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James C. Alexander

Mr. Alexander has been Executive Director of the Wisconsin Judicial Commission since 1990. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1968, and received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1974. He served in the United States Army from 1969-1971. From 1974-1990, Mr. Alexander was engaged in the private practice of law in Madison. He served as president and is an emeritus member of the board of directors of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel and is on the advisory committee for the Center for Judicial Ethics.

Robert H. Alsdorf

Mr. Alsdorf began his legal career in 1973 in the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice and followed that by working as a trial lawyer in antitrust and complex commercial litigation. In 1990, he became a general jurisdiction trial court judge for the State of Washington. During his time on the bench, he served a term as Chief Civil Judge and also took various leadership positions locally and nationally relating to the handling of complex and high profile litigation, including working with the Mass Tort Litigation Committee of the National Center for State Courts. He retired from the bench in 2005, and since that time has focused on arbitration, mediation, litigation, and appeal of complex cases. He has worked nationally and internationally in various judicial and legal education programs, traveling to locations as disparate as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nicaragua, and Uganda. He has also begun working extensively with the American Bar Association on projects designed to help restore the rule of law to post-conflict societies in West Africa, including Sierra Leone, where he served in the Peace Corps in the 1960's. Since his retirement, he has been listed in "Best Lawyers in America" in both Alternative Dispute Resolution and Appellate Law. While a judge, he received four Judge of the Year awards from attorneys' groups. A 1973 graduate of Yale Law School and the Yale Hall of Graduate Studies, he is the author of "The Sound of Silence: Thoughts of a Sitting Judge on the Problem of Free Speech and the Judiciary in a Democracy," *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (August 2003) and "Judicial Independence and Judicial Accountability: An Elected Judge's Perspective," published by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association in 2003 in a volume entitled *Judges and Judicial Accountability*. He currently resides in Seattle and holds the position of Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Seattle University School of Law and is principal of Alsdorf Dispute Resolution.

J. Reiko Callner

Ms. Callner joined the Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct in 1997 as an investigator and was appointed to the position of Executive Director in 2005. Ms. Callner is a board member of the national Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel and is past chair of the Washington State Human Rights Commission. Ms. Callner worked as a prosecutor for ten years and has represented Child Protective Services. She has taught for the American Judicature Society, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, and has made presentations to a wide variety of public agencies and private organizations.

She has prepared and presented a domestic violence program for the Department of Ecology, workplace violence programs for state and local agencies, and diversity programs for law enforcement agencies. Ms. Callner has an undergraduate degree from Oberlin College and a J.D. from the University of Washington. She was a law clerk for retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice Robert Utter.

Judge Randall L. Cole

Judge Cole serves as Presiding Circuit Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in the State of Alabama and is chair of the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission. He has served on the Commission for 13 years by appointment of the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges and is a frequent presenter on the subject of judicial ethics at seminars within his state. Judge Cole was elected to his judicial position in 1974. He is a past president of the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges and received the Alabama State Bar's Award of Judicial Merit in 2007. He earned his J.D. from the University of Alabama Law School in 1968, after which he served as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Jonathan Coughlan

Jonathan Coughlan has been Disciplinary Counsel for the Supreme Court of Ohio since 1997. Mr. Coughlan lectures on attorney and judicial ethics for the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the OSBA-CLE Institute, and local bar associations. He serves as an instructor at the National College of District Attorneys in South Carolina and is an Adjunct Professor at Ohio State Law School where he teaches professional responsibility. Mr. Coughlan is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, and the National Organization of Bar Counsel and is vice president of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. After graduating from Case Western Reserve University Law School in 1978, he was a public defender in Cleveland, worked in private practice in New Hampshire, and spent 10 years as a bureau chief in the District Attorney's office in Buffalo, New York.

Gordon L. Doerfer

In 2007, Mr. Doerfer retired from the bench after 25 years of service, including four years on the Boston Municipal Court, 15 years on the Superior Court, and six years as an associate justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Presently, he is a mediator and arbitrator on the panel of neutrals at JAMS, The Resolution Experts. Mr. Doerfer became President of the American Judicature Society in August 2008, where he has been on the board of directors for many years. Before becoming a judge, he was an associate at the firm Nutter, McClennan & Fish and a partner at the firm of Palmer & Dodge from 1981-1990, specializing in civil litigation. Mr. Doerfer was an instructor at Boston College Law School from 1974-1977, and has taught trial advocacy at Suffolk Law School since 1994. He is a member of the American Law Institute. Mr. Doerfer served on various committees of the Superior Court including its ADR Committee, of which he was chair, the executive committee, and committees on long-range planning and automation. He has also served as chair of the Administration of Justice Committee of the Boston Bar Association and as President of the Boston Inn of Court. He is a trustee of the Flaschner Judicial Institute and served as a trustee of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. He has published in the area of arbitration, equity practice, trade secrets, and the conduct and management of trials. He has served on the board of editors of the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and is a frequent participant in various continuing legal education programs and other bar-related activities. Mr. Doerfer received his B.A. from Amherst College in 1961 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1966.

