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THIRD ANNUAL

CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD M. GEORGE

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE



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FEATURING CALIFORNIA CHIEF JUSTICE

**TANI CANTIL-SAKAUYE**

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**The Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series,** named after the Honorable Ronald M. George, former Chief Justice of California, annually brings state chief justices from across the United States to share their perspectives on critical issues facing the judiciary and to shine a spotlight on the vital role of the nation's state courts.

# Program

## WELCOME

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## LECTURE

**INTRODUCTION** Drucilla Ramey, Dean

**LECTURE** Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye  
Supreme Court of California

## PANEL

**INTRODUCTION** Drucilla Ramey, Dean

**MODERATOR** Justice Joan Dempsey Klein  
Senior Presiding Justice,  
California Court of Appeal

**PANELISTS** Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye  
Justice Michael Douglas  
Supreme Court of Nevada  
Justice Fernande R.V. Duffly  
Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts  
Chief Judge James Ware, U.S. District Court  
for the Northern District of California  
Chief Judge Eric Washington  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals,  
President, Conference of Chief Justices

## RECEPTION



Chief Justice Ronald M. George  
Distinguished Lecturer

**Chief Justice  
Tani Cantil-Sakauye**  
Supreme Court of California

Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye was sworn into office as Chief Justice of California on January 3, 2011. She is the first Asian-Filipina American and the second woman to serve as the state's Chief Justice. After former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger nominated her as Chief Justice on July 22, 2010, the California State Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission rated her as exceptionally well qualified for the position. At a public hearing on August 25, 2010, she was unanimously confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments, and in a general election on November 2, 2010, an overwhelming majority of voters elected her to that position. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye chairs the Judicial Council of California, the administrative policymaking body of state courts, and the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye has served for more than 20 years on California appellate and trial courts. In 1990, Governor George Deukmejian appointed her to the Sacramento Municipal Court and in 1997, Governor Pete Wilson elevated her to the Superior Court of Sacramento County. On the superior court, she presided over both criminal and civil assignments. In 1997, she established and presided over the first court in Sacramento dedicated solely to domestic violence issues. In addition, then-Judge Cantil-Sakauye chaired the court's criminal law committee and was a member of the presiding judge's task force on domestic violence and the Home Court committee. In 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger nominated her to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District.

Chief Justice Ronald M. George appointed Justice Cantil-Sakauye to the Judicial Council of California in September 2008. She has served as vice-chair of the Executive and Planning Committee, vice-chair of the Rules and Projects Committee, chair of the Advisory Committee on Financial Accountability and Efficiency for the Judicial Branch, and co-chair of the Judicial Recruitment and Retention Working Group.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye was also a member of the California Commission for Impartial Courts. She previously served as a member of the Judicial Council's Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force and chaired its Best Practices Domestic Violence subcommittee. She also served as president of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court, an organization dedicated to promoting civility, ethics, and professionalism in the practice of law. The Chief Justice was a Special Master, selected by the Supreme Court of California to hear disciplinary proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Performance.

Born in 1959 in Sacramento, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye attended C. K. McClatchy High School (1977) and Sacramento City College (1978) before receiving her BA from the University of California, Davis, graduating with honors in 1980. After taking a year off to visit her ancestral homeland, the Philippines, the Chief Justice entered the UC Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr., School of Law in 1981. After receiving her JD in 1984, she worked as a deputy district attorney for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted a variety of criminal offenses. In 1988, she served on the senior staff of Governor George Deukmejian in two capacities: as deputy legal affairs secretary and as a deputy legislative secretary.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye is a former board member of several nonprofit organizations and has been active in numerous professional community organizations, including membership in the California Judges Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Sacramento Asian Bar Association. She is currently a member of the Board of Visitors with the University of California at Davis and serves on the Conference of Chief Justices' Board of Directors with the National Center for State Courts.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye is married to Mark Sakauye, a retired Police Lieutenant, and they have two daughters.



Panel Moderator

**Justice Joan Dempsey Klein**

Senior Presiding Justice  
California Court of Appeal

Justice Joan Dempsey Klein has served on the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three since April, 1978. She was the first recipient of the California Women Lawyers' Joan Dempsey Klein Award "for excellence as a jurist and long standing vigorous service and inspiration to women lawyers," now an annual award.

Justice Klein is a fifth generation Californian, and holds a B.A. from San Diego State and an LL.B. from UCLA Law School. She served as a state deputy attorney general for seven years prior to her appointment to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. As its Presiding Judge she initiated city-wide Bail by Mail and inaugurated the Los Angeles County Planning and Research Unit for the courts.

Justice Klein was the co-founder and first President of the National Association of Women Judges, later testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of Sandra Day O'Connor's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Klein has lectured for the California Judges Association, Continuing Education of the Bar, and the State Bar, and has spoken at UCLA, Loyola and USC, where she also was a professor of Judicial Administration.

