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# JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT\*

## **CHIEF JUDGE ALEX KOZINSKI**

Chief Judge Kozinski is serving a seven-year term as Chief Judge. President Reagan nominated Judge Kozinski to the Ninth Circuit on June 5, 1985, and he was confirmed by the Senate on November 7, 1985. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where he received his A.B. in 1972 and his J.D. in 1975. Judge Kozinski clerked for Judge Anthony M. Kennedy of the Ninth Circuit from 1975-1976 and for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court from 1976-1977. He was the Managing Editor of the UCLA Law Review and a Volunteer Attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation from 1978-1979. He also represented indigent clients in various civil and criminal matters in Washington D.C. from 1979-1981. He was the Deputy Legal Counsel for the Office of the President Elect from 1981-1982, the Assistant Counsel for the Office of Counsel to the President in 1981, and Special Counsel of the Merit Systems Protection Board from 1981-1982. From 1982-1985 Judge Kozinski was the Chief Judge of the United States Claims Court in Washington, D.C.

Chief Judge Kozinski maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

## **SENIOR JUDGE ARTHUR ALARCÓN**

President Carter nominated Judge Alarcón to the Ninth Circuit on August 28, 1979, and he was confirmed by the Senate on October 31, 1979. On November 21, 1992, Judge Alarcón assumed Senior Judge status. Judge Alarcón graduated from the University of Southern California, receiving a B.A. in Political Science in 1949 and an LL.B. in 1951. He is one of the few judges in California to sit on both the state and federal appellate bench.

Judge Alarcón was a deputy Los Angeles County district attorney from 1952-1961. In 1962, he was appointed Clemency and Extradition Secretary and named Executive Secretary of the California Adult Authority, serving as temporary chairman in 1962. In 1964, Governor Pat Brown appointed him to the Los Angeles Superior Court, where he served until 1978, when Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the California Court of Appeal for the Second District, where he served until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1979.

Judge Alarcón maintains his chambers in Los Angeles, California.

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#### **JUDGE CARLOS T. BEA**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Bea to the Ninth Circuit on April 11, 2003, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 29, 2003. Born in San Sebastian, Spain, Judge Bea's parents moved to Cuba when he was young before finally settling in the United States. Judge Bea obtained both his undergraduate and law degrees from Stanford University.

Judge Bea spent more than thirty years as a litigator in San Francisco before being nominated to the Superior Court in 1990. From 1990 until 2003, Judge Bea presided over complex civil litigation before ascending to the federal bench.

Judge Bea maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE ROBERT R. BEEZER**

President Reagan nominated Judge Beezer to the Ninth Circuit on March 2, 1984, and he was confirmed by the Senate on March 27, 1984. He took Senior Judge status on July 31, 1996. He received a B.A. in 1951 and an LL.B. in 1956 from the University of Virginia. He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during 1951-1953.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Beezer was a partner at Schweppe, Krug, Tausend & Beezer in Seattle, Washington where he worked from 1956 to 1984. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association from 1980-1983, and was President of the Seattle King County Bar Association from 1975-1976.

Judge Beezer maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

#### **JUDGE MARSHA S. BERZON**

Judge Berzon was nominated to the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton on January 26, 1998, and she was confirmed by the Senate on March 9, 2000. She graduated with a B.A. from Radcliffe in 1966, and received a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, in 1973.

After law school, Judge Berzon clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge James Browning until 1974, and for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan between 1974-1975. She practiced at Woll and Mayer in Washington D.C. from 1975-1977, and at San Francisco's Altshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon and Rubin from 1978 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Berzon maintains her chambers in San Francisco, California.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE ROBERT BOOCHEVER**

President Carter nominated Judge Boochever to the Ninth Circuit on May 22, 1980, and he was confirmed by the Senate on June 18, 1980. He assumed Senior Judge status on June 10, 1986. He received a B.A. from Cornell University in 1939, and an LL.D. from Cornell Law School in 1941. He served in

the United States Army (Infantry) during World War II from 1941-1945, attaining the rank of Captain.