Judge Ellen Flatley

Judge Flatley is a Justice of the Lynn District Court, a trial court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was appointed to the bench on August 23, 1988. Judge Flatley has been a member of the Supreme Judicial Court's Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics since 2001. She practiced law for 20 years before appointment to the bench. She graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1968 and from Emmanuel College in Boston in 1965. She has served on the Committee for Public Counsel Services of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, as a hearing officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers, as a member of the board of directors for the National Association of Women Judges, the Essex County Bar Association Advocates, Inc., the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., and as secretary of the Executive Committee of the Essex County Bar Association.

Charles G. Geyh

Charles Geyh is the John F. Kimberling Chair in Law at the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington. He is the author of *When Courts and Congress Collide: The Struggle for Control of America's Judicial System* (University of Michigan Press 2006), and co-author, with Alfini, Luby, and Shaman, of *Judicial Conduct and Ethics* (4th edition, Lexis Law Publishing 2007). His work on judicial independence, accountability, administration, and ethics has appeared in over 40 books, articles, book chapters, and reports. He is currently the Director of the ABA Judicial Disqualification Project and has previously served as Reporter to four ABA Commissions (the Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the Commission on the 21st Century Judiciary, the Commission on the Public Financing of Judicial Campaigns, and the Commission on the Separation of Powers and Judicial Independence). Professor Geyh has likewise served as reporter to the Constitution Project Task Force on the Distinction Between Intimidation and Legitimate Criticism of Judges; Director of the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Independence; Consultant to the Parliamentary Development Project on Judicial Independence and Administration for the Supreme Rada of Ukraine; assistant special counsel to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on the impeachment and removal of Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Rolf Larsen; Consultant to the National Commission on Judicial Discipline & Removal; and legislative liaison to the Federal Courts Study Committee. He is currently on the board of directors of Justice at Stake and the Steering Committee of the Constitution Project's Courts Initiative. Professor Geyh received his B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin in 1980 and graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school in 1983, after which he clerked for the Honorable Thomas A. Clark on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, worked as an associate at the Washington D.C. law firm of Covington & Burling, and served as counsel to the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, before beginning his teaching career in 1991.

Cynthia Gray

Since October 1990, Ms. Gray has been director of the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics, a national clearinghouse for information about judicial ethics and discipline. She summarizes recent cases and advisory opinions, answers requests for information about judicial conduct, writes and edits the *Judicial Conduct Reporter*, and directs the Center's day-to-day activities and special projects. She has made numerous presentations at judicial education programs on judicial ethics topics. Most recently, she is author of "How Judicial Conduct Commissions Work," *Justice System Journal* (2007); *Reaching Out of Overreaching: Judicial Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants*; "The Line Between Legal Error and Judicial Misconduct: Balancing Judicial Independence and Accountability," *Hofstra Law Review* (summer 2004); and "Avoiding the Appearance of Impropriety: With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility," *University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review* (Fall 2005). Ms. Gray has also written *An Ethics Guide for*

Judges and Their Families and the related discussion guide; *When Judges Speak Up: Ethics, the Public, and the Media*; *An Ethics Guide for Part-Time Lawyer Judges*; *Communicating with Voters: Ethics and Judicial Campaign Speech*; *Ethics Training for Non-Lawyer Judges*; the *Handbook for Judicial Conduct Commission Members*; and 10 background papers on key issues in judicial ethics. A 1980 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law, Ms. Gray clerked for Judge Hubert L. Will of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois for two years and was a litigation attorney in two private law firms for eight years.

