgetown University Law Center in 2010. During law school she focused on immigration and refugee law and policy and human rights. She worked at Georgetown's Center for Applied Legal Studies where she represented an applicant for asylum in immigration court, and was executive submissions editor for the Georgetown Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives. She interned with the Refugee Rights Project at World Organization for Human Rights, USA; with Catholic Charities Immigrant Legal Services; and with the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice in Ghana. Ms. Fernandez received undergraduate degrees from the University of Washington's Community, Environment, and Planning program and from the Jackson School of International Studies.

GEORGE FERRICK, M.F.T., has been a supervising court services analyst with the Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) Unit of the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts since August 2002. The focus of his work includes child custody mediation and evaluation, juvenile dependency mediation, and related training, policy and legislation. For 22 years he served as a mediator with Family Court Services in the Superior Court of Los Angeles and San Mateo counties and conducted more than 8,000 mediations. In administrative roles, Mr. Ferrick served as manager of the Family Court Services program in San Mateo from 2000 to 2002, and in Los Angeles as district coordinator and intern coordinator from 1992 to 2000. He has served as faculty in numerous workshops and conference presentations for the AOC, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), and Los Angeles Family Law Colloquium.

SUSAN FINCH, Ph.D., is a mediator for Family Court Services, Superior Court of Los Angeles County. She has been involved in mediation for 22 years and has taught the parent orientation program in the north district since the program began in 1999. Dr. Finch is certified as a family life educator through the National Council on Family Relations and has served as a lecturer in family sociology at the University of Southern California. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's degrees in sociology and marital and family therapy from San Diego State University, and her doctorate in sociology from the University of Southern California.

HON. ROGELIO R. FLORES is a judge at the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County. Judge Flores is currently assigned to various collaborative courts in Santa Maria. He is also responsible for the mental health court and calendars specializing in co-occurring disorders and recently helped organize the first veteran's treatment court in Santa Barbara County. Judge Flores is a guest lecturer at The National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Judge Flores sits on the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee for the Judicial Council of California. He is a past president of the Latino Judges of California and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. He has lectured extensively both nationally and internationally on the topic of collaborative jurisprudence. Recently, Judge Flores has been serving as a consultant to the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Department of State, Bureau of Narcotics Affairs in overseeing the creation of drug courts in Mexico. He has previously received Certificates of Recognition from the California State Legislature, Congresswoman Lois Capps, the National Latino Peace Officers Association, the County of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara County Probation Peace Officers Association, the City of Santa Maria, the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce, the City of Santa Barbara, the Community Recovery Network and he was granted the Achievement Award for 2001 by the Santa Barbara Hispanic Achievement Council. Judge Flores was elected as a Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in New York in 2007.

HON. DANIEL E. FLYNN is a judge with the Superior Court of Shasta County and is assigned to juvenile delinquency and probate. Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Flynn served as Shasta County assistant district attorney (2003–2008), Shasta County deputy district attorney (2001–2003), deputy district attorney (Kern, 1994–2001), and deputy district attorney (Tulare, 1991–1993). He also worked in private practice and an adjunct professor at the California Pacific School of Law and California State University, Bakersfield. Judge Flynn earned his J.D. in 1989 at Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska and his B.A. in 1986 at Carroll College in Helena, Montana.

HART FOGEL is an eighth grader at Mill Valley Middle School in Marin County. Mr. Fogel has been volunteering with the Marin youth court since December 2010. He has served as a juror, an advocate (attorney), and as the bailiff in youth court. Mr. Fogel participated in the California Association of Youth Courts (CAYC) annual Youth Court Summit in 2011 at Chapman University and was chosen to be on the CAYC student advisory committee. He is also on the Board of the Marin County chapter, ACLU of Northern California, where he advocates for youth rights.

PATRICIA FOSTER, M.A., Director of Family Court Services and Special Services, Superior Court of Tulare County, has 29 years in the practice of mediation with Family Court Services, with 16 years as director in Tulare County. Ms. Foster possesses a master's degree in counseling with a marriage and family emphasis from the University of San Francisco. She is a member and past chair of the California Association of Family Court Services Directors. Ms. Foster was a member of the Elkins Family Law Task Force and is presently a member of the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force.

RAELENE FREITAG, Ph.D., M.S.W., LCSW, is currently the director of the Children's Research Center (CRC). She has many years of experience as a child protective service worker, supervisor, and child interview specialist. She has also worked in law enforcement and mental health. Ms. Freitag manages structured decision making projects in California, Alaska, Virginia, and New South Wales. Ms. Freitag also works with SafeMeasures and the ways it can be used to create quality improvement projects within agencies. In addition, she serves on the board of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the Wisconsin chapter of NASW.

ROBERT FRIEND, LCSW, is currently the director of the National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness at Seneca Family of Agencies. Mr. Friend was previously the director of the California Permanency for Youth Project (CPYP). He is also the co-chairperson for the statewide Permanency Task Force, and is a member of the Co-Investment Partnership Group Advisory Committee. He is a member of the California Child Welfare Council's Permanency Committee, and recently completed an assignment as a State Team co-chair for the Breakthrough Collaborative Series on Independent Living Program Transformation in California. Mr. Friend has worked in the field of child welfare for over 30 years with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Rutgers University with a master's degree in social welfare from the University of California. His varied work experiences in the field include: direct line worker and manager in residential treatment; a family reunification worker; a social worker and manager for Casey Family Programs; and as an assistant regional director overseeing practice for Aspiranet.

ANA MARIA GARCIA is a supervising attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA), one of the largest non-profits in Los Angeles. She oversees a network of 9.5 self-help centers – the largest comprehensive network of court based self-help centers in the nation. NLSLA's network provides self-help services to over 10,500 litigants every month. In addition to volunteering for several community organizations, she is past president of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association. She is a member of the Elkins Family Law Task Force and the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force and is the cochair of the Rules and Forms Committee. Ms. Garcia was recently appointed to the Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants and is a member of the State Bar's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal

Services. Finally, Ms. Garcia is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee.

PATRICK GARDNER

HON. MICHAEL J. GASSNER is a commissioner with the Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County. Commissioner Gassner has served in the San Bernardino County Superior Court since 1996. He served as supervising family law bench officer in the Central District from 2004 until 2006 and currently serves in this position in the West District. Commissioner Gassner chairs the Family Law Committee for the Superior Court of San Bernardino County and serves on several local court committees. He was a member of the Elkins Family Law Task Force and participated in the development of the Family Law Resource Guidelines. Commissioner Gassner is a member of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

ANN GILMOUR is an attorney with the Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, working with the Tribal Projects Unit. The work of the Tribal Projects Unit includes the Indian Child Welfare Act initiative. Ms. Gilmour has close to 20 years experience in the field of Indian law practicing first in British Columbia where she did aboriginal rights and title litigation. Since moving to California in 1999, she has continued to work in the field of Indian law, focusing primarily on the Indian Child Welfare Act.

MATTHEW R. GOLDE is an assistant district attorney with the Alameda County District Attorney's office. He has been a lawyer in the District Attorney's Office for over 28 years. He received his undergraduate degree in Economics from University of California, Los Angeles in 1980, graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Golde received his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1983. He joined the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in December 1983. For the last five years he has been supervising assistant district attorney in charge of the Juvenile Division of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

HON. DAVID GOTTLIEB was selected by the California superior court to serve as a commissioner in 2003 and shortly thereafter in 2005, Judge Gottlieb was appointed to the bench by Governor Schwarzenegger. Judge Gottlieb is currently the presiding judge of the juvenile delinquency court for Fresno County. Previous to serving as presiding judge, Judge Gottlieb presided over a criminal direct calendar and a domestic violence specialty court. Judge Gottlieb has been a facilitator at statewide domestic violence conferences, and was instrumental in creating a program resource guide. Judge Gottlieb has been involved with innovative programs at the juvenile court including Family Behavioral Health Court (FBHC) which provides specialized collaborative services for delinquent juveniles with diagnosed mental disabilities; Community Justice Conference (CJC), a unique predisposition restorative justice program; Bright Futures, a program designed to help pregnant and parenting teens obtain appropriate community-based services. He also actively participates in many other interagency

commissions and other collaborative projects within the juvenile justice system and has partnered with dozens of community organizations.

