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Accountability Counsel

Margaux Day – Policy Director

Accountability Counsel amplifies the voices of communities around the world to protect their human rights and environment. As advocates for people harmed by internationally financed projects, we employ community driven and policy level strategies to access justice. As Policy Director, Margaux leads our advocacy to ensure that international institutions financing projects protect the human and environmental rights of the communities that they affect.

ACLU Capital Punishment Project

Olivia Ensign – Staff Attorney

Olivia Ensign is a staff attorney with the ACLU Capital Punishment Project. Ensign represents clients in capital cases at the trial, direct appeal, and post-conviction levels across the southern United States. In 2019, she was named as one of Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 for her ongoing work with the Capital Punishment Project.

ACLU of Chicago

Emily Werth – Staff Attorney

Emily Werth (she/her) is a Staff Attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois where her work focuses on women's and reproductive rights. Emily joined the ACLU of Illinois in the fall of 2014. She is a 2006 graduate of the University of Chicago and a 2011 graduate of Harvard Law School. Before coming to the ACLU of Illinois, Emily worked as a Skadden Fellow at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law in Chicago, and then as a fellow at the National Women's Law Center in Washington, D.C.

ACLU of MA

Jessie Rossman - Staff Attorney

Jessie Rossman joined the ACLU of Massachusetts as a staff attorney in June 2013. She has both trial level and appellate advocacy experience, and litigates on a broad range of civil rights and civil liberties issues, including privacy and technology, free speech, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination.

She was recognized as a 2015 National Law Journal Boston Rising Star.

Jessie has a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Yale University. Before joining the ACLU of Massachusetts, Rossman served as a law clerk to Judge Raymond C. Fisher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She also worked as a staff attorney at the ACLU of Michigan and as a litigation fellow at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Prior to joining the ACLU of Massachusetts, Jessie settled a pregnancy discrimination lawsuit in *Prater v. Detroit Police Department*, resulting in a new policy to ensure that pregnant officers were protected against discrimination on the job, and briefed *Duncan v. Granholm*, a class action lawsuit which challenged the state of Michigan to reform its broken indigent defense system.

ACLU of Michigan

Phil Mayor - Senior Staff Attorney

Graduated HLS in 2011. Clerked for Susan Braden (Federal Court of Claims), Stephen Reinhardt (9th Circuit), and Goodwin Liu (California Supreme Court). U.S. Department of Labor 2014-17 (Honors program, then as an appellate attorney). United Autoworkers Union (UAW), Assistant General Counsel, 2017-2019. ACLU of Michigan, Senior Staff Attorney, 2019-present.

ACLU Speech, Privacy & Technology Project

Brian Hauss - Senior Staff Attorney

Brian is a senior staff attorney with the ACLU's Speech, Privacy & Technology Project, where he focuses on free speech litigation. He has litigated cases in trial and appellate courts across the country on behalf of labor unions, protest leaders and participants, journalists and news outlets, authors, and non-profit advocacy organizations. He was previously a staff attorney with the ACLU's Center for Liberty, where he challenged religiously-motivated refusals to comply with anti-discrimination laws. Before joining the ACLU, Brian clerked for the Hon. Marsha S. Berzon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School.

AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance

Alex Roe - Managing Counsel

Alex Roe is managing counsel at the AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to provide continuing legal education, networking, and other support for lawyers who represent AFL-CIO affiliated unions. Alex is also part of the AFL-CIO Legal Department. Prior to working at the AFL-CIO, she spent 15 years as Headquarters Counsel for the Communications Workers of American in Washington, DC.

She holds a JD from George Washington University, an EdM from Boston University and a BA from Carleton College.

Alaska Department of Law, Environmental Section

Jennifer Currie - Senior Assistant Attorney General

Jenn Currie - Jenn is the Chief Assistant Attorney General for the Environmental Section at the Department of Law. She has been at the Department of Law for 16 years. She practices in all aspects of environmental law. Prior to her work with the State, she was in private practice in a boutique environmental firm. Prior to that she did general civil litigation for a firm.

Julie Pack - Assistant Attorney General

Julie is an Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Section of the Alaska Department of Law. Before this, she was a clerk for three years and an athlete in college. In her free time, she paints, reads, hikes, and skis.

Alaska Public Defender Agency

Sharon Barr - Assistant Public Defender

I graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1990 and moved to Alaska, where I clerked for Judge Robert Coats of the Alaska Court of Appeals for one year. I then worked as a felony trial lawyer at the State of Alaska Office of Public Advocacy for four years, and then moved to the Alaska Public Defender Agency in 1995 and have worked there since. I am a staff attorney in the appellate division of the Agency and am also responsible for hiring all of the student interns/externs for the Agency. I live in Anchorage.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Bradley Girard - Litigation Counsel

Bradley Girard is Litigation Counsel at Americans United for Separation of Church and State, focusing on constitutional and civil-rights litigation in the federal courts of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Bradley returned to Americans United after serving as the Steven Gey Constitutional Litigation Fellow from 2015-17. He graduated cum laude from Georgetown Law in 2014. After law school he clerked for the Honorable Neal E. Kravitz on the D.C. Superior Court and on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for the Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey. Immediately before returning to AU, Bradley was the clinical teaching fellow at Georgetown Law's Appellate Courts Immersion Clinic, where he taught students public-interest impact litigation in the federal courts of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He also earned an LLM in advocacy. During law school, Bradley

interned at Gupta Wessler, Public Justice, Mehri & Skalet, and in the civil-rights division of the Institute for Public Representation. He also interned on the D.C. district court, in the chambers of the Honorable Gladys Kessler. ||Bradley has been published in the Georgetown Law Journal, the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy, Law360, and SCOTUSblog.

Gabriella Hybel – Madison Legal Fellow

Gabi Hybel (she/her/hers) is a Steven Gey Constitutional Litigation Fellow at Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Gabi earned her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was a project manager for the Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse and the Managing Editor of the *Michigan Journal of Race & Law*. During law school, she also worked as a student attorney in the Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic and as an intern at the Texas Civil Rights Project and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. Before arriving at Americans United, Gabi clerked for the Honorable Neal E. Kravitz on the D.C. Superior Court and completed a legal fellowship at Farmworker Justice.

Gabi earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Pomona College. She has previous experience as a communications director, a labor organizer, and an elementary school teacher.

Anderson & Krieger

Paul Kominers – Associate

PAUL M. KOMINERS is an associate at Anderson & Kreiger LLP, where he represents state agencies, local governments, airports, and private clients in civil litigation and counsels them on public-law matters. He previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable James R. Milkey of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and to the Honorable Michael M. Baylson of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Kominers is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received the Karl Taylor Compton Prize, and Harvard Law School, where he was a fellow of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy and President and Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Journal on Legislation.

Mina Makarios - Partner

MINA S. MAKARIOUS is a partner at Anderson & Krieger LLP in Boston. Mr. Makarios represents clients on municipal, airport, environmental, and construction matters. Mr. Makarios's work for public sector clients includes representing airports across the United States on federal regulatory matters serving as town counsel to the towns of Concord, Lexington, and Winchester Massachusetts, and regularly advising these and other towns on governance, procurement, land use, environmental, and other matters. He also

represented the Massachusetts Gaming Commission in drafting and promulgating new regulations and in its suitability investigations of gaming applicants. In addition, Mr. Makarios serves as counsel to several clients on matters involving the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Massachusetts Hazardous Material Release Prevention Act (Chapter 21E). He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

Appellate Advocates

Patricia Pazner – Attorney-in-Charge

Patricia Pazner is a graduate of Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. While in law school, she interned with Magistrate Judge Ronald L. Ellis in the Southern District of New York, as well as with the Legal Aid Society Law Reform Unit, Housing Division. After graduation, she worked as a fellow with The Legal Aid Society Criminal Appeals Bureau before joining Appellate Advocates.

Apollo Law LLC

Colin Reeves – Associate

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Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA

Christina Yang - General Counsel & Pro Bono Director

Christina Yang is General Counsel and Pro Bono Director for legal services and civil rights nonprofit Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA. As GC, she provides in-house legal support and advice to the management team and senior leadership regarding general business operations, compliance, and risk management. As Pro Bono Director, Christina cultivates and leads volunteer involvement programs to support Advancing Justice - LA's work, including developing opportunities for pro bono attorneys to expand the reach of the organization's work. Prior to Advancing Justice-LA, Christina was in-house at an international HIV/AIDS nonprofit called AIDS Healthcare Foundation, as well as a litigation associate at Mayer Brown LLP. Christina is Immediate Past President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County, and a past Co-Chair of its Public Appointments and Judicial Endorsements committee. She is a graduate of the UC Berkeley School of Law, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Beldock Levine & Hoffman, LLP

Regina Powers – Associate

Regina joined BLH as the Myron Beldock Civil Rights Fellow in August 2020. Prior to BLH, Regina clerked for the Hon. David L. Bunning in the Eastern District of Kentucky. She graduated from Harvard Law School in 2019. As a law student, Regina co-lead the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, and along with a team of others, used parole hearing advocacy and state court litigation to secure the release of two individuals with mental disabilities who had been deemed appropriate for parole but kept in prison years longer in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

During law school, Regina spent her summers gaining experience in civil rights litigation through legal internships at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, as well as through a summer associate position at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC. She also represented individuals in housing, criminal, immigration, and debt collection matters through law school clinics. Prior to law school, Regina served as an Americorps member addressing college access disparities adversely impacting low-income and first generation students in rural Kentucky.

Bronx Defenders

Thanisha Pariage – Recruiting and Hiring Manager

Thanisha Pariage (she/her/hers) is the Recruiting and Hiring Manager at Bronx Defenders. She most recently was the David Bohnett Fellow at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service where she is earned her Master's in Public Administration specializing in Policy Analysis and Non Profit Management. She is also the Founder and CEO of KinNect, a startup project dedicated to building a platform for formerly incarcerated individuals to find sustainable employment. Through this role, she partners with NYU's Prison Education Program to get students work ready through resume building workshops and interview skills training. She also partners with employers to build sustainable relationships for the KinNect platform. Thanisha also interned at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in the National Political Advocacy Department and at the Minority/Women Business Enterprise. She was also a research assistant to the Assistant Professor of Sociology and Public Service where she conducted research on housing discrimination. Prior to NYU, Thanisha was a Staff Attorney in the Criminal Defense Practice at The Bronx Defenders, where she served as a public defender advocating on behalf of marginalized individuals in the Bronx community through holistic advocacy. There, she collaborated with an interdisciplinary team to engage in a client-centered approach to defense litigation.

Thanisha received her J.D. from UConn Law in 2016, where she was a Certified Legal Intern with the Criminal Defense Law Clinic and Research Assistant to the Professor of Criminal Law. Upon graduation, she was awarded the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award by the Connecticut Women's Center. She was also a Diversity Scholar, Priscilla Green Scholar, and Thomas Meskill Fellow. Thanisha received her B.A. in Public Relations with a minor in Music from Hofstra University in 2011 while working full time as a Foot Locker Manager.

Upon graduation, she earned a role as the Corporate Human Resources coordinator. In this role, she recruited for over 100 stores in the California division and managed the corporate internship program.

Brown, Goldstein & Levy

Anisha Queen – Associate

Anisha Queen joined Brown Goldstein & Levy in January 2019. Since joining the firm, she has represented clients in a wide array of civil and criminal matters. She has experience representing clients in cases involving disability rights, civil rights, housing discrimination, employment law, Title IX, and contract disputes. Her criminal practice also includes a wide range of cases, including cases involving charges of second-degree assault, weapons possession, and wire fraud. Prior to joining the firm, Anisha clerked for the Honorable Tanya S. Chutkan on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Prior to her clerkship, Anisha worked as an associate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, where she represented clients in a wide array of criminal and civil matters, including contract disputes, cases involving antitrust violations, cases involving the False Claims Act, and cases involving state criminal charges. During law school, Anisha interned at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Gebhardt & Associates, LLP, a plaintiff-side employment discrimination law firm. She also served as the managing editor of the Harvard Journal on Racial and Ethnic Justice and as a research assistant for the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, an institute dedicated to addressing racial inequalities in the United States.