Judge Boochever served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Juneau, Alaska, from 1946-1947, when he left to assist in founding the firm of Faulkner, Banfield, Boochever & Doogan. Boochever practiced with the firm until his appointment to the Alaska Supreme Court in 1972. From 1975-1978, Judge Boochever served as Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Judge Boochever maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE JAMES R. BROWNING**

President Kennedy nominated Judge Browning to the Ninth Circuit on September 6, 1961, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 14, 1961. He served as Chief Judge from July 1, 1976 to June 16, 1988. Judge Browning elected to assume senior status on September 1, 2000. As a judge in senior status, Judge Browning continues to render substantial service to the court.

Judge Browning received an LL.B. degree from Montana State University in 1941. He served as Special Attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice from 1941-1943. Additionally, he served in the United States Army during World War II from 1943-1946, receiving a Bronze Star Medal. In 1946, he returned to the Department of Justice serving as: Special Attorney of the Antitrust Division from 1948-1949, Assistant Chief of the General Litigation Section, Antitrust Division from 1949-1951, First Assistant, Civil Division from 1951-1952, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General from 1952-1953, Chief of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys in 1953. He practiced in the private sector from 1953-1958. Judge Browning served as the Clerk of the Court for the United States Supreme Court from 1958 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1961.

Judge Browning is a former member of the Committee on Court Administration, the Committee on the Budget, and the Executive Committee on the Ninth Circuit Conference.

Judge Browning maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

#### **JUDGE JAY S. BYBEE**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Bybee to the Ninth Circuit on January 7, 2003, and he was confirmed by the Senate on March 13, 2003. Judge Bybee received a J.D. from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

A widely respected constitutional law scholar, Judge Bybee served as the head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel prior to his appointment to the federal bench. Judge Bybee also helped found the University of Nevada-Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law.

Judge Bybee maintains his chambers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**JUDGE CONSUELO M. CALLAHAN**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Callahan to the Ninth Circuit on February 12, 2003, and she was confirmed by the Senate on May 22, 2003. A graduate of the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, Judge Callahan joined Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw as the second of two female Hispanic members of the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Callahan was the first woman and the first Hispanic to serve on the San Joaquin County Superior Court. She was elevated to the Third District Court of Appeal in 1996, where she served until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 2003.

Judge Callahan maintains her chambers in Sacramento, California.

**SENIOR JUDGE WILLIAM C. CANBY, JR.**

President Carter nominated Judge Canby to the Ninth Circuit on April 2, 1980, and he was confirmed by the Senate on May 21, 1980. On May 23, 1996, Judge Canby assumed Senior Judge status. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1953, Judge Canby received an LL.B. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1956. He served in the Air Force as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate from 1956-1958, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. After his discharge, Judge Canby joined Oppenheimer, Hodgson, Brown, Beer & Wolf in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he practiced until 1962. From 1962-1964, Judge Canby worked as the Director for the Peace Corps in Ethiopia and as the Director for the Peace Corps in Uganda from 1964-1966. He also served as Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Walter Mondale in 1966.

Judge Canby served as a Professor of Law at Arizona State University from 1967-1980, and at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, from 1970-1971 as a Fulbright Scholar. He was a board member of the Central Arizona Coalition for the Right to Choose from 1976-1980.

Judge Canby maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

**JUDGE RICHARD R. CLIFTON**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Clifton to the Ninth Circuit on September 4, 2001, and he was confirmed by the Senate on July 18, 2002. Judge Clifton received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1972, and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975.

After law school, Judge Clifton clerked for the Honorable Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy of the Ninth Circuit. Judge Clifton went on to serve as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law.