HON. DONNA QUIGLEY GROMAN has been a judicial officer since 1997. She is presently the supervising judge of Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, a juvenile delinquency court in South Los Angeles. Prior assignments include criminal and juvenile dependency. Judge Groman was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended New York City public schools. She was a member of varsity basketball and softball teams both in high school and college. Judge Groman graduated with a B.A. in Economics from SUNY Stony Brook in 1976, and with a J.D. from the American University, Washington College of Law in 1979. Judge Groman was admitted to the California State Bar in 1980 and practiced juvenile and family law both on the trial and appellate level. Judge Groman has served on the faculty for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, teaching delinquency and dependency law, and also computer software for judges. She is a member of the Women Lawyers of Los Angeles, California Women Lawyers, National Association of Women Judges, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. Judge Groman chairs the Domestic Trafficking Subgroup, the Camp to Community Transition Task Force, and the Delinquency Education Subcommittee.

SUSAN GROVES is the family law facilitator for the Superior Court of San Diego County. She has been with the Family Law Facilitator program since 2000. Since 2002 she has served on the State Department of Child Support Services/Judicial Branch Stakeholder's Work Group as a family law facilitator representative. From 1979 to 2000, Susan was in private practice in the areas of family law and immigration litigation.

REBECCA GUDEMAN is a senior attorney specializing in adolescent health care at the National Center for Youth Law. She directs NCYL's adolescent reproductive health project and oversees the project's website, www.teenhealthlaw.org. Ms. Gudeman is author of numerous articles and papers on consent and confidentiality law and trains nationally on these issues. She earned her B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from Harvard University in 1990, and her J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law in 1994. She also holds a master's degree in public administration (1999) from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Prior to joining NCYL, Ms. Gudeman was a professor of law at the Universidad de las Americas in Mexico City and volunteered with Ashoka, helping the organization select its Latin American fellows. She began her career with the Children's Rights Project at Public Counsel in Los Angeles, where she created Public Counsel's Teen Legal Clinic program. The program was one of the first school-based legal assistance programs in the country. In 1997, she was named the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer Child Advocate of the Year.

JOSÉ OCTAVIO GUILLÉN is the court executive officer for the Superior Court of Sonoma County. His experience with trial courts and court administration expands over 30 years. He started working for Los Angeles Superior Court in 1975. He quickly moved up the ranks and became a district chief. In 1991, he was appointed as court administrator for Beverly Hills Municipal Court. He later served as court executive officer for Napa and Riverside Counties and trial court services director for the Administrative Offices of the Court. In addition to this varied trial court experience, Mr. Guillén has been involved in various International Justice Reform Projects since 1992. Some of the countries he has assisted under

the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development include El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, and Afghanistan. He has also served on various Judicial Council advisory committees and on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Court Management.

KAREN GUNDERSON has worked principally in the field of child welfare since 1976 in California, including direct service in congregate care with probation youth, county child welfare services with children and families. During Ms. Gunderson's over 20 years with the California Department of Social Services, she has provided direct adoption services, and worked in policy and program development related to adoption, foster and kinship care, assisted in implementation of the State's federal award winning 1996 Adoptions Initiative, the State's Outcome and Accountability System, and both federal Child and Family Services Reviews. Ms. Gunderson currently has responsibility for the permanency area of the department's work, including foster care, adoption, kinship care, independent living and transitional housing, and is serving as the project director for the California Partnership for Permanency project, a grant from the federal Children's Bureau.

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HON. DENINE GUY has been a judge at the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz since 2006 and is currently the presiding judge of the Juvenile Division since 2009. Judge Guy was on the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Committee for New Judges Education (2008) and has served as faculty for courses on topics such as domestic violence, restraining orders, and dependency. Before her appointment to the bench, she served as deputy district attorney in Monterey County (1994–2006), a civil litigator at Yonts & Fulton (1989–1994). Judge Guy received her B.S. from Western Illinois University in 1985 and her J.D. from Monterey College of the Law in 1989.

KIM HARMON began her work with the Superior Court of San Francisco County in the juvenile dependency mediation program in 1995, at the program's inception. She was the manager of the juvenile dependency mediation program from 1997 until January 2005, when the San Francisco Unified Family Court integrated the Family Law and Juvenile Dependency mediation programs. At that point, Ms. Harmon was hired as the manager of the Unified Family Court Services. Ms. Harmon, along with Liz Dunn, Megan Orlando, and Steve Baron of Alameda, Los Angeles, and Santa Clara Counties, respectively, drafted the initial standards of practice for dependency mediation programs in the State of California. These standards became a rule of court on January 1, 2004. She is a longtime member of the Juvenile Dependency Court Mediation Association.

HON. DOUGLAS HATCHIMONJI is a judge with the Superior Court of Orange County and was appointed to the bench in October 2003. He served as the supervising judge of the North Justice Center of the Orange County Court, before being assigned to the juvenile court. He is currently the presiding judge of the Orange County juvenile court.

LESLIE HEIMOV, J.D., CWLS, is the executive director at Children’s Law Center of California, where she has worked in various roles for 19 years. Her experience includes representing both children and parents, and statewide advocacy, in child welfare. Ms. Heimov is a certified child welfare law specialist. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counsel for Children, and The National Children’s Law Office Project. She co-chairs the L.A. Pregnant and Parenting Teens Workgroup and recently joined the Leadership Council of the Gay & Lesbian Center’s R.I.S.E. Initiative, a Permanency Innovations Demonstration Project. She is a trials skills instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and regularly presents to judicial officers, attorneys, social workers, caregivers and law students on a multitude of topics related to the representation of abused and neglected children. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Heimov worked first in a battered women’s shelter and then in a group home for abused, neglected, and delinquent teenagers.

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LEIGH PARSONS has supervised Santa Clara County's seven Self-Help Centers since 2002 and co-supervised the merged Self-Help/Family Law Facilitator Centers since 2007. The Centers provide guided self-help and referrals to over 45,000 self-represented litigants per year in all areas of the law handled at the superior court. The seven Centers are comprised of the main self-help center, civil self-help center, restraining order help center, three family court centers and the small claims advisor. Before supervising the self-help centers, Ms. Parsons worked at the Family Law Facilitator's Office in Santa Clara County from 1996 to 2002 helping litigants with primarily support and parentage issues. Before that she had a 12-year career in High-tech. Ms. Parsons has assisted with Santa Clara County's website development and website outreach, serves on various committees and provides trainings to the community and local bar. Ms. Parsons received her J.D. from Lincoln Law School in San Jose and her undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of Florida.

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JAMES PAULSEN, LCSW, has been the administrator of Family and Probate Court Services for the Superior Court of Contra Costa County since 2008. Prior to his work with the court, he spent 16 years in public child welfare as a social worker, supervisor, and project manager. He was one of the first trained Family Group Conference facilitators in Santa Clara County and later managed Contra Costa's Team Decision Making program. Mr. Paulsen has been a presenter for the AOC, Center for Families, Children & the Courts and an instructor for San Jose State University's post-graduate Forensic Human Services Program.

LINDA PENNER has been the Chief Probation Officer for Fresno County Probation Department for the past seven years. Through her stewardship, the department has transitioned to Evidenced-Based Practices for recidivism reduction that encompasses community safety. Chief Penner has championed a culture that creates integrity, and professionalism, fairness and equity to courts and offenders. Chief Penner recognizes that public safety services include rehabilitation services and through her leadership has initiated policies, practices, and services that promote fewer crime victims through an emphasis of assessment-based accountability and programs. Under her direction, the construction and opening of the new Juvenile Justice Campus took place; the largest state-of-the-art juvenile justice facility in the State of California. With the advent of realignment of adult populations in the state of California, Chief Penner has promoted a safety net in the county of Fresno through innovative supervision and service programs for the realigned population including a multi-agency supervision team and evidenced based services that form the nucleus of the public safety response to the legislation. As President of the Chief Probation Officers of California, leading the way to increased efficiencies and evidence based strategies and programs has resulted in the improved understanding of the role that probation departments must play in the development of future correctional efforts in California.