Marla N. Greenstein

Ms. Greenstein is Executive Director of the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, a position she has held since 1989. She previously served as senior staff attorney for the Alaska Judicial Council and as senior staff attorney for the American Judicature Society in Chicago. The 1996-1997 chair of the Lawyers Conference of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division, Ms. Greenstein also serves on the American Bar Association's Judicial Division Committee on Ethics and Professionalism and the American Judicature Society's board and as Secretary of the board of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. She is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago School of Law and holds an undergraduate degree in American Government and Philosophy from Georgetown University. Ms. Greenstein has published articles on judicial selection and judicial discipline, including "Judicial Disqualification in Alaska Courts," *Alaska Law Review*, June 2000. She serves on the Alaska Bar's Ethics Committee and Judicial Independence Committee. Most recently, Ms. Greenstein became the first Ethics Column Editor for the American Bar Association's *Judges' Journal*. She has lectured widely in the area of judicial ethics and has served as faculty for international judicial ethics seminars in Micronesia and Russia. Since 2002, she has served as co-chair for the Khabarovsk-Alaska Rule of Law Partnership, fostering dialogue between the courts and legal communities of Alaska and those of Khabarovsk in the Russian Far East.

Mark I. Harrison

Mr. Harrison was appointed in August 2003 to chair the ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct which was unanimously adopted by the ABA House of Delegates on February 12, 2007. He has represented lawyers in disciplinary proceedings for more than 25 years and has represented judges and the Arizona Judicial Conduct Commission in judicial discipline proceedings. Mr. Harrison served as President of the State Bar of Arizona and the Arizona Bar Foundation, the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He teaches legal ethics as an Adjunct Professor at the Arizona State University College of Law and taught the same course as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law from 1994-1997. Mr. Harrison currently serves as President of Justice for All, a bi-partisan, non-profit organization founded in Arizona in 2005 to promote and educate the public about the importance of preserving merit selection and an independent judiciary in Arizona. His practice at Osborn Maledon, P.A. in Phoenix is currently concentrated in legal and judicial ethics and appellate matters.

Victoria B. Henley

Ms. Henley has been the Director and Chief Counsel of the California Commission on Judicial Performance since 1991. She graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law with honors in 1978. She was engaged in the private practice of law from 1980-1990. Ms. Henley has lectured and served as a panelist for numerous judicial and legal education programs since 1985. She is an emeritus member of the board of directors and past president of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel.

Judge Mary Miller Johnston

Judge Mary Johnston was appointed to the Superior Court of Delaware on September 25, 2003. Judge Johnston received her J.D. cum laude from Washington & Lee University School of Law where she served as lead articles editor of the *Law Review*. She also has a B.A. magna cum laude in music from Wittenberg University, and an M.A. in music from Northwestern University. Before coming to the bench, Judge Johnston served as Chief Counsel of the Delaware Supreme Court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel, prosecuting attorney discipline cases and unauthorized practice of law matters. She formerly was a partner with Morris, James, Hitchens and Williams, practicing primarily in the areas of corporate and commercial litigation. Judge Johnston is past chair of the Delaware State Bar Association's Women and the Law Section; a recipient of the Bar Association's Women's Leadership Award; and was a member of the Pro Se Litigation Assistance Committee. She is a member of the Delaware Supreme Court's Permanent Advisory Committee on the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct and the Court's Professionalism Committee. Judge Johnston serves as a member of the Washington & Lee School of Law Council. She is past president of the board of Children & Families First.

William D. Johnston

William Johnston is a partner in the Wilmington, Delaware-based law firm of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP. His practice concentration is corporate governance law and litigation. Mr. Johnston is a graduate of Colgate University (A.B. English, 1979) and of the Washington & Lee University School of Law (J.D., 1982). He served as law clerk to the Honorable Daniel L. Herrmann, Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court. He is a past president of the Delaware State Bar Association. Mr. Johnston is a long-time member of the American Judicature Society and the American Bar Association. He serves, and has served, in leadership positions with both organizations, and he currently is serving as treasurer of AJS and in the ABA House of Delegates. Within the Business Law Section of the ABA, he chaired a working group that commented on proposed changes to the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct. Bill is married to Judge Mary Johnston of the Delaware Superior Court. They live in Wilmington and have two adult daughters.

George A. Kuhlman

Mr. Kuhlman has been American Bar Association Ethics Counsel since 1987, serving for the previous three years as counsel to the Special Committee on Implementation of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. As advisor to the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and Associate Director of the Center for Professional Responsibility, he has styled the Association's participation as amicus curiae in a number of ethics-related cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and has been the principal drafter of amendments to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct between 1987 and the present. He has also been a principal drafter and editor of all ABA Formal and Informal Opinions interpreting the Model Code of Judicial Conduct and the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and has consulted with all of the ABA's other entities in the development of policy implicating those policy documents.

