



National Leadership Summit on State Court Responses to Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Summit

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FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Sheila Allen
VAWA Grant Administrator

Sheila Allen has been the VAWA Administrator for the State of New Mexico for fourteen years, promoting the integration of community activism with grant administration to help guide programs and practices. She has over twenty years of experience providing direct services, clinical supervision and program management in a variety of social service settings.

In 2003, Ms. Allen received the Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women. She is an appointed member of the Governor's Domestic Violence Leadership Commission and of the NM Intimate Partner Violence Death Review Team. She currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Association of VAWA Administrators.

Ms. Allen holds a Masters of Social Work degree from Boston University and is a licensed, independent social worker.

Michelle A. Brickley
Associate Director, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice

Michelle A. Brickley is as an Associate Director in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In this capacity, she supports the Director and manages three OVW grant programs including: the Services*Training*Officers* and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program; Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions; and the Sexual Assault Services Program.

Prior to her selection as Associate Director, Ms. Brickley served as a Senior Program Specialist within OVW managing a diverse portfolio of federal grants and technical assistance cooperative agreements that addressed violence against women issues. She also provided leadership and was an instrumental member of the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative and the President's Family Justice Center Initiative teams. In addition, Ms. Brickley developed and administered the new Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services Program (CLSSP). She worked passionately with the field and with OVW staff to ensure the program was implemented as Congress intended and oversaw the first year of CLSSP awards to community-

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based organizations that provide culturally and linguistically specific services to meet the needs of survivors from diverse backgrounds.

Ms. Brickley joined the U.S. Department of Justice in 1995 and the staff of OVW in 1999. Prior to joining OVW, Ms. Brickley served as a Grant Advisor/Deputy Team Leader for the Domestic Violence Program at the Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS). During this time Ms. Brickley participated in the planning and development of COPS domestic violence initiatives. She was also influential in conducting a Plenary Session that brought together representatives from other DOJ components, local law enforcement agencies, and local and national domestic violence experts to brainstorm and make suggestions on how COPS funding could best serve law enforcement agencies across the nation in implementing domestic violence programs.

Ms. Brickley is a 2009 graduate of the Department's year-long Leadership Excellence and Achievement Program (LEAP). She completed her 4-month developmental assignment at the Office of the Controller, Appropriations Liaison Office where she served as an Assistant Appropriations Liaison. During this time Ms. Brickley was primarily responsible for clearing component head written testimony for Congressional budget hearings and drafting the Attorney General's written and oral statements for hearings before the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Subcommittee.

Ms. Brickley is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Dillard University.

Sarah H. Buel

Clinical Professor and Director, Diane Halle Center for Family Justice
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Sarah Buel has spent the past 33 years working with battered women, abused children, and juveniles within the legal system. Currently, Ms. Buel is a Clinical Professor and Director of the Diane Halle Center for Family Justice at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where she will teach Criminal Law and Family Violence and the Law. For the previous 14 years, she was a clinical professor at the University Of Texas School Of Law, having started, then co-directing their Domestic Violence Clinic. She also taught Domestic Violence and the Law, Criminal Law, and Public Education, Civic Engagement & Policy courses. Ms. Buel was co-founder of the U.T. Voices Against Violence program and the U.T. Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault that focuses on research, pedagogy, and direct services. She served as the faculty supervisor for the Domestic Violence Survivor Support Network (DVSSN), a group of law and business students assisting abuse victims to achieve economic literacy and security. Professor Buel has served as Special Counsel for the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, providing domestic violence training, technical, and case assistance to prosecutors throughout Texas. For six years she was a prosecutor, most of that time with the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office in Quincy, MA., helping to establish their award-winning domestic violence and juvenile programs. Previously, Ms. Buel was a victim advocate, state policy coordinator, and legal aid paralegal.

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As a domestic violence survivor, Ms. Buel has been committed to improving the court and community response to abuse victims. She was a welfare mother for a short time before working full time in the day and going to school at night for seven years to obtain her undergraduate degree in 1987. She then graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1990, where she founded the Harvard Battered Women's Advocacy Project, the Harvard Women in Prison Project, and the Harvard Children and Family Rights Project.