DEANA PIAZZA is a supervising research analyst with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts and has been employed by the AOC since June 2006. Ms. Piazza returned to CFCC after a brief tenure with the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts, where she was involved in a jury study and the evaluation of a specialized domestic violence probation unit. At CFCC, she has worked on a broad array of research, evaluation, and data collection projects in the areas of family and juvenile law, elder abuse, and self-represented litigants. Her current areas of focus are family court research, workload studies, and the CCMS Statewide Reporting Data Warehouse. Ms. Piazza has also been employed with the San

Diego Association of Governments, where she evaluated juvenile justice programs and reported on regional crime and arrest statistics. Ms. Piazza received her master's degree in applied sociology from Temple University and her bachelor's degree in sociology, with a concentration in family demography, from the University of Pennsylvania.

DONALD PICKENS is a single parent raising an adopted special needs daughter. Over the past four years, he has learned to navigate many systems including child welfare, education, mental health, judicial, and adoptions to effectively advocate for his daughter's needs. He has moved forward to assist others in learning to speak out and advocate for their own children's needs. In the last two and a half years, he has ascended to many new positions. These include, chair of the California State Parent Team, Child Welfare Council, National Parent Partnership Council of the National Alliance of Children's Trust & Prevention Funds, Board of Directors for Parents Anonymous Inc. and Los Angeles Community Child Abuse Council. In February 2011, Mr Pickens was selected by Parents Anonymous Inc. to be the recipient of the 2011 National Jolly K. Award for exemplifying the courage, tenacity and strong parent leadership first demonstrated by Jolly K., the founding parent of Parents Anonymous Inc.

ANTHONY PICO worked for the California Legislature for about 11 months and staffed legislation for the Office of Assemblymember Fiona Ma. Mr. Pico has worked with government entities since the age of 16, when he was appointed by California Chief Justice Ronald M. George to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care as a representative for California's foster youth population.

HON. CATHERINE PRATT is a commissioner appointed to the Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County in January 2006. She has handled cases in the Los Angeles County juvenile delinquency court in Compton since July 2007. Prior to being on the bench, Commissioner Pratt represented the Department of Children and Family Services in juvenile dependency matters and in various federal civil class actions regarding DCFS' delivery of services.

CATHARINE PRICE is a senior court services analyst with the Administrative Office of the Courts since 2002. She has been conducting grant seeking and grant application writing research and technical assistance to judicial branch staff for over six years, and did her initial training at the Foundation Center. Catharine has a B.A. from Pomona College and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco.

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DEBBIE RAUCHER currently works as a project manager for the John Burton Foundation and has been active in statewide efforts related to the implementation of AB 12. She is currently working on a project to improve higher education access for foster youth in the context of AB 12 through training and

improved collaboration between systems of child welfare and post-secondary education. Ms. Raucher has a master's degree in social work and has worked in the human service and affordable housing fields for more than 14 years, serving as an independent consultant, the deputy director of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic and the Director of East Bay Housing Organizations.

GABRIELLA RAYMOND is a deputy county counsel with Alameda County. She has served in that capacity since 2005. She currently practices municipal and administrative law and litigation in child welfare and juvenile dependency cases. Ms. Raymond worked as a law clerk in the Alameda County Counsel's Office prior to passing the California State Bar. Ms. Raymond is also a child welfare law specialist.

CASTLE REDMOND, J.D., is the program manager for Healthy Youth Development with The California Endowment. Mr. Redmond, formerly a program manager for the Oakland Unified School District and the City of Oakland, joined The Endowment as a program manager for the health foundation's 10-year, \$1 billion *Building Healthy Communities* plan in July 2011. Mr. Redmond is responsible for developing funding strategies for youth development and violence prevention with an emphasis on school discipline and juvenile justice policies. While with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), Redmond oversaw Measure Y's Juvenile Justice Center Wraparound Strategy and collaborated with the probation department on reforms to the juvenile justice system, among a number of other responsibilities. He also served as a case manager and teacher for OUSD from 2002–2009, during which he coordinated services for students, worked with new teachers and administrators on methods to address student behavior, and provided outreach to families, community-based organizations, and government agencies. Mr. Redmond also served as a commissioner for Alameda County's Human Relations Commission from 2004–2007 where he co-led the Sexually Exploited Minors Task Force efforts at building community support and raising awareness of the issue. In addition, Mr. Redmond co-drafted the official task force recommendations for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Redmond, a Sacramento resident, earned his B.A. in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and his law degree from Georgetown University.

DANIEL L. REYES JR. serves as the Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Team (JCRT) coordinator for the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ). He has over a decade of experience working in the community with at-risk youth and has worked with several local faith-based and nonprofit organizations. In addition to his work with CJCJ, he also serves as youth director at San Francisco Lighthouse Church. The Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization promoting a balanced and humane criminal justice system through the provision of direct services, technical assistance, and policy analysis. In the past 20 years, CJCJ has pioneered some of the most innovative programs in the country for youth and adult offenders, including the nationally recognized Detention Diversion Advocacy Program for high-risk juvenile offenders.

BRIAN RICHART currently serves as the chief of staff for the Alameda County Probation Department. Mr. Richart most recently served as president of Assessments.com (ADC), a nationally known provider of software and training related to the use of risk and needs assessments for agencies pursuing an evidence-based practices model. Prior to his work with ADC, Mr. Richart served for four years as chief probation officer for the County of Shasta in California. His 14 year community corrections career has

included work with juveniles and adults, in prevention, detention, detention alternatives, and community supervision. He earned his degree in political science from the California State University, Chico where he met his wife Kimberly, with whom he is raising two teenage boys.

NICHOLETTE RODGERS is a freshman at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria where she is studying criminal justice and sociology/psychology. Her career focus will be helping to repair/prevent situations like she has seen in teen court and the Rape Crisis Center. She has interned at the Northern Santa Barbara County Teen Court for a year and has volunteered over 500 hours. Along with being an intern for teen court, Ms. Rodgers serves as an advocate for the Rape Crisis Center, volunteers on the Public Service Announcement Committee for the Rape Crisis Center, Youth Serving agencies board, and for Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ is the legislation and policy coordinator of California Youth Connection. She uses her law degree to continue to work to improve the foster care system so that foster youth are safe, respected, and given the opportunities they deserve to be successful. She previously worked with the State Foster Care Ombudsman's Office, educating youth about their rights in foster care, and has traveled across California and throughout the nation speaking to child welfare professionals and community members about improving foster care. She is on the board of the National Association of Counsel for Children and was the student liaison to the American Bar Association Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children. As a former foster youth herself, she has both personal and professional experience with the issues facing foster children and youth in the child welfare, education, and mental health systems. Years of placements in group homes and institutions left her with first-hand knowledge of the need to reform the foster care system so that all children are offered safe, stable communities and the opportunity to grow up healthy and happy. Like many other foster youth, she emancipated from foster care to homelessness, without a high school diploma, job skills, or any adult support. She later graduated from San Jose Job Corps, where she received her GED, vocational training, and a foundation for future success. She transferred from community college to the University of California, Davis, where she received a B.A. in sociology with high honors in 2001. She is a graduate of the U.C. Davis Law School, where she was a three-year recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. tuition scholarship.

MICHAEL ROOSEVELT has been a senior court services analyst with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts since December 2006. Mr. Roosevelt has worked in the Education Division/CJER for eight years, developing fairness programs and curricula for judicial officers, managers, and other court professionals. Mr. Roosevelt works on the Parole Reentry Court Program and other projects for the Collaborative Justice Project. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in clinical psychology from San Francisco State University.

HON. DAVID ROSENBERG is the presiding judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo. Judge Rosenberg was appointed to office by the Governor of California in October 2003. Since that time he presided over all four drug courts, including adult drug court, juvenile drug court, Prop 36 drug court, and felony probation drug court. He has also handled juvenile dependency matters for the court. In 2007, he assumed a felony criminal department assignment, handling cases in a direct-calendar

system from arraignment till resolution (including trials). Judge Rosenberg has presided over more than 110 criminal jury trials, to date. Since 2005, Judge Rosenberg also sits as a member of the appellate division of the Yolo County Superior Court, and since 2010 has served as the presiding judge of the appellate division. In 2007, Rosenberg was elected by his colleagues to serve for two years (2008 –2009) as presiding judge of the Yolo Superior Court and in 2009, was re-elected to serve for another two years (2010 –2011). In 2011, his term as presiding judge was extended by his colleagues to September 2012. Judge Rosenberg serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the California Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, elected by the Presiding Judges of medium-size courts. In 2011, the Chief Justice of California appointed Judge Rosenberg as a Vice Chair of the Trial Courts Presiding Judges Advisory Committee; subsequently, he was appointed the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee. In this capacity he serves as an Advisory Member of the California Judicial Council. The Chief Justice has also appointed Judge Rosenberg as a member of the Judicial Council’s Executive and Planning Committee.

