Professor Maryam Ahranjani

Professor Maryam Ahranjani is teaching or has taught Criminal Law, Constitutional Rights, Criminal Procedure I, Education Policy, and Criminal Sentencing. Prior to joining the faculty at UNM in 2016, Professor Ahranjani worked in Guatemala City with the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative, U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development on rule of law projects related to human rights and youth migration. She taught and worked at American University Washington College of Law (directing the National Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project and the Program on Law and Government), the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and several law schools in Latin America.

A recognized expert on access to education, Professor Ahranjani is a member of the ABA Public Education Section's Standing Committee and Reporter for the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force. She has authored numerous book chapters, law review articles, and other articles. Co-author of the textbook Youth Justice in America (2nd ed. 2014), her work has appeared in The Journal of College and University Law, Hofstra Law Review, South Carolina Law Review, Denver University Law Review, American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law, and The Washington Post. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School (LLM), American University Washington College of Law (JD), and Northwestern University (BSEd).
RAUL AYALA

Moderator

Raul Ayala is currently a Deputy Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California, and has been designated as the Collaborative Courts Supervising Attorney for his office. During 2015-2016, he was temporarily assigned as a Visiting Attorney Advisor for the Defender Services Office Training Division of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts in Washington, DC. He was first a federal defender from 1985 to 1988, where he tried dozens of cases and argued numerous appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In the following twenty years of private practice as a criminal defense lawyer, he tried many more cases in federal and state court, and remained active in several bar associations and foundations. He returned as a federal defender in 2008 and has since been assigned exclusively to the district’s problem-solving courts -- the Conviction and Sentences Alternatives (CASA) program, a pre-trial diversion, and the Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry (STAR) program, a post-conviction reentry drug court.

Raul has served as Co-Chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section (CJS) Alternatives to Incarceration & Diversion Committee for the past three years, is current Chair of the CJS Diversion Standards Task Force and has recently been appointed as Co-Executive Director of the CJS Corrections and Sentencing Division.
Lara Bazelon Bio

Lara Bazelon is professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she directs the criminal defense and racial justice clinics. After clerking for the Honorable Harry Pregerson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Lara served as a deputy federal public defender for seven years in Los Angeles. From 2012-2015, she was the director of the Loyola Law School Project for the Innocent. Her scholarship addresses issues at the intersection of ethics and criminal law. Her forthcoming article in the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law examines victims’ rights through a restorative lens. A contributing writer for *Slate*, Lara’s opinion pieces and essays have also been published in the *New York Times, Washington Post, Atlantic*, and *Politico*. Her book, *Rectify: The Power of Restorative Justice After Wrongful Conviction*, was published in 2018.
Sakira Cook is director of the justice reform program of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund. The Leadership Conference is a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations to promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States. At The Leadership Conference and The Education Fund, Cook leads the development of the justice reform programs policy agenda and coordinates the programs communications, organizing, and policy advocacy strategies for a broad coalition of civil and human rights groups. The justice reform program works to advance transformative policy solutions that eliminate structural inequity, racism, and injustice at every stage of the criminal legal system—from policing and pretrial justice, to sentencing and incarceration, to reentry.

Cook is also engaged in human rights advocacy at the United Nations and with the federal government, including promoting the U.S. ratification of important human rights treaties, monitoring domestic implementation of U.S. human rights commitments under the Universal Periodic Review, Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and International Covenant on Civil Political Rights, and advancing the established goals and outcomes of the International Decade for People of African Descent.

Prior to joining The Leadership Conference and The Education Fund, Cook served as a legal and research fellow at the Open Society Policy Center, focusing on criminal, civil, and racial justice reform. Cook attended Howard University where she earned a B.A. in International Business and Management, and Wayne State University Law School where she earned her J.D.
Joseph Cooney

J.P. Cooney is the Chief of the Fraud & Public Corruption Section of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. J.P. was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia from 2007 to 2012, focusing on violent crime and homicide prosecutions. In 2012, J.P. joined the Public Integrity Section at the U.S. Department of Justice, serving as a Trial Attorney and then as Deputy Chief from January 2015 until returning to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in March of 2018 to assume his current position. Before becoming a federal prosecutor, J.P. clerked for U.S. District Judge Robert G. Doumar in the Eastern District of Virginia and briefly worked as an associate at a large law firm. J.P. earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law.
Liliana Coronado
Liliana Coronado brings a wealth of expertise to the Brimley Group as a Vice President and Counsel.

Previously, she served as the Supervising Deputy Federal Public Defender with the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California, in Los Angeles. She joined the Federal Public Defender's Office in 2003, after spending a year as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson on the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. As part of her responsibilities, Liliana served as one of the representatives in the Convictions and Sentence Alternatives Program (CASA), an innovative post-guilty plea diversion program that is the first of its kind in federal court.

Liliana re-joined the Federal Public Defender's Office after serving as counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. for two years.

She graduated from Stanford Law School, and Mills College, where she studied government and ethnic studies.

Ms. Coronado was raised in Watsonville, California and is the daughter of Mexican immigrant farm workers. She is married and the mother of two boys (ages 6 and 3).
Barbara Creel - An enrolled member of the Pueblo of Jemez, Creel is a tenured professor at the UNM School of Law, and former director of the Southwest Indian Law Clinic. She currently directs the New Mexico Innocence and Justice Project at the Law School. She teaches Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Ethics, as well as seminar courses in Criminal Law in Indian Country and Native American Indian Civil Rights.

Professor Creel is a recognized expert in the right to counsel in Indian Country and a frequent speaker on equal justice for Native Americans in the criminal justice system. Her work is focused on indigenous innocence, and the intersections of Indian law, civil/human rights and criminal defense.

After law school, she served in Washington D.C. as a legislative analyst at the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and practiced in New Mexico and Oregon. As a legal aid attorney at the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services, she represented tribes and tribal peoples on cultural and natural resources issues, religious rights protection, prisoners’ rights, tribal courts/traditional justice system development, and Indian child welfare matters.

An Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Oregon from 1999 to 2006, Creel gained an expertise in federal criminal defense, federal appeals, post-conviction relief and federal habeas corpus review. She also served as the Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, facilitating nation-to-nation consultation with Native American Indian Tribes in Oregon and Washington. She received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for her work with Treaty Tribes and Tribal leadership to rebuild Celilo Village (Yakama, Nez Perce, Warm Springs, Umatilla) and traditional Indian fishing cites in the Columbia River Basin.

Professor Creel has testified before Congress, the Indian Law and Order Commission, and the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Criminal Justice Act, to provide her perspective as a Native woman and scholar on tribal values, protection of tribal sovereignty and protection of human rights for Natives in the criminal justice system. In 2015, she was appointed to the U.S. Sentencing Commission Tribal Issues Advisory Group, advising the Commission on federal crime and sentencing policy impacting Native American Indians. She was the lead author of the Amici Curiae Brief on Behalf of Herself and the Tribal Defender Network in Support of Respondent filed in the U.S. Supreme Court in U. S. v. Bryant. Her article, The Right to Counsel for Indians Accused of Crime: A Tribal and Congressional Imperative, brought attention to racial injustice and equal protection issues faced by Native Americans in the criminal justice system. She is currently writing on Native American sentencing disparity in federal and state courts.
Maria V. D’Addieco

Maria V. D’Addieco is a federal Probation Officer at U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services in the District of Massachusetts. She developed and oversees the District’s Restorative Justice program, which is the first of its kind in the federal system. Prior to working with the U.S. Probation & Pretrial Office, she was at the Department of Children and Families in Massachusetts, where she held positions as an Investigator, Family Circle and Group Conferencing Coordinator, and Supervisor. She is an experienced facilitator and program developer, and has 17+ years of experience working with restorative practices in various settings including: in community settings; with incarcerated populations; within government systems; and throughout criminal proceedings. Ms. D’Addieco he has an undergraduate degree from St. Anselm College and a Master of Social Work from Simmons College.
The Honorable Bernice B. Donald received her law degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, a Masters in Judicial Studies from Duke University, and an honorary Doctors in Law from Suffolk University. Prior to being appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals by President Barack Obama in 2011, she served on the U.S. District Court for more than fifteen years.

