



# MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRO SE LITIGATION

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## FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

- 1. Kevin Burke** is a District Judge in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and also serves as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas Law School. Judge Burke served as the Chair of the Minnesota Conference of Chief Judges from 1991-1996; he is a past member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts. He has won numerous distinguished awards, including: the Director's Community Leadership Award from the U.S. Department of Justice in 1997; a Lifetime Achievement Award presented by H.E.A.R.T. in 1998; the Distinguished Service Award in 2002 from the National Center for State Courts; the William H. Rehnquist Award from the National Center for State Courts in 2003; and the Public Official of the Year Award from Governing Magazine in 2004.
- 2. Deborah J. Chase** is a Senior Attorney with the California Judicial Council, Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts. She is a family law specialist certified by the State Bar of California with over 24 years in practice as an attorney. She also holds a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. She is a past president of the California Family Law Facilitators' Association, and was a co-author of the first published article on the family law facilitator program, *California's Family Law Facilitator Program: A New Paradigm for the Court*. In 2002 Ms. Chase was named a California Lawyer of the Year by California Lawyer magazine for her work in the area of court-operated assistance to self-represented litigants.
- 3. Lisa Colpoys** is Executive Director of Illinois Legal Aid Online, a statewide legal services technology center. She serves on many national, state and local committees dealing with technology, pro se litigants, and the delivery of legal services. Ms. Colpoys is an attorney with extensive experience managing and providing legal services to the poor, and has several years experience in private practice. She received her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago and her B.S. from Rutgers University.
- 4. Gregory J. Donat** is a Judge of Tippecanoe Superior Court #4 in Lafayette, Indiana, serving since 1984. He has been instrumental in developing Community Corrections programs and creating Volunteers in Probation and Victim Impact Panel programs. Judge Donat initiated and is the presiding judge of the Tippecanoe County Drug Court. He currently serves on the National Advisory Council of the American Judicature Society, the education committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference, and on the board of the US Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crimes, and Judicial Education project. He has been very active at the local, state, and national level with pro se and access to justice and public confidence in the judicial system projects. He has twice been awarded the Indiana Council for Social Studies, "Citizens Award" and twice received the Indiana Judges Association's "Excellence in Public Information and Education" award.

- 5. Bob Glaves** is Executive Director of The Chicago Bar Foundation. Since assuming this role in 1999, CBF has quadrupled the amount of its annual grants and fundraising, increased its net assets by more than 50%, and played a lead role in launching several groundbreaking access to justice initiatives. Mr. Glaves received a B.A. degree in Political Science and Journalism from the University of Wisconsin and is a *magna cum laude* graduate of The John Marshall Law School. He had a successful nine-year career as a civil litigator in Chicago. He currently is President of the National Conference of Bar Foundations and serves in a volunteer leadership role for several other nonprofit and bar organizations.
- 6. John A. Goerd** is the Iowa Judicial Branch Planner, coordinating the Iowa judicial branch's strategic planning process for the Iowa Supreme Court, and conducting research and statistical analysis to support decision-making in state court administration. Among other duties he provides staff support to judicial branch advisory committees – including the Pro Se Family Law Forms Committee. Mr. Goerd spent 11 years as a senior staff attorney / research associate at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, VA, where he conducted multi-jurisdiction comparative studies and published numerous articles and monographs on various issues related to court case management, the pace of civil and criminal litigation, and jury awards in state courts. He received an M.A. from Marquette University and a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law.
- 7. Cynthia Gray** is Director of the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics, a national clearinghouse for information about judicial ethics and discipline; she writes and edits the *Judicial Conduct Reporter* and directs the Center's day-to-day activities and special projects. Among many publications concerning judicial ethics and conduct, Ms. Gray is also author of *Reaching Out or Overreaching: Judicial Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants*. She is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law, 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.
- 8. John M. Greacen** is a principal of Greacen Associates, LLC, which provides consulting services to courts and other justice entities in the United States and abroad in areas including technology, performance measurement, customer service, and caseload management. He has been director of the Administrative Office of the Courts of New Mexico, clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico, and clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He has an A.B. from Princeton and a J.D. from the University of Arizona. Mr. Greacen has received the Director's Award for Excellence in Leadership from the federal courts, the Award of Merit from the National Association for Court Management, and the Pioneer Award from the New Mexico State Bar Association. He has written extensively on the topic of self-represented litigants and the courts, including seminal articles on the distinction between legal information and legal advice.
- 9. Will Hornsby** is staff counsel in the American Bar Association's Division for Legal Services, where he manages the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. He has written several articles on access to legal services, the role of technology, and legal ethics for publications such as the *National Law Journal*, the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* and the *ABA Law Practice Management* magazine. He is a frequent speaker at bar association conferences and has participated in programs at Fordham University, the University of Richmond and John Marshall Law School. Mr. Hornsby is currently a member of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Hearing Panel, a Cook County arbitrator, and an adjunct faculty member of the John Marshall Law School, where he teaches a course on the professional responsibility of a technology-based law practice.