Campaign Legal Center

Jonathan Diaz – Senior Legal Counsel, Voting Rights

Jonathan Diaz is Senior Legal Counsel, Voting Rights at Campaign Legal Center (CLC) in Washington, DC, where he litigates voting rights cases across the United States and advocates for laws and policies at the federal, state, and local levels to create a more transparent, accessible, and inclusive democracy. He also frequently provides media commentary on voting rights issues on behalf of CLC and was a CNN Election Law Analyst for the 2020 election cycle. Prior to joining CLC, Jonathan was a litigation associate in the New York office of Jenner & Block LLP. He received his B.B.A. from the University of Miami and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Center for International Law – Philippines

Raphael Pangalangan – Legal Fellow

Mr. Pangalangan is a human rights lawyer from The Philippines. A graduate of the University of the Philippines, the University of Oxford, and the University of Cambridge, Mr. Pangalangan has published extensively on the field of international law with the Brill | Nijhoff, the Oxford University Press, and the Cambridge University Press. He is a Bertha Justice Fellow with the Center for International Law, the Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Jindal Global Law School, and a Lecturer of Law and Bioethics with the College of Law and College of Medicine of the University of the Philippines.

Centro Legal de la Raza

Henrissa Bassey – Co-Directing Attorney

Henrissa Bassey - Born and raised in Oxnard, CA, Henrissa is a proud southern Californian native. Henrissa has had the opportunity to work alongside young and older people from underserved communities in California, Washington, DC, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria to advance racial, social, and gender equity. Prior to attending law school, Henrissa attained a Master of Public Health (MPH) from UC Berkeley's School of Public Health. She is passionate about using multi-faceted approaches to enforce the housing rights of underrepresented and underserved communities. Henrissa currently serves as an Interim Co-Directing Attorney of the Tenants' Rights Practice at Centro Legal.

Monique Berlanga – Executive Director

As Executive Director, Monique brings years of experience to lead Centro Legal into the next chapter of its storied history. Monique has already dedicated several years of service to Centro Legal and is committed to Centro Legal's mission and vision. Monique previously served as Interim Co-Executive Director and Directing Attorney of the Tenants' Rights Practice, leading a dedicated team of attorneys and advocates working to prevent evictions of low-income tenants in the East Bay

Monique has represented low-income tenants in the East Bay for ten years. Monique worked as a housing staff attorney with Bay Area Legal Aid where her practice focused on eviction defense in the context of subsidized housing and representation of tenants in fair housing matters. Prior to that, Monique spent five years as the managing attorney of the Eviction Defense Center in Oakland. While at the Eviction Defense Center, Monique litigated over a thousand cases on behalf of low-income tenants facing eviction from their homes in Alameda County and parts of Contra Costa County. While at the Eviction Defense Center, Monique gained extensive experience in unlawful detainer jury trials.

Monique holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). While in law school, Monique was the recipient of the Hon. Cruz Reynoso Social Justice Fellowship. She also served as co-chair of the La Raza Law Students' Association. A first-generation college student, Monique holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from California State University, Hayward. Monique is from Hayward, CA.

Monique is a member of the East Bay La Raza Lawyer's Association and the Alameda County Bar Association. She serves on the Alameda County Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Nomination Committee.

Julie Hiatt – Managing Attorney

Julie is a member of Centro Legal's Pro Bono Team, supervising pro bono clinics and representing families and unaccompanied children seeking asylum and other forms of relief from deportation before the Immigration Court and U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. Prior to coming to Centro Legal, Julie was a supervising attorney at the Immigration Center for Women and Children, representing immigrant victims of crime in affirmative petitions. Julie graduated from NYU School of Law and became a staff attorney, then supervising attorney, at the Brooklyn Family Defense Project, with the goal of keeping families together and protecting clients' fundamental rights. In that capacity, she acted as assigned counsel to indigent parents at risk of losing their children to foster care in Brooklyn family court. Julie moved to California and following the presidential election, she was compelled to focus her legal practice on advocating for immigrants. Julie is proud to represent and work alongside immigrants as part of Centro Legal's immigration practice.

Chinese for Affirmative Action

Annie Lee – Director of Policy

Annie Lee is the Director of Policy at Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), a nonprofit organization based in San Francisco, CA. CAA was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. In her role as Director of Policy, Annie advocates for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity and education equity, and remedies racial and social injustice. CAA is one of the co-founders of the Stop AAPI Hate coalition, and Annie works to develop policy solutions to address harassment and discrimination against the AAPI community, especially AAPI women. She previously worked as a Civil Rights Attorney with the U.S. Department of Education (Department) in the Office for Civil Rights in San Francisco, California. At OCR, Annie investigated whether school districts, colleges, and universities were discriminating against students on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and/or age. She led two of the Department's high priority compliance reviews, one regarding a district's use of restraint and seclusion on students with disabilities and the other on a district's response to notice of employee-to-student and student-to-student sexual assault. Annie also resolved a number of cases involving Title IX athletics, educational programming for English Learner students, and different treatment in discipline based on race. Prior to OCR, Annie was an Equal Justice Works Fellow, sponsored by Oracle Corporation and Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), where she was an education attorney for youth in foster care and youth at risk of school push-out. In addition to representing individual students in special education and school discipline matters, Annie was on NCYL's

litigation team in *Alicia B. v. Malloy et al.*, a case regarding expelled students' right to an education under the Connecticut state constitution. Annie also worked to implement the foster youth provisions of California's Local Control Funding Formula and frequently testified at State Board of Education meetings on the unique needs of students in foster care. ||Annie graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 2014, where she was a student attorney with the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. Prior to Harvard Law, she taught 11th grade United States history in the Bronx, and her students achieved the highest pass rate for any state-tested subject in the school. She was a regional semi-finalist for the Sue Lehmann Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching.

Citizens for Juvenile Justice

Erin Sewart – Skadden Fellow in School to Prison Pipeline Project

Erin Stewart joined CFJJ in October 2021. She runs a Skadden Fellowship representing and advocating for youth in school discipline hearings and in court for school-based charges. Erin is a recent graduate from Northeastern University's School of Law. While in school, Erin co-authored a study on the cradle-to-prison pipeline undertaken by jails and prisons across Massachusetts. Erin spent several years working in a public middle school in Seattle while earning her undergraduate degree in economics.

Civil Rights Corps

Thea Sebastian – Policy Director

Thea is the Director of Policy for Civil Rights Corps. In this role, she oversees a range of initiatives that include policy changes both to end systemic criminal-legal injustice and to build a new, non-carceral paradigm for community safety. This work includes legislative engagement at the local, state, and federal levels; the development of policy resources, proposals, and model legislation; and policy support to movement organizations. ||Prior to joining CRC, Thea worked primarily on social and educational policy, particularly issues relating to economic mobility, educational equity, and social enterprise. Immediately before joining Civil Rights Corps, she served as Associate General Counsel for Mayor Muriel Bowser. She also has experience teaching, including two years as a special educator in the South Bronx, and providing policy analysis / advice on political campaigns.||A graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University, and Harvard Law School, Thea currently serves as one of 30 members of the Harvard University Board of Overseers. In her free time, she is passionate about creative writing, yoga, protecting voting rights, Indian food, rom coms, and never being forced to learn home repairs.||Kiah Duggins||Kiah's work focuses on using movement lawyering and the redistribution of power and resources to challenge policing and the criminalization of poverty. She is currently an attorney for CRC's Policing Project in Washington, D.C. and Houston, Texas.||Kiah collaborates with directly impacted communities to dismantle the criminal legal system's exploitative and anti-Black origins

and practices. Kiah worked with the ACLU of Northern California and a coalition of community members to challenge anti-Black policing and school-to-prison pipelines. She also worked on litigation with Neufeld, Scheck and Brustin LLC to challenge police misconduct nationwide. Kiah's experiences as a Fulbright grantee in Taiwan helped her to imagine a world with less policing and a more equitable distribution of resources like education, healthcare, and housing. Kiah served as the President of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, a Team Leader in Harvard Defenders, and a Law and Social Change Fellow while earning her J.D. at Harvard Law School. Kiah graduated summa cum laude from Wichita State University and is a proud alumna of Wichita Public Schools. She enjoys traveling to new countries, watching Disney movies, and asking about people's daily magical moments.

Kiah Duggins – Legal Fellow

Kiah's work focuses on using movement lawyering and the redistribution of power and resources to challenge policing and the criminalization of poverty. She is currently an attorney for CRC's Policing Project in Washington, D.C. and Houston, Texas.

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"I do this work because I believe we will all be safer and freer with less policing and more equitably distributed resources"

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

Betsy Miller – Chair, Public Client Practice

Betsy Miller is a seasoned litigator and industry thought leader on leadership development and organizational change management. With over 20 years in private and government practice in Washington, D.C., Betsy has built a reputation for deftly leading some of the country's highest profile government litigation and investigations. As Chair of Cohen

Milstein's Public Client Practice, Betsy currently represents state Attorneys General in the ongoing national opioid litigation. She previously negotiated a \$2.2 billion resolution as a lead counsel for states prosecuting consumer fraud cases against the nation's largest credit rating agencies. Her approach to these complex cases is grounded in the principles she has used as a professional mediator and in her fifteen years as an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law, where she has taught courses on negotiation strategy and conflict resolution. A certified leadership coach, Betsy regularly speaks and writes on the changing legal landscape and talent development for the 21st century lawyer, with a focus on advancing women and diversity in the legal profession.

Before joining Cohen Milstein, Betsy had a distinguished career in public service. She served as the Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel to the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, the seventh-largest Attorney General's Office in the country, with roughly 400 lawyers. There, she helped lead the historic transition of the D.C. Public School system, working closely with Chancellor Michelle Rhee and supervising the newly integrated legal teams across multiple D.C. agencies. She also partnered with Ken Feinberg to design a mediation program to better address special education disputes within DCPS. Betsy previously served on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee as Nominations Counsel to Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT).

Betsy earned her bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to receive her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she was the Technical Editor of the Harvard Human Rights Journal and an Editor on the Harvard Latinx Law Review. Betsy was a recipient of Harvard Law School's post-graduate Heyman Fellowship for federal government service and academic excellence and the Kaufman Fellowship for public service. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Thomas Penfield Jackson on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, working on the Iran-Contra hostage reparations cases.

Committee for Public Counsel Services

Kevin Ruderman – Recruiting and Hiring Manager

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Corporate Accountability Lab

Allie Brudney - Staff Attorney

Allie Brudney first joined Corporate Accountability Lab as a legal intern in the summer of 2018 and returned as a Justice Catalyst Legal Fellow in the fall of 2019. During law school

Allie devoted herself to human rights work with a focus on disarmament and corporate accountability work. Allie lived in Berlin for four years prior to attending law school. After her year as Fulbright Research Scholar studying Jewish identity and immigration in contemporary Germany, she earned a master's degree in North American Studies from the Free University in Berlin. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in History and German from Middlebury College in 2011 and earned her law degree from Harvard Law School in 2019. She is thrilled to be back in her hometown of Chicago. Allie is fluent in German and is admitted to practice law in Illinois.

Sameeul Haque – Staff Attorney

Sameeul a Staff Attorney at Corporate Accountability Lab, where he leads CAL's Ethical Intellectual Property program.

Delaware Department of Justice

Mary Page Bailey - Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Unit Head

Mary Page Bailey is a Deputy Attorney General with the Delaware Department of Justice. Currently, she represents the Delaware Office of Management and Budget, and its divisions: Office of the Director, Budget Development Planning and Administration, Government Support Services, and Facilities Management, as well as the Delaware National Guard. In addition to her responsibilities as general counsel to those agencies, Ms. Bailey works other Deputy Attorneys General on bidding, contracting, and claims resolution for their assigned agencies. She has been called upon to work on special projects to address funds received by the State from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act).||Along with her responsibilities as an attorney, Ms. Bailey is also an Assistant Unit Head for the Fiscal Integrity & Protection Unit, which is a unit of 10 attorneys assigned to agencies that focus on fiscal matters for the State, including the Department of Finance, Office of the State Treasurer, and State Bank Commissioner.

Detroit Justice Center

Desiree Ferguson – Special Litigation Counsel

Desiree M. Ferguson is the Legal Director / Senior Staff Attorney of the Detroit Justice Center. Before joining DJC, Desiree retired after serving for over 26 years as an Assistant Defender at the State Appellate Defender Office, where she specialized in handling criminal defense appeals on behalf of indigent persons convicted of felonies, in both State and Federal courts. She taught a Criminal Appellate Advocacy clinic at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School and the University of Michigan Law School. Previously, she worked for UAW Legal Services Plan, Michigan Legal Services, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services and Farmworker Legal Services.

A native Detroiter, Desiree graduated from Cass Tech in 1975, and from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Language and Literature in 1978 and a Juris Doctor in 1982. She is an active member of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and served as its national co-Chair for two terms. In that capacity, she co-authored a Brief of Amicus Curiae in the Supreme Court of the United States in *Gratz v Bollinger*, supporting the University of Michigan's affirmative action educational programs. She is also an active member of the National Lawyers Guild, and currently serves on the Board of its Michigan/Detroit Chapter. She has served on the State Bar of Michigan Criminal Jury Instruction Committee, and is a member of the Criminal Law Section.