ANN ROSEWATER is a strategic planning and policy consultant to foundations, universities, not-for-profit, and governmental organizations. She served at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as southeast regional director, counselor to the secretary, deputy assistant secretary for Children and Families, and deputy assistant secretary for Human Services Policy. She was a member of the National Advisory Council on Violence against Women and the National Advisory Committee on Services for Families with Infants and Toddlers. Ms. Rosewater coordinated the HHS–Department of Justice initiative, Safe from the Start: Children Exposed to Violence. Before serving at HHS, Ms. Rosewater was staff director of the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families in the U.S. House of Representatives. She currently chairs the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Law Center. Ms. Rosewater has written extensively on child and family policy, health, and domestic violence, including: Addressing Domestic Violence, Child Safety and Well-being: Collaborative Strategies for California Families (co-author); A School Policy to Increase Student Safety, Promote Healthy Relationships and Prevent Teen Dating Violence (co-author); Promoting Prevention, Targeting Teens: An Emerging Agenda to Reduce Domestic Violence; and Steps toward Safety: Connecting Systems to Protect Families Experiencing Domestic Violence (co-author). Other recent publications include: Pathways from Brain Research to Policy: Highlights from the National Summit on Children. A graduate of Wellesley College, Ms. Rosewater earned her master's degree at Columbia University.

DYLAN ROY is a staff attorney representing parents and some children for the Dependency Advocacy Center of Santa Clara County. Throughout law school Mr. Roy was a law clerk and extern for the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles (now known as Children’s Law Center of California). While at the Children’s Law Center, prior to admission to the Bar, Mr. Roy worked on both policy and direct advocacy for children who were involved with both delinquency and dependency systems in Los Angeles County. For approximately three years, Mr. Roy was a staff attorney for the Children’s Law Center of California. After leaving the CLC, Mr. Roy was a deputy county counsel in Humboldt County working with Humboldt County’s Child Welfare Services. In addition to trial work, Mr. Roy has assisted with research into improving the outcomes for dependent youth, he has also worked on various local policy issues that affect indigent clients in dependency proceedings and he has worked on a committee to draft local court

rules. Mr. Roy has been able to contribute to the training program at the Dependency Advocacy Center by designing trainings around the Indian Child Welfare Act and relative/non-relative extended family member placement. Mr. Roy is a 2006 graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

AMY RUDD, M.F.T., currently serves as the director of Family Court Services for the Superior Court of Placer County. She has supervised a dedicated staff of child custody recommending counselors and child custody evaluators since March of 2002. Prior to this position, she was employed for 20 years at the Superior Court of Sacramento County, serving as a child custody mediator and evaluator, and served as supervisor of Family Court Services from 1991 through 2002. Ms. Rudd has dedicated her career to improving services to families and children who are experiencing the conflicts associated with sharing children after divorce or separation. She has served on the Board of Directors of the California Chapter of Family and Conciliation Courts for the past six years.

KAREN RUSSELL has practiced family law since 1984 and has had her own firm since 1995. She was trained in mediation in 1989 and in collaborative law in 1995. She limited her practice to mediation and collaboration since early 1999 and has taken no cases involving litigation since then. Ms. Russell teaches collaborative law and techniques to other attorneys as one of five trainers licensed through the Collaborative Law Association. She served as president of that organization in 1997, 1998, and 2001. She has conducted trainings of collaborative lawyers outside of California. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals and as a team attorney with Collaborative Alternatives in Cupertino.

CATHY SAKIMURA is the staff attorney & family protection project director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR). She works to improve access to family law services for low-income LGBT parents and their children, with a focus on increasing services to families of color. This project provides free legal information to low-income LGBT parents and their children; trains and supports attorneys providing free and low-cost services to these families; and works in coalition with organizations serving communities of color to provide culturally competent services to families of color. She also works on NCLR's litigation docket, particularly on family-related cases. Ms. Sakimura joined NCLR in 2006 as an Equal Justice Works fellow. She received her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 2006 and her B.A. from Stanford University in 2001. Prior to law school, she worked at Gay-Straight Alliance Network, where she empowered young people to combat harassment in their schools and participated in a multi-organization project linking work against homophobia with work against racism. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of COLAGE, a national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer parents.

MELIAH SCHULTZMAN is a staff attorney with the National Housing Law Project in Oakland. She initially joined the project as a two-year Equal Justice Works fellow. Her fellowship focused on the implementation of the housing protections granted to federally-assisted housing residents under the Violence Against Women Act. She also trained advocates in using protections against sex discrimination in the Fair Housing Act to safeguard housing for domestic violence victims and survivors in private rental properties. She also assisted the California legislature in creating AB 2053, which was enacted in 2008

and allows victims to leave a rental residence prior to the end of the lease term without penalty in order to escape domestic violence. Ms. Schultzman also served as a judicial clerk at the United States District Court in the Southern District of California and as a law clerk with Public Health Law & Policy, the Southern Poverty Law Center and with Bay Area Legal Aid. Ms. Schultzman received her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law where she served on the California Law Review. She has a B.A. in journalism from Gonzaga University.

ANGIE SCHWARTZ is a staff attorney at the Public Interest Law Project (PILP), focusing on improving public benefits programs for children and their families. Over the last few years, she has been instrumental in the passage of AB 1633 and AB 1331, two pieces of legislation aimed at improving foster children's access to social security benefits and ensuring that benefits are in place prior to emancipation. Before joining PILP, Ms. Schwartz was a Skadden fellow at the National Center for Youth Law. She earned a B.A. from American University in 1998 and a J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2004.

ROBERT SCHWARTZ, ESQ., co-founded Juvenile Law Center in 1975 and has been its executive director since 1982. With over 30 years at Juvenile Law Center, Schwartz is a national leader in advocating for children's rights and has extensive experience in all areas of juvenile law. In his career at Juvenile Law Center, Schwartz has represented dependent and delinquent children in Pennsylvania juvenile and appellate courts; brought class-action litigation over institutional conditions and probation functions; testified in Congress before House and Senate committees; and spoken in over 25 states on matters related to children and the law. Schwartz's career has not been limited to Pennsylvania, but has included fighting nationally and internationally for juvenile rights. From 1992–1998 he was chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section, a position he resumed in 2006. In 1993 he visited South Africa to help develop a legal system for children. In 1993 he also co-authored the American Bar Association's report, *America's Children at Risk*; and in 1995 he helped author a follow-up report on youth's access to quality lawyers, *A Call for Justice*. From 1996-2006, Schwartz was a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice. As part of the Network, he co-edited *Youth on Trial: A Developmental Perspective on Juvenile Justice* (University of Chicago Press: 2000). From 1996-99 he was a gubernatorial appointee to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Since 1991 he has been a gubernatorial appointee to the Commission's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee which is the State Advisory Group that distributes federal funds in Pennsylvania and advises the governor regarding juvenile justice policy. Schwartz in 2005 became chair of the Advisory Committee to the Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch. Schwartz also is chair of the Board of the Philadelphia Youth Network. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Andrew Hamilton Award, presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association "for exemplary service in the public interest," the Reginald Heber Smith Award, presented by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the Livingston Hall Award, presented by the American Bar Association, and the Stephen M. Cahn Award, presented by the National Association of Counsel for Children for career achievement. Schwartz is a graduate of Haverford College and Temple University School of Law.

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GWYNNETH SMITH, J.D., Ph.D., graduated from Harvard University with an undergraduate degree in psychology and completed a dual graduate program in law and clinical psychology at Golden Gate University School of Law and Palo Alto University. While in law school, Dr. Smith's training focused on the practice of child welfare law, and her clinical psychology training has focused on the treatment of trauma in at-risk populations. Dr. Smith passed the California Bar in 2007 and is currently a second year post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at University of California, San Francisco where her pre- and post-doctoral training has included dual clinical appointments at the Child Trauma Research Program, working with Alicia Lieberman, Ph.D. and Patricia Van Horn, J.D., Ph.D., and at the UCSF Trauma Recovery Center. In these settings, Dr. Smith treated both children and adults who have diagnoses of PTSD as a result of interpersonal violence. Dr. Smith's program of research at the Child Trauma Research Program focuses on interventions for children and families in the child welfare and juvenile dependency systems. She has published on the topics of psychiatric malpractice risk management in a private practice context, standards of practice for child custody evaluations, understanding parent-child attachment in a custody context, and the implementation of interventions for traumatized infants and toddlers in foster care.