- 10. Bonnie Rose Hough** is a Supervising Attorney with the California Administrative Office of the Court's Center for Families, Children & the Courts, where she focuses on helping courts meet the needs of self-represented litigants. She serves as Committee Counsel to the Judicial Council's Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants. She helps coordinate the California Courts Self-Help Website, ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), and oversees grant programs providing over \$20 million in funding for legal services and court-based, self-help programs. Ms. Hough received a J. D. from Hastings College of the Law, a Masters in Public Administration from San Francisco State University, and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She has received the Faye Stender Award from California Women Lawyers, the Access to Justice Award from Central California Legal Services and the Opening Doors to Justice Award from the Public Interest Clearinghouse.
- 11. William D. Johnston** is a partner in Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor LLP, in Wilmington, Delaware. He chairs the Indemnification and Insurance Subcommittee of the ABA Business Law Section's Business and Corporate Litigation Committee. He is a member of the governing council of the Corporate Counsel Section of the Delaware State Bar Association. Mr. Johnston is a graduate of Colgate University and the Washington & Lee University School of Law. He clerked for the Honorable Daniel L. Herrmann, Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court. He has served as a member of the Permanent Advisory Committee on Supreme Court Rules, and as editor of Delaware's first Appellate Handbook. He is past president of the Delaware State Bar Association and was recently reappointed as chair of the Bar Association's Pro Se Litigation Assistance Committee.
- 12. Susan Ledray** is Pro Se Services Manager of the Self Help Center for Hennepin County District Court in Minnesota, where she has served since 1999. She is active in statewide and national pro se and access to justice initiatives. She is past co-chair of the Pro Se Implementation Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association and has also served as a member of the Minnesota Legal Services Planning Committee. After graduating from law school, Susan practiced law, was a deputy examiner of titles, and also a referee for housing court and real estate matters. Susan also has a Masters Degree in Business Administration.
- 13. Tina Rasnow** is a senior attorney with the Ventura County Superior Court, and a coordinator of its Self-Help Legal Access Center. She received her undergraduate degree in Women's Studies from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.. She serves on the California Judicial Council's Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants and its Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. She also serves as Chair of the State Bar Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. She is a past president of the Ventura County Bar Association. Ms. Rasnow has authored articles in local newspapers and professional periodicals on access to justice and diversity issues, including a law review article *Traveling Justice: Providing Court Based Pro Se Assistance to Limited Access Communities*, published in the February 2002 Fordham Urban Law Journal.
- 14. Glenn Rawdon** is Senior Program Counsel for Technology with the Legal Services Corporation. He is responsible for helping legal services programs with their technology efforts and with the administration of the Technology Initiative Grants program. Before coming to LSC in 1999, he was a managing attorney at Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma for five years and before that, he was in private practice. Mr. Rawdon has served as co-chair of the Law Office Management section of the Oklahoma Bar Association and was a member of the Legal Technical Advisory Counsel of the ABA. He earned a B.S. in Political Science from Oklahoma State University and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

- 15. Eve Ricaurte** is the Pro Se Coordinator with Iowa Legal Aid. She provides support to the Iowa Supreme Court Pro Se Family Law Committee and coordinates projects for Iowa Legal Aid including a web-based project using LiveHelp assistance for the [www.iowalegalaid.org](http://www.iowalegalaid.org) web site, a remote access internet-based intake project. Prior to working for Iowa Legal Aid, Ms. Ricaurte worked for several years as a supervising and managing attorney of the intake hotline (Legal Aid Line of Northwest Ohio) of Advocates for Basic Legal Equality in Toledo, Ohio. She began her legal career in business consulting, taught in the Legal Studies Department of Bowling Green State University and had a private law practice. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Spanish, and received her J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law.
- 16. Elizabeth J. Scheffee** is president-elect of the Maine Bar Foundation and is past president of the Maine State Bar Association. She is a shareholder of Givertz, Hambley, Scheffee and Lavoie, P.A., with a practice focusing on family law, providing both unbundled and traditional legal services to her clients. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Ms. Scheffee drafted amendments to the Maine Code of Professional Responsibility and Maine Rules of Civil Procedure to permit unbundled legal services, which formed the basis of the Amendments adopted by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in 2001. She has held numerous positions in the Maine Bar Association, is a member of various legal advisory committees in Maine, and has given presentations at numerous conferences on unbundled legal services. She earned a B.A. with distinction from the University of Virginia College of Arts and Sciences and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.
- 17. Art Thompson** is the Dispute Resolution Coordinator with the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration, working with courts, state government, and non-profit organizations to establish mediation programs and other methods of resolving disputes. Prior to this, he spent sixteen years with the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas Bar Foundation as their Public Services Director. He staffed the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and initiated mediation training for hundreds of lawyer and non-lawyer mediators. He has served on two Kansas Supreme Court committees concerning alternative dispute resolution, in 1988 and 1992, and the Kansas Legislature-authorized Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution, from 1995 until 1999. Art received his domestic mediation training from CDR in 1985 and civil mediation training from the Kansas Bar Association in 1994.
- 18. Edward F. Vlack III** is a St. Croix County, Wisconsin, Circuit Court Judge, serving since 2001. He has developed and maintained pro se family court forms for Pierce and St. Croix Counties, participated as a judicial committee member creating pro se family court forms for a thirteen county judicial district in 2002, and from 2004-2006 served as a judicial member of a committee that created statewide pro se family court forms and established a state website. Judge Vlack is a current member of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee overseeing all state forms. He earned a B.S. and J.D. from Marquette University.
- 19. Richard Zorza** is an attorney and independent consultant who has worked for the past fifteen years on issues of access to justice. He is the coordinator of the Self Represented Litigation Network, [www.selfhelpsupport.org](http://www.selfhelpsupport.org), is a consultant to the Harvard Law School Bellow-Sacks Project on the Future of Access to Civil Justice, [www.bellowsacks.org](http://www.bellowsacks.org), and is a long-term strategic consultant to the Pro Bono Net national network of access to justice websites, [www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org). He speaks and writes broadly on access to justice and ethics issues, including his book, *The Self-Help Friendly Court: Designed from the Ground Up to Work for People Without Lawyers*, published by the National Center for State Courts in 2002, and an article on judicial neutrality in *pro per* cases in the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics. Additional information and publications are available on his website, [www.zorza.net](http://www.zorza.net).