Whitley Granberry – Staff Attorney, Economic Equity Practice

Whitley focuses on supporting the legal needs of Detroit's entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits. After serving in the Peace Corps, receiving her B.A. from Columbia University, and her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, Whitley returned to Michigan where she worked as a litigator in the Detroit office of Dykema Gossett PLLC. Whitley has worked with clients on a range of litigation matters, including financial services, commercial real estate, healthcare, and municipal disputes. Whitley has also represented clients in real estate development and environmental matters.

Prior to returning to Michigan, Whitley served as an intern for the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, Maryland. She also worked as a student attorney at American University Washington College of Law's Community and Economic Development Law Clinic, where she assisted small business owners and a low equity housing cooperative in D.C. While in law school, Whitley served as a research assistant for Professor Susan Bennett regarding language access issues. Whitley also served as the Symposium Editor for the *Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law*, as president of the Women's Law Association, and on the executive board of the Black Law Students Association.

Whitley was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in November 2016. She is a member of the Wolverine Bar Association, the Detroit Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. From 2018 to 2019, Whitley participated as a Scholar in the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division.

Disability Rights Texas

Lia Sifuentes Davis – Senior Litigation Counsel

Lia Sifuentes Davis is a Senior Litigation Attorney at Disability Rights Texas, the federally mandated protection and advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Texas. She specializes in the areas of employment, access, and voting. She currently leads the voting rights team at DRTx and litigates and researches issues pertaining to the voting rights of people with disabilities. She is currently litigating the ADA claims against Texas' omnibus

voter suppression bill, SB 1. She has testified in front of the Texas Legislature on voting legislation and changes to state anti-discrimination laws. Lia is a member of the National Employment Lawyers Association, the Texas Employment Lawyers Association, and is a board member of the Disability Rights Bar Association. She is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and Brown University, where she concentrated in Community Health and American Studies.

Earthjustice

Greg Whitt - Legal Recruitment Manager

Greg Whitt is the Legal Recruitment Manager at Earthjustice, focusing on senior and executive level lateral attorney recruitment, legal fellowships, legal clerkships, internships, and a variety of other roles for the premier non-profit environmental law organization. ||From 2011-2019 Greg worked as a Legal Recruiter at the Federal Trade Commission in their Bureau of Competition. In 2018, he received one of the FTC's highest honors, the A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Award. This award recognizes supervisors, employees, or groups that have made outstanding contributions toward fostering equal employment opportunities. Prior to working at the FTC, Greg worked in professional development and recruitment at Arnold & Porter LLP's Washington, DC headquarters.||Greg received a BA in Journalism from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. He lives in his hometown of Washington, DC with his wife, daughter, and their pug-chihuahua mix

Education Law Center - Pennsylvania

Deborah Klehr - Executive Director

Deborah Gordon Klehr (she/her) is the Executive Director of the Education Law Center, a non-profit legal advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring access to a quality public education for all children in Pennsylvania. Deborah brings extensive expertise on education law and policy issues, including fairness in school discipline, fair funding for public education, and other school access and improvement issues.

Deborah joined ELC in 2005 after clerking for U.S. District Court Judge Raymond J. Dearie in the Eastern District of New York. Deborah has taught education law at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. Her article "Addressing the Unintended Consequences of No Child Left Behind and Zero Tolerance: Better Strategies for Safe Schools and Successful Students" was published in the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy, and she is a frequent speaker statewide on education policy and the law. She was selected for and served on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee. She previously taught kindergarten and first grade in Hoboken, N.J. Deborah is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School.

Deborah serves on the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and was recently elected to serve as a member of The American Law Institute. Deborah serves on the Board of Directors of both Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia and Congregation Rodeph Shalom. She is a member of the Forum of Executive Women.

European Human Rights Advocacy Centre

Joanna Evans – International Public Interest Lawyer

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Everytown Law at Everytown for Gun Safety

Molly Thomas-Jensen –Deputy Director, Affirmative Litigation

Molly is a creative and focused litigator who practices in state and federal courts across the country. Molly represents survivors and victims of gun violence in litigation against gun traffickers, members of the gun industry, and government entities. She also defends common sense gun regulations by representing municipalities whose laws are being challenged by the gun lobby. She is a skilled litigator and appellate advocate, with over a decade of experience. After graduating magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, Molly clerked for the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Honorable Daniel E. Winfree of the Alaska Supreme Court. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Brown University, where she majored in History and Latin American Studies. Molly is admitted to practice in New York, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the Supreme Court of the United States. She practices out of Everytown's New York office. Molly regularly speaks at law schools around the country, including Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Columbia Law School, and the University of Houston Law Center. She is an active member of the New York City Bar Association, having previously served as a member of the Disability Law Committee. Prior to coming to Everytown, Molly worked for Letitia James, who was then the Public Advocate for the City of New York. She represented Public Advocate James in litigation to protect the civil rights of New Yorkers and to provide oversight of city government. She began her career at South Brooklyn Legal Services, where she provided direct representation to low-income New Yorkers and brought impact litigation to vindicate the rights of low-wage workers and New Yorkers with disabilities.

William Taylor –Deputy Director, Second Amendment Litigation

William works to defend gun-safety laws against Second Amendment and other constitutional challenges. As Deputy Director, Second Amendment Litigation at Everytown Law, William supports state attorneys general and city attorneys in Second Amendment cases, helps manage Everytown's amicus practice, represents municipalities defending their gun laws in court, and speaks publicly at law schools and in other settings about the Second Amendment and the future of gun litigation. William works out of Everytown Law's New York office. Before joining Everytown, William served, for more than five years, as an Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Bureau at the New York Attorney General's Office, where he represented the state and its agencies and officers in a wide variety of civil actions, with a particular focus on Second Amendment litigation. William was lead counsel for the State of New York in numerous Second Amendment and other gun cases, including *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Cuomo*, in which the district court upheld New York's restrictions on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines against a Second Amendment challenge, a decision later affirmed on appeal. In recognition of his work on gun litigation, William received the 2016 Louis J. Lefkowitz Memorial Award for outstanding performance as an Assistant Attorney General. William previously worked for over a decade as a litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York City, where he had a broad general litigation practice, across a variety of civil matters, at both trial and appellate levels. He also served as a law clerk to Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. William received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was Editor and Book Review Chair of the Harvard Law Review.

Farmworker Justice

Trent Taylor – Staff Attorney

Trent Taylor is a staff attorney at Farmworker Justice and leads the organization's litigation practice. In his role as staff attorney, Trent specializes in handling impact litigation cases. Prior to joining Farmworker Justice in 2020, Trent worked as an employee-side labor and employment attorney for Barkan Miezlisch, LLP and Bennett Hartman, LLP, where he represented labor unions in actions under the National Labor Relations Act, Railway Labor Relations Act, and public-sector collective bargaining law. In addition while with Barkan Meizlish, LLP, Trent maintained a large employee-side wage and hour practice where he represented hundreds of individuals in collective and class actions under the Fair Labor Standards Act and other employment law statutes. ||He is the co-author of the Ohio AFL-CIO's Law of Organizing and has presented on several topics including, The Role of workers' Centers in Fighting Wage Theft and Sex Trafficking as a Labor Offense.

Andrew Walchuk – Staff Attorney – Immigration

Andrew Walchuk joined Farmworker Justice as a staff attorney in 2021. He engages in policy analysis, education, and advocacy on the broad range of immigration issues affecting farmworkers and their families. His previous work included advocacy and legal services for a variety of human rights organizations, with an emphasis on asylum and access to justice for immigrant communities. Andrew also has experience serving on political campaigns and in government, at both the state and federal level. He began representing farmworkers through his pro bono immigration practice while litigating at a law firm in California. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, Yale Divinity School, and Yale Law School.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) - Seattle Division

Anthony Lang - Chief Division Counsel

Tony Lang serves as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Chief Division Counsel for the Seattle Field Office. He began his career as an FBI Special Agent in 1996, where he investigated counterterrorism, foreign counterintelligence and criminal matters. In 2001, he was promoted to FBI Headquarters in the National Security Law Unit. In 2004, he became the Chief Division Counsel for the FBI Honolulu Division. In 2017, he became the Senior Field Legal Counsel for the Office of General Counsel (OGC) in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the FBI's Field Legal Program. He graduated from the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Chicago. He holds bar memberships in the state of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

Jimmy Clements - Associate General Counsel

I graduated from University of Arkansas in 1999 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. From 1999 to 2004, I served in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear propulsion officer (surface). For the last three years of my service (2001-04), I was stationed on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) in San Diego. In 2007, I graduated from HLS and went to work as an IP litigation associate at Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston. Five years later, in 2012, I left Goodwin to join the FBI as a Special Agent. Following graduation from the FBI Academy, I was assigned to the Seattle field office, where I worked national security matters for the next six years. In 2018, I was appointed as Associate Division Counsel for the Seattle office, which is the role I currently serve in.

Federal Defender Services Office

Akin Adepoju - Lead Trial Attorney

Akin Adepoju has served as Lead Trial Attorney and Assistant Federal Defender for the District of Delaware and the Western District of Pennsylvania, where he served in both the Trial and Capital Habeas Units. He is an advocacy and federal sentencing expert, who has litigated cases ranging from pre-indictment stages to state and federal capital trials. He has also handled cases before the United States Court of Appeals. Before joining the Federal

Defenders, Akin was a J. Kirk Osborn Attorney Fellow and spent his time at the Fair Trial Initiative in North Carolina, where he worked on capital trial cases. Akin's practice now focuses on complex criminal matters, including representing those sentenced to death. He is a frequent speaker and instructor in training programs for federal and state defenders on trial strategy and sentencing advocacy, persuasive legal writing, and ethics. Akin is a cum laude graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, earned his J.D. cum laude from Rhode Island's Roger Williams University School of Law, where he was a Dean's Scholar and student-attorney in the Criminal Defense Clinic, and his LL.M. from Temple University School of Law as a Public Interest Scholar. He serves on the boards of several organizations and is an Adjunct Professor of Law, teaching Eighth Amendment and Advanced Criminal Law courses. He is the recipient of the Feinstein Public Interest Award and in 2020, he was awarded the Gideon's Trumpet Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Federal Defender program and public defense. The award is given in the spirit of Gideon v. Wainwright, the U.S. Supreme Court case that recognized that a person charged with a crime cannot hope to obtain justice in the absence of effective counsel.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) - Boston Area Office
Raul Zamudio – Senior Regional Attorney

Raul Zamudio is a Senior Regional Attorney at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Boston Area Office, focusing on risk management, bank activities, and enforcement actions relating to insured state-chartered depository institutions, their subsidiaries and institution-affiliated parties located in the six New England States, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Prior to joining the Boston Office, Raul was a Senior Attorney in the Atlanta Regional Office of the FDIC and Assistant Corporation Counsel in the New York City Law Department's Manhattan office. Prior to law school, Raul served four years with the U.S. Marines 15th and 13th Marine Expeditionary Units and the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA. Raul received his B.S. degree from Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, CA; a dual JD/MPP from UConn Law School and Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Texas - Capital Habeas Unit
Derek VerHagen – Assistant Federal Public Defender

Derek VerHagen is an Assistant Federal Defender and Assistant Chief of the Dallas Capital Habeas Unit, where he represents Texas death-row inmates in their federal post-conviction proceedings. Mr. VerHagen is a graduate of Texas Christian University and The University of Texas School of Law. While in law school, he was a member of the UT Capital Punishment Clinic. Before joining the Dallas CHU, Mr. VerHagen represented Texas death-row inmates in their state post-conviction proceedings at the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs (Austin, TX).

Federal Public Defender's Office, Southern District of Florida
Bernardo Lopez – Chief, Appellate Division

Mr. Bernardo Lopez clerked for the Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Lopez is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Law. For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Lopez has been an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Lopez is currently the Chief of the Appellate Division in the Federal Public Defender's Office focusing primarily on appellate practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Lopez also practices in the areas of habeas corpus, extradition and criminal defense in the District Court. Mr. Lopez has previously lectured on issues of federal criminal sentencing, federal criminal appellate practice and federal extradition.