Judge Donald is currently a member of the prestigious American Law Institute, serves as Chair of the American Bar Association ("ABA") Center for Human Rights and recently chaired a committee which published an implicit bias resource book for judges and practitioners titled, Enhancing Justice: Reducing Bias. Prior to this, she served as Chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section, focusing on issues concerning implicit bias, children of incarcerated parents, mass incarceration, and the collateral consequences of incarceration. Having previously served as Secretary of the American Bar Association (ABA), Judge Donald served in the ABA House of Delegates until August 2018. She has been faculty at the National Judicial College, the Federal Judicial Center, and the Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center & School. Judge Donald also served as faculty for the Federal Magistrate Judges Conference held in Portland, Oregon, where she was part of the panel titled, Thinking, Blinking, and Judging: Addressing Implicit Biases. She served as Jurist in Residence at American University, Washington University, University of Cincinnati School of Law, and the University of Georgia School of Law. In addition, she has served as faculty for international programs in more than twenty countries.

Judge Donald’s writings include the following: A Glimpse Inside the Brain’s Black Box: Understanding the Role of Neuroscience in Criminal Sentencing, 85 FORDHAM L. REV. 481 (2016); Not Your Father’s Legal Profession: Technology, Globalization, Diversity, and the Future of Law Practice in the United States, 44 U. MEM. L. REV. 645 (2014); Bringing Back Reasonable Inferences:
A Short, Simple Suggestion for Addressing Some Problems at the Intersection of Employment Discrimination and Summary Judgment, 57 N.Y.L. Sch. L. Rev. 749 (2012-2013); The Not-So-New Normal of the Legal Profession: Facing and Confounding the Odds, 23 Am. U. J. Gender Soc. Pol’y & L. 1 (2014); Immigrants and Other Cultural Minorities as Non-Traditional Plaintiffs: Culture as a Factor in Determining Tort Damages, 92 Judicature 220 (2009); Fifty Years Later and Miranda Still Leaves Us With Questions, 50 Tex Tech L. Rev. 1 (2017); The Dischargeability of Property Settlement and Hold Harmless Agreements in Bankruptcy: An Overview of § 523(a)(15), 31 Family L. Quarterly 409 (1997); and To This Tribunal the Freedman Has Turned: The Freedman’s Bureau’s Judicial Powers and the Origins of the Fourteenth Amendment, 79 La. L. Rev. 1 (2018). Judge Donald has received over 100 awards for professional, civic, and community activities, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Memphis, the Martin Luther King Community Service Award, the Benjamin Hooks Award from the Memphis Bar Foundation, the prestigious Margaret Brent Award, the Spirit of Excellence Award, the John Pickering Award of Achievement, and the Inaugural Liberty Award from the Tort, Trial and Insurance Section of the ABA.
Daniela Donoso

Daniela Donoso was born in Quito, Ecuador and grew up in Miami, FL. She graduated Florida State University in the Spring of 2016 receiving a B.S. in International Affairs and Interdisciplinary Social Science with a concentration in Social Entrepreneurship. Daniela, a DACA-mented immigrant, is passionate about social justice and immigration issues. Daniela was awarded the 2015 Global Citizen Award for her work on campus. She is currently the president of Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and serves as the chair of the Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking Student Committee. She has had the privilege of working at The Center for the Advancement of Human Rights since 2014, assisting in its mission of advocacy to the immigrant community. She began law school at Florida State University College of Law in the Fall of 2017 to continue pursuing her passion in human rights.
Roger A. Fairfax

Roger A. Fairfax, Jr. is the Patricia Roberts Harris Research Professor at George Washington University Law School, where he previously served as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law and procedure, white collar criminal investigations, ethics, and criminal justice policy. Prior to joining academia, Fairfax practiced in the white-collar enforcement group of a large law firm, and worked as a federal prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he is a member of the American Law Institute and the Advisory Committee for the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.
James E. Felman

James E. Felman has concentrated his practice of law in the defense of complex criminal matters and related civil litigation for 30 years. Mr. Felman represents clients in federal and state matters in every phase of the criminal process -- investigation, trial, sentencing, appeal, and post-conviction proceedings. He has represented clients in a wide range of matters, including allegations of bank fraud, health care fraud, mail and wire fraud, securities fraud, public corruption, environmental crimes, antitrust violations, synthetic/illegal drugs, illegal gambling, child abuse/ pornography, and murder.

Mr. Felman has also devoted a significant portion of his professional efforts to legal reform and policy work. He has testified on an array of topics before the United States Senate, House of Representatives, and Sentencing Commission, and frequently writes and speaks on criminal justice policy issues. He currently serves as Chair of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Task Force on First Step Act Implementation. He also serves as Chair of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section’s Task Force on First Step Act Implementation. He is a Past Chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association and is the ABA’s Past Liaison to the United States Sentencing Commission. He was a founding member of the Steering Committee of Clemency Project 2014, and is former Co-Chair of the Practitioners’ Advisory Group to the United States Sentencing Commission.

Mr. Felman is a graduate of Wake Forest University, B.A. cum laude, 1984, and Duke University, M.A. Phil. and J.D. with high honors (Order of the Coif), 1987. Following law school, he was a law clerk to Judge Theodore McMillian of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.
April is the Director of Defender Legal Services Initiatives, which advances NLADA's goals and priorities through strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing public defense. For the last eight years, April worked as a public defender with the Public Defender Service for D.C. as a Reentry Coordinator, and most recently as the Special Assistant in the Juvenile Defender Unit at the Law Office of the Shelby County Public Defender where she was responsible for implementing Department of Justice reforms and helping to build the first ever holistic and team-based juvenile defense practice in Shelby County that employed both social workers and attorneys. She also has experience working on national reentry policy reform at the American Bar Association in D.C. and Legal Action Center in NY. She received a B.A. from Tennessee State University and a J.D. from Howard University.
Judge Richard Mark Gergel

Richard Mark Gergel is a native of Columbia, South Carolina and is a graduate of the Richland School District No. 1 public schools. He attended New College, Oxford University and Duke University, where he graduated in 1975 *summa cum laude*. Gergel attended the Duke University School of Law and graduated in 1979. While at Duke Law School, Gergel was a member of the Editorial Board of the Duke Law Journal. He was sworn in as a member of the South Carolina Bar in November 1979, initially practicing with the law firm of Medlock and Davis. He subsequently began his own law firm in 1983 and practiced with the firm, Gergel, Nickles and Solomon, until 2010. Gergel was nominated as an United States District Judge by President Barak Obama in December 2009 and was confirmed by an unanimous vote of the United States Senate on August 5, 2010. Judge Gergel presides in the Charleston Federal Courthouse. Gergel has a long standing interest in the history of his native state and has written books and numerous articles and book chapters on South Carolina history. He is married to Dr. Belinda Friedman Gergel and they have two sons, Richie and Joseph.
Rita M. Glavin, Esq., Partner, Seward & Kissel LLP

Rita M. Glavin is a partner in the law firm of Seward & Kissel LLP in New York and co-head of the Government Enforcement and Internal Investigations Practice. She represents individuals and companies in criminal and civil enforcement investigations by federal and state government agencies, including matters involving insider trading and securities fraud, antitrust violations, accounting fraud, market manipulation, bribery, campaign finance violations and public corruption, antitrust violations, and money laundering. A veteran trial lawyer, she has conducted more than twenty criminal trials. In 2017, Law 360 named Ms. Glavin as one of the six “MVP” attorneys nationally in the white collar practice area. In 2018, she was recognized as one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America by Law Dragon, and the National Law Journal named her a “Trailblazer” in the white collar practice area. Prior to private practice, she worked for almost 12 years as a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), both at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of New York and at the DOJ Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. In 2009, she headed the DOJ’s Criminal Division, where she supervised more than 400 attorneys in enforcing federal criminal law. She currently serves as co-chair of the ABA’s White Collar Crime Subcommitteee, and is a member of the Criminal Practice Committee of the Federal Bar Council. She previously served on the New York City Bar Association’s Judiciary Committee and White Collar Crime Committee. She is a former law clerk to the Honorable John F. Keenan (S.D.N.Y.), and a graduate of Middlebury College and Fordham Law School, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Fordham Law Review. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Fordham Law School Alumni Association and is President of the Fordham Law Review Alumni Association.
Global Youth Justice, Inc. Bio