Justice Judith McConnell

Presiding Justice Judith McConnell was appointed to the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One in August 2001 and took office upon her confirmation October 3, 2001. On September 25, 2003, she was confirmed by the Chief Justice as Administrative Presiding Justice of the Fourth Appellate District. In 2005, she was selected by the Supreme Court to serve on the Commission on Judicial Performance. She served 23 years as a trial judge in San Diego (21 years on the superior court and 2 years on the municipal court). Her colleagues on the superior court twice elected her Presiding Judge. She also served as Presiding Judge of the juvenile court and Supervising Judge of the family, appellate, and civil law and motion departments during her tenure on the superior court. Justice McConnell served two terms on the California Judicial Council, the rule-making body for the state courts, and chaired the council's superior court and planning committees. She was a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Jury System Improvement, the Commission on the Future of the Courts, and the Advisory Committee on the Gender Bias in the Courts. In 1997, Justice McConnell was elected to the American Law Institute. In addition, Justice McConnell has been on the faculty for numerous educational programs for judges and lawyers on such topics as case management, ethics, juvenile law, and civil procedure. She served on the governing board for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research. In 2001, Justice McConnell was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council. In 1999, she was the first recipient of the Benjamin Aranda Access to Justice Award presented jointly by the California Judicial Council, the California Judges Association, and the state Bar of California. Justice McConnell received a J.D. degree in 1969 from the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, and a B.A. degree in 1966 from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. Justice McConnell began her legal career in San Diego in 1969 with the State of California Department of Transportation. She served as a trial attorney in the Department's Legal Division until 1976, when she entered private practice.

Judge Raymond J. McKoski

A trial judge in Lake County, Illinois, for 23 years, Judge McKoski has served as vice chair of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee since its inception in 1992. He is co-author of the judicial ethics chapter in the Illinois Judges' Manual and author of "Ethical Considerations in the Use of Judicial Stationery for Private Purposes," 112 *Penn. St. L. Rev.* 471 (2007). As a faculty member of the Illinois Judicial Conference, Judge McKoski has participated in the ethics education of all newly elected and appointed judges in Illinois since 2000 and has presented seminars at bi-annual mandatory judicial conferences since 1987. The topics of his presentations include misuse of judicial prestige, political and community activities, ex parte communications, letters of recommendation, and charitable solicitations by judges. He has also conducted continuing legal education classes in criminal defense ethics and death penalty ethics. Judge McKoski has received several awards for developing law-related educational programs for students and has made presentations at more than 100 schools. Judge McKoski graduated summa cum laude from DePaul University College of Law.

Dedee Nave

Dedee Nave, Las Vegas, is a “professional” community volunteer who has been active in local and state commissions and boards for over 30 years. Her expertise is long-range planning, grants writing, and policy development and analysis. She has been instrumental in developing several museums including the Lied Discovery Children’s Museum, the Las Vegas Neon Museum, and, most recently, the Morelli House historical preservation project. She served two terms on the Nevada State Arts Council, is a past president of the Junior League of Las Vegas, and past vice president of the Assistance League of Las Vegas. She is currently the chair of the Junior League of Las Vegas Endowment Fund. She has served on the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline for eight years and is the current vice chair of the Commission. She is spearheading an effort with the Commission in conjunction with a special commission of the Nevada Supreme Court to examine the current judicial discipline process. Ms. Nave has a B.A. in English Literature and Philosophy from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

Judge Cara Lee Neville

Judge Neville has served on the 4th Judicial District Court in Minnesota since 1986. She is currently a member of the board of directors of American Judicature Society and chairs its Center for Judicial Ethics advisory committee. She has been an active leader in the American Bar Association, serving on the ABA Board of Governors and as a member of the board’s executive committee. She has also served on the ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, the Judicial Selection Standards Committee, and the Judges’ Advisory Committee to the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. She also chaired the Ethics and Professionalism Committee of the Judicial Division. Judge Neville is past chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section and served on the Judicial Selection Standards Committee. Judge Neville is a past president of the National Association of Women Judges and currently represents the organization in the ABA House of Delegates. She also serves on the ALI-ABA advisory committee on ethics. She is the recipient of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Presidential Award and the Hennepin County Bar Association’s Professionalism Award. Neville earned her J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law