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)

Greg Greubel - Attorney

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Global Peace Chain

Lilian Olivia Orero – Lawyer

Lilian Olivia Orero is a Global Peace Ambassador, Lawyer and an Award Winning Writer and Researcher from Kenya. She is a youth advocate and passionate about youth inclusion in public policy decision making such good governance and social justice. She has written on various topics affecting the youth in Africa such as sexual consent and rape, domestic violence, youth inclusion in governance and discrimination in the workplace. She has mobilized youth from different backgrounds to fight for their human rights and speak out on getting equal opportunities through representation. She is an aspiring diplomat and public policy maker and is very passionate about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensuring that they are implemented in Africa according to its Agenda 2063. Her philosophy in life is to inspire her fellow youth by mobilizing and empowering transformative young leaders to make a positive change in her community.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Alison Kamhi – Staff Attorney

<https://www.ilrc.org/alison-kamhi>

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Inner City Law Center

Vidhya Rangunathan - Director of Pro Bono

Vidhya joined ICLC as its Pro Bono Coordinator in January 2015 and is currently its Director of Pro Bono. Prior to joining ICLC, she practiced complex commercial litigation for over five years at the law firms of Crowell & Moring LLP and Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Vidhya handled a variety of matters relating to antitrust, real estate, contracts, environmental law, and insurance. Vidhya also maintained an active pro bono practice, representing a variety of clients on issues such as immigration, guardianship, and housing law.

Vidhya is active in the legal community, currently serving on the board of the Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee. She was a member of the South Asian Bar Association of Southern California (SABA-SC), a president of SABA-SC's Public Interest Foundation, a board member of the South Asian Network, and a member of the State Bar of California's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. Vidhya received degrees in Political Science and Psychology from UCLA and her J.D. from UCLA.

Sarah Cayer – Staff Attorney

Sarah joined ICLC as a Tenant Defense Fellow in May, 2020. During law school, Sarah represented tenants in the Boston Housing Court as a clinical student with the Harvard Housing Clinic, was part of the Harvard Tenant Advocacy Project, and served as an editor on the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. She spent her 1L and 2L summers advocating for economic justice with the National Consumer Law Center, Health Law Advocates, and the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. Sarah has a Bachelor's Degree in Politics from Oberlin College and a JD from Harvard Law School.

Institute for Justice

Erica Smith – Senior Attorney

Erica Smith Ewing serves as a senior attorney with the Institute for Justice. She joined the Institute in August 2011 and her work focuses on economic liberty, educational choice, free speech, and property rights.

Erica's economic liberty work includes fighting for "food freedom," which is the right of people to buy and sell the food of their choice. Erica has special expertise in cottage food laws, which allow people to sell food made in their home kitchen instead of paying tens of thousands of dollars to rent commercial kitchen space and apply for burdensome commercial food licenses. Erica successfully sued Wisconsin, New Jersey, North Dakota,

and Minnesota to protect the rights of cottage food producers. Erica also advises legislatures nationwide on cottage food reform and has helped several states improve their laws, including Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Erica also successfully sued in Washington to lift local restrictions on using “little free pantries” to feed the homeless. Erica’s food freedom work has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, CBS This Morning, NPR’s Morning Edition and in the New York Times and Bon Appétit.

Erica’s economic liberty work also fights unfair employment barriers for those with a criminal record. For instance, Erica recently challenged Pennsylvania’s requirement that would-be cosmetologists prove that they have “good moral character” before they can get a license to work. The court struck the law down as a violation of equal protection.

Erica protects the right of families to choose the education that best meets their children’s needs. Most recently, Erica and her colleague Dick Komer were lead counsel in the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*, where the Court held that the government violates the Free Exercise Clause when it excludes religious schools and the families who want to attend them from a school choice program. Erica was also lead counsel in *Asociación de Maestros v. Departamento de Educación*, where she successfully defended the constitutionality of Puerto Rico’s school voucher program at the territory’s supreme court. Likewise, Erica helped protect Georgia and New Hampshire’s tax-credit scholarship programs before each state’s supreme court.

Erica’s free speech work focuses on protecting commercial signs, political protest signs, and murals. She has successfully defended a family’s right to use signs to advertise its gym, a cowboy bar’s right to advertise using a mural, a video game store’s right to advertise using a 9-foot inflatable Mario, and a veteran-owned business’ right to protest the illegal taking of its land.

Before joining IJ in 2011, Erica served as a law clerk for the Honorable Terrence Boyle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Erica received her law degree cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2010. Erica received her undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Stony Brook University’s Honors College in 2007. Erica is originally from Bay Shore, NY and she is married to Scott Ewing.

International Commission of Jurists

Kingsley Abbott - Director of Global Accountability and International Justice

Kingsley Abbott joined the ICJ in January 2014. He works under the Legal and Policy Office and is based in the Asia & Pacific Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand. He worked for the United Nations as a Senior Legal Officer at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia and a Trial Counsel in the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in the Hague. He also practiced as a criminal barrister in New Zealand where he worked alongside

a leading Queens Counsel, appearing in the District Court, High Court and Court of Appeal on numerous matters for both the defence and prosecution including several trials where the charge was murder. He was admitted to the New Zealand Bar in 2002 and holds a conjoint degree in law and philosophy from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

International Refugee Assistance Project

Deepa Alagesan - Senior Supervising Attorney, Litigation

Deepa Alagesan is a Senior Supervising Attorney in IRAP's litigation department. In this role, she works on impact litigation in U.S. courts to advance and defend the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, and other people in need of humanitarian relocation. She also supervises the department's fellows and staff members.

Before joining IRAP, Deepa was a litigation associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Kiyoo A. Matsumoto of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Honorable Denny Chin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Just Atonement Inc.

Dave Inder (Inder) Comar - Executive Director

Dave Inder Comar is the Executive Director of Just Atonement Inc. He is also the managing partner of Comar Molle LLP, a corporate technology firm with offices in San Francisco and New York. ||Licensed to practice law before the California and New York bars, Mr. Comar has been involved in corporate technology, human rights, and international law for fifteen years. He is passionate about using the law to maintain and preserve global civilization. ||He holds a law degree from the New York University School of Law, a Master of Arts degree from Stanford University and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Stanford University.

Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP

Louis Fisher - Associate

Louis W. Fisher is an associate at Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP. His practice encompasses a wide variety of civil and criminal matters, including high stakes commercial litigation, complex and class action litigation, constitutional and civil rights litigation, and individual representations. At Kaplan Hecker & Fink, Louis's representative matters include pursuing claims on behalf of victims of sexual assault, defending educational institutions in Title IX matters, representing a putative class of consumers in a class action alleging fraud, and defending several individuals in connection with federal criminal investigations and

prosecutions. Louis also maintains an active pro bono practice, focused primarily on civil rights matters.||Louis joined the firm from the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., where he worked on high-impact civil rights litigation involving issues of educational equity, fair housing, and criminal justice. He previously completed clerkships for the Honorable J. Paul Oetken of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Louis' scholarship has been published in the Harvard Law Review Forum, the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, the West Virginia Law Review, and the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law.||Louis is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was the Executive Managing Editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, and received the Irving Oberman Memorial Writing Prize for the best paper in constitutional law and the Klemens von Klemperer Writing Prize for the most compelling paper in the field of resistance. He was also awarded several fellowships, including a student fellowship with The Project on Foundations of Private Law, the Law Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE), and the HLS Summer Academic Fellowship. While at Harvard, Louis served for two years as a student-attorney in the housing practice of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, where he primarily represented tenants in housing court.||Louis began his career as an English teacher with Teach For America in Miami, Florida. He graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University.

Kings County District Attorney's Office

Adriana Rodriguez – Deputy Bureau Chief

Adriana Rodriguez is one of the founding members of the Hate Crimes Bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York and now is the Deputy Bureau Chief of Criminal Court in one of the general trials zones of the office. In 2020 she was accepted into the elite inaugural class of the Prosecution Leaders of Now executive program hosted by the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Prior to her current role, Ms. Rodriguez was a seasoned prosecutor in training new attorneys in the Early Case Assessment Bureau and a proud alumna of the Brooklyn DA Gangs Bureau and Civil Rights Bureau. She gained notoriety in her jurisdiction for handling a wide range of cases including homicides; violent crimes; criminal enterprise gang conspiracies; violent hate crimes and abuses of power by law enforcement officials and police. Aside from prosecution, Ms. Rodriguez also has experience in the private sector. She was a managing attorney at Fischer & Burstein, P.C. for the office's Matrimonial and Criminal Law divisions. Her experience in both the private and public sectors solidified her desire to focus on a career of public interest and community representation. She was born and raised in a housing development in Queens, New York and is a first generation attorney in her family. She received her undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her juris doctorate from the University of

San Diego School of Law. She is an award winning engineer, proud lawyer, and mother of two toddler boys.

Lawyers Alliance for New York

Ciarra Chavarria – Staff Attorney

Ciarra Chavarria is the Staff Attorney responsible for Lawyers Alliance's Quality Education program area, which focuses on providing business and transactional legal services to nonprofits that support, deliver, and improve education and increase access to educational opportunities for low-income New Yorkers. Prior to joining Lawyers Alliance in 2017, Ms. Chavarria was a senior associate at Covington & Burling LLP. She is also a former Lawyers Alliance extern. Ms. Chavarria received a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and a B.A. in English Literature from Austin College.

League of Women Voters

Meghan Browder – Law Clerk and Attorney

Meghan Browder rejoined the League of Women Voters as a law clerk in September 2020. She had previously served as a legal intern for the League in Spring 2019. As the law clerk to the Advocacy and Litigation team, she assists the litigation team with their national litigation portfolio involving voting rights, redistricting, election administration, and money in politics. Meghan is a member of the District of Columbia bar.

Meghan received her J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law, where she served as President of the American Constitution Society and the Health Law & Policy Student Association. For two years, she was a member of the Administrative Law Review. During her time in law school, she served as a research assistant to Professor Herman Schwartz where she worked on projects focusing on voting rights and gerrymandering. Additionally, she worked for Professor Brent Newton on his research of Justice Breyer's administrative law jurisprudence for his upcoming book. In addition to the League, Meghan has served as a legal intern for Pfizer and Fix the Court.

Meghan is a Texas native and graduated from Texas A&M University where she was a double major in International Studies and Spanish. When she is not working, she is enjoying episodes of Criminal Minds, trying out new recipes, or playing with her dog Henry. She also enjoys spending quality time with her family and loved ones.

Learning Rights Law Center

Marisol Chianello - Pro Bono Manager and TIGER Coordinator

Marisol Chianello graduated from UCLA, summa cum laude, with a BA in history, class of 2000. She graduated from USC Gould School of Law in 2005. Since admission to the California Bar in 2005, Marisol has worked exclusively in areas of public interest law.

She has advocated for refugees, unaccompanied minors, battered women, children in foster care, and children with special needs. Marisol's volunteer work has included pro bono representation for victims of human trafficking, volunteer work for local animal shelters, and mentorship of high school children in foster care. Since 2018, Marisol has worked as the Pro Bono Manager and TIGER Coordinator for the nonprofit legal services provider, Learning Rights Law Center.

Alexis Casillas – Legal Director

For over a decade, Alexis Casillas has represented students with disabilities and their families in educational-rights litigation at all levels, from administrative hearings to proceedings in federal trial and appellate courts. She has deep experience with every aspect of special-education practice, from helping parents navigate the IEP process, representing clients in mediation and settlement, trying cases in administrative hearings, and challenging (or defending) administrative decisions in federal court.

Although she primarily represents clients in special education proceedings, Ms. Casillas understands that a student's issues in the classroom may be compounded by other aspects of his or her life, and she has cultivated the legal expertise necessary to help her clients face a full spectrum of issues. She represents her clients using a multidisciplinary approach that encompasses all of the legal issues that may impact her clients' lives: special education, dependency and custody, criminal and juvenile justice, access to medical and mental health services, conservatorship, and more. Ms. Casillas also has an extensive network of attorneys, experts, advocates, and service providers to whom she can refer clients with specialized legal or educational needs.

A graduate of Columbia Law School, Ms. Casillas was selected as a Rising Star in her field of practice by Super Lawyers in 2017. She holds leadership roles in local, regional, and national non-profit organizations that work on behalf of individuals with disabilities. She is currently a Chair of the Amicus Committee and a Member of the Board of Directors for the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, the oldest and largest network of parents, attorneys, and advocates working to protect the civil rights of students with disabilities.

Carol Jung – Deputy Legal Director

Legal Action Chicago

Rachel Wilf-Townsend – Staff Attorney

Rachel is currently a staff attorney with Legal Action Chicago. A graduate of Yale Law School, Rachel was an Editor of the Yale Law Journal, the Chair of Yale Law Women, and a

student intern in the Landlord/Tenant Legal Services Clinic and two clinics focused on immigrant rights. After law school she clerked for then-Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and for Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court. Following her clerkships she was an associate at Jenner & Block, where she maintained an active pro bono practice.