Judge Clifton maintains his chambers in Honolulu, Hawaii.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE JOSEPH JEROME FARRIS**

President Carter nominated Judge Farris to the Ninth Circuit on July 12, 1979, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 26, 1979. On March 4, 1995, Judge Farris assumed Senior Judge status. Prior to his appointment, he was a Judge for the Washington State Court of Appeals from 1969-1979, serving as Chief Judge for the Washington State Court of Appeals from 1976-1979. Judge Farris also practiced law as a partner with the firm of Farris, Bangs & Horowitz from 1958-1969.

Judge Farris is the chairman of the Ninth Circuit Statistics Committee and a member of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Appellate Judges Conference Delegate to the JAD Council. Judge Farris was a member of the Washington Child and Welfare Advisory Committee, the King County Youth Commission, and the King County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board.

Judge Farris maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE FERDINAND F. FERNANDEZ**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Fernandez to the Ninth Circuit on February 28, 1989, and he was confirmed by the Senate on May 18, 1989. He assumed senior status on June 1, 2002. Judge Fernandez received his B.S. in 1958 and his J.D. in 1962 from the University of Southern California. After law school, he obtained an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1963.

Judge Fernandez practiced in the private sector from 1964-1980. He specialized in probate and estate planning, was a certified tax specialist, and occasionally handled criminal appellate cases.

From 1980-1985, Judge Fernandez served as a Judge for the San Bernardino Superior Court. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, he was a United States District Court Judge in California from 1985 to 1989.

Judge Fernandez maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **JUDGE RAYMOND C. FISHER**

President Clinton nominated Judge Fisher to the Ninth Circuit on March 15, 1999, and he was confirmed by the Senate on October 5, 1999. Judge Fisher is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara and Stanford Law School. After law school, Judge Fisher clerked for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan and Circuit Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

He practiced at Tuttle and Taylor in Los Angeles from 1968-1988, when he left to become a founding partner of Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe. He served as president of the Los Angeles Police Commission in 1996, and as a Deputy General Counsel for the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Commission. President Clinton appointed Judge Fisher as the Associate Attorney General in 1997.

Judge Fisher maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

**SENIOR JUDGE BETTY B. FLETCHER**

President Carter nominated Judge Fletcher to the Ninth Circuit on July 12, 1979, and she was confirmed by the Senate on September 26, 1979. On November 1, 1998, Judge Fletcher assumed Senior Judge status. Judge Fletcher graduated from Stanford University in 1943 with a B.A., and from the University of Washington School of Law in 1956 with an LL.B., Order of the Coif.

Judge Fletcher joined the Seattle firm Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman in 1956. Judge Fletcher served as President of the Seattle-King County Bar Association, and as a member of the Washington State Bar Association. Judge Fletcher also served on the Board of Directors for the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association from 1973-1976. In 1972, she was appointed by Governor Dan Evans to the Washington State Women's Council. In 1974, Judge Fletcher served as Co-Chair of the Washington State Committee for Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. From 1975-1978, she served on the Washington State Bar Association's Board of Governors. From 1978-1979, she was Trustee for the Northwest Women's Law Center.

Judge Fletcher maintains her chambers in Seattle, Washington.

**JUDGE WILLIAM A. FLETCHER**

President Clinton nominated Judge William Fletcher, son of Senior Judge Betty Fletcher, to the Ninth Circuit on January 7, 1997, and he was confirmed by the Senate on October 8, 1998. Judge Fletcher received a B.A. from Harvard University and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975.

Judge Fletcher clerked for United States District Court Judge Stanley Weigel and for United States Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr. After his clerkships, Judge Fletcher became a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1977, where he taught courses on constitutional law, civil procedure, and federal law. In 1992, Judge Fletcher received the University of California at Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award.

Judge Fletcher maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

**SENIOR JUDGE ALFRED T. GOODWIN**

President Nixon nominated Judge Goodwin to the Ninth Circuit on November 3, 1971, and he was confirmed by the Senate on November 23, 1971. Judge Goodwin assumed Senior Judge status on January 31, 1991. Judge Goodwin graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.A. in 1947 and a J.D. in 1951 (Order of the Coif). He served in the United States Army from 1942-1946.