Justice Klein is currently the Senior Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, and sits as a member of the California Commission on Judicial Appointments. She is married to Conrad Lee Kelin, an attorney and business executive; they have five children and nine grandchildren.

## **Justice Michael Douglas**

Supreme Court of Nevada



Justice Michael L. Douglas, the first African American justice in Nevada's history, was appointed to the Court in March 2004, and thereafter twice elected. Justice Douglas completed his term as Chief Justice of Nevada in September 2011.

Justice Douglas, a native of Los Angeles, came to Las Vegas in 1982 from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he had been working as a private attorney. His Nevada career began as an attorney with Nevada Legal Services in 1982. Two years later he was hired by the Clark County District Attorney's Office and served in the Civil Division until 1996. In January 1996, he was appointed to the Eighth Judicial District Court bench and was retained in an election later that year, serving until his appointment to the Supreme Court. On the District Court, he served as Chief Judge and Business Court Judge, and also served on District Court committees and Supreme Court Commissions. Justice Douglas currently co-chairs the Nevada Supreme Court Bench-Bar Committee, the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, and the Nevada Supreme Court Specialty Court Funding Committee.

A graduate of California State College, Long Beach, in 1971 and the University of California Hastings College of the Law in 1974, Justice Douglas has been a member of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada and Vice President of the Nevada District Judges Association. He is a past president of the Nevada American Inns of Court. He has also been active with the State Bar of Nevada, Nevada Law Foundation, National Bar Association, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and groups fighting domestic violence.





**Justice Fernande R.V. Duffly**  
Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

On February 1, 2011, Justice Duffly was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick as Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. For over a decade prior, Justice Duffly served on the Appeals Court of Massachusetts. She also served on the Probate and Family Court, to which she was appointed by Governor William Weld in

1992. A graduate of University of Connecticut, she attended Harvard Law School and then joined the Boston law firm of Warner and Stackpole. Throughout her career, Justice Duffly has worked to ensure that justice is available to all who come before the courts.

As a judge she continues to work toward promoting equal access to the courts and full diversity on the bench. She is a member and past President of the National Association of Women Judges and currently serves as NAWJ's delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. She is a Commissioner on the ABA Commission for Women in the Profession. She has served on the Boston Bar Association's committees on pro se litigation and attorney volunteerism and the Probate and Family Court's committee on pro se access to the courts.

In 2001, Justice Duffly was part of a delegation of judges hosted by the Supreme People's Court; there she promoted the rule of law in China. Recently, ABA ROLI sponsored her participation in a conference on Women and the Judiciary in Kuwait. She has presented educational programs to visiting judges from countries including China, Iraq, the United Kingdom, Egypt, and others.

Justice Duffly has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Probate Judge's Association; the Distinguished Jurist Award from the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers; and the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She was the 2009 recipient of the Boston Bar Association's citation for Judicial Excellence.

## **Chief Judge James Ware**

U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of California



Chief Judge James Ware is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1969 from California Lutheran University and his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1972 from Stanford Law School. From 1972-1988, Chief Judge Ware was an attorney with the firm of Ritchie, Fisher, Whitman & Klein in Palo Alto, California.

In 1988, Chief Judge Ware was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court and in 1990 he was appointed United States District Judge for the Northern District of California San Jose Division by President George H.W. Bush, where he now presides. During his tenure as a District Judge, Chief Judge Ware has served as: Chair of the Ninth Circuit Jury Committee; Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee for the Ninth Circuit; Chair of the Technology Committee for the Northern District; and Chair of the Rules Committee of the Northern District.

Chief Judge Ware has traveled extensively on behalf of the United States Courts to confer with judges in other countries on successful case management and mediation practices. His travels have taken him to Nigeria, Rwanda, Jordan, Israel, Italy, Egypt, and Barbados. He has authored and co-authored law journal articles and lectures at Bay Area law schools, including GGU Law.

**Chief Judge Eric Washington**

District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
President, Conference of Chief Justices

The District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Commission designated the Honorable Eric T. Washington to serve a four-year term as Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals beginning on August 6, 2005. Chief Judge Eric T. Washington was sworn in as an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on July 1, 1999. Since his appointment, he has served as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Leadership Council for the District of Columbia Courts, and as a member of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Access to the Courts as well as the Access to Justice Commission. His term as Chief Judge was renewed for a second four-year term in August 2009.

Chief Judge Washington serves as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia. He was appointed Judge, Superior Court of D.C., in 1995 after serving in several roles including: Hogan & Hartson (1990-95); Fulbright & Jaworski (1979-83); Special Counsel, and later, Principal Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (1987-89) (now the Office of the Attorney General of D.C.); Legislative Director and Counsel to U.S. Congressman Michael A. Andrews (Texas) (1983-87). He is admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals (D.C., Fifth and Eleventh Circuits), Texas and D.C. Bars. He is a member of the Boards of Directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs Foundation and Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Project, and other civic and charitable organizations. Judge Washington is a graduate of Tufts University, 1976 and earned his law degree at Columbia University School of Law.

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