Global Youth Justice, Inc. champions the expansion of youth justice and juvenile justice diversion programs called Youth/Teen/Peer/Student Court and Peer Jury. Historic numbers of Justice Volunteers, including youth and adults -- make it possible for 1,800+ communities on 5 continents to give their youth a 2nd, and even 3rd chance for committing minor crimes, offenses and violations. The Global Youth Justice Movement is a text-book example of a local grass-roots volunteer-driven "scalable model" to strengthen juvenile justice, youth justice and criminal justice systems around the globe.
Bio, Mr. Jonathan Halstuch.
In 1994, while a senior in high school, Mr. Jonathan Halstuch helped establish one of the earliest Youth Court Diversion Programs in the USA, and the first multi-county Youth Court effort in America called Youth Courts of the Capital District, Inc. Mr. Halstuch is a graduate of Georgia Tech, and George Washington University. Jonathan worked in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government for a decade, at the U.S. Department of Defense, within the National Security Agency. Mr. Halstuch then co-founded a Cyber-Security Corporation called Racktops Systems, Inc. located in Maryland. In 2015, Mr. Halstuch co-founded Global Youth Justice, Inc. and serves as Board Chairperson.
Jamie Herbert Bio

Jamie is a career federal prosecutor, having joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Boston in 1990 after about five years with Davis Polk in New York. He started in the Organized Crime Strike Force Unit and served as the Chief of that unit, which later became the Organized Crime and Gang Unit, from 1996-2013. He served as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division from 2013-2018. Since then, he has been assigned to the Major Crimes Unit, prosecuting child exploitation cases, and more recently to the Health Care Fraud Unit. Jamie has been facilitating restorative justice circles in Massachusetts state prisons since 2016 while also assisting with the federal court’s restorative justice programming. A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Virginia School of Law, he has received training from the International Institute of Restorative Practices and recently began taking graduate classes in restorative justice at Eastern Mennonite University’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding.
Maria Carmen Hinayon

Maria Carmen Hinayon is a California civil rights attorney and the Principal Attorney at the Law Office of Maria Carmen Hinayon. She received her Juris Doctor from University of California in Los Angeles Law School and Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Minor in International Relations from California State University in Long Beach. Maria Carmen draws valuable perspectives from her lived experiences as a transgender woman, immigrant, and survivor of discrimination, violence, and homelessness. Her work as LGBTQ community advocate spans two decades in the Philippines and the United States. As a member of the Task Force, Maria Carmen hopes to broaden the lens of the Task Force’s work to be more inclusive of all women from all backgrounds including those who identify as trans, queer, and nonbinary/noncoforming.
Sam Kamin

Sam Kamin has emerged as an expert voice on marijuana law reform in Colorado and throughout the country. He sat on Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper’s Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force, worked with the ACLU and then-Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom to formulate a set of best practices for marijuana regulation in California, and helped the City of Denver implement Social Consumption regulations. In addition, he has written more than a dozen scholarly articles on the subject of marijuana law reform and co-authored the series “Altered State: Inside Colorado’s Marijuana Economy” for Slate Magazine, chronicling the impact of Colorado’s marijuana regulations on lawmakers, businesses and consumers. He has also taught a number of drug policy courses including Representing the Marijuana Client, Marijuana Law and Policy, and Comparative Drug Policy.
Carla Laroche, Clinical Professor, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL

Carla Laroche is Clinical Professor at Florida State University College of Law. Professor Laroche directs the Gender and Family Justice Clinic and the Collateral Consequences Project in the FSU Law Public Interest Law Center. She has presented on or written about the collateral consequences of incarceration on women and their families, gender justice, criminal justice and prison law reform, and implicit bias. Before joining FSU Law, Professor Laroche served as a criminal justice reform fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Tallahassee. In that role, she advocated for the reformation of mass incarceration of children and adults in Florida. Professor Laroche also served as a pro bono fellow at Hunton & Williams and a law clerk for the Honorable Donald M. Middlebrooks, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida.

A first-generation Haitian-American, Professor Laroche received an AB in History from Princeton University, Master’s in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, and JD from Columbia Law School. While in law school, Professor Laroche received the Jane Marks Murphy Prize for exceptional interest and proficiency in clinical advocacy, and was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for academic achievement. She also served as staff editor for the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Professor Laroche is a council member of the ABA Criminal Justice Section (CJS), co-chair of the CJS Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, and member of the ABA Standing Committee on Gavel Awards. She previously served on the Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, the council of the ABA Civil Rights and Social Justice Section, and the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk. Professor Laroche has been named an ABA On the Rise - Top 40 Young Lawyer and has received the National Bar Association 40 Under 40 Award, Excellence in Activism Award, and Young Lawyers Division’s Humanitarian Award.
Michael Leotta conducts internal investigations and represents corporations and individuals in matters involving criminal law, securities law and financial institution regulations, with a focus on the Bank Secrecy Act and related anti-money laundering (AML) rules, insider trading, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). He represents clients in investigations and examinations by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and state prosecutors; domestic and international financial regulators, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the New York Department of Financial Services, and the UK Financial Conduct Authority; and Congressional committees.

Before joining WilmerHale, Mr. Leotta served for nine years in government, including in the White House Counsel's Office under President Barack Obama, as an Assistant US Attorney prosecuting fraud and public corruption, and as Appellate Chief and Ethics Advisor under Rod Rosenstein at the US Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland.

Mr. Leotta currently serves as a national vice chair of the American Bar Association's White Collar Crime Committee and as a co-chair of its Financial Institution Fraud/Money Laundering and Patriot Act Subcommittee.

Practice

Mr. Leotta has recently conducted internal investigations on behalf of global financial institutions, US broker-dealers, domestic and foreign defense contractors, a hospital company, and a university. He has represented companies and individuals in investigations by the DOJ, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the SEC, the CFTC, FinCEN, FINRA, state financial regulators and Congress on a number of topics, including allegations of:

- Bank Secrecy Act/AML program violations,
- securities fraud and insider trading,
As Appellate Chief, Mr. Leotta managed the appellate work of more than 70 AUSAs. He directed the briefing of hundreds of briefs in the Fourth Circuit US Court of Appeals, trained AUSAs in appellate advocacy, and personally argued cases of particular significance to the US Attorney's Office.

As Ethics Advisor, Mr. Leotta advised the US Attorney, Assistant US Attorneys and staff on financial disclosures, conflicts of interest, and other ethics rules.

During his detail to the White House Counsel's Office, Mr. Leotta helped manage a team of 12 attorneys vetting President Obama's Executive Branch nominees.

Prior to his government service, Mr. Leotta was a litigation associate at Williams & Connolly LLP where he focused on First Amendment and media law issues, including representation of the National Enquirer and Star Magazine. He represented corporations involved in libel and defamation claims, contract disputes, employment actions, attorney-malpractice claims, and securities enforcement actions, among other matters.

After graduation from Harvard Law School, Mr. Leotta served as a clerk to the Hon. Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr. of the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Professional Activities

Mr. Leotta is national vice chair of the American Bar Association's White Collar Crime Committee and co-chair of its Financial Institution Fraud/Money Laundering and Patriot Act Subcommittee. He is a life fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has previously served on the Board of Governors of the Federal Bar Association, Maryland Chapter, as assistant treasurer to the campaign of Congressman John P. Sarbanes, as treasurer and on the Board of the Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr. Appellate Advocacy Fellowship, Inc. (a nonprofit organization devoted to public service and appellate impact litigation), and as the president and on the Board of the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Maryland.