Olga Ruda

Olga Ruda serves as Research Coordinator at the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative’s (ABA ROLI) Research and Program Development Office and as Co-Coordinator of ABA ROLI’s Judicial Reform Focal Area. She is responsible for oversight and implementation of several of ABA ROLI’s technical assessment tools, including the Judicial Reform Index (JRI) which is designed to analyze the compliance of national judiciaries with fundamental international standards on judicial independence. Ms. Ruda has supervised the JRI assessments for over a dozen countries and served as an assessment team leader for the JRI assessment in Ukraine in 2006. Ms. Ruda also has extensive experience with a number of other projects related to judicial reform in emerging democracies, including, most recently, the development of the official UN Technical Guide on Strengthening Judicial Integrity and Capacity (a joint project with the Institute for Research of Judicial Systems based in Bologna, Italy, commissioned by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime), which will be published by UNODC in 2009. Prior to joining ABA ROLI as a Legal Analyst in 2004, Ms. Ruda worked at the U.S. Court for Federal Claims, and in 1998-2000, she was a legal consultant for Harvard Institute for International Development Ukraine Macroeconomic Reform Project in Kyiv, Ukraine. Ms. Ruda holds a law degree from Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from American University’s Washington College of Law.

Steven Scheckman

Steven Scheckman has served as the Deputy Administrator of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct since June 2008. Prior to joining the New York Commission staff, he served as the Special Counsel to the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, from March 1994 to May 2008, and with his staff was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of cases of judicial misconduct before the Judiciary Commission and the Louisiana Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Ohio University (cum laude) and the Tulane University School of Law (cum laude). From 1978-1994, Mr. Scheckman was engaged in the practice of law in New Orleans, including as a staff attorney for three years with the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, and then in private practice with an emphasis in the areas of civil rights, civil liberties, and juvenile justice issues. He also previously served as an Adjunct Professor of Law on the faculty of Tulane Law School and as an ad hoc judge for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. Mr. Scheckman is currently the President of the board of directors of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. He was previously a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute, Children's Code Revision Committee, a member of the Louisiana Task Force on Indigent Defense, a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, a founding member and former Vice President of CASA New Orleans, a member of the board of directors of the Louisiana CASA Association, and a member and Treasurer of the board of directors of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center.

Patrick D. Sexton

Pat Sexton has been Director of Legislative Affairs for the Minnesota Department of Commerce since 2003. He has been a member of the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards since 2004 and has chaired the Board since 2007. He was re-appointed to a second term in 2008. Mr. Sexton also served on the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of the Board on Judicial Standards from 2007-2008. He was a senior account executive at the public relations firm of Himle Horner, Inc. from 2000-2002, the communications director at Adaytum, Inc. in 2000, the media relations manager of West Group from 1998-2000, the senior public relations counselor for Honeywell, Inc. from 1997-1998, the communications director for the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry from 1995-1997, and legislative liaison, policy development assistant, and communications coordinator for Governor Arne Carlson from 1990-1995. He has served as a political analyst at KFAI-FM since 2002. He was a policy fellow at the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum from 2002-2003 and was on the selection committee for the Fellows Program from 2004-2006. He served on the transition staffs for Governor-Elect Tim Pawlenty (December 2002-January 2003), Governor-Elect Jesse Ventura (November 1998-January 1999), and Governor-Elect Arne Carlson (December 1990-January 1991). Mr. Sexton received a B.A. in political science and international relations from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dale Simon

Dale Simon is the Head of the Office for Judicial Complaints. She is a Barrister who was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1986 and to the Bar in the Caribbean Islands of Antigua and Barbados in 1989. Ms. Simon worked in private practice, specializing in child care law and criminal defense work, until she joined the Crown Prosecution Service in 1992. She became a District Crown Prosecutor in 2000, and her last position was head of the West Central London Prosecution Service, which is responsible for prosecutions in four London boroughs. Ms. Simon was an internal CPS investigator dealing with allegations of staff misconduct for eight years and was responsible for handling Metropolitan Police complaints for South East London. Ms. Simon also dealt with ad hoc parliamentary complaints, judicial complaints, and complaints from the public that arose from the work of her Office. In January 2006, she left the Crown Prosecution Service to take up the post as the first Head of the newly created Office for Judicial

Complaints. As a member of the Arden Working Group, Ms. Simon was involved in the drafting of Judicial Discipline (Prescribed Procedures) Regulations 2006, and one of her key responsibilities as Head of the OJC is to ensure that complaints against the judiciary are handled in accordance with the discipline regulations.