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FARIBA SOROOSH was recognized by the California Lawyer in its first ever Angel Awards for her work in helping the Pro Bono Project establish the Domestic Violence Limited Scope Representation Project. DVLSR provides representation in domestic violence restraining order hearings using volunteers. The project has represented more than 100 clients in restraining order hearings according to Sharon Bashant, the project coordinator. She indicated that there have been 62 Attorneys and 13 law students involved in the representation. It is expected that the project will more than double its capacity in the coming year.

ROURKE F. STACY has been with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office for 10 years and since 2008 has been in the Appellate/Training Department and specializes in juvenile delinquency law. Ms. Stacy has spoken on a variety of juvenile law and confession matters to medical professionals, schools, and other public defender offices. In addition, she has spoken at California Public Defender Association,

National Juvenile Defender Center and Pacific Juvenile Defender Center Conferences. She has argued juvenile matters in the California Court of Appeal, and in 2009, argued as amicus counsel in the California Supreme Court in a juvenile confession case *People v. Lessie* (2010) 47 Cal.4th 1152, and in November of this year argued as amicus in another juvenile confession matter, *People v. Samuel Moses Nelson*; Supreme Court Case No. S181611

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KATHERINE OJEDA STEWART is an attorney with the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law in Los Angeles where she serves as an Equal Justice fellow. Ms. Stewart works on the Family Reunification Re-Entry Project to help formerly incarcerated mothers reestablish relationships with their children in safe and meaningful ways. Family reunification services for formerly incarcerated mothers, who are disproportionately poor women of color, survivors of violence, and the primary caretakers of their children prior to incarceration, are scarce in Los Angeles. Through direct legal services, education and outreach, this project will work with mothers to facilitate meaningful visitation and family reunification, empower mothers to make informed choices about their children's welfare and preserve their rights, and help break the cycle of recidivism and generational incarceration. Ms. Stewart is a recent graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law who has also interned at La Raza Centro Legal in San Francisco.

HON. NANCY WIEBEN STOCK has been a judge of the Superior Court of Orange County since 1990. Her prior judicial assignments include serving as supervising judge of the family law panel and presiding judge. She has served on the general civil, felony, and family law panels. She has served as an advisory member of the Judicial Council, chair of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, and on the Commission on Judicial Council Impartiality's Task Force on Judicial Campaign Conduct. From 1993 to 1996, she served on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. She also served as cochair of the Model Jury Summons working group. Judge Stock has been active in organizations designed to improve the bench and bar. She chaired an Orange County Bar Association project to create a judicial education pamphlet, "Avoiding the Appearance of Gender Bias in Court." The pamphlet, signed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George, was distributed as a training tool to every bench officer in California. From 1978 to 1990, before becoming a judge, she was a federal prosecutor for 12 years serving in the U.S. Attorney's

Office for the Central District of California. She is a member of the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force.

HON. DEAN STOUT was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo in 1997. Judge Stout was named the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year in 2006. He is cochair of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, the Domestic Violence Practice and Procedures Task Force, and the Tribal Court & State Court Forum. Among other case types, he presides over probate guardianship, dependency, delinquency, paternity, family Law, and domestic violence cases.

ANN STOW is the division director for Juvenile Services for Shasta County Probation. She has been with the department for 23 years. Before becoming a probation officer, Ms. Stow began her career as a counselor for adolescents in residential care in Idaho, Washington, and California. Ms. Stow has a bachelor's degree in corrections/psychology from Western Oregon University. Ms. Stow is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the juvenile division that includes intake and court services, field supervision, the court and community school, placement unit, and the mental health and drug court programs. Ms. Stow is also serving as the BPAI coordinator for her county. Ms. Stow has been involved in the implementation and cultural change towards evidenced based practices and utilization of the PACT assessment with the NCPC (Northern California Probation Consortium) since 2006.

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SHANNON M. SULLIVAN has worked for the County of Santa Cruz for seven years, representing the county's child protection agency. She began her legal career representing children in family court and adults in all aspects of legal work relating to families and children. Ms. Sullivan has been a foster care provider and has a current foster license. She became interested in a legal career as the result of her leadership and activism in local and state branches of National Organization for Women and continues to appear on local panels providing tolerance training on lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender issues.

JOHN SUMMERS has been the Family Court Services director, Superior Court of Yuba County, since 2001. Prior to that, he served as the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Unit supervisor, Yuba/Sutter Mental Health Department; Youth/Adult Services director for the Sutter County Sheriff's Department and then Probation Department; and Yuba County deputy probation officer. As a Yuba College instructor, Mr.

Summers has taught courses on parenting education, domestic violence, child abuse, cults, psycho/social aspects of gang members, and gang identification (for the college's Police Academy).

JANAY SWAIN

CHRISTAL SWEET, supervising probation officer for San Diego County Probation Department, has 15 years of experience with the department, where she has held assignments in both institutional services and juvenile field services. Some of those assignments include Kearney Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility, Reflections Central Day Treatment Program, Juvenile Drug Court, Truancy Supervision Program, Juvenile Field Services Training Unit, and the Juvenile Ranch Facility. She is currently assigned to East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility where she supervises a general population detention unit that houses 30 detainees and is staffed with 13 correctional deputy probation officers. Ms. Sweet is a member of the Department's Evidences-Based Practice Committee, The Best Practice Approach Initiative, and the PACT Implementation Committee. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from San Diego State University.

ANTOINETTE TAILLAC has been an attorney with the Fresno County Public Defender's Office for the past 14 years. During the last six years she has been in the Juvenile Division. For the last three years she has been the supervising attorney for the Juvenile Division of the Public Defender's Office. Five years ago she was part of a team led by Judge Whitehead that implemented Fresno County's first mental health court for juveniles. For the past three years she has worked with Judge Gottlieb, the probation department, the District Attorney's Office and the CJC/VORP team to establish the Community Justice Conference Program (CJC) in the Fresno County juvenile court. Ms. Taillac graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.S. in sociology and received her law degree from New College School of Law in San Francisco.

AKIKO TAKESHITA is a staff attorney at Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach. She has practiced public interest law for over 12 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Takeshita also possesses a long history of community activism and social justice involvement in both Southern and Northern California on behalf of the Japanese American community. In addition to her 10 plus years of practicing domestic violence and family law, Ms. Takeshita is an experienced elder senior law and elder abuse legal practitioner.

GRACE TAM is a deputy county counsel with Alameda County Counsel Office. She has served in that capacity since 1986. She began working in dependency in 2001. She did trial work first and has been handling dependency appeals since 2003. She worked for the Alameda County Superior Court as a research attorney for three years before going to county counsel.

WILLIAM T. TANNER has provided trainings on a variety of topics for the Administrative Offices of the Court, the State Bar of California, and the Superior Court of Orange County. He received a J.D. from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1994 and a B.A. in philosophy/law and society from

University of California, Riverside in 1991. He is currently a directing attorney and oversees the Legal Resolutions Center, Small Claims Court Advisory Program of Orange County, Legal Aid's Lawyer Referral Service and aspects of I-CAN!, and Legal Genie. Further, he oversees the training of approximately 40 interns each year, including lawyers, paralegal and law students. He teaches a variety of courses at Mount San Antonio College and University of California, Irvine Extension, including, Legal Aspects of Real Estate, Property Law, Landlord Tenant, Civil Litigation, and Ethics. For the past eight years he has been a member of the Civil Small Claims Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council and a Temporary Judge in Orange County.