Legal Aid Chicago

Daniel Lindsey - Managing Director of Litigation & Consumer Practice

Daniel P. Lindsey is the Managing Director of Litigation & Consumer Practice at Legal Aid Chicago. Daniel joined the agency as a neighborhood staff attorney in the early 1990's. He left to focus on consumer fraud and subsidized housing litigation but returned in 2001 to lead the agency's homeownership preservation work. In 2011 Daniel became a Supervisor Attorney in the newly formed Consumer Practice Group, and in 2015 he became its Director. As Director of the Consumer Practice Group, Daniel supervises a group of 12 attorneys litigating in the areas of bankruptcy, foreclosure, quiet title, debt collection, consumer fraud, and utilities. Daniel also supervises the operation of the Northern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Court Help Desk. Daniel has drafted judicial rules and has testified in support of local, state, and federal laws protecting homeowners. He has taught and guest lectured at numerous law schools. In 2020 he took on the additional role of Legal Aid Chicago's Managing Director of Litigation. He is a 1985 graduate of Davidson College and a 1990 graduate of Harvard Law School.

Legal Aid of Cambodia

Ha Ryong (Michael) Jung - Legal Officer

Ha Ryong Jung (Michael) is a human rights lawyer specializing in children's rights and child protection, particularly in the field of justice for children, with a current geographical focus of Southeast Asia. In addition to child-specific issues, his experiences also encompass criminal justice, rule of law, and the rights of marginalized populations, including that of women, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI+ people, refugees, and ethnic minorities. He has worked in the UN System, local and international NGOs, domestic and international courts, government agencies and branches, coalitions, and legal clinics. He currently serves as a legal officer at the Legal Aid of Cambodia and a technical advisor to the Child Rights Coalition Cambodia. He also established and coordinates the Child Justice Network in Cambodia and was the Asia-Pacific Regional Focal Point for the recent World Congress on Justice With Children.

Legal Impact for Chickens

Alene Anello – Founder

Alene Anello founded Legal Impact for Chickens, a litigation nonprofit dedicated to making factory-farm cruelty a liability. Alene graduated from Harvard Law School, clerked for a federal judge, and then started litigating for animals. She has worked at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), the Animal Legal Defense Fund, and The Good Food Institute. Her undergraduate degree is also from Harvard.

Brianna Beswick – Litigation Attorney

Brianna is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. After law school, she clerked for Chief Judge Marjorie K. Allard on the Alaska state Court of Appeals. Brianna then worked as a family law attorney and public defender before joining LIC.

Brianna lives in Anchorage, Alaska and enjoys rock climbing, skiing, gardening, and quality time with her dog Ollie.

Legal Voice

Kim Clark – Senior Legal and Legislative Counsel

Kim Clark is a Senior Legal and Legislative Counsel at Legal Voice focusing on reproductive rights, health and justice. Kim has broad experience in the private, nonprofit and public sectors with particular expertise in civil rights, education, and employment law. Prior to joining Legal Voice, Kim served as General Counsel for the Scottsdale Unified School District; as a senior management consultant at UPD Consulting LLC; as a staff attorney in the public housing unit at Community Legal Services in Phoenix; and as an associate in the labor and employment and First Amendment practice groups at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP. Kim also has volunteered extensively as a pro bono attorney with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, and has served on the boards of numerous nonprofits including, Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona, Annie's List, and the Mona Foundation.

Chloe Phalan – Officer Manager

Loevy & Loevy

Anand Swaminathan - Partner

Anand Swaminathan is a partner at Loevy & Loevy.

Anand joined Loevy & Loevy in 2010. Since joining the firm, Anand has worked on a broad range of constitutional and civil rights cases, including wrongful convictions, the denial of

medical care to inmates and detainees in jails and prisons, and retaliation for exercising free speech rights. Anand also works extensively on False Claims Act litigation, in which he represents whistleblowers alleging military and other government contractor fraud, Medicare and Medicaid fraud, construction/contractor (MBE/DBE) fraud, bid-rigging, and tax fraud. Anand also represents whistleblowers in financial fraud cases under the Dodd-Frank financial reform bill, and in complex fraud cases under other federal and state statutes.

Prior to joining Loevy & Loevy, Anand worked as an associate at Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, a New York law firm specializing in plaintiff-side employment matters. While at the Vladeck firm, Anand worked on individual and class action lawsuits, and also represented whistleblowers in cases under federal and state false claims act statutes.

During his career, Anand has served as counsel in cases resulting in tens of millions of dollars in trial verdicts and settlements.

Anand graduated from Harvard Law School in 2006. He was awarded the Andrew L. Kaufman Award, given each year to the graduating student who provided the most pro bono service during law school, for performing more than 2,000 hours of volunteer legal work. During law school, Anand served as an officer and member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, a student-run legal services center, and worked at the National Immigration Project as a National Lawyers Guild Haywood Burns Fellow. Following law school, Anand clerked for Judge Theodore H. Katz of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Anand is currently a member of the Legal Committee of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

Kristen Rome - Staff Attorney, JLWOP Legal Representation Director

Born and raised in New Orleans, Kristen A. Rome, comes to LCCR with over a decade of social and criminal justice experience. Having completed an externship with the Orleans Public Defenders Office and participated in the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic & Center for Social Justice as a student practitioner, Kristen opened a criminal defense practice with her father upon admission to the Louisiana Bar. With a commitment to providing accessible, client-centered legal representation, Kristen defended both adults and juveniles in Orleans and surrounding parishes. Throughout her private practice, Kristen maintained a focus on ending juvenile life without parole; successfully advocating for parole eligibility in several cases.

Kristen holds a BA in Political Science from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, an English Law Certificate from The London School of Economics and Political Science in London, England and a Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. In addition

to her legal work, Kristen is a certified holistic doula, a mentor with Project Butterfly New Orleans and a former Professor of American Constitutional Law at Shanghai International Studies University School of Law in Shanghai, China.

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Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Ashley Cain – Associate Trainer

Ashley Cain is an Associate Trainer/Operations Coordinator at the MCAD, where she runs all operations for the training unit, oversees the "Know Your Rights" training program, as well as attends college fairs and community events on behalf of the Commission. She previously worked as an investigator for the Commission. Before coming to the MCAD, she worked at a number of small liberal arts colleges on the west coast, as well as a large state institution. While working in higher education, she focused primarily on residential life, student conduct, and Title IX investigations. She holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame Law School and a Bachelors of Arts in Social Science from Providence College.

Michigan Department of Attorney General

Sunita Doddamani – Assistant Attorney General

Sunita Doddamani is an Assistant Attorney General and Head of the Hate Crimes and Domestic Terrorism Unit at the Michigan Department of Attorney General. The Unit investigates and prosecutes hate crimes against individuals who commit crimes that are motivated by race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion. The Unit also prosecutes domestic terrorism motivated by violent extremist ideologies. |Sunita is currently the lead attorney on 8 charged defendants who provided material support for the plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Whitmer, the case against the white-supremacist terror cell ""The Base,"" and several hate crime murder cases. She has also served on the Flint Water Prosecution Team. |Sunita is a Detroit native and first-generation American. Prior to serving in the Michigan Department of Attorney General, she spent her 17-year career in public service working as an Assistant Prosecutor in Wayne and Macomb Counties. Sunita has tried over 150 cases involving violent felonies.

Mission Driven Finance

Joseph Pileri – Chief Legal Officer

Joe has over a decade of experience representing mission-driven organizations and working with diverse communities. Joe began his career in the corporate department of a large international law firm and later worked in a nonprofit legal services organization, both in Los Angeles. Most recently, Joe taught and supervised law students in legal clinics at Georgetown University Law Center and American University, where he represented social enterprises and community economic development-focused organizations. Joe is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and Harvard Law School and received an LL.M. in advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center. Joe lives in Washington, D.C. but considers Southern California home.

National Consumer Law Center

Stuart Rossman - Director of Litigation

Stuart Rossman is a staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center ("NCLC") and has served as its Director of Litigation since 1999. NCLC is a 51 year old national non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to the representation of low income and elderly consumers. It focuses its efforts on the areas of consumer credit, maintaining affordable home ownership and access to utilities. Stuart is the co-editor of the 10th Edition of the NCLC Consumer Class Actions manual and coordinates NCLC's Consumer Class Action Symposium. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Michigan, summa cum laud, and graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laud, in 1978. After 13 years of private trial practice in Boston, Stuart served as Chief of the Trial Division and Chief of the Business and Labor Protection Bureau at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office from 1991-1999. As founding chairman of the Boston Bar Association (BBA) Young Lawyers Section he co-authored and edited a handbook on the rights of the homeless in Massachusetts, which

received the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division Award of Achievement in 1989. Since 1992 he has been a member of the adjunct faculty at the Northeastern University School of Law where he teaches courses in Trial Advocacy and was appointed the 2010 Givelber Distinguished Lecturer on Public Interest Law. He also is an adjunct faculty at the University of Michigan Law School where he teaches a course on Consumer Class Actions. Stuart is a former Co-Chairman of the National Association of Consumer Advocates Board of Directors.

National LGBTQ+ Bar Association

Dru Levasseur - Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Dru Levasseur is the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association. As a leading figure in the LGBTQ+ equality movement for 25 years, 15 of which in the legal profession, Dru has extensive experience in law, advocacy, philanthropy, and community organizing. He leads the LGBTQ+ Bar's DEI Consulting Practice, the only LGBTQ+ inclusion coaching and consulting program designed specifically to enable the implementation of best practice standards for LGBTQ+ equity across law firms, law schools, and companies. Previously, Dru was Senior Attorney and Transgender Rights Project Director for Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of LGBTQ+ people and people living with HIV. For a decade, Dru led Lambda Legal's transgender rights work through strategy development, impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education, and served as counsel in landmark impact litigation cases and amicus briefs in federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining Lambda Legal, Dru was the first staff attorney at Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund, and before that, served as a law clerk in the Massachusetts Superior Court. In 2007, Dru co-founded the Jim Collins Foundation, a trans-led national nonprofit that funds surgeries for transgender people in need. Dru received his J.D. from Western New England University School of Law, and is admitted to practice in DC, NY, GA, and MA.

National Veterans Legal Services Program

Renee Burbank – Director of Litigation

Ms. Burbank (HLS '09) is Director of Litigation at the National Veterans Legal Services Program, where she supervises strategic litigation and class actions on behalf of disabled veterans and military members. Before joining NVLSP, Ms. Burbank co-taught Yale Law School's Veterans Legal Services Clinic as a teaching fellow and served as a litigator at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she worked on complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Her work earned her several accolades, including a Civil Division Special Commendation Award. Ms. Burbank also clerked for the Honorable David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She has written scholarly work on a

variety of topics, including veterans law, disability rights, voting rights, and illegal exactions.

New York City Campaign Finance Board

Bethany Perskie – General Counsel

As General Counsel, Bethany Perskie manages the NYC Campaign Finance Board's legal team, which is responsible for enforcing New York City's campaign finance laws; drafting rulemakings, legislation, and advisory opinions; representing the agency in litigation; and providing in-house legal counsel. As a member of the executive team, Ms. Perskie also serves as a senior policy advisor. Ms. Perskie started with the CFB in 2011 as an Associate Counsel and has served in a variety of roles, most recently as Deputy General Counsel. Prior to joining the CFB, Ms. Perskie clerked for Justice Virginia Long of the New Jersey Supreme Court and worked as an Associate at Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP. She holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and she is a graduate of the New York City Management Academy.

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Office of California Attorney General – Public Rights Division, Consumer Protection Section

Rose Carmen Goldberg – Deputy Attorney General

Rose Carmen Goldberg's decade of public interest work spans state service, legal aid, and all branches of the federal government. Currently, Rose is a Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the California Attorney General's Public Rights Division. She litigates complex affirmative cases and engages in policy advocacy to protect her fellow Californians. Her work focuses on preventing the proliferation of ghost guns, protecting servicemembers and veterans, and student loans and disability rights. She recently led a successful suit that challenged the Trump administration's failure to implement the Public Service Loan

Forgiveness (PSLF) program. Rose was selected as one of thirty Public Rights Project Affirmative Leaders Fellows nationwide to deepen the impact of her office's work to protect vulnerable communities in collaboration with public litigators across the country.

Prior to her state service, Rose founded and directed a Medical-Legal Partnership for homeless and low-income veterans. The partnership integrated legal and mental health services for veterans who were kicked out of the military consequent to sexual assault, mental health conditions, and discrimination. Rose launched the partnership as a Skadden Fellow and continued to grow it as a Supervising Attorney at Swords to Plowshares. ||Rose clerked for the Honorable Theodore A. McKee, then Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Her federal service also includes working for Senator Blumenthal on his Senate Judiciary Committee and women's health portfolios, and at the White House under President Obama on Native American Affairs. Before law school, Rose worked at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services on Medicare hospice policy and the Affordable Care Act.