Prof. Buel has published more than 35 articles and book chapters on family justice issues, and written amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She narrated the Academy Award winning documentary, *Defending Our Lives* and is actively involved in human rights and anti-trafficking projects in Cambodia, China, Kenya, and the U.S. Although Prof. Buel has received over 33 awards, she is most proud of her son, Jacey, who recently graduated from law school (and passed the bar!) after spending four years working with high-risk, violent teens in Boston schools.

Susan B. Carbon

Director, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice

Susan B. Carbon is the Director of the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Ms. Carbon was nominated to this position by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2009 and confirmed by the United States Senate on February 11, 2010. As Director, she serves as the liaison between the Department of Justice and federal, state, tribal, and international governments on crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. In this role, she is responsible for developing the Department's legal and policy positions regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and oversees an annual budget of nearly \$400 million.

Ms. Carbon was first appointed to the bench in 1991, and served as Supervisory Judge of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch Family Division from 1996 until 2010. She was a member of the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence and chaired New Hampshire's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. She was Chair of the Grafton County, NH Greenbook Project, a collaboration of the U.S. Department of Justice and Health and Human Services to improve practice where child protection cases intersect with domestic violence. She was also Lead Model Court Judge in New Hampshire for the nation-wide initiative of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to improve court practice surrounding child protection cases, focusing on foster care and adoption. Ms. Carbon also served as President of NCJFCJ from 2007 to 2008, and was President of the New Hampshire State Bar Association in 1993-94. Ms. Carbon has also worked with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts on two of their major initiatives conducted at the Wingspread Conference Center, the Family Law Reform Education Project (FLER Project), and Domestic Violence and Family Courts, dealing with differentiation of domestic violence in cases of child custody.

Ms. Carbon has trained judges and other professionals across the country and internationally on topics related to family violence, firearms, child custody, and child protection. She has published extensively on these and other topics, including on judicial selection and retention

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and judicial administration. Ms. Carbon served as faculty for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence—a partnership of OVW, the Family Violence Prevention Fund, and NCJFCJ. In September 2006, she chaired “Firearms and Domestic Violence: A National Summit for Community Safety,” an initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. She also chaired the project which produced the multidisciplinary Effective Issuance and Enforcement of Orders of Protection in Domestic Violence Cases (The Burgundy Book), a document used throughout the U.S. and its territories to guide professionals in their work around civil protection orders.

Ms. Carbon is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the DePaul University College of Law. Prior to becoming a judge, she was in private practice for a decade, and previously worked at the American Judicature Society in Chicago on a number of national court reform initiatives.

Hugh M. Collins
Judicial Administrator

Dr. Hugh M. Collins received a B.S. from Boston College in 1966, a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Tulane University in 1971, and graduated from the Institute for Court Management in 1980. Prior to joining the staff of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Dr. Collins worked as a research statistician for the Boeing Company, a faculty member of the Department of Psychiatry and Neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine, a faculty member of the Tulane University Mathematics Department, Director of Data Analysis for the Louisiana Narcotics Rehabilitation Commission and consultant to the New Orleans Police Department.

Since joining the staff of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Dr. Collins has served as Deputy Judicial Administrator for Systems Analysis and Planning, Chief Deputy Judicial Administrator, and in 1988 became Judicial Administrator. He also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana. He is a member of SEARCH Group, Inc. (board of directors, 1979-83; 1991-96; and 1997-present); National Association for Court Management; COSCA (board of directors 1992-95; president, 1996-97); COSCA Committee on Court Statistics (chair 1990-92 and 1997-2000); and COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee. He was awarded the National Center for State Courts' Distinguished Service Award in 1990. In 1999 he was awarded the American Judges Association's Glenn R. Winters Award, and in 2007 he received the Conference of State Court Administrator's Kenneth R. Palmer Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Collins is active in the community, having served on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Law Library of Louisiana, and the Board of Directors of Partners in Art of the New Orleans Museum of Art.