MALA B. THAKUR is the executive director of the National Youth Employment Coalition's national membership network in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Ms.Thakur oversees NYEC's efforts focused on policy, quality standards, professional development, education, member services, and research. Ms. Thakur has worked extensively in the areas of education and workforce development practice and policy for youth and adult populations. Ms. Thakur spearheaded the creation of NYEC's education portfolio and has led national capacity building efforts for workforce development, education, and juvenile justice initiatives. Ms. Thakur frequently delivers presentations and workshops at national conferences on workforce development, education and youth development policy and practice. Before joining NYEC in 1999, Ms. Thakur served as director of Workforce Development at the New York Citywide School to Work Alliance where she provided technical assistance to School to Work partnerships and analyzed federal and state legislation on education and workforce development. Before working at the School to Work Alliance, Ms. Thakur directed policy, research, and advocacy efforts at the National Puerto Rican Forum pertaining to education, employment, and training issues for Latinos and other underserved populations in New York City. Ms. Thakur has also worked in dropout prevention programs in the New York City public school system and taught English as a Second Language at the New York Association for New Americans. Today, Ms. Thakur serves on the Board of Directors of Advocates for Children, the Latin American Youth Center Career Academy and the Coalition on Human Needs and the Steering Committees of the Campaign For Youth and the National Collaboration For Youth. Ms. Thakur also serves on the National Assessment of Career and Technical Education Independent Advisory Panel, mandated by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006. She holds an M.A. in education from New York University and a B.A. in political science with a minor in French from the University of California, Berkeley.

CAROLYN THOMAS-WOLD has been working in the field of family violence prevention for over 15 years and is currently the director of the Office of Family Violence Prevention for Solano County. Ms. Wold has been instrumental in bringing over \$3 million in funding to Solano County to develop and implement family violence prevention efforts. Under Ms. Wold's leadership, Solano County opened the Solano Family Justice Center in February 2011. Her collaborative efforts helped establish the Solano Superior Court's Domestic Violence Court Docket project and truancy court. Ms. Wold is a member of the California Statewide Leadership Council on Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment, Kaiser Permanente Domestic Violence Task Force, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and National Family Justice Center Alliance. She is a visiting lecturer at Touro University and presents workshops on children's exposure to violence. Ms. Wold holds a bachelor's degree in business management from the St. Mary's College of Moraga.

HON. TRINA THOMPSON is the presiding judge of the juvenile court, Superior Court of Alameda County. Judge Thompson's focus has been evidence-based decision making, finding family first, and closing the gap between education and incarceration of minors. Judge Thompson is known for her advocacy of transitioning-aged youth, efforts at eradicating truancy, and reducing gang violence. The consistent themes underlying dysfunction in families often involve external factors such as housing, unemployment, mental health challenges, and poverty. Thus, focusing on education, community resources, community stability, and fortifying existing family structures seem to be a natural place to start to reduce the cycle of poverty and family conflict. In 2011, Judge Thompson was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

PAUL W. THORNDAL is a partner at Wald & Thorndal, and a certified family law specialist (State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization). A senior litigation attorney with broad experience in both trial and appellate litigation, Mr. Thorndal has successfully represented numerous clients in state and federal courts throughout California. His case, *Alexandria S. v. Pacific Fertility Medical Center* (1997) 55 Cal.App.4th 110, is one of the few published cases in California addressing the liability of fertility clinics for negligence and breach of contract in the area of assisted reproduction. Mr. Thorndal is a member of the Family Law Practice Section of the State Bar of California and the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), a member of both the Marin County and San Mateo County Bar Associations, as well as the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association and the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom. Mr. Thorndal obtained his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He and his husband have lived in San Francisco for many years.

THERESA THURMOND

HON. PATRICK TONDREAU has served since October 1, 2007 as supervising judge of the juvenile justice court and presiding judge of the juvenile division, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Gray Davis in June 2002 and has spent the majority of his time in a family or juvenile assignment. He has been recognized for numerous achievements including the 1997 Santa Clara County Bar Association Byrl S. Salsman recipient for contributions to profession and community and serves on various local, state, and national committees including the Judicial Council Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, the Juvenile Court Judges of California (JCJC) Executive Committee, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

HON. ANTHONY A. TRENDACOSTA is a commissioner at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, where he is currently assigned to Department 417 of the Monterey Park Children's Court. Prior to becoming a commissioner, Commissioner Trendacosta served as general counsel of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. In September 1998, he was appointed as referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, and he became appointed as court commissioner in January 2005. Commissioner Trendacosta received his B.A. from California State University, Northridge, and his J.D. from the University of La Verne. He is a member of the Center for Judicial Education Juvenile Law Committee.

KIM TURNER is the court executive officer at the Marin County Superior Court, the current Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) chair and advisory member of the Judicial Council. She has also served on the Judicial Council's Rules and Projects Committee, Litigation Management, California Case Management System (CCMS) Internal Committee, CCMS General Administration and Accountability Committee, Trial Court Budget Working Group, CEAC Records Management Working Group, and SB 56 Working Group. She is a former member of the Accountability and Efficiency Committee, CEAC Court Administration Ethics Working Group, and Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. Ms. Turner's areas of expertise are court finance, records management, self-help services, and collaborative justice court program. Before becoming the CEO in 2005, she served as the assistant executive officer and court chief financial officer for the Superior Court of Marin County.

HON. JUAN ULLOA was elected to the Superior Court of Imperial County in an open election in November 1994. He had been serving as juvenile court referee since 1992. He has served as presiding judge of the juvenile court since 1995, even while otherwise assigned. He had extensive experience as court-appointed counsel for parents and children in dependency and delinquency courts. He helped to establish Court Appointed Special Advocates of Imperial County, which has been serving dependent children since 1997. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Imperial County peer court for first-time, nonviolent delinquent offenders. He is a member of the California Tribal Court & State Court Forum. He has coached and judged high school mock trial competitions for 20 years. Judge Ulloa was an attorney and directing attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance from 1975 until 1982. Before his election to the bench, he was a solo practitioner, with extensive experience in the formation, management, and dissolution of nonprofit and private corporations and grass-roots advocacy groups. His primarily family and civil practice evolved into a mostly criminal defense practice when he worked as a contract indigent defense attorney for Imperial County. He is proud of the fact that he has presided on every bench and over every calendar in Imperial County, including family law, civil, and criminal assignments. He has been a leader in court reform efforts and in the establishment of the ongoing collaborative relationship between the Superior Court of Imperial County, the family court of Baja California in Mexicali, Mexico, and the Mexican Consulate in Calexico, California. Judge Ulloa received his bachelor's degree in anthropology and Mexican-American studies from the University of California, Riverside in 1972, and his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

TIMOTHY VAN SCHOOTEN, M.A., M.DIV., M.F.T., is a licensed therapist, mediator and educator. He has been the director of Probate and Family Court Services for Shasta County Superior Court for over 15 years. Prior to that he worked as a mediator in Riverside County and was in private practice as a therapist in Orange County. Mr. Van Schooten has served as a regional representative for both the California Family Court Directors Association and the California Association of Superior Court Investigators. He has taught at Simpson University for 14 years in the subjects of ethics, social psychology, adult learning and motivation, small group communication, conflict resolution, and Christianity and world religions. He was named Teacher of the Year for Simpson University in 2004. He has also presented on different areas of mediation and court investigations for mediators and court investigators across the state.

DIANA TATE VERMEIRE serves as the racial justice project director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. As a policy attorney, her work uses a combination of legal and legislative advocacy, public education, and organizing strategies to combat racism in all its forms with a particular emphasis on eliminating racial bias in the criminal justice system and achieving educational equity. Her education advocacy work focuses on issues relevant to school bias and pushout, including discriminatory discipline and other barriers to achievement and graduation. Her policy advocacy includes working directly with community organizations for local reform, persuading decision makers at the local and state level to adopt particular policy recommendations, and educating the public regarding the need for, barriers to, and methods for obtaining school reform in the state.

BO VITOLO has been with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for the past 37 years. She has experience as a classroom teacher, site principal, and as a central office administrator. Her experience includes working with incarcerated youth, students with disabilities, and as the principal of the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. Additional expertise include designing and implementing school academic review processes, coordinating resources and services to districts and schools, and managing multiple grants, budgets, and personnel. She is also the regional director for the Southern QEIA Center providing technical assistance to districts and schools in 10 counties as they implement the Quality Education Investment Act. Ms. Vitolo also coordinates the LACOE external evaluator program that provides support to underperforming schools within L.A. County. Currently, she is serving as the interim director at LACOE in the Division for School Improvement which provides services in early childhood education, family literacy programs, federal and state accountabilities, and district and school reform. Ms. Vitolo received her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's degree in special education from the University of Southern California.