Justice Tova Strasberg-Cohen (retired)

Justice Strasberg-Cohen graduated as an M. Jur. in 1955 from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. From 1955-1957, she served as a legal clerk at the office of the military defense attorney. Subsequently, she practiced as a private lawyer for 19 years. In 1977, she was appointed as a magistrate judge and soon after as a district judge of the Haifa district court. In 1994, she was appointed as a permanent member of the Supreme Court. Justice Strasberg-Cohen's main judicial field was civil law, although she has been involved with criminal, administrative and constitutional cases as well. Her distinguished verdicts include class action, torts, contracts, in vitro fertilization, environmental protection, the Good Samaritan law, medical negligence, unjust enrichment, state liability etc. Justice Strasberg-Cohen has lectured at Haifa University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After retiring from the bench in 2003, Justice Strasberg-Cohen was appointed as Israel's first Ombudsman for complaints against judges. Strasberg-Cohen served at this post for five years, which is the statutory term, and completed her work on September 30, 2008.

E. Keith Stott, Jr.

Keith Stott is the executive director of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct, a position he has held for 19 years, and the staff director of the Arizona Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. He is also the staff director for the court's Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct that is recommending a new code for Arizona based on the ABA's 2007 Model Code of Judicial Conduct. A graduate of the University of Utah College of Law, Mr. Stott practiced law in Utah before taking a position with the National Center for State Courts. He subsequently served as the deputy director of the Administrative Office of the Courts in Colorado and Arizona and is a former Judicial Fellow at the United States Supreme Court. He has written articles on court administration and is the editor of the judicial conduct and ethics manual for Arizona judges that is now published on the Internet. Mr. Stott is an emeritus member of the board of directors of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel and a member of the advisory committee of the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics.

Robert H. Tembeckjian

Mr. Tembeckjian is Administrator and Counsel to the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. He received an A.B. from Syracuse University, a J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law, and an M.P.A. from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He was a Fulbright Scholar to Armenia in 1994, teaching graduate courses and lecturing on constitutional law and ethics at the American University of Armenia and Yerevan State University. Mr. Tembeckjian served on the Advisory Committee to the American Bar Association Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. He has also served on various ethics committees of the New York State Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association, and on the boards of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel, the Westwood Mutual Funds, the United Nations International School, and the Civic Education Project. Mr. Tembeckjian is on the editorial board of the *Justice System Journal*, a publication of the National Center for State Courts.

Seana Willing

Ms. Willing has been Executive Director of the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct since June 2003. She is a 1993 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law, in San Antonio, Texas. She is licensed to practice law in Texas, before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, and before the United States Supreme Court. From 1993 until 1998, Ms. Willing was in private practice in San Antonio, concentrating in business litigation. Prior to joining the Commission in September 1999, she worked in the San Antonio Regional Office of the State Bar of Texas, where she investigated and prosecuted disciplinary actions against attorneys. In May 2001, Ms. Willing was promoted to General Counsel for the Commission.

Judge James R. Wolf

Judge Wolf has been a judge on the Florida First District Court of Appeal since 1990, serving as chief judge from July 2003 to June 2005. He has served on the Judicial Qualifications Commission since 1999, served as chair from 2002 – 2000 and 2005-2006. Prior to becoming a judge, he was general counsel for the Florida League of Cities, a member of the firm Caldwell, Pacetti, Barrow & Salisbury, the code enforcement board attorney for the City of West Palm Beach and City of Boynton Beach, city attorney for Jupiter Inlet Colony, assistant city attorney for the City of West Palm Beach, and assistant state attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit. Judge Wolf is a founding member and first president of the First District Appellate American Inn of Court. He is also an alumni member and past president of the William Stafford Tallahassee American Inn of Court. He has served in the past on the civil procedures rules committee, local government law certification committee, and committee on rules of evidence of the Florida Bar. Judge Wolf was chair of the local government section of the Florida Bar in 1990, executive counsel for the local government section from 1985 to 1991, and executive secretary of the Florida Municipal Attorneys' Association from 1983 to 1991. Judge Wolf is an adjunct professor in Florida constitutional law and local government at Florida State University Law School. He has participated in a literacy reading program for elementary school children and is currently involved in the Justice Teaching Program. Judge Wolf published an article entitled "Discipline in Florida: The Cost of Misconduct" in the spring 2006 issue of *Nova Law Review* and published an article entitled "Inherent Rulemaking of an Independent Judiciary" in the winter 1999 issue of *University of Miami Law Review*. His latest article is entitled "Municipalities and the Florida Constitution," which appears in the winter 2008 issue of *Stetson Law Review*. He received his J.D. in 1975 from the University of Miami, his LLM in 2001 from the University of Virginia, and his A.B. from Rutgers University in 1972.