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Lilia G. Judson

Executive Director, Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration

President, COSCA

Vice-Chair, NCSC Board of Directors

Lilia G. Judson, executive director of the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration, has been elected vice-chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). She also has been named president of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), a national organization that represents the top chief executives of the courts of the 50 states and the U.S. territories, and of which NCSC serves as executive staff. Both positions are one-year terms. The appointments were made at the National Center's Board of Directors meeting and the Conference of Chief Justices and COSCA Annual Conference, both of which were held during the last week of July in Vail, Colo.

"For more than 30 years, Lilly Judson has worked tirelessly to improve the justice system," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "Her commitment to the rule of law and the basic principles of justice and her fervent belief in equal access to justice for everyone has served as an example to her peers across the country, as evidenced by the trust placed in her to lead NCSC and COSCA."

As the manager of Indiana's judicial system for 13 years, Judson has overseen programs designed to promote the more efficient administration of justice and increase access to justice for the residents of Indiana. Her office has administrative responsibility over the state's trial courts, collects data on court volume and workload, and distributes state funding for court operations and programs. Judson also manages the staff of the Indiana Public Defender Commission and Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, among others, and oversees the \$100 million court-system budget.

Some of the many accomplishments of her tenure as executive director include the launch of a statewide case management system, the implementation of technology training for judges, and the establishment of a court interpreter program.

Prior to becoming executive director, Judson served the Division of State Court Administration in several capacities, first as assistant director from 1977-86 and later as chief deputy to the executive director from 1986-97. Before joining the Supreme Court staff, she was executive secretary of the Indiana Judicial Study Commission for one year and the Commission's legislative analyst from 1972-76.

In addition to her volunteer activities with NCSC and COSCA, Judson currently serves as the executive secretary of the Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and is on the Indiana Judicial Technology and Automation Committee and Governing Board. She also is a member of the Council of State Governments Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Public Safety and Justice Task Force.

Judson, who didn't speak English when she immigrated to the U.S. from Bulgaria with her family at the age of 12, earned a bachelor's in political science from Indiana University and a juris

doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Judge Judy Harris Kluger
Chief of Policy and Planning, New York State's Unified Court System

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger is Chief of Policy and Planning for New York State's Unified Court System. Since her appointment as Chief in March 2009, she has been responsible for working with judges throughout the state to study and develop policies and strategies to improve the delivery of justice in New York. In addition to her role in system-wide court reform and policy development and implementation, Judge Kluger oversees the problem-solving court program around the state. Problem-Solving Courts in New York State include more than 300 Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, Drug Courts, Domestic Violence Courts, Mental Health Courts, Sex Offense Courts and Community Courts. From 2003 to 2009, Judge Kluger served as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Court Operations and Planning (DCAJ). As DCAJ, Judge Kluger initially oversaw statewide implementation of Integrated Domestic Violence Courts (IDV). The Integrated Domestic Violence Court program is a sweeping reform of the state courts that builds on a one family-one judge model for domestic violence cases. It involves the re-organization of a system that requires families affected by domestic violence to see multiple judges to resolve criminal, family and matrimonial matters.

In 2004, Judge Kluger took over administration of New York State's Drug Treatment Courts, which present an alternative to incarceration for non-violent drug-addicted defendants and seek to break the cycle of addiction and recidivism that perpetuate drug use and drug-related crime, as well as Domestic Violence, Community, Mental Health and Sex Offense Courts.

Prior to her appointment as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Judge Kluger was the Administrative Judge of the New York City Criminal Court from 1996 to 2003. In that capacity, she oversaw all aspects of court operations at seven locations in the five boroughs of New York City. Judge Kluger developed specialized approaches for domestic violence and drug cases and brought a problem-solving and innovative approach to court operations and administration.

After graduating from New York University and St. John's University Law School, Judge Kluger began her career as an assistant district attorney in Kings County, where she served as the Bureau Chief of the Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence Bureau and later as Chief of the Criminal Court Bureau. In 1988, she was appointed to the New York City Criminal Court. She was a key member of the development team at the Midtown Community Court where she presided from 1993 through 1996. The project received national acclaim for its innovative handling of quality of life crimes and began an era of development of problem-solving courts throughout the country.