HON. RICHARD VLAVIANOS is currently chair of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. His areas of expertise include collaborative justice, juvenile and criminal law, substance abuse, mental health, reentry, and DUI. Judge Vlavianos was the presiding judge for juvenile court from 2002 to 2005 and has been the chair of the Youth and Education Subcommittee, the court's Community-Focused Court Planning Team since 2000. He has extensive judicial experience, including teaching for the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), the National Judicial College, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention. He has received honors and awards from the San Joaquin County Bar Association, Mediation Center of San Joaquin, and San Joaquin Office of Education.

MARK WASACZ is a partner with the firm of Wasacz Hilley & Fullerton LLP. For the past 10 years, Mr. Wasacz has practiced exclusively in the area of juvenile law, representing parents and children in dependency cases and children in high-conflict family law custody and visitation matters. Prior to his work in juvenile justice, Mr. Wasacz spent 10 years doing general civil litigation and then real estate transactional work for Cushman & Wakefield and 24 Hour Fitness. Since 2001, Mr. Wasacz has represented parents and children in the San Francisco Juvenile Dependency Court, through the Bar Association of San Francisco's juvenile dependency referral panel. Beginning in 2010, Wasacz Hilley & Fullerton has been representing all the dependent minors of Marin County under a contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts. In addition, Mr. Wasacz acts as a mentor attorney for lawyers who

want to get admitted to the Bar Association of San Francisco's juvenile dependency referral panel. Mr. Wasacz also serves as a judge pro tem for the San Francisco juvenile dependency court.

KATHY WATKINS, M.S.W., is currently a program manager for San Bernardino County Human Services Administration's Legislative, Quality Support Services and Research Division, which support seven human service agencies. She has served as the technical expert for the County Welfare Directors Association, CWDA, in drafting language for numerous bills impacting child welfare services over the last 15 years, including the original 1998 state Kin GAP program. Representing CWDA as one of the nine co-sponsors of AB 12, chaptered in 2010, she has been an active participant in the collaborative process to transmit the goals and values of the federal Fostering Connection Act into state law and policy. In 2011, she again has had the lead in drafting language for AB 212, urgency cleanup statute to provide more clarity and direction for implementation of Extended Foster Care. She was active in the 2011 State Department of Social Services workgroup to implement the new federally funded Kin GAP program. This year she is participating in numerous state AB 12 workgroups, including Rules of Court, CCL licensing regulations, THP+ Foster Care, Eligibility Standards, SILP approval, Fiscal Claiming, and Evaluation and Outcome Tracking. She has had more than 30 years in public service as a social worker, supervisor, policy analyst and manager both in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties and for the federal Social Security Administration. She graduated with a B. A., Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and earned her M.S.W. from California State University, San Bernardino.

JULIA WEBER, M.S.W., J.D., is a supervising attorney with the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts. She has been employed by the AOC since August 1999. Ms. Weber serves as co-counsel to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. She serves as staff to the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force and works on a variety of projects related to family law, court coordination, and domestic violence. Before joining the AOC, Ms. Weber had a private practice as an attorney representing children in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to working with the courts in California, her policy work has included serving as project coordinator for St. Louis City's Family Violence Council, developing the city's first plan for implementing a coordinated community response to domestic violence and assisting Monsanto in creating one of the first international employee policies addressing family violence. She also worked with the courts in St. Louis County as a child custody mediator.

VANCE WEBSTER grew up in South Central Los Angeles. He joined a gang at the age of 12. At 16, he was given a life sentence for failing to cooperate as a witness to murder, as a result of his fear that his family would be harmed in retribution. While he was incarcerated, Mr. Webster's mother met Father Greg Boyle and told him his story. He started getting letters from Father Greg encouraging him to seek Homeboy's services. Mr. Webster was released in September 2008, after almost 29 years in prison. Today at Homeboy, he is a senior navigator. Mr. Webster serves as a mentor and guide for clients beginning Homeboy's programs and teaches leadership and speaking classes in our curriculum department.

DEVON M. WERBLE has been working for the Los Angeles Community College District since 2002. She is an adjunct faculty member for Los Angeles City College (LACC) and L.A. Valley College and teaches

English, ESL, and study skills on behalf of the non-credit departments. She has managed several specially funded programs to serve at-risk youth in surrounding Los Angeles communities and statewide. From older adults to current and former foster youth, her main focus has always been to make education accessible to all people. In addition to her work with the colleges she is also a consultant for the Career Ladders Project to help support statewide initiatives around high-impact instructional strategies in contextualized teaching and learning as well as access and retention for former foster youth in post-secondary education. She just completed her M.A. in applied linguistics/TESOL and is applying for her doctorate degree in 2012.

SHANNON WELTON is a supervising attorney with the San Diego County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS). She has been with San Diego DCSS for nearly 15 years and has spent the majority of her career as a supervisor in the legal division. She has participated in the California Child Support Director's Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee and currently participates in the CSDA Appellate Advisory Committee. Ms. Welton received her Bachelor of Arts degree and juris doctorate at the University of San Diego.

HON. ADAM WERTHEIMER has been an AB 1058 commissioner with the Superior Court of San Diego County since August 2003. Prior to his appointment he was in private practice, his practice was limited to family law. He is certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in family law. From 1988 through his appointment to the bench he regularly served as judge pro tem in family court and in district attorney family support division matters and AB 1058 matters. He has served on the Judicial Council of California Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) and is presently a member of the CJER Family Law Education Committee. He is co-author and co-editor of the CJER AB 1058 Commissioners Bench Guides (Benchguides 203 and 204). He has served on many committees and workgroups related to the AB 1058 program and the DCSS Child Support Guideline Calculator. He has taught various family law courses for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), CJER and at many local family law seminars. He is a graduate of San Diego State University and California Western School of Law.

HON. DAVID S. WESLEY is assistant presiding judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County; serves as chair on the Los Angeles Superior Court Bench/Bar Committee and Personnel & Budget Committee. Appointed by the Chief Justice to serve as member of the Judicial Council; chairs the Judicial Council Court-Ordered Debt Task Force; serves as liaison to the Judicial Council Criminal Law Advisory Committee; and recently appointed by the Chief Justice to the Judicial Council internal committee to oversee California Court Case Management System. Judge Wesley devotes a great deal of time and serves as director to the Los Angeles County Teen Court Program. He is president of the California Association of Youth Courts, Inc. and has been developing a further extension of the Los Angeles Teen Court program SHADES, in partnership with the Museum of Tolerance. Judge Wesley received Jurist of the Year award in 2008 and Resolution of Appreciation for extraordinary and selfless contributions of the Riverside County Strike Force, 2008.

HON. CLAUDETTE WHITE is chief judge of the Quechan Tribal Court. Judge White was appointed to the position of Chief Judge for the Quechan Tribal Court on May 05, 2006 and then reappointed by the

Quechan Tribal Council for a second term beginning May 2010. She is also a member of the California Tribal Court / State Court Forum. Her undergraduate studies were completed at Arizona Western College in Yuma, Arizona and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, being the first from her family to graduate from college. While in attendance there, she also minored in sociology. Judge White attended the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona where she earned her juris doctorate and a Special Certificate in Indian law in 2005. She has also attended and completed the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Orientation education requirements for Arizona judges which was facilitated by the Arizona Judicial College. Judge White is an enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Tribe and also descends from the Cocopah and Digueno Mission Indian Tribes of California and Arizona. She has resided on the Quechan Indian Reservation located in Ft. Yuma, California, almost her entire life. She served on the Quechan Tribal Council from 1995–1998 and claims the honor of being one of the youngest members ever elected. Currently Judge White is active with the Arizona Indian Judges Association where she serves as the President of the Association.

TAMMI WHITE was born in 1980 to Linda White (now deceased) and raised in South Central Los Angeles for her entire life. She was introduced to gang violence around the age of 12. A few years later she was introduced to drugs, and formed an addiction which kept control of her life for 13 years. She spent eight years of her life in correctional facilities. She then decided she wanted change. She expressed this desire to her parole officer, who referred her to Homeboy Industries. That's when she met Father Greg Boyle and began to discover and create a new life.