Rose is a Lecturer at UC Berkeley School of Law, where she teaches social justice courses on Medical-Legal Partnerships and veterans law. She is also a regular op-ed contributor, writing about sexual assault, mental health, and veterans issues in prominent outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, and San Francisco Chronicle.

In 2021, Rose received awards from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists for her crisis commentary and social justice writing. Rose sits on the Boards of the American Indian Cultural District in San Francisco and the Northern District Court of California Historical Society.

Rose's public service has been recognized with numerous awards, including California Women Lawyers' Fay Stender Award for commitment to the underrepresented, California Department of Veterans Affairs' Women Veterans Advocates Award, and California Young Lawyers Association's Jack Berman Award of Achievement for distinguished service to the public. She earned her J.D. at Yale Law School, an M.P.A. from Columbia University, and a B.A. from St. John's College's great books program in New Mexico. Rose lives in Oakland with her two rescue chihuahuas and one fiancée.

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Office of the Public Defender, Santa Clara County

Avanindar Singh – Deputy Public Defender

Avanindar (Avi) Singh is a Deputy Public Defender in San Jose. Avi started his career in 2009 as a misdemeanor trial attorney. Since then, he worked as a research attorney handling Fourth Amendment issues for two years. He supervised law students through the Public Defender's Post Bar and Research Clerkship Programs. He established a program for law students to litigate pretrial release motions after the Humphrey decision. He provided in-court mentorship to new trial attorneys as a Lead for the Misdemeanor Unit. Avi has been assigned to the Felony Trial Team three times. Avi is from the Bay Area. He discusses the criminal justice system on a podcast called Aider & Abettor. Together with his colleague, Sajid Khan, he published "A Public Defender Definition of Progressive Prosecution" in the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. For six years, Avi volunteered as a high school mock trial coach. He has participated as a volunteer at law school trial advocacy workshops since 2011.

Office of the United Nations Secretary General

Naresh Perinpanayagam – Advisor

Naresh Perinpanayagam was admitted to law practice in New Zealand ('08) and New York ('20), graduated from Harvard University with an MPA ('18), and is currently an Advisor in the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, the former Portuguese Prime Minister António Guterres. At Harvard, Naresh was awarded the Francis Bator Public Service Scholarship (merit-based full-tuition) and spent a year studying public policy at the Kennedy School. He also studied Constitutional Law, and passed the New York Bar Exam ('19). He first joined the UN Secretary-General's office in January 2017, where his initial assignment was recruiting senior staff for the new Secretary-General. He now works in the Secretary-General's political team with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region, where his tasks include attending the Secretary-General's private meetings with world leaders, and reviewing the Secretary-General's public messaging (reports, statements, speeches). Prior to moving to New York, he worked for the UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan as a human rights investigator in civil war zones on the Congolese and Ethiopian borders, and practiced law in New Zealand. He started his career as an intern in New Zealand's Foreign Ministry, before working as a staff member of a regional NGO in Australia (the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions) and then for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and Nepal. Born in Sri Lanka, Naresh grew up in New Zealand and attended law school at Victoria University of Wellington. He and his wife are parents of a three-year old toddler.

Ohio Justice & Policy Center

Michael Zuckerman - Skadden Fellow / Attorney

Michael Zuckerman joined OJPC in October 2019 as a Skadden Fellow. As part of OJPC's Second Chance Project, he provides legal services to help people with past criminal convictions reintegrate into the community and build flourishing lives. His work will also involve expanding these services to reach more Ohioans.

Michael graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he served as a student attorney with the Criminal Justice Institute and as president of the Harvard Law Review. After graduating, he clerked for Judge Karen Nelson Moore of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and for Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Outten & Golden LLP

Jahan Sagafi – Partner

Jahan Sagafi is the partner-in-charge of the firm's San Francisco office, where he represents workers in employment class actions challenging discrimination, wage and hour abuses, Fair Credit Reporting Act violations, and other types of exploitation of workers. He has won a jury trial for a nationwide class of technical support workers, an en banc appeal in the Ninth Circuit, settlements protecting software engineers from gender and race discrimination and older applicants to accounting jobs, and many other settlements to recover backpay for overtime compensation, meal and rest breaks, vacation benefits, discriminatory pay and promotion gaps, and more.

Mr. Sagafi has represented a wide array of workers throughout the country, including HVAC service technicians, corporate instructors, financial advisers and trainees, security officers temp staffing workers, cashiers, call center customer service representatives, counselors, drivers, and many others.

During his career, he has recovered well over \$100 million for workers, asserting claims against transportation companies (e.g., Uber, Lyft, Hertz, GlobalTranz), tech companies (e.g., AT&T, IBM, Computer Sciences Corp.), banks (e.g., Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney), retailers (e.g., Walmart, Target, Abercrombie & Fitch, Guess?, Raley's) healthcare companies (e.g., Permanente, Premera Blue Cross), an accounting firm (PwC), insurance companies (e.g., Travelers, Farmers), restaurants, and more.

In addition to his trial court work, Mr. Sagafi represents plaintiffs in appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit, and other courts, addressing issues such as workers' rights, arbitration agreements, class certification, standing, unfair and deceptive practices under California's Unfair Competition Law, and FDA preemption. He has also volunteered to write amicus briefs in the Ninth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Sagafi is also active in the community, serving on several boards, including national nonprofit Alliance for Justice's (AFJ) board and the San Francisco American Constitution Society (ACS) Bay Area chapter's Board of Advisors. In the past, he has served as a Governor of the board of the nonprofit Public Advocates, a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) Judicial Evaluations Committee, a BASF attorney fee disputes arbitrator, Vice Chair of the board of the ACLU of Northern California (and Chair of Legal Committee), chair of the Board of the San Francisco ACS chapter, and as an Executive Committee member of the California Bar Litigation Section. Additionally, Mr. Sagafi has served as an organizer of ABA Labor & Employment Law Section conferences.

Mr. Sagafi has been recognized by numerous legal and non-profit organizations. He has received the Community Justice Award from Centro Legal De La Raza, and has been repeatedly recognized as a California Super Lawyer, one of the Top 100 lawyers in all fields in Northern California (2015-21), one of the Daily Journal's "Top 75 Labor and Employment Lawyers" in California (2015-20), and one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers in the United States (2018-20).

Prior to joining Outten & Golden, he was a partner at Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, and clerked for the Honorable William W Schwarzer of the Northern District of California. Mr. Sagafi graduated from Harvard College, magna cum laude, and received his J.D. Harvard Law School, where he was a Senior Editor of the Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review and president of the Board of Student Advisers.

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PEN America

James Tager – Research Director

James Tager is the research director at PEN America, a literary and human rights organization headquartered in New York City, where he oversees all research and reporting. Tager previously worked with the International Commission of Jurists-Asia & Pacific Program, first as a Satter Human Rights Fellow and subsequently as an International Associate Legal Advisor. Before that, he was a 2013-2014 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellow, researching civil society responses to the developing human rights framework within ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations). He has lived and worked in Thailand, Myanmar, and Cambodia. Tager holds a BA from Duke University and a JD from Harvard Law School

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Protect Democracy

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Sara Chimene-Weiss is an experienced litigator and advocate whose work focuses on strengthening our democracy, particularly for communities most targeted by authoritarianism, through partnerships and advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels. Before joining Protect Democracy, Sara was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Arizona's Capital Habeas Unit, where she represented people facing the death penalty. Sara served as a law clerk for the late Honorable A. Richard Caputo of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Sara received her J.D. from Columbia Law School and her A.B. from Brown University.

Christine Kwon - Counsel

Christine Kwon serves as counsel at Protect Democracy, a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to defending American democracy from authoritarian attack. At Protect Democracy, Christine engages in impact litigation, legislative advocacy, and other strategies to secure all Americans' right to a free, fair, and fully-informed democracy. She was previously a policy advisor for then-Senator Kamala Harris's presidential campaign, law clerk to the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. Christine graduated from Columbia University and Yale Law School. She is the first in her family to earn a professional degree and the first to become an attorney. |||Sara Chimene-Weiss is an experienced litigator and advocate whose work focuses on strengthening our democracy, particularly for communities most targeted by authoritarianism, through partnerships and advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels. Before joining Protect Democracy, Sara was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Arizona's Capital Habeas Unit, where she represented people facing the death penalty. Sara served as a law clerk for the late Honorable A. Richard Caputo of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Sara received her J.D. from Columbia Law School and her A.B. from Brown University.

Public Counsel

Megan Vees - Staff Attorney

Megan Vees is a Staff Attorney on Public Counsel's Consumer Rights and Economic Justice Project. Prior to joining Public Counsel, Megan completed a fellowship at The Bail Project and a clerkship in the chambers of the Hon. Jesus Bernal of the United States District Court

for the Central District of California. While at HLS, she participated in the Criminal Justice Policy Program's bail reform project and the International Human Rights Clinic. She interned with the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project and the International Organization for Migration. Prior to law school, Megan worked at the Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, where she managed the detained children's program. She also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru and worked for a refugee rights organization in Cameroon. Megan holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University.

Queens District Attorney's Office

Tyear Middleton - Chief Diversity/EEO Officer

Tyear has committed the entirety of her career to public interest work. She began her career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's office, where she worked in the Domestic Violence Bureau and Trial Bureau, Grey Zone. She then served as a Principal Court Attorney in Brooklyn Supreme Court, Criminal Term assisting an Acting Supreme Court Justice. After her time with the Office of Court Administration, she joined the New York City Police Department, as Agency Attorney with the Risk Management Bureau where she helped train police officers on the nuances of De Bour level investigative encounters, and the constitutionality of stop, question, and frisk. In the Office of Equity and Inclusion, she worked in confidence to eradicate unlawful discriminatory practices within the Department and managed and approved reasonable accommodation request. Tyear is a graduate of New York University and received her Juris Doctor from New York Law School. She has worked with many bar associations in a leadership capacity, spearheading many programs to add value to the bar associations and assist the organizations to remain stake holders in their diversity and inclusion efforts within the profession. Tyear Middleton currently serves as the Chief Diversity/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Queens County District Attorney's Office.

Reprieve US

Mr Shivan Sarin - Deputy Director

Shivan is the Deputy Director of Reprieve US, helping to develop strategy and manage Reprieve's initiatives within the United States. Shivan is a lawyer and policy advocate dedicated to upholding human rights and empowering marginalized communities. Prior to joining Reprieve US., Shivan was an Associate Director at Social Finance, where he worked on improving local health, housing, and justice outcomes. Shivan has also held positions at Ropes & Gray, TERI, the RAND Corporation, and the Davis Center's Negotiation Task Force. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School and is admitted to the Massachusetts bar.

Rhode Island Legal Services

Michael Zabelin – Staff Attorney

Michael Zabelin is a Staff Attorney at Rhode Island Legal Services. He first came to the program as a Skadden Fellow in 2011. As an attorney in the Housing Law Unit, Michael concentrates his practice on foreclosure prevention and eviction defense. Michael is a 2010 graduate of Harvard Law School and a 2005 graduate of DePauw University. Before joining Rhode Island Legal Services, Michael clerked in the Rhode Island Judiciary's Trial Clerk Department. Prior to law school, Michael worked in the national office of Rebuilding Together as a member of AmeriCorps*VISTA and taught English in Quito, Ecuador.

Rhode Island Public Defender

Angela Yingling – Assistant Public Defender

Angela Yingling is an Assistant Public Defender in the appellate division of the Rhode Island Public Defender's office where she represents indigent criminal defendants before the Rhode Island Supreme Court. She currently serves on the executive boards of both the Rhode Island Women's Bar Association and the Rhode Island Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Prior to joining the appellate division in 2014, Angela worked in the Public Defender's trial division for seven years, representing both juvenile and adult clients in the District, Family, and Superior Courts of Rhode Island. Before she became a public defender, she clerked for one year in the Law Clerk Department of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, where she provided legal assistance to the justices of the Providence Superior Court. She earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2006.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Alvin Velazquez - Associate General Counsel

Alvin Velazquez currently works as Associate General Counsel at the Service Employees International Union, and serves as Chair of the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee in the Puerto Rico bankruptcy proceedings. My practice has focused on providing strategic legal counsel on complex public finance matters. He also provides strategic counsel on technology, data, and privacy, and the impact of emerging technologies on workers. Alvin has presented worker friendly approaches to finance and tech problems in front of dozens of forums sponsored by various professional organizations and with press in both English and Spanish language media. Alvin served as the Executive Director for Puerto Rico's Official Commission for the Audit of the Public Debt, and before then worked as an associate in the private sector. He graduated HLS in 2003, and has an B.A. from Cornell University in Government.