Experience

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- Representation of a global financial institution and its personnel in parallel SEC and FinCEN investigations of the institution's AML program and its program to prevent misuse of material nonpublic information;

- Representation of a global financial institution and its personnel in a FINRA investigation of its AML controls related to branches along the southwest border;
- An international internal investigation into potential issues with an international bank’s AML transaction surveillance systems in numerous countries around the world, including presentations to the UK Financial Conduct Authority, and the UK Prudential Regulation Authority;

- An internal investigation into the causes of issues with an international bank’s AML transaction surveillance system used for dollar clearing transactions in the United States, including presentations to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the New York Department of Financial Services, the New York Attorney General's Office, FinCEN, the DOJ, the Manhattan DA, the UK Financial Conduct Authority and the UK Prudential Regulation Authority;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in response to DOJ and SEC investigations of insider trading, money laundering and securities law violations by a financial advisor and clients in California and China, which resulted in $1.4 million in restitution paid to the financial institution;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in a criminal investigation of customers charged with Iraqi-dinar fraud and money laundering;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in response to a criminal prosecution of a customer for laundering international bribery proceeds;

- An internal investigation and representation of a US broker-dealer in response to parallel DOJ and SEC investigations of a customer charged with running a Ponzi scheme;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in response to a criminal prosecution of a customer for healthcare fraud;

- An internal investigation and representation of a US broker-dealer in response to an SEC investigation of potential cherry-picking by a registered representative;

- An internal investigation and representation of a US broker-dealer in response to parallel grand jury and SEC investigations into potential insider trading by an employee;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in response to the criminal prosecution of a customer for foreign corruption, embezzlement and money laundering;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in response to a grand jury investigation into potential money laundering by clients in Texas and Mexico;

- An internal investigation and joint representation of a global financial institution and its personnel in response to a federal grand jury investigation into potential money laundering by clients in Florida and Venezuela;

- An internal investigation and representation of a global financial institution in response to a FINRA investigation into potential insider trading by a financial advisor and clients in Florida and Colombia;

- An internal investigation into potential insider trading by a financial advisor who was related to a pharmaceutical company insider;

- Representation of a global financial institution in response to an SEC inquiry regarding potential insider trading by clients in advance of the public announcement of a DOJ lawsuit;
- Joint representation of a global financial institution and its personnel in response to an SEC inquiry regarding potential insider trading by clients in advance of the acquisition of a pharmaceutical company;

- Representation of a global financial institution in response to an SEC inquiry regarding potential insider trading by a company executive using a 10b5-1 plan; and

- Numerous internal investigations of potential violations of federal and state criminal law, insider trading, and company ethics policies on behalf of an international financial organization.

**BROKER-DEALER EXAMINATIONS**

- Representation of a US broker-dealer in an SEC examination of its compliance with Section 5 of the Securities Act, and its AML compliance, related to transactions in low-priced securities;

- Representation of an international online broker-dealer in an SEC examination of its compliance with Section 5 of the Securities Act, and its AML compliance, related to transactions in low-priced securities;

- Representation of an international online broker-dealer in a FINRA examination of its AML program;

- Representation of a US broker-dealer in a FINRA inquiry into its compliance with the Market Access Rule (Rule 15c3-5 of the Securities Exchange Act) as related to monitoring for market manipulation;

- Representation of a US broker-dealer in a FINRA inquiry into its compliance with the Vendor Display Rule (Rule 603(c)) as related to the online display through which clients can trade; and

- Representation of a US broker-dealer in a FINRA inquiry into its compliance with SEC Regulation M as related to a distribution of securities.

**CORPORATE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

- Representation of a global medical device manufacturer in response to a federal government request to show cause why the manufacturer should not be debarred from government contracting;

- Representation of a foreign defense contractor in a joint SEC and DOJ Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigation related to business in Brazil and Colombia;

- An internal investigation of potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by an international corporation doing business in the Middle East;

- An internal investigation on behalf of a Maryland hospital-management company into alleged federal criminal violations by its CEO;

- Litigation on behalf of a global energy company facing a federal grand jury investigation related to an oil spill; and

- Representation of a renewable energy company facing a Congressional document request relating to the Department of Energy loan-guarantee program.
INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIONS

- Representation of a former official of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in a securities fraud investigation by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office;

- Representation of a former senior aide to Senator John Edwards in the Senator's campaign finance fraud trial;

- Representation of a defense contractor employee who was a subject of a grand jury investigation into federal procurement fraud;

- Representation of a reporter who was a subject of News Corporation's internal investigation into phone-hacking and related matters;

- Representation of an attorney called as a witness in the trial of a former BP engineer charged with obstruction of justice for deleting emails;

- Representation of attorneys called as witnesses in the prosecution of a former BP employee charged with obstruction of Congress for misrepresenting the flow rate from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill;

- Representation of a potential witness in the federal criminal investigation of corruption of the Governor of Virginia;

- Representation of Congressional staffers who were witnesses in a federal criminal investigation related to Congressional travel;

- Representation of numerous broker-dealer personnel, including the AML compliance officer, a compliance analyst, administrative managers, financial advisors, and a client associate, who were witnesses in SEC and FINRA investigation; and

- Representation of employees of a technology company who were witnesses in state and federal criminal prosecutions.

MEDIA ADVISORY PRACTICE

- Advice to a media company related to the purchase and broadcast of a surreptitiously recorded conversation related to the racial attitudes of the owner of a professional basketball team;

- Advice to a media company related to the purchase and broadcast of a surreptitiously recorded conversation in which an actor confessed to a therapist about past criminal conduct;

- Advice to a global media and entertainment company related to criminal charges brought against an employee in Italy; and

- Advice to a global media and entertainment company related to compliance with law enforcement requests and the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

Recognition

- A 2011 recipient of the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service for his work on the Jack Abramoff investigation, including a trial of Mr. Abramoff’s lobbying partner.
— Received the Department of Justice EOUSA Director’s Award for superior performance in 2008 for the RICO prosecution of a Maryland state senator and other individuals.

— Received the Skolnik Award from the US Attorney’s Office in 2007 for outstanding professionalism, determination and creativity in a case of unusual public significance.

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**Credentials**

**EDUCATION**

JD, Harvard Law School, 1997

*magna cum laude*

Notes Editor, *Harvard Law Review*

BA, Psychology, University of Maryland at College Park, 1994

*summa cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa

**CLERKSHIPS**


**GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE**

Executive Office of the President

The White House

*Deputy Associate White House Counsel*

Department of Justice

United States Attorneys’ Offices

*Assistant US Attorney, District of Maryland*
Tina Luongo

Tina Luongo is the Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice of The Legal Aid Society. As the Chief Defender of the nation's largest and oldest public defender office, Tina is responsible for leading a passionate and dedicated staff of over 1100 responsible for representing more than 200,000 people in their trial, post-conviction and parole matters. In addition, Tina oversees two law reforms units that mount class action litigation and legislative advocacy for jail, prison and criminal legal system reforms. Her deep commitment to community engagement lead to the expansion of the organization's Community Justice Unit. Under her leadership, The Legal Aid Society opened the first-ever defense focused Digital Forensic Unit, launched both the Cop Accountability and Decarceration Projects and increased the capacity of every trial office to provide the highest quality representation to clients. She is dedicated to increasing the diversity of the public defense workforce and is integrally involved in The Legal Aid Society's efforts to achieve pay parity with City and State government legal staff. She has been an active and public voice in the movement to ensure impacted communities drive the dialogue and discourse on criminal justice and does not shy away from calling out the racial inequities that are oppressing communities in NYC and across the nation.

In addition to her work at LAS, Tina is active in many bar associations and professional organizations that promote our profession. She is a Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, President of the Chief Defender Association of New York, a member of the NLADA Defender Council and a Steering Committee member of the National Association for Public Defense.
Ann Ratnayake Macy

Ann Ratnayake Macy JD/BBA is the Executive Director and founder of the National Center for Child Abuse Statistics and Policy ("NCCASP"). NCCASP champions child safety by introducing innovations in law, technology, and science into the U.S. child protection system. NCCASP exposes gaps in the U.S. child protection system and introduces solutions to save lives.

Ann began her career working on children's issues at the National District Attorney’s Association’s Child Abuse Unit. As a Senior Staff Attorney, she worked strategically as a liaison between state prosecutors and federally funded child abuse initiatives. Ann assisted front-line prosecutors on functioning as a subject matter expert. She has drafted legislation, reports, and memorandums on child abuse, neglect and other criminal justice issues. Ann supervised attorneys, communicated with stakeholders and configured grant applications to meet the needs of the field. She also managed and tracked deliverables, and wrote the final, progress, and semiannual reports for 5.9 million dollars of Department of Justice grant funding.

She managed complex trial advocacy trainings, conferences, and wrote for NDAA’s publications. Her primary area of research focuses on addressing family and domestic violence within the in the framework of the criminal justice system. Her articles include: U.S. v. Jones: Signaling Change to Search and Seizure under the Fourth Amendment, Juvenile Sex Offenses: Finding Justice, and Berghuis v. Thompkins: Invocation and Waiver of the Miranda Right to Remain Silent, The Confrontation Clause After Ohio v. Clark: The Path to Reinvigorating Evidenced-Based Prosecution in Intimate Partner Violence Cases was co-published by NDAA and the George Washington Law Review, and a Precarious Gap in U.S. Criminal Codes for Cases of Child Torture published in the Journal of Child and Youth Review. She has also written three chapters for the American Bar Association’s State of Criminal Justice Book Series.