Judge Kluger is an active member of numerous professional associations, committees and advisory boards and is a frequent speaker and panelist. In 1999, Judge Kluger received an award from the Mayor of the City of New York for outstanding leadership in breaking the cycle of domestic violence. In March of 2004, she was honored by the Lawyers Committee Against Domestic Violence with the In the Trenches Award. In October 2004, she received the Abely Award for Leading Women and Children to Safety.

Carl Reynolds
Administrative Director, Office of Court Administration

Carl Reynolds is an attorney with extensive experience in all three branches of Texas state government. He is currently the Director of the Office of Court Administration in the judicial branch. From 1997 to 2005 he was General Counsel for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), the executive branch agency responsible for prisons, probation, and parole. From 1993 to 1997, he was General Counsel to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, which is the governing body for TDCJ. Prior to 1993, he was the Executive Director of the Texas Punishment Standards Commission (a blue-ribbon legislative agency charged with reforming the State's sentencing laws and corrections resources), General Counsel to the Texas Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, Director of the Senate's redistricting staff, and a briefing attorney for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Mr. Reynolds maintains a number of involvements with state and national organizations in the justice arena, include active involvement (either current or past) with the following organizations: National Center for State Courts; Conference of State Court Administrators; Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth & Families; American Bar Association Sentencing Committee; ABA Task Force on the Legal Status of Prisoners; Council of State Governments Justice Center; National Institute of Corrections; American Correctional Association; Vera Institute of Justice; Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice Research, University of Texas at Austin; Edna McConnell Clark Foundation; National Association of Sentencing Commissions; National Conference of State Legislatures; and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Austin.

Mr. Reynolds holds a J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law, a master's degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and a B.A. with honors from the University of Cincinnati.

Janice K. Walker
State Court Administrator

Janice Walker was appointed State Court Administrator on May 13, 2005, to oversee the administrative operations of the statewide court system. Deputy State Court Administrator, January 2004-May 2005. Associate State Court Administrator, 1984-2004. B.S. (criminal justice), University of Nebraska-Kearney, 1977. Master's degree (public administration), University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1991. Fellow of the Institute for Court Management. National Center for State Courts, 1988.

As a member of the Conference of State Court Administrators, Ms. Walker currently serves on the Courts, Children and Families Committee and is Vice Chair of the COSCA Education Committee. Ms. Walker has worked in the Nebraska courts since 1977.

Bobbie L. Welling, Esq.
Supervising Attorney, Violence Against Women Education Project

Bobbie L. Welling, Esq., has more than 25 years' experience serving the California judicial branch in developing education. She is a Supervising Attorney at the Center for Families, Children and the Courts, a division of the California Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). She also serves as Project Director of the Violence Against Women Education Project, a grant-funded initiative that provides education for judges and court staff and technical assistance to courts on sexual assault, domestic violence, teen dating violence, stalking and elder abuse. As Project Director, she developed one of the few comprehensive judicial bench books on sexual assault in the nation, *The Adjudication of Sex Crimes*, by Hon. J. Richard Couzens (ret.) and Hon. Tricia Ann Bigelow.

Ms. Welling is lead counsel to the statewide Judicial Council Domestic Violence Practice and Procedures Task Force and was the principal author of its report, *Recommended Guidelines and Practices for Improving the Administration of Justice in Domestic Violence Cases*. She serves as a member of the California Emergency Management Agency's Violence Against Women Implementation Committee, and as faculty for the national course, *The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases*, developed by Legal Momentum in cooperation with the National Association of Women Judges. She also serves on the education committee for the National Association of Women Judges' Annual Conference.

Previously, Ms. Welling served as a Senior Education Attorney for the AOC's education division and as a Senior Attorney in the AOC's legal division. She was lead counsel to the California Supreme Court Ethics Committee and to the Judicial Council's Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts. She was a principal author of California's report on gender fairness, *Achieving Equal Justice for Men and Women in the Courts*, for which she received a California Senate Resolution of Commendation and a certificate of appreciation from the California Attorney General. Ms. Welling was the AOC's designated representative on the California Attorney General's Task Force on Local Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence.