



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRO SE LITIGATION



FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

1. **Neish Carroll** is an attorney with the Texas Legal Services Center in Austin, a provider of free civil legal services. For the past five years he has served as Project Coordinator of TexasLawHelp (www.texaslawhelp.org), a project of the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation in partnership with participating legal aid organizations, where low income Texans can get free educational information about their legal rights and self-help materials. He has also overseen development of a sister site, TexasLawyersHelp (www.texaslawyershelp.org), a support site for legal aid advocates and pro bono attorneys. Mr. Carroll is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso and received a J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law where he also was Assistant Technical Editor of the *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*. He is also a past Advisory Board Member of the Legal Services National Technology Assistance Project.
2. **Norman Davis** was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court bench in June 1995 and is currently serving as Presiding Judge of the Family Court. Judge Davis has also served in the civil, criminal, probate and family court departments of the court, including a term as Presiding Judge of the Northwest Regional Court from July 2002 until January 2004. He has served on numerous court committees, and currently serves as Chair of the Self Service Center Advisory Committee, including the eCourt Development Team, as Chair of the Family Law Rules Review Committee, and as a member of the Supreme Court Child Support Committee, including the Statutory Review, Automation Funding, Economic Analysis, and Child Support Solutions Workgroups. Before joining the bench he was founding partner of Davis & Layton, P.C., where he conducted a general law practice for 19 years. He received a B.S. degree in accounting from Brigham Young University and a J.D. degree for Arizona State University, where he served as Managing Editor of the *Arizona State Law Journal*.
3. **Michael Dennard** is Senior Magistrate Judge in Ada County, Idaho. He obtained a B.A. in History from the University of Illinois and a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. For most of his 26 years on the bench, Judge Dennard presided over family court proceedings and has been a frequent lecturer on family related matters at conferences and educational programs. Judge Dennard has served on a number of Idaho Supreme Court Committees, including the Court Records Committee and Court Technology Committee. He was the Chair of the Idaho Child Support Guidelines Committee for ten years, and continues to serve as a member on that Committee. He currently serves as Chair of the Access to the Courts Committee and recorder for the Standard Forms Committee and is a member of the Children and Families in the Court Committee. In addition, Judge Dennard was the Project Director for Court Assistance Services in Idaho for three years, and continues to serve in that capacity in senior status.

4. **Jess Dickinson** is Associate Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court. He received a B.S. degree from Mississippi State University, a JD, *cum laude*, from the University of Mississippi School of Law where he served on the editorial board of the *Mississippi Law Journal*. After practicing law for one year in Jackson, he practiced law in Gulfport for 20 years. He served as a Circuit Court Judge, by special appointment of the Mississippi Supreme Court for Forrest and Perry Counties. Justice Dickinson served two terms on the Ethics Committee and two terms of the Professionalism Committee of the Mississippi Bar. In addition, Justice Dickinson received the 2004 Chief Justice Award, serves on the Supreme Court Rules Committee, has served as Supreme Court Liaison to Legal Service Providers, and is a Member of the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission.
5. **Stephen George** has presided in Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Division Nine since October 2000 and has served as Chief Judge of Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Divisions, since January 2004. He received his B.A. from the University of Louisville and his J.D. from the Brandeis School of Law. He was in private practice from 1977-2000, concentrating in Family Law. He attained an AV rating in Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating awarded for expertise and ethics. He contributed to the 2006 Kentucky Domestic Relations Manual. He is currently Chair of the Family Court Judges subcommittee of the Circuit Judges' Association, and is also Treasurer of that Association; he is a member of the Kentucky Child Support Commission. Judge George was selected as the Louisville Bar Association Judge of the Year for 2004. Professional associations include the Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations, Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, and the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
6. **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.
7. **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.

8. **William 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.
9. **Bonnie 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), 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.
10. **J. Warren Keller** is an attorney with the law firm of Taylor, Keller, Dunaway & Tooms in Lexington and London, Kentucky. A graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, Mr. Keller began his legal career as a legal services attorney with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Keller was a member of Kentucky Lawyers for Legal Services for the Poor and became the founding president and board chair of its successor organization, The Access to Justice Foundation, which is based in Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Keller has also served as the chair of the Kentucky Bar Association Donated Legal Services Committee, received the 2001 distinguished award for donated legal services from the Kentucky Bar Association, and currently serves as President of the Kentucky Bar Foundation.
11. **Granvette Matthews** is the Director of the Fulton Superior Court Family Division in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from the Emory University School of Law and earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University and an undergraduate degree in Sociology from Winthrop University, graduating magna cum laude. She has been Administrator of the Fulton County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, served as a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) in Atlanta, was awarded a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship, and has served as a staff attorney with Georgia Legal Services. Ms. Matthews has also been the Director of Pretrial Services and the Clerk of Court/Court Administrator for the City of Atlanta Municipal Court.

12. **Michael Monahan** has been Director of the Pro Bono Project of the State Bar of Georgia since April 1997. The Pro Bono Project provides technical assistance and support to pro bono and legal aid programs in the state and directly oversees the 10 pro bono programs operated by Georgia Legal Services program covering 154 mostly rural counties. Mike also helped develop and implement Georgia's nationally recognized statewide volunteer lawyer and advocate support website, www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org and public legal self-help and information site, www.LegalAid-GA.org . His work currently includes developing webcast and "live help" technology to deliver legal information resources to low-income persons and to provide distance learning opportunities for volunteers and legal aid advocates in Georgia. Mike is also the staff liaison to the State Bar's Access to Justice Committee and the *A Business Commitment* Pro Bono Business Law Committee. In addition to his J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law, he holds a B.A in Spanish from Wheeling Jesuit University and an M.A. in Latin American Literature and Linguistics from West Virginia University.
13. **Vincent Morris** is Associate Director of Arkansas Legal Services Partnership Technology and Justice Projects focusing on website, print, and automated document technologies as well as staffing duties for the Access to Justice Commission and Arkansas Pro Bono Partnership. His position also entails initiating and implementing innovative solutions for technical distribution of legal resources and legal advice via multimedia resources. Mr. Morris' education includes undergraduate study in Philosophy at the University of Central Arkansas, post-graduate studies in Internet Technologies at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He has seven years experience with web development and design as sole-proprietor of a small design firm. The firm catered specifically to non-profit, government, academic and legal sectors within the Washington D.C. and Little Rock, Arkansas areas.
14. **Cheryl Nolan** is Directing Attorney at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She is an experienced project manager of centralized intake and telephone service delivery systems. She served as LSC program counsel and technical consultant nationwide on centralized intake, telephone advice, brief service and referral systems. Prior to her work at LSC, she worked with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii assisting clients and managing staff, where she specialized in cost-effective and innovative techniques and strategies for intake and hotline systems.
15. **Joyce Raby** Joyce is a Program Analyst III at the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) (www.lsc.gov) and co-manages the Technology Initiative Grants (TIG) program (www.tig.lsc.gov). The TIG program is a special fund created by Congress to explore the use of technology in service delivery while also using technology to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of LSC's legal services provider programs. In addition to managing the grant program and individual multi-year grants, Ms. Raby works with organizations across the country assisting with the visioning, planning, and implementation of various technology projects ranging from basic day-to-day infrastructure to broad innovative delivery systems. Her 15-year technology background prior to coming to LSC includes computing staff and management positions in construction, engineering, consulting, and a stint teaching undergraduate computing classes. She is

currently completing her graduate degree in Public Administration (MPA) at American University in Washington DC.

16. **John Specia, Jr.** was Judge of the 225th District Court, Bexar County, Texas, from May 1988-December 2006, retiring from the bench on December 31, 2006. Judge Specia served as Administrative Judge for the District Courts of Bexar County from 1998-2000 and 2002-2004. He has been adjunct professor at St. Mary's School of Law since 1995 teaching trial advocacy. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Texas and a J.D. from St. Mary's School of Law. He has received the 2005 Distinguished Law Graduate (Judicial) Award from St. Mary's School of Law and the Rosewood Gavel Award for Outstanding Judicial Service. His professional activities include chairing the Texas Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care and the Texas Supreme Court Task Force on Child-Protection Case Management and Reporting. Judge Specia is also Board Member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2000-2006).
17. **M. Sue Talia** is a Certified Family Law Specialist from Danville, California, with an emphasis on complex family law litigation. Since 1997, she has concentrated her practice on private judging, writing, and legal reform activities. She is a recognized supporter of the consumer-based "unbundling" movement, which promotes limited legal services to streamline and demythologize the family law system. She is chair of the Limited Representation Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice, and is the primary author of the Risk Management Materials for limited scope representation in both family and civil law. Her first book on limited scope representation was published in 1997 and a substantially expanded and revised edition was published in 2006 under the title *Unbundling Your Divorce: How to Find a Lawyer to Help you Help Yourself*. Ms. Talia graduated from the University of Santa Clara *summa cum laude*, obtained a Master's degree in American History from Stanford University and a J.D. degree from Hastings College of the Law.
18. **Neil Thomas III** is a Circuit Court judge in the 11th Judicial District in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. Judge Thomas was in private practice from 1969 until he was elected judge in 1997. He serves as adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, is president of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and Tennessee Safety Council, chair of the Salvation Army, and vice chair of the Chattanooga Red Cross. He is a member of the American, Tennessee, and Chattanooga Bar Associations, the Tennessee Judicial Conference, and the Ray L. Brock, Jr., and Robert E. Cooper American Inns of Court.
19. **Shirley Williams** has been the Executive Director of the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) since January 2004. The MVLP, started in 1982, represents the nation's first formal association of a state Bar with representatives of the Legal Services Corporation. Prior to beginning her tenure at the MVLP, Williams served as Assistant Law Firm Manager for Langston Sweet & Freese, P.A., project manager for the Supreme Court of Mississippi, Executive Director of the International Visitors Center of Jackson, Assistant Director of the Mississippi Consortium for International Development, instructor at a local university, Mississippi Senate Committee Assistant, and senior project coordinator for the

Mississippi Judicial College of the University of Mississippi School of Law. Ms. Williams is currently a member of the Access to Justice Commission, the Delivery of Legal Services and Paralegal Committees of the Mississippi Bar, the Mississippi Supreme Court's Gender Fairness Task Force, the Board of Directors of the Equal Justice Foundation, Mississippi College's Paralegal Advisory Board, the Mississippi Association of Legal Assistants, the National Association of Legal Assistants, and other community-related boards.

20. **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, is a consultant to the Harvard Law School Bellow-Sacks Project on the Future of Access to Civil Justice, 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. 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.