For the 2019, Ann co-chairs the victim’s committee for the American Bar Association, serves on the criminal justice section council and is a member of the Commission on Youth at Risk. Ann was also honored to be accepted into the class of 2018 for the prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholars Program as an agent of change. Ann has also worked on Capitol Hill for the Texas 17 District, at the International Trade Administration, and for the Western District of Texas – Waco Division, Federal Court. She is licensed to practice law in both Texas and the District of Columbia Bar. She graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University Mays School of Business in 2005 where she received the Ford Foundation Scholar Award, and from Baylor University Law School in 2009 where she was awarded the Alice Gist Dunaway Foundation Professional Responsibility Award and the Dean's Academic Excellence Award. Ann is an advocate for policies that eradicate family violence.
Jesselyn McCurdy
Deputy Political Director
ACLU National Political Advocacy Department

Jesselyn McCurdy is a Deputy Political Director at the National Political Advocacy Department (NPAD) of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She leads the NPAD Equality Division that engages in federal and state advocacy as well as campaigns on immigration rights, racial justice and AMEMSA (Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian) issues. Before joining the Equality team, Jesselyn led the ACLU’s federal criminal justice advocacy work including federal sentencing, prison reform, drug policy, and capital punishment. She was a member of the ACLU Washington Legislative Office (WLO) staff before joining the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee’s Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee as Counsel. While working for the Judiciary Committee, she was the lead House Counsel for the historic Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, the legislation that lowered the 100 to 1 disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

Prior to joining the ACLU staff, Jesselyn was the Co-Director of the Children’s Defense Fund’s (CDF) Education and Youth Development Division. Also, she authored the chapter entitled Targets for Arrest in the book From Education to Incarceration: Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline. Jesselyn received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science from Rutgers University and her Juris Doctor from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.
Professor Robert Mikos

Professor Robert Mikos is one of the nation’s leading experts on marijuana law. He has written, testified, and lectured extensively on the states’ constitutional authority to legalize marijuana, federal preemption of state marijuana reforms, the political and budgetary considerations that limit enforcement of the federal marijuana ban, federal law’s influence on state regulation and taxation of the marijuana industry, and the desirability of marijuana localism, among other topics. He is also the author of the pioneering textbook, Marijuana Law, Policy, and Authority (Wolters Kluwer 2017), which discusses the competing approaches states have adopted toward regulating marijuana, the rationales behind those approaches, and the authority of various government actors to choose among them. Professor Mikos earned his J.D. summa cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School, where he served as articles editor on the Michigan Law Review and won numerous awards, including the Henry M. Bates Memorial Scholarship. After graduation, he clerked for Chief Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Professor Mikos has taught at the University of California at Davis, where he was twice nominated for the school’s Distinguished Teaching Award, as well as at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan. He now teaches courses in Marijuana Law and Policy, Constitutional Law, Federalism, and Federal Criminal Law at Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee.
JUDICIAL RESUME

THE HONORABLE DENISE LANGFORD MORRIS

The Honorable Denise Langford Morris is the first female dean, and first African American Circuit Court judge on the Oakland County Bench established in 1848. She brings a wealth of diverse experience with her. She was initially appointed in August of 1992 and elected in 1994, re-elected in 2000, 2006, 2012 and 2018. Judge Langford Morris received her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and presently serves on its Dean’s Advisory governing board. She also serves as a Director on the University Board of Trustees and is the former chair of the Academic Affairs committee. She received her Master of Arts cum laude in Guidance and Counseling from Wayne State University. She has presided over both civil and criminal jury trials for over twenty-five years.

Judge Langford Morris has extensive trial experience as a litigator, including civil and criminal, State and Federal, as a private practitioner; assistant Oakland County prosecutor and assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan (Civil Division). Prior to becoming a lawyer, she spent several years working for the State’s Department of Social Services as an investigative- protective services worker, first for disabled adults and senior citizens-then for abused and/or neglected children.

Judge Langford Morris is active in many law-related organizations. At the Federal and International level, she recently returned from the African Prosecutors Association Conference in South Africa where she represented the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative Africa Council (ROLI) at the United States of America, Judicial representative. She consulted during the three-day conference and made a presentation on the conference topic of “Trafficking in Persons”. She also attended a United States, State Department sponsored two-day conference entitled “Judicial Transparency and the Rule of Law: Their Impact on Sustaining Democracy” in Abuja, Nigeria as a presenter. She also co-chaired the 2019 Mid-Winter conference for the NBA in Panama City, Panama. Judge Langford Morris was the 2013-14 Chair of the National Bar Association’s Judicial Council (NBA-JC) and previously served as a long-term Executive Committee member. As NBA-JC, Chair, Judge Langford Morris led the NBA Judicial Council delegation to Morocco, Africa in a unique partnership with the Chief Justice of the Court of Cassation (Supreme Court), Justice Mustafa Fares. The conference theme, “The Big Story-Morocco and Black America Working Together on Judicial Reform” was an opportunity of a lifetime for African American and Moroccan judges to teach and learn about each respective court system and received widespread media attention. She also led a 2014, delegation of NBA Judicial Council Judges to Buenos Aires, Argentina where the judges met with the Vice President of the Supreme Court of Justice at the court site and consulted with her former prosecutor at the Argentina Consulate. She organized a delegation of Judges to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for a meeting with the Federal Regional Court of the 2nd Region in 2014. The conferences focused on comparisons of policy issues and the rule of law involving the respective countries.
Also, on the Federal level, Judge Langford Morris was recently re-appointed by the 2019 American Bar Association (ABA) President to the Africa Council- Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) board of directors. She also serves as the Co-Executive Director for the American Bar Association (ABA) Criminal Justice Section (CJS), Equal Justice Division. She also serves as co-chair of the CJS Judicial Function committee. She was recently appointed to the ABA-CJS Women’s Task Force. Judge Langford Morris serves as a director of the Judicial Division’s National Conference of State Trial Judges, Executive board (NCSTJ) where she co-chairs the membership committee and the technology committee. Judge Langford Morris is a member of the ABA House of Delegates, representing the National Bar Association (NBA) and a member of the State of Michigan Delegation. She is a former ABA Delegate for the State of Michigan Judges Association (MJA). Judge Langford Morris is active as an ABA Moot Court appellate brief grader. She was also a participant in the ABA’s Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly. She previously served as a governing board member of the 2013-14 National Policy Alliance (NPA) and is presently a consultant and honorary member. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association (E.D. Michigan Chapter). Judge Langford Morris also served as a National Center Trial Courts (NCTC) State Team Member for the First National Conference on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts. She is a member of the National Association of Women Judges and International Women Judges Association.

At the state level, Judge Denise Langford Morris serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society and Chairs the Oral History committee. She is currently a State-wide Director- At- Large of the Women Lawyers Association (WLAM). She is a former member of the State Bar of Michigan Award Nominations Committee. She is a former member of the State Bar Judicial Crossroads Task Force Committee. Judge Langford Morris was a charter member of Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly’s (ret.) Self - Help Project Task Force. She is a past President of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan and a present executive board member. She is a former member of the Michigan Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee and formerly served on the Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Standard Civil Jury Instructions. She previously served on the Supreme Court appointed Mediation Rules Committee. She formerly served on the Executive Committee of the Michigan Judges Association and was Chair of its Corrections and Criminal Law Committee for several years. She is a former member of the State Bar Association Communications Committee which sought to improve the methods and substance of communications between lawyers and the administration of justice between the public and the lawyers.

Judge Langford Morris served on the Judicial Qualifications Committee of the State Bar of Michigan and is also a former member of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association and Defense Trial Lawyers of Michigan. She also served on the Judicial Selection Committee of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Oakland Region. Judge Langford Morris also served as Co-Chair of the Federal Court Magistrate - Judge Merit Selection Panel. She also completed the National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) cybercrime training course for Judges created and
taught by Homeland Security and Secret Service agents. She completed the National Judicial College 2013 "50th Anniversary: Transforming 21st Century Judicial Education" course while representing the NBA Judicial Council.

At the local level, Judge Langford Morris chaired the 2019 Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) Bench-Bar meeting for the criminal section. She has previously chaired numerous committees of the Oakland County Bar Association including Editor of the “Laches” Bar Journal Committee and the Minority Involvement Committee. She was also a co-leader of the Oakland County Bar Association Leadership Forum along with the Bar President (which included a total of 35 bar associations). Judge Langford Morris was a member of the Oakland County Bar Association Political Advisory Committee. She was a 2012 panel moderator for the Oakland County Employment Diversity Council’s 10th Annual Workplace Diversity Forum. Judge Langford Morris is a founding member and former Director of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association. She participated in the Mell and Mentor-Mentee Programs of the Wolverine Bar Association. She was a member of the Oakland County Bar Association Diversity Committee which established a networking group between established firms and minority Oakland County practitioners. She served on the Board of Directors for the Regeana Myrick (Young Lawyers division, State Bar Committee) Scholarship Banquet. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army’s William Booth Legal Aid Clinic. She is also a charter member of the National Congress of Black Women, Oakland County chapters and greater Detroit co-chapters. Judge Langford Morris co-chaired the National Judicial Council (NBA) Annual Meeting in Detroit in August 2006. She is a former board member of the Pontiac Take One Community Programs organization. She also previously served on the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Advisory Board for the Corporate Law and Finace LLM program.

Judge Langford Morris is a member of the Women Officials Network (WON). She is former member of the Advisory Board for Parents of Murdered Children. She formerly served on the Board of Directors for HAVEN, a domestic violence shelter for abused women and children (1991-2000). She is a former board member for the Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency Governing Board (OLSHA), which includes many social service programs including Head Start. She is a former board member and officer of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council (CANCO) (1988-1994). She is a life member of the North Oakland County Branch of the NAACP. She served on the Board of Trustees for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, Michigan (1999-2004). Judge Langford Morris is Past President of the Roaring Lambs/Global Fairway Seekers. She is an active member and parliamentarian of the Renaissance Chapter of the Links, Inc. organization. Judge Langford Morris is a member of the Women’s Informal Network (WIN) Greater Detroit Chapter. Judge Langford Morris is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc., Pi Tau Omega Sorority.

Judge Langford Morris has been the recipient of many awards including: the 2019 Michigan Civil Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) Judicial Excellence Award; 2019 Women’s Informal Network, Patricia A. Cole Women in Leadership Award; the 2019

2018 Women Lawyers Association Justice Mary S. Coleman Award; 2018 Benjamin Hooks Legacy/ Pioneer Award, Greater New Mount Moriah Baptist Church; 2017 Career Mastered Distinguished Career Award, Linwick and Assoc. LLC; 2017 Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic Esteemed Women of Michigan Award; 2016 the Cass Technical High School Centennial award 2016 Illustrious Alumni Award; 2015 National Bar Association (NBA) Judicial Council Justice Thurgood Marshall Award; 2015 Women’s Informal Network Most Influential African American women in Metro Detroit Award; 2015 University of Detroit Mercy School of Law BALSA Distinguished Alumni Award; 2015 National Black Caucus Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) Thurgood Marshall Award; 2013-14 Harold Hood Association of Black Judges of Michigan Award; 2014 Honorary Judicial Award from the World Conference of Mayors; 2013 Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Torchbearer of Justice Award; American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee 2012 Guardian of Justice Award; 2012 NAACP Northern Oakland County Distinguished Judge of Southeastern Michigan Award; 2012 Native Detroitters One of Detroit’s Bes Award; the Certificate of Appreciation for Exemplary Presentation at the 2012 National Bar Association Judicial Council and Board of Governors Mid-Winter meeting; the 2012 Optimist Club of West Bloomfield Certificate of Appreciation for valuable contribution; 2012 New Mount Moriah International Church Certificate of Appreciation; International Women’s Day 2011 Centennial Award for Outstanding Service- Asian Indian Women’s Association, Filipino American Community Council, Filipino Women’s Club of Metro Detroit, Korean American Women Association of USA, Korean American Women Association of Michigan and Michigan Chinese Women Association The Wolverine Bar Association 2010 Recognition Award; The National Congress of Black Women, Inc. 2009 Excellence in Law and Justice Award; 2009 Association of Black Judges Member of the Year Award; 2009 North Oakland NAACP William Waterman Courage in Leadership Award; The Native Detroiter Magazine 2009 One of Detroit’s Best Award; the 2008 Rhonda Walker Foundation Powerful Women of Purpose in the Legal Field; the 2008 American Bar Association CLEO Legacy Judge Achievement Award for Commitment to Diversity in the Legal Profession; the 2008 Women of Excellence Michigan Chronicle Award; 2007 State Bar of Michigan Champion of Justice Award recipient; being named one of Michigan’s African American Pioneers in 2007 by Comcast and McDonalds; the 2007 City of Detroit Distinguished Service Award and Association of Black Judges (ABJM) 2007 “Member of the Year Award”.

In 2006, the University of Detroit Mercy BALSA scholarship was named after her and she received the 2006 National Bar Association Chair’s Award and the 2006 National
Bar Association Presidential Award. She is the 2006 Recipient of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce Appreciation award and the 2005 Recipient of the Oakland County Salute to Justice, Judicial Award. Judge Langford Morris received the University of Detroit BALSA 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award and the North Oakland NAACP Judge William Waterman Courage in Leadership Award (2005). She is the recipient of the 2004 Oakland County Bar Association Distinguished Service Award; the 2004 Royal Oak Women's Club Certificate of Recognition; the 2002 NAACP Certificate of Appreciation; the 2001 Parents of Murdered Children Judicial Advocate Award; the 2001 National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Recognition of Meritorious Service and Contribution for Courage, Commitment and Significant Contribution; the 2000 National Bar Association Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Legal Presentation at the NBA Region VI Annual Conference; the 1998 Spirit of Detroit Award. She is listed as one of "1998 Most Influential African American Women in metropolitan Detroit" by the Women's Informal Network; of the 1998 Certificate of Appreciation from the Wayne County Commission; recipient of the 1998 Special Tribute from the State of Michigan; the Pontiac Urban League-Break the Glass Ceiling Award; the 1998 5th Annual D. Augustus Straker Trailblazers Award; the Family Law Section Award of Appreciation; the Federal Bar Association Appreciation Award; the 1997 Oakland County Bar Association Professionalism Award; the 1995 Waterford Youth Assistance Certificate of Appreciation; the NAACP Judicial Award for 1994; the 1993 University of Detroit School of Law (BALSA) Distinguished Alumni of the Year; the Pontiac Police Department Outstanding Achievement Award and the Lifetime Achievement First Annual Sisterhood Collaborative. She received the Women's Survival Center 1993 Wonder Woman Award; the 1993 ABA Judicial Administrative Division Task Force on Opportunities for Minorities in the Judiciary; the American Bar Association Judicial Administration Division Certificate of Recognition; the Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Certificate of Appreciation.

Judge Langford Morris presides in a general jurisdiction court presiding over complex civil litigation including multi-million-dollar land and contract disputes involving major corporations in the wealthiest county in Michigan, which enjoys a AAA bond rating and has a population of 1.2 million. She also handles voluminous criminal cases including many with high profile defendants such as Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Sandra Layne, rapper Eminem, and the Pistons Palace melee. Judge Langford Morris has presided over all types of criminal jury trials including murders, rapes, car-jacking, human trafficking, child pornography and molestation and embezzlement to name a few. Judge Langford Morris makes numerous speeches and participates in panel discussions, youth mentoring (including her informal "Law Clerk for a Day" program for 6-12th graders) moot court competitions, and mistress of ceremonies for many charitable organizations. In her spare time, she enjoys playing golf and listening to all musical genres.

It is worth noting that Judge Denise Langford Morris is the first woman to have her portrait unveiled at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, founded in 1912. The ceremony took place on International Women's Day March 8, 2019 in recognition of her
distinguished service in the legal community and was bestowed by the Student Associations- Women's Caucus, Black Law Students Association, Law Review Board and Student Body. The portrait of Judge Langford Morris is prominently displayed in the Law School atrium at 651 E. Jefferson St., in Downtown Detroit, Michigan.
Gloria Ochoa-Bruck, JD, MA

Gloria serves as Director of Local Government and Multi-Cultural Affairs for the City of Spokane and is a member of the Mayor’s cabinet. Prior to commencing her position with the City of Spokane, she held a judicial services contract with the Spokane Tribe of Indians and served as Chief Judge for Spokane Tribal Court. Gloria commenced her career serving as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Benton County and then transitioned into private practice with a focus on State and Federal felony matters. In her current role with the City of Spokane, the focus of her work has been on criminal justice reform initiatives.

Gloria was appointed to serve as Commissioner for the Commission on Hispanic Affairs by Governor Gregoire in August of 2012 and was re-appointed to a second term by Governor Inslee in November of 2015 and served as Chair. Gloria is a graduate of Leadership Tri-Cities Class XII, Leadership Spokane 2012 and the 2014 Washington Equal Justice Community Leadership Academy. Gloria is founder and Immediate Past President of the Latino Hope Foundation and Board Director for Numerica Credit Union. Gloria serves as Trustee for the Spokane County Bar Association, is a Board Member of the Washington State Bar Association Lawyer’s Fund for Client Protection Board, Board Member of the Washington State Civil Rights Section and Co-Vice President of Eastern Washington for the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington. She currently serves on the American Bar Association’s Women in Criminal Justice Task Force. Gloria is a member of Rotary Club 21.

Gloria holds a degree in Business Administration from Washington State University, a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Washington State University, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho College of Law. Gloria is currently enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at Washington State University with an expected completion date of August 2021.
Melba Pearson

A New York native, Melba Pearson has called Miami home for over to 20 years. After receiving her undergraduate degree at New York University, she completed her studies at Hofstra University School of Law.

Ms. Pearson is the Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida. Before joining the ACLU, Ms. Pearson was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County for 16 years. After prosecuting a variety of crimes, she was selected to join the Domestic Crimes Unit, focusing on serious domestic violence crimes as well as homicides for close to four years. In her next assignment, Ms. Pearson was integral to the re-launch of the Community Prosecution Unit, whose goal is partnering with the community to find creative solutions to prevent crime and provide outreach. She ended her prosecutorial career as the Assistant Chief in the Career Criminal/Robbery Unit, supervising junior attorneys while prosecuting homicides.

Ms. Pearson is a frequent guest lecturer on a wide array of law enforcement concerns. She lectured nationwide to prosecutors on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA). She serves as adjunct faculty for the University of Phoenix and Bryant and Stratton College, teaching law to undergraduate as well as master's students. A prolific writer and blogger, she has published numerous popular and scholarly articles on topics including police encounters, domestic violence, crimes against women, criminal trial procedure, along with everyday legal issues. Publications that have profiled, featured or quoted her include The New York Times, The Baltimore Sun, Essence Magazine, The Huffington Post, The Miami Herald, and Ebony Magazine. She has also been a guest on national media regarding legal trends. Ms. Pearson is a highly sought after public speaker known for her lively and engaging speaking style at corporate, industry and academic events. She has spoken on and moderated panels for the American Bar Association, the National Black Prosecutors Association, the (Miami) Dade County Bar Association, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

Ms. Pearson has been extensively involved in various community groups, and has taken every opportunity to spread the messages of the dangers of domestic violence, as well as the importance of self-empowerment. She has taken on a leadership/mentoring role in several charity organizations. Ms. Pearson is Past President of the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA), and President of the NBPA Foundation; Co-Chair of the Prosecution Function Committee of the American Bar Association; as well as the President of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association in South Florida.
Scott Peterson BIO

For 25+ years, Scott Peterson has been the leading force behind the expansion of Youth Justice and Juvenile Justice Diversion Programs called Youth/Teen/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury in the USA and Globally. Scott launched the 1st Federal, 1st National and 1st Global Effort on these rapidly expanding diversion programs, and he travels around the USA and Globe championing the expansion of these Rapidly Expanding Youth-Led and Volunteer-Driven Diversion Programs now in 1800+ Communities on 5-Continents. Scott has worked for 10+ years in the Executive Branch of the United States Government at the U.S. Department of Justice, graduated from the Prestigious FBI Citizens Academy, serves as a Senior Advisor to both UNICEF and the United Nations, in addition to many other roles and appointments. Back in 1993 after graduating from college, Scott served as founding executive director of Youth Courts of the Capital District, Inc., which began his 25+ year journey with this Global Youth Justice Movement.
Rachel Pickering Bio
Judge Rachel Pickering was recently sworn in as a district court judge in Shawnee County, Kansas, located in Topeka. Before coming to the bench, she was an Assistant Solicitor General at the Kansas Attorney General’s Office and also served prosecuting felony cases at the Shawnee County District Court as an Assistant District Attorney. She also has experience working as a criminal defense attorney at both the trial and appellate levels, handling criminal defense appeals for eight years.
Judge Pickering also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Washburn University School of Law, where she teaches a winter intersession course, Fundamentals of Oral Argument. She also has coached moot court competition teams that focus on criminal law since 2014.
She earned a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1994, and a law degree from University of Missouri in 2003. As an attorney, her legal career began at an intellectual property boutique firm, and before attending law school, she worked at Kansas State University Research Foundation, which handles the university’s intellectual property.
She is a member of the many bar associations, including the American Bar Association, where she serves on the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force and is presently co-chairing the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Section. She is also a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association and presently Chair of the Kansas State Board of Examiners of Court Reporters. She also is active within the Topeka community, where she lives with her husband and son.
Brooke Pinto

Brooke Pinto is the Assistant Attorney General for Policy and Legislative Affairs for the Office of the Attorney General in the District of Columbia. She coordinates cannabis policy for the Attorney General’s office by working with various stakeholders inside and outside of the District government. Brooke represents the District of Columbia on the Advisory Council for the bi-partisan Attorney General Alliance’s Cannabis Project which coordinates attorneys general offices across the country on smart approaches to legalization. The D.C. Attorney General, Karl Racine, also serves as the co-chair for the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Marijuana Working Group.

Prior to her current role, Brooke litigated tax cases on behalf of the District of Columbia in D.C. Superior Court and clerked on the United States Court of Federal Claims. Brooke received her law degree from Georgetown University and her undergraduate degree in Hospitality Management from Cornell University.
Professor Sarah E. Redfield
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Sarah Redfield is Professor Emerita at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. She is a member of the Maine Bar.

Education law is her primary practice and teaching area. Her research and scholarship are focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the legal profession and along the education pipeline. Her current work continues her long-standing DEI interest and concentrates on implicit bias and on strategies to interrupt that bias and reduce the negative consequences of its manifestations in legal, medical, education, and workplace environments.

With Judge Bernice Donald, Professor Redfield is Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Section Implicit Bias Initiative. She also currently serves on several high-level American Bar Association (ABA) diversity initiatives including the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council; the ABA Commission on Disability Rights; and the Criminal Justice Section Women’s Task Force.

Professor Redfield is a nationally respected author, presenter, and trainer. She is the editor and chapter author of the ABA book on implicit bias, *Enhancing Justice: Reducing Bias*. Her recent publications also include *Implicit Bias*, PLI Current and *Reversing the School-to-Prison Pipeline Preliminary Report*, 47 Memphis Law Review 1. She was a lead author for the ABA Section on Litigation’s Toolbox on Implicit Bias, lead consultant for the ABA project on Achieving an Impartial Jury, and the expert advisor for the State Bar of California’s online bias course. Her recent presentations include various iterations of *Implicit Bias, Bias interruption, and Leadership D&I Training* for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Arizona State University, the Florida Criminal Justice Summit, U.S. Attorney Offices, and other agencies and non-profits. She has worked for over a decade training judges, lawyers, and educators from all areas of practice and all parts of the country; more recently her work has included work with NGOs interested in improving their diversity and equity profile.

Professor Redfield earned her B.A. degree from Mount Holyoke College, her J.D. degree from Northeastern University School of Law, and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School. Prior to her teaching career, Professor Redfield served as Assistant Attorney General and Associate Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Maine.

Professor Redfield is the proud mother of two young adults, Alex Redfield and Althea Rose Redfield.
Matt Redle is a graduate of the Creighton University School of Law. Matt was first elected County and Prosecuting Attorney for Sheridan County, Wyoming in 1986 and retired from that position in January of 2019. Prior to his election he served as a Deputy County and Prosecuting Attorney in that same office for six years. He is a Past Chair of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section. Matt is a past member of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Standards Committee. Matt also served as a Commissioner on the National Commission on Forensic Science. On September 9, 2009, Matt was privileged to testify before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary in a hearing entitled “Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States.” Matt is a Past Vice President of the National District Attorneys Association.
Biography of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins is the chief law enforcement official for Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Massachusetts, and oversees an office of approximately 300 people handling approximately 35,000 new cases each year. She took office on Jan. 2, 2019, as Suffolk County’s 16th district attorney, the first woman to be elected to that position in Suffolk County history, and the first woman of color ever to serve as a Massachusetts district attorney.