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Career Highlights

Serving as lead counsel in *San Remo Hotel, L.P. v. City and County of San Francisco*, 545 U.S. 323 (2005), holding that unsuccessful state-court takings claimants are not entitled to relitigate their claims in federal court, and *San Remo Hotel, L.P. v. City and County of San Francisco*, 27 Cal.4th 643 (2002), holding that legislative exactions are not subject to heightened judicial review.

Working 22 years in San Francisco City Attorney's Office — Head of Land Use & Environmental Litigation.

As a Lecturer at Stanford Law School, teaching a course on Land Use Law.

Community Service, Publications, and Recognitions

California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award 2006.

County Counsel's Association of California Program Award 2003.

American Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award 2003.

Andrew Schwartz, *No Competing Theory of Constitutional Interpretation Justifies Regulatory Takings Ideology*, 34:2 *Stanford Env'tl L. J.* 247 (2015).

Douglas Kendall, Timothy Dowling, Andrew Schwartz, *Takings Litigation Handbook: Defending Takings Challenges to Land Use Regulation* (2000).

Bar Memberships

Member of the Bar of the State of California, the United States Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit, and several other federal courts.

Education

UCLA, JD, 1979

Stanford, BA, 1976

About Me

I am an avid cyclist. I commute, recreate, and vacation by bike whenever possible. I spend summers in Madison, Wisconsin to get a change of scene. I am interested in music of all genres and play the piano.

Sierra Club Environmental Law Program - DC Office

Ankit Jain - Associate Attorney

Ankit Jain is an Associate Attorney in the D.C. office. Ankit first joined the Sierra Club's D.C. office as a legal fellow, after graduating from Columbia Law School. As a law student, he worked at Columbia's Environmental Law Clinic litigating against the construction of a gas pipeline, directed the NYC March for Our Lives, and interned at the Environmental Defense Fund and ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief. Before law school, he worked as a researcher for the Patrick Murphy Senate campaign. Ankit grew up in northern Virginia and got his B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Southern Environmental Law Center

Gil Rogers - Office Director

Gil Rogers is the director of the Georgia office of the Southern Environmental Law Center. SELC is a nonprofit legal services organization that works to protect natural resources and promote healthy communities in the southeastern United States. A native of Birmingham, AL, Gil attended Princeton University where he majored in ecology and evolutionary biology with a certificate in environmental studies. He graduated Harvard Law School in 2002. Prior to become the Georgia office director, Gil led SELC's regional clean water program, working on water pollution and management issues in both Georgia and Alabama. He was awarded Water Conservationist of the Year by the Georgia Wildlife Federation in 2005 and River Hero by the Alabama Rivers Alliance in 2015. He was part of a delegation of U.S. environmental lawyers who visited China in 2011. He has also been a Wasserstein Fellow at Harvard.

Southern Poverty Law Center

Caren Short - Senior Supervising Attorney

Caren E. Short helps to lead a team of voting rights experts working across the Deep South, with a focus on Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Alongside community partners, the voting rights practice group works to mobilize voters, restore voting rights to people with felony convictions, pursue state and federal policy reforms, and challenge discriminatory voting practices. Caren also worked in SPLC's Economic Justice Project advocating on behalf of people working to make ends meet in the Deep South, particularly in communities of color. She also represented immigrant children and their families in education matters across the Deep South and investigated conditions faced by youth and adults in Alabama's overcrowded jails and prisons. Caren has worked as Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc., as staff attorney in the Voter Protection Program of Advancement Project (Washington, DC), and clerked for the Honorable Robert J. Cordy on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in Boston. She graduated magna cum laude from

Howard University School of Law, where she served as a student attorney in the Civil Rights Clinic and on the editorial board of the Howard Law Journal. Caren received her B.A. in Political Science from Purdue University. She lives in Atlanta with her dogs, who have a blossoming social media presence @khotso_and_baldwin.

The Appellate Project

Liz Hague – Program Director

From an early age, Liz dedicated her time to closing the justice gap through organizing and advocacy, experiences that affirmed to her the important role that lawyers can play in addressing inequality and ultimately set her on her path to law school. After law school, Liz worked at the law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where she engaged in extensive pro bono focused on domestic violence and women's rights. At the same time, through her volunteer leadership Liz learned she thrived at non-profit management and relationship-building, which inspired her to pursue a non-practicing position at Equal Justice Works.

At EJW, the largest provider of postgraduate legal fellowships in the country, Liz served as Portfolio Manager and Senior Portfolio Manager. In these roles, she worked closely with fellows, non-profit partners, and supporters - law firms, companies, foundations, and individuals - to sustain and grow the program. During her time at EJW, she successfully piloted a Learning & Networking Program to further Fellow professional development and connection. She is deeply passionate about issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession and grateful for the opportunity to work with and learn from TAP's community.

Liz received her B.A. in Political Science and Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies from Washington University in St. Louis and her J.D. from Harvard Law School with pro bono distinction. Prior to law school, she was a Fulbright Scholar in Morocco. In her spare time, she enjoys reading fiction, visiting national parks, and exploring DC with her husband and dog Cherry.

The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law

Denise Katz-Prober, Director of Legal Initiatives

Denise Katz-Prober, Esq., is the Director of Legal Initiatives at the Brandeis Center. Prior to joining the Brandeis Center, Ms. Katz-Prober spent almost seven years as a trial attorney at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, where she was a criminal prosecutor and subsequently defended the District of Columbia government in civil lawsuits brought in D.C.'s local trial and federal district courts. Prior to working at the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Katz-Prober completed a fellowship at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where she prosecuted domestic violence offenses while serving as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. In 2011, Ms. Katz-

Prober was recognized by the District of Columbia Courts Capitol Pro Bono High Honor Roll for her volunteer work litigating civil protection order cases and advocating for victims of domestic violence. Prior to law school, Ms. Katz-Prober worked for a research organization focused on counter-terrorism and extremist groups. Ms. Katz-Prober graduated from Brandeis University with a B.A. double major in Politics and Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. She received her J.D., cum laude, from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, MA.

Arthur Traldi – Senior Counsel

Arthur Traldi: Arthur R. Traldi is Senior Counsel at the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law. Mr. Traldi has also served at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Before entering human rights work, he clerked for Judge Arthur L. Zulick on the Monroe County Court of Common Pleas and Justice Debra Todd on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Mr. Traldi received a B.A. degree from The College of William and Mary and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and before the United States Supreme Court, as well as certain international courts.

The Nature Conservancy

Melinda Ching – Senior Attorney

Melinda Ching is a Senior Attorney for The Nature Conservancy where she has provided legal counsel to a range of programs within The Nature Conservancy, including establishing offices in Australia and Mongolia and managing complex legal transactions such as debt for nature swaps in Indonesia. Her current practice includes providing general legal support for conservation programs in Hawaii, Palmyra Atoll, Arizona, Wyoming and Colorado. Her current areas of focus are conservation easements and other conservation real estate transactions, lobbying and electioneering counsel and carbon projects. She has been with The Nature Conservancy for 20 years. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and The King Hall School of Law, University of California, Davis. She is active in supporting diversity, equity and inclusion at the Conservancy and provides assistance to the Conservancy's Employee Resource Groups.

Jonathan Rotter – Senior Attorney

Jonathan Rotter attended Georgetown University and the College of Charleston as an undergraduate and received a dual degree in Physics and Political Science. He graduated in May of 1995 with his J.D. from the William & Mary School of Law. In law school Mr. Rotter served as an editor on the William & Mary Bill of Rights Law Journal and as a member of the trial level moot court first team. After the Bar, Mr. Rotter joined The Nature Conservancy's General Counsel Office. Mr. Rotter has written and presented on numerous topics related to international and conservation law and policy. He currently serves as a

Lead Senior Legal Counsel for the Conservancy in which capacity he provides legal support to the Conservancy's operations in Latin America and the Caribbean and to the Conservancy's Global Lands Team. Mr. Rotter is a member of the Virginia Bar.

The Second Look Project

James Zeigler – Executive Director

A graduate of Georgetown Law, James clerked on the District of Columbia Superior Court before going on to start his own practice as a court appointed attorney on D.C.'s Criminal Justice Act Panel, representing indigent people charged with crimes in the District. During his time as a court appointed attorney, he litigated some of the earliest successful cases under D.C.'s Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act ("IRAA"), and became one of the District's foremost experts on this emerging field of practice. In 2019 he founded The Second Look Project to meet the needs of those eligible under IRAA and to aid in the law's implementation. Since founding The Second Look Project, James has been published and quoted frequently in media outlets about D.C.'s sentence reduction laws and has routinely consulted policymakers and stakeholders in other jurisdictions about how to pursue and implement similar reforms. James lives in the District of Columbia with his partner and two sons, and volunteers as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund

Ezra Cukor – Senior Staff Attorney

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The World Bank

Sheila Braka Musiime - Chief Counsel

Sheila Braka Musiime is Chief Counsel for the World Bank's LEGAM (Africa and Middle East and North Africa) Practice Group, covering East and Southern Africa and regional operations. She previously worked as Chief Counsel for the East Asia and Pacific Region, and on legal and policy issues across several other Regions and thematic areas in the World Bank. She went to law school in Uganda at Makerere University and completed a Master's in Law at Harvard Law School, where she was part of the editorial team of the International Law Journal. Prior to joining the Bank, Sheila was in private practice at a commercial law firm in Uganda. Twitter: @BrakaMusiime

Will Paterson – Special Assistant/Financial Sector Specialist

Will Paterson is an international lawyer with experience in private practice, federal public service and major international organizations. He is currently at the World Bank Group, where he advises the Global Director of the Finance, Innovation and Competitiveness Global Practice. He also specializes in insolvency and debt resolution. Will has assisted over 30 countries with their insolvency legal frameworks and institutions. His work is mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa, with additional work in Asia and the Middle East. Prior to joining the World Bank, Will was Principal Legal Counsel at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London, England. He has also worked as a Senior Economist with the Canadian Department of Finance and as the legal and policy advisor to two Presidents of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda located in Arusha, Tanzania. He began his career as an Associate at Clifford Chance LLP in London where he worked in the Capital Markets and Insolvency groups. Will holds a combined Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Civil Law from McGill University, an MSc in Public Policy and Public Administration from the London School of Economics and an Honors BA in International Studies (Economics) from Glendon College, York University.

U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps

Capt. Josh Coffey - Assistant Staff Judge Advocate

Captain Josh Coffey is an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate currently assigned to the 66th Air Base Group, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. As part of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, the base's mission is to acquire command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems for the Air Force. The men and women of Hanscom manage more than \$5.6 billion in programs annually in support of the Air Force as well as joint and coalition forces. The group provides services to more than 3,000 active duty, Reserve, and National Guard military personnel and DoD civilians who work and live at Hanscom Air Force Base. Additionally, they support more than 125,000 retired military personnel, annuitants, and spouses living in the six-state New England area and New York.

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona

Alexander Samuels - Assistant U.S. Attorney

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of California

Matthew Yelovich - Appellate Chief

Matthew Yelovich is an Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of the Appellate Section in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California. In that role, Matt oversees all government briefing and argument at the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in federal criminal cases arising out of the Northern District of California, and he directly supervises a section of dedicated appellate AUSAs and paralegals. Before joining the San Francisco office in 2019, Matt spent approximately five years as an AUSA in the White Collar Crime group of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California, where he regularly investigated and tried complex frauds and served as Public Corruption Coordinator. Matt previously worked in the White Collar Crime practice group at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York, and clerked for the Hon. Reena Raggi of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a James Kent and Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and Duke University, from which he graduated with honors.

U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York

Neil Corwin - Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney

Neil Corwin is the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney and oversees the Office's attorney hiring and recruitment. Following his graduation from NYU School of Law, he clerked for the Hon. W. Arthur Garrity, Jr. on the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Following his clerkship, Neil worked at Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C. and then the New York City Law Department's Affirmative Litigation Division, before joining the Office's Civil Division in 1995. While at the Office, he has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief of the Office's Civil Rights Unit, and Deputy Chief of the Civil Division before taking on his current assignment in 2013.

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

Alice Yao - Supervisory Attorney

I earned my undergraduate degrees at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and my J.D. at the University of Chicago Law School. Following law school, I worked at private law firms and also clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. I first joined the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights in 2010 to work on policy issues related to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. I briefly left in 2019 to 2020 to work at an education nonprofit, and returned in November 2020 as a supervisory attorney leading Title IX policy work for the Office for Civil Rights.