KRISTIE WHITEHORSE is managing attorney at the Family Violence Law Center in Oakland, where she has been employed since May 2011. Prior to that, she was the supervising attorney for the Family Law Assisted Self-Help (FLASH) program of the Voluntary Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco where she assisted low-income self-represented family law litigants at the San Francisco Superior Court. Kristie speaks fluent Spanish and spends much of her time assisting monolingual Spanish speakers, many of whom have experienced domestic violence. Ms. Whitehorse is a graduate of University of California, Berkeley and also received her J.D. from U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

DEBRA WILLIAMS

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Public Education Committee for Collaborative Practice California; is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals; the International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers; and is a founding member of the Renaissance Lawyer Society.

SHANE WITNOV is a litigation associate at Winston & Strawn, and graduated from U.C. Berkeley Law School where he served as a clinical student with the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic. During that time, he researched and co-authored an office policy for a public defenders' office on the use of social networking websites in legal investigations. His article, Investigating Facebook: The Ethics of Using Social Networking Websites in Legal Investigations will be published in the Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal this fall. Mr. Witnov also worked with the Electronic Frontier Foundation to use the Freedom of Information Act to force the federal law enforcement to disclose how they use social networks. Mr. Witnov holds an M.S. in computer science and a B.A. in philosophy and religious studies from Stanford University.

ALLAN J. WOODWORTH is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, was a deputy district attorney from 1986 through 2001 and has been the supervising attorney for the Humboldt County Department of Child Support Services since 2002. Mr. Woodworth is presently a member of the State Tribal Workgroup, Legal/Courts Workgroup, CSDA Legal Practices Committee, a contributor to CSDA Child Support Sourcebook and Cases of Interest and a periodic instructor regarding State/Tribal child support procedures. Mr. Woodworth has been participating in State/Tribal cooperative projects since 1987 when he worked with the Hoopa Valley Tribe on the Indian Justice Project and most recently gave this presentation at the National Child Support Attorney College in 2010. In his spare time, Mr. Woodworth enjoys being a mentor attorney for Humboldt County's Teen Court.

ALICIA VALDEZ WRIGHT is the family law facilitator and Self-Help Center director for the County of San Luis Obispo. Prior to becoming the facilitator she was the director of Legal Services for the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law. She has assisted thousands of self-represented litigants with their family law cases. She has developed an expertise in the areas of domestic violence, family law, and pro per representation. Working with self-represented litigants has provided her with the opportunity to author materials and instructions that can be understood by persons who do not have a legal background and who oftentimes have limited formal education. Tailored to the specific needs of the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law and its clients, she has written a comprehensive Limited Legal Services Agreement for the delivery of limited scope representation in family law cases. Ms. Wright has also written law related updates and revisions for a volunteer instructional manual, Assisting the Limited Income Client with Family Law Matters and has written a family law/domestic violence manual for domestic violence shelter workers, Family Law Reference Guide for Domestic Violence Shelter Workers. Ms. Wright received her juris doctorate degree from Loyola Law School in 1995.

MARTHA WRIGHT came to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in 2001 after spending several years working as a proposal development consultant to community-based nonprofits and government agencies. Ms. Wright has developed successful federal, state, and private grant applications in the areas of community development, school violence prevention, community policing, technology opportunities, and after-school programs. In her role with the AOC, she researches funding opportunities and

facilitates the development of grant applications for AOC and trial court programs and research projects. Ms. Wright has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration.

HON. ERICA R. YEW was appointed to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County in 2001. She is assigned to the court's juvenile dependency division and presides over the newly established Family Wellness Court, a \$6.3 million project funded by the federal government and First 5 to serve children under the age of three whose families are dealing with homelessness, poverty, violence, and other social issues. Her immediate past position was as supervising judge for the court's domestic violence unit. Before her judicial appointment, Judge Yew worked more than 15 years in private law practice and was a member of the State Bar Board of Governors. Judge Yew serves on the Judicial Council's Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants and the Kleps Award Committee and conducts bench officer training for the Center for Judicial Education and Research. She has received numerous awards for her community service, including the 1990 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year from the Santa Clara County Bar Association and the 1995 Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Human Relations Commission Award of Special Merit for her service to the community. In 2002, she received the Distinguished Recognition Award from the Asian Law Alliance, and in 2005, the Justice Byrl R. Salsman Award for her contributions to the legal profession. Judge Yew is the immediate past-president of the California Asian American Judges Association. Her appointment to the council is for a three-year term as a voting member.

TIMOTHY ZAAL is a former racist skinhead currently working as a consultant to the Simon Wiesenthal Center Task Force Against Hate Crime, program facilitator of "From the Depths of Hate", and co-facilitator of the HATE 2 HOPE program. Some of Mr. Zaal's past racist/political affiliations include; Los Angeles area director of Recruitment & Propaganda for the White Aryan Resistance, and director of the Southern California Chapter of the Hammerskin Nation. Mr. Zaal has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, GANGLAND, 20/20, Judge Hatchet, the "It Gets Better" anti-bullying campaign, and is featured in the Stonewall award winning Book "Freaks and Revelations," written by Davida Willis Hurwin. Mr. Zaal earned a degree in alcohol and drug counseling and is continuing his studies toward a degree in social work/social psychology.

DEBRA ZANDERS-WILLIS was appointed as the director of Child Welfare Services for the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency in March 2009. She began her career with the County of San Diego in 1989 as a protective services worker, conducting child abuse investigations and assisting families reunify with their children. During her career with the County of San Diego, Ms. Zanders-Willis worked as a supervisor in adoptions, a program manager in the Central Region and an assistant deputy director overseeing multiple centralized programs; the child abuse hotline, foster care/foster home licensing, county adoptions, Drug Endangered Children and Family to Family Initiatives. Prior to her appointment as child welfare director, Ms. Zanders-Willis left the county and served as the chief operating officer for the YWCA of San Diego. In her role with this 100 year old organization Ms. Zanders-Willis was responsible for programs that served victims of domestic violence and as well as homeless families. Her years of working in social services and with children and families have demonstrated Ms. Zanders-Willis' commitment to providing a service delivery strategy that will deepen family engagement in San Diego County, resulting in more positive outcomes for troubled families and children who have been abused and neglected. Ms. Zanders-Willis participates on a number of advisory boards, including

The California Evidenced-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC), which is tasked with informing the child welfare community about the research evidence for programs being used or marketed in California. In addition, she also participates in The Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project (CTISP), which provides leadership in identifying effective treatments and developing specialized service delivery models to serve victims of child abuse and children exposed to domestic violence who are involved with the public child welfare system. In addition, she is a member of the United Way Vision Council, which oversees efforts to reduce child abuse and neglect, the Executive Committee for the Commission on Children, Youth and Families as well as a member of the School of Social Work Advisory Committee. A resident of San Diego, Ms. Zanders-Willis earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, San Diego. She earned her master's degree in counselor education at San Diego State University.

HON. D. ZEKE ZEIDLER is a judge at the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. He has presided over child abuse/neglect proceedings since 1998, initially as a juvenile court referee. Judge Zeidler is actively involved in judicial education, currently chairing California's Judicial Branch Ethics and Fairness Curriculum Committee and New Judge Orientation Working Group. He has served as faculty for related courses, as well as California's Juvenile Dependency Overview course. Judge Zeidler serves on state and local access and fairness committees, is active with the NCJFCJ, and is president of the International Association of LGBT Judges. He is married to attorney Jay Kohorn.

HON. LAURIE D. ZELON has served as associate justice, Second District Court of Appeal, Los Angeles since 2003. She served as chair of the Elkins Family Law Task Force from its inception through acceptance of its final report by the Judicial Council in April 2010. During the 23 years that preceded her appointment to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2000, Justice Zelon had an active litigation practice, involving scientific and technical issues, fiduciary obligations, and other complex commercial disputes. Justice Zelon is a past president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She has been active since her admission to practice in the American Bar Association and has served as chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Public Service Responsibility, as a member of the Consortium on Law and the Public, and as chair of its national Law Firm Pro Bono Project. From 1994 to 1997, she was chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants. In California, Justice Zelon has been a long-time member and served as chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice. She also serves on the Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants. She was the 1993 Recipient of the William Reece Smith, Jr. Special Services to Pro Bono Award, the 1999 Recipient of the Charles Dorsey Award from the National Legal Aid & Defenders Association, and the 2000 recipient of the Loren Miller Legal Services Award from the State Bar of California. She was the first recipient, in February 2000, of the Laurie D. Zelon Pro Bono Award, given by the Pro Bono Institute of Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of the Harvard Law School.