In 2018, the people of Suffolk County chose District Attorney Rollins to represent them as their district attorney – and to effect meaningful, substantive reform to the criminal justice system. She pledged to pursue that mission tirelessly by reducing incarceration, correcting racial and ethnic disparities, adopting alternatives to traditional prosecution, focusing the offices limited resources on serious and violent crimes, and improving relationships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

Among her first and most impactful initiatives, District Attorney Rollins implemented a policy of presumptively dismissing and/or diverting certain low-level misdemeanor charges. These offenses are often symptomatic not of criminal intent but of mental illness, substance use disorder, and poverty. Instead of using her limited resources to prosecute and incarcerate these offenders, District Attorney Rollins seeks to hold them accountable while providing access to services and treatment to address the underlying issues that likely led the individual to offend. This progressive approach is designed to reduce the likelihood that an individual will reoffend and improve the safety and wellbeing of impacted communities.

Upon taking office, District Attorney Rollins recognized that immigrant victims, witnesses, and offenders were often afraid to appear in court due to federal authorities’ use of state courts to conduct civil immigration arrests. As a result, prosecutors have been unable to prove criminal cases where witnesses and victims did not appear: for trial and vulnerable immigrants lacked access to the vital protections of the court, such as restraining orders, and services of the probate and housing courts. Additionally, violent offenders charged but not yet prosecuted in Suffolk County were being removed by ICE. This was done with no communication with the District Attorney’s Office or the victims of the crime. In response, District Attorney Rollins helped lead the charge in filing an injunction in federal court to end civil arrests in state courthouses and ensure that all community members have equal access to justice through the courts.
District Attorney Rollins has also undertaken a long term project to ensure that each of Suffolk County’s more than 1,000 unsolved homicides receives a comprehensive administrative and legal review. This represents one of the most ambitious efforts thus far in her commitment to better serve homicide survivors as well as victims of all crime in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

In addition, District Attorney Rollins revolutionized the way that police-involved fatalities are reviewed when she appointed an outside panel of investigators. By committing to an external review of every police-involved fatal shooting, District Attorney Rollins aims to reassure the public of the integrity and independence of each investigation. The practice brings an unparalleled level of transparency to these investigations with the hope of increasing the public’s trust in the District Attorney’s Office and the police.

Prior to seeking elected office, District Attorney Rollins served as a field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Boston, safeguarding employees’ rights; as an attorney with the law firm of Bingham McCutchen, handling first amendment, labor and employment, complex civil litigation, and criminal defense matters; and participated in an assistant district attorney rotation in Brockton District Court.

Beginning in 2007, District Attorney Rollins served as an assistant United States attorney with the US Attorney’s office in Boston, handling cases that included fraud, employment discrimination, sexual violence, child abuse, gun trafficking, narcotics, and public integrity matters. In 2011, she was selected by Governor Deval Patrick’s administration as the first person of color to serve as the General Counsel of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and was soon named the first female general counsel of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. In 2013, she was recruited to become the Chief Legal Counsel of the Massachusetts Port Authority.

An attorney for 20 years with degrees from Northeastern University School of Law and Georgetown University Law Center, District Attorney Rollins is also a former Governor Deval Patrick appointee to the Judicial Nominating Commission, a past president of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association, and was elected and served a three year term on the Boston Bar Association Council. She is a recipient of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association’s Trailblazer of the Year Award, was selected as Massachusetts Lawyer’s Weekly Attorney of the Year in 2018, and received the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Award from the Boston Branch of the NAACP.

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Honorable Leo T. Sorokin

The Honorable LEO T. SOROKIN was appointed as a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts in 2014. Before his appointment, he was a United States Magistrate Judge for nine years.

He is a 1983 graduate of Yale College, *cum laude*, and attended Columbia Law School, where he was a Kent and Stone Scholar. After graduating from Columbia in 1991, Judge Sorokin served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rya W. Zobel, a Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts; worked as an associate at Mintz Levin in Boston; was an Assistant Attorney General at the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office; and then served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the District of Massachusetts from 1997 to 2005.

As a Magistrate Judge, Judge Sorokin presided over the District of Massachusetts’s Court Assisted Recovery Effort (“CARE”), which promotes the development and maintenance of sober, employed, and law-abiding lives by individuals under the supervision of the Court, from CARE’s inception in 2006 until 2014. He also has guided the implementation in the District of Massachusetts of an innovative program called Repair, Invest, Succeed, Emerge (“RISE”), which aims to reduce recidivism and promote productive behavior and rehabilitation by applying restorative justice principles to cases in which defendants have entered guilty pleas and are under pretrial supervision awaiting sentencing.

Judge Sorokin has served as a faculty member of numerous educational programs sponsored by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the Federal Judicial Center, the Federal Bar Association, and the Boston Bar Association. Judge Sorokin has also taught trial advocacy at Boston University Law School. In 2009, the Boston Bar Association awarded Judge Sorokin its Citation of Judicial Excellence.
Major Susan E. Upward

Major Susan E. Upward is originally from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and is a 1993 graduate of Howe Military Academy (Indiana). She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Valparaiso University (Indiana) in 1997 and her Master of Arts in Military Studies (Strategic Leadership) from American Military University (Virginia) in 2010.

She received her green card and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2004. After graduating from recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina, she was stationed as a Personnel Clerk at Camp Johnson, North Carolina. She became a U.S. citizen in September 2004 and was selected to attend Officer Candidate School as part of the Enlisted Commissioning Program. In August 2005, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and was trained as an Air Support Control Officer.

While attached to Marine Air Support Squadron 3 at Camp Pendleton, California, from 2006 to 2009, Lt Upward completed two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She served in a number of billets in a variety of locations, including as a Senior Air Director in the main Direct Air Support Center and Regimental Combat Team 5 Air Support Liaison Team’s Officer in Charge in Fallujah, and as the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Liaison Officer to the U.S. Army’s 6-17th Calvary Squadron in Tal Afar. In garrison, Lt Upward also served as the Squadron’s Adjutant and Legal Officer.

Capt Upward then moved to Chicopee, Massachusetts, where she served on Inspector-Instructor duty from 2009 to 2012 as the Operations Officer for Marine Air Support Squadron 6. She was selected to attend law school on the Excess Leave Law Program in 2012 and earned a Juris Doctor and a curriculum certificate in National Security and Counterterrorism Law from Syracuse University College of Law (New York) in May 2015. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in January 2016.

After completing Naval Justice School in March 2016, Maj Upward moved to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. She served one year as the Senior Trial Counsel before moving to the Senior Defense Counsel billet from May 2017 to June 2019. Maj Upward moved to Quantico, Virginia, in July 2019 and currently serves as the Command Judge Advocate at The Basic School.

Maj Upward’s personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star.

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Hope Wiseman

Since becoming the youngest Black woman dispensary owner in America with the opening of Mary and Main in the Fall of 2018, Hope Wiseman has made her mark on the cannabis industry in more ways than one.

Constantly breaking the stoner stigma and the negativity associated, Wiseman continues to raise awareness and educate the African American community about the positive impact cannabis can have on America's economy and communities all while creating opportunity for the community to heal and economically prosper.

Wiseman has been featured in several publications including Essence Magazine and Huffington Post and can be found championing for cannabis research and her community at several speaking engagements across the country.

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Jonathan began his federal career in 1988 as a prosecutor with the Department's Civil Rights Division, where he prosecuted criminal civil rights cases, including law enforcement misconduct, involuntary servitude and hate crimes. In 1994, Jonathan joined the United States Sentencing Commission, serving as Deputy General Counsel and then Director of Legislative Affairs. In 1998, he rejoined the Department of Justice in the Criminal Division's Office of Policy and Legislation. In 2015 and 16, Jonathan led the Department's Office of Legal Policy, serving as the primary policy advisor to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

Prior to his federal career, Jonathan served as an assistant public defender in the Alameda County Public Defender's office where he represented indigent criminal defendants at all stages of litigation. Jonathan's prior academic work include being a Visiting Scholar at the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge in 2005 as part of the Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy program and serving as an adjunct professor at the George Washington University's National Law Center and George Mason University School of Law. Jonathan graduated from Duke University in 1983 and from Stanford Law School in 1986.

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