U.S. Department of Education, Office of General Counsel
Alejandro Reyes - Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Division of Postsecondary Education

Mr. Reyes is Director of the Program Legal Group in the US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. He previously worked at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and he worked with the Migrant Farmworker Justice Project at Florida Legal Services.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration
Jordan Grossman - Chief of Staff

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U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division; Financial Services, Fintech, and Banking Section

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Brandon Storm - Trial Attorney

Brandon Storm graduated from Harvard Law School in 2018, where they pursued their interest in antitrust, consumer protection, and financial regulation as an Olin Fellow in Law & Economics. Brandon clerked for Chief Judge Ed Carnes of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals before joining the Antitrust Division through the honors attorney program. They spent their first year at the Division in the Healthcare & Consumer Products Section before transferring to the Division's newly created financial services section. During their two years at the Division, Brandon has led bank merger investigations and worked on the litigation team that forced Visa to abandon its proposed acquisition of Plaid.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division
Ashley Cheung Honold - Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division

Ashley Cheung Honold graduated from HLS in 2015 and has worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for the past four years. She currently serves as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. She joined DOJ through the DOJ Honors Program, working first in the Federal Programs Branch and then in Civil Appellate. Ashley clerked for The Honorable Joel M. Flaum on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and The Honorable Robert M. Dow on the Northern District of Illinois.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Appellate Section
Jason Lee – Trial Attorney

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U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Appellate Section
Tara Allison – Trial Attorney

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**U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Immigrant and
Employee Rights Section**

Alberto Ruisanchez – Chief

Alberto Ruisanchez is the Chief of the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER) of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. IER enforces a law that prohibits workplace discrimination on the basis of citizenship, immigration status, and national origin; educates the public about the law; and engages in policy work to advance the office's mission. Previously, he served as an Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General overseeing several Sections of the Civil Rights Division, including the Employment Litigation Section and the Disability Rights Section. Mr. Ruisanchez also served as a Deputy Chief in the Disability Rights Section and a trial attorney in the Voting Section and Housing & Civil Enforcement Section. Mr. Ruisanchez clerked for the Honorable Juan Torruella on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and he graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor on the Harvard Law Review.

**U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Policy and Strategy
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U.S. Department of State

Jason Kohn – Attorney-Adviser

After graduating HLS in 2019 and clerking for two years, Jason just recently started at the Department of State, in the Office of the Legal Adviser.

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Miranda Mammen – Term Law Clerk (Will not be present at event, but may be contacted for information. Please email [Elizabeth Shirey](#) in OPIA for information)

Miranda Mammen is currently clerking for U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley of the Northern District of California. Previously, she was a Public Service Venture Fund Fellow and then Law & Policy Fellow with the National Domestic Workers Alliance in Oakland, providing legal support for organizing projects led by nannies, house cleaners, and personal attendants for elders and people with disabilities. During law school, Miranda was a member and Vice President for Practice Standards of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau and interned with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, in Boston, and the Equal Justice Society, in Oakland. She graduated with distinction from Stanford University with a B.A. in American Studies.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Daniel Seltzer - Trial Attorney

Trial Attorney, EEOC, New York District Office, 2016-present

Trial Attorney, EEOC, Miami District Office, 2014-2016

Clerk, The Honorable Lawrence E. Kahn of the Northern District of New York, 2013-2014

Associate, Messing, Rudavsky, and Weliky, P.C. (plaintiffs' employment firm) 2011-2012

Graduate of Harvard University, Harvard Law School, and the University of Glasgow.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Office of Chief Counsel

Julie Lovas – Senior Counsel; Acting Assistant Deputy Counsel

FDA Office of Chief Counsel, Acting Assistant Deputy Chief Counsel for Litigation (Detail), Nov. 2021-Present. Part of management team for litigation, focusing on defensive litigation matters.||FDA Office of Chief Counsel, Acting Assistant Deputy Chief Counsel for Foods and Veterinary Medicine (Detail), June-Oct. 2021. Part of management team for counseling focusing on foods and veterinary medicine matters.||FDA Office of Chief Counsel, Litigator,

Jan. 2018-Present. Represent the agency in enforcement and defensive cases in Federal Court and before Administrative Law Judges, including cases brought under the Constitution and the Administrative Procedure Act. Representative matters include defenses of FDA's cigarette health warnings rule, changes in agency policy regarding homeopathic drugs, and interpretation of overlap in the statutory definitions of drugs and devices. ||FDA Office of Chief Counsel, Foods Counselor, Sept. 2008-Dec. 2017. Provided legal advice to the agency on food-related matters, including major preventive controls and produce safety rulemakings under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), implementation of the Reportable Food Registry and serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements, response to foodborne illness outbreaks and contamination, and information disclosure issues. ||Goulston & Storrs, P.C., Boston, Associate, Employment and Litigation Groups, Sept. 2005-June 2008.

U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on House Administration
Giancarlo Pellegrini – Elections Counsel

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U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform
Jacob Glick – Counsel, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

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U.S. Marine Corps
Austin Lorah - Marine Corps Officer Selection Officer

I am the Marine Corps Officer Selection Officer for the Boston area, looking to provide information and opportunities to students and graduates who have an interest in utilizing their JD to serve as Judge Advocates (JAG) in the United States Marine Corps and serve as commissioned officers and leaders of Marines.

U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps
LT George Hageman

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LCDR Shawn Brennan

LCDR Shawn Brennan is currently an LL.M. candidate studying National Security Law at Harvard Law School. He previously served as the Deputy Assistant for Legal and Legislative Matters in the Office of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon. Prior to serving in the Pentagon, his assignments included Assistant Fleet Judge Advocate at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia; Command Services Department Head and Trial Counsel at Region Legal Service Office Japan in Yokosuka, Japan; Rule of Law Officer for Logar Province, Afghanistan, where he served with Combined Joint Task Force 101, the 173RD Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and 4TH Brigade, 3RD Infantry Division; and Assistant Department Head for Legal Assistance and Defense Counsel at Naval Legal Service Office Southwest in San Diego, California. He commissioned through the JAG Corps Student Program and graduated from the Basic Lawyer Course at Naval Justice School in April 2010. Prior to entering the Navy, LCDR Brennan served in a variety of positions with the U.S. House of Representatives and New Jersey Governor's Office. LCDR Brennan graduated from Rutgers Law School in May 2009 where he was a student attorney with the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic. He holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security Studies with distinction from the Naval War College, as well as Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he graduated magna cum laude. LCDR Brennan was selected as the 2015 Naval Legal Service Command Junior Officer of the Year and is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Army Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).

LCDR Josh Foote

Lieutenant Commander Foote is currently serving as a Civil Law Instructor at Naval Justice School (NJS) in Newport, Rhode Island. He was born in New Jersey and lived in several different states before settling in Tennessee. He attended Harvard University, graduating in May 2010 with an A.B. in Philosophy and a Language Citation in Russian. He commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer through the R.O.T.C. program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. LCDR Foote earned his Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt University Law School in May 2016 and is an active member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Upon commissioning, LCDR Foote reported to USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, in June 2010. He served 10 months as the ship's Combat Information Center Officer and 18 months as the Anti-submarine Warfare Officer. In November 2012 he reported to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, also in Yokosuka, where he served as the Assistant Plans and Exercises Officer (N-5A) and as a strike-group and theater antisubmarine warfare watch officer. LCDR Foote was selected for the Navy's Law Education Program in March 2013 and reported in August to N.R.O.T.C.U. Vanderbilt for duty under instruction as a law student. During law school he completed summer assignments at the Office of the Chief Prosecutor for Military Commissions in Washington, D.C. and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Code 10 – International and Operational Law in the Pentagon. After graduating from Naval Justice School in October 2016, LCDR Foote reported to Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic in

Norfolk, Virginia, where he served seven months as the Staff Judge Advocate to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and seven months as a legal assistance attorney. In January 2018 he reported to Defense Service Office Southeast, where he served 12 months as a criminal defense attorney, seven of them as the Misdemeanor Division Officer. From January 2019 to July 2021 he served as the Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Task Force SEVEN TWO and Commander, Fleet Air Western Pacific in Atsugi, Japan. He reported to his current assignment in August 2021. LCDR Foote has earned the Navy Commendation Medal (2), Navy Achievement Medal (2), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and various other campaign, unit, and service awards.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Stephanie Beckett - General Attorney

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UNICEF

Sabine Witting – Child Protection Expert, UNICER Regional Office, Eastern Asia and Pacific Region

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Dr. Sabine K. Witting is an international children's rights lawyer, who advises Governments in Eastern and Southern Africa, Eastern Asia and the Pacific Region on legal reform, policy making and law enforcement collaboration in the area of online child sexual abuse. She has over eight years of expertise in drafting legislation and advising on the implementation of international law, strengthening investigation and prosecution capacity of national law enforcement agencies and working with the private sector to strengthen their role in child online protection. She is currently working for the UNICEF Regional Office in Eastern Asia and the Pacific Region, and holds a position as Assistant Professor at Leiden University, Netherlands, Center for Law and Digital Technologies (eLaw).

United Nations

Natasha Andrews - International Civil Servant, OHCHR

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Warda Henning - Political Adviser

Warda Henning LL.M '04, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Headquarters. |Warda Henning joined the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2006. Since 2014, she has been an adviser in the UN Department of Political Affairs and Peace Operations where she provides guidance to the UN leadership on East Africa and, previously, the Middle East. In 2018-2019, Ms. Henning was the senior political adviser to the head of the UN in Cameroon. |Prior to joining the political department, Ms. Henning worked on transnational organized crime and corruption issues at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and she was an adviser on North and East Africa in the Situation Room of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations. In 2010-2011, Ms. Henning worked in Sudan as a political and electoral adviser to the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel mandated to monitor the 2011 referendum on South Sudan's independence. Once South Sudan had become a new sovereign State, Ms. Henning joined the UN Mission in South Sudan where she provided the government and UN leadership with advice on the new constitution, treaty accession and other rule of law matters. |From 2006-2010, Ms. Henning was a legal adviser at the UN Office of Legal Affairs in New York. Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Henning was an attorney in international arbitration and litigation at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. and at Clifford Chance in New York. She holds a degree in law from Harvard Law School (Fulbright Scholarship) and a degree in public international law from the University of Amsterdam. She also completed course work at the National Law School of India in Bangalore. In 2011, she was named a Young Leader by the Council for the United States and Italy.

University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School - Office of Management Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner – Senior Associate Attorney

Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner joined the Office of Management at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School in March 2020. Previously, she served as Acting Deputy General Counsel (12/2019-3/2020) and Associate General Counsel since 2015, at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services ("EHS") having joined as Assistant General Counsel in 2008 as the lead attorney for MassHealth Estate Recovery. Prior to EHS, Ingrid had practiced at Burns & Levinson LLP since 1998, specializing in probate/family litigation. Ingrid also clerked for Chief Justice Warner (Massachusetts Appeals Court), the Massachusetts Superior Court justices, and worked at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine PC. She has written and spoken extensively in her areas of expertise, most recently on issues of unconscious bias. |A native of Hawaii, Ingrid is a past president (2006-08) of the Asian American Lawyers of Massachusetts ("AALAM") and served on its Board 2002-12. She also served on the Boston Bar Association ("BBA") Council 2009-12, and as the Education Co-Chair for its Diversity and Inclusion Section 2010-12. She has been elected to the Boston College Law School Alumni Board since 2009, serving as its President in 2018. Ingrid also chaired the Legal Intern program for EHS 2010-20, as well as the EHS Diversity Council 2014-20, the latter for which she received a Certificate of Appreciation from Massachusetts Medicaid in 2015. In addition, since 2012, she has served on the Supreme Judicial Court

Standing Advisory Committee on Professionalism. She has also served on the Board of Trustees for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education since 2019 and is Co-Chair of its Diversity & Inclusion Committee. |Ingrid was named a Massachusetts Bar Foundation Life Fellow by its Board of Trustees in 2015. Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly also named her as one of its Top Women of Law in 2013. In 2008, the Asian Community Development Corporation presented Ingrid with its Excellence in Community Service Award. |Ingrid graduated from Boston College (Phi Beta Kappa), summa cum laude, and Boston College Law School (Campbell Fellowship Recipient and White, Inker, Aronson Professional Achievement & Service Award).

USAID

Jonathan Kamin – Mission Director

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Vera Institute of Justice

Will Snowden – New Orleans Director

Will Snowden is the proud son of Billy Ray and Kay Snowden who were not only Milwaukee public school teachers, but also taught Will why speaking up and speaking out is important. Will plays the cello, really enjoys dancing but isn't that good at it, and before his current work as the director of the Vera Institute of Justice in New Orleans, he was a New Orleans public defender for five years where he developed a passion and focus for all things related to jury service. Will started The Juror Project to increase diversity of jury panels and improve people's perspective of jury duty.

WETA/PBS NewHour

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