He was a Circuit Judge for the Second Judicial District of Oregon from 1955-1960, an Associate Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court from 1960-1969, and a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon from 1969-1971. In

1977, he was appointed to the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration. He served as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit from 1988 until assuming senior status in 1991.

Judge Goodwin maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **JUDGE RONALD M. GOULD**

President Clinton nominated Judge Gould to the Ninth Circuit on January 26, 1999, and he was confirmed by the Senate on November 17, 1999. Judge Gould graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and received his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1973. After graduation, Judge Gould clerked for the Honorable Wade McCree of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and for United States Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart from 1974-1975.

From 1975 until 1999, Judge Gould practiced law with Perkins Coie, LLP in Seattle, Washington. Judge Gould was a visiting Professor at the University of Washington School of Law from 1986-1989, and a member of the Board of Governors, Washington State Bar Association, where he served as President from 1994-1995.

Judge Gould maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

#### **JUDGE SUSAN P. GRABER**

President Clinton nominated Judge Graber to the Ninth Circuit on July 30, 1997, and she was confirmed by the Senate on March 17, 1998. Judge Graber completed her undergraduate studies at Wellesley College in 1969 and received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1972. After graduating from Yale Law School, Judge Graber practiced law as an Assistant Attorney General in the New Mexico Bureau of Revenue for two years. For the next fourteen years, she practiced in the private sector. In 1986, she was awarded the Founders Award from Pro Bono Service for the Northwest Women's Law Center. She served as the Presiding Judge of Department 3 at the Oregon Court of Appeals from 1988-1990 and as an Associate Justice on the Oregon Supreme Court from 1990-1998.

Judge Graber maintains her chambers in Portland, Oregon.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE CYNTHIA H. HALL**

President Reagan nominated Judge Hall to the Ninth Circuit on August 1, 1984, and she was confirmed by the Senate on October 3, 1984. On August 31, 1997, Judge Hall assumed Senior Judge status. Judge Hall graduated from Stanford University with an A.B. in 1951, and an LL.B. in 1954. She served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1951-1953, attaining the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade). After graduation, she clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge Richard Chambers until 1955, when she returned to school to obtain her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University Law School.



She served as a trial attorney with the Justice Department's Tax Division from 1960-1964. She then served as an attorney-adviser in the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Legislative Counsel from 1964-1966. She helped to form the firm of Brawerman & Holcomb of Beverly Hills in 1966, where she practiced law until her first judicial appointment in 1972. Judge Hall served as a judge for the United States Tax Court from 1972-1981 and as a judge for the United States District Court for the Central District of California from 1981-1984.

Judge Hall maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **JUDGE MICHAEL DALY HAWKINS**

President Clinton nominated Judge Hawkins to the Ninth Circuit on July 13, 1994, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 15, 1994. He received his B.A. in 1967 and J.D. in 1970 from Arizona State University and an LL.M. from the University of Virginia in 1998. Judge Hawkins served in the United States Marine Corps from 1970-1973, attaining the rank of Captain. He joined the firm of Daughton, Feinstein and Wilson in 1973, where he practiced until 1976. He then served as U.S. Attorney in Phoenix from 1977-1980. After his tenure as U.S. Attorney, he returned to the private sector, where he practiced law until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Hawkins maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE PROCTER HUG, JR.**

President Carter nominated Judge Hug to the Ninth Circuit on August 29, 1977, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 15, 1977. He held the post of Chief Judge for the Ninth Circuit from March 1, 1996 until December 1, 2000. He assumed senior status on January 1, 2002. Judge Hug was born in Reno, Nevada on March 11, 1931. He served in the United States Navy from 1954-1955, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. In 1953, Judge Hug received his B.S. degree from the University of Nevada. In 1958, he received his J.D. from Stanford University.

After law school, Judge Hug returned to Reno and founded the law firm, Springer, McKissick & Hug. In 1963, he joined another Reno firm, Woodburn, Wedge, Blakey, Folsom & Hug, where he practiced until 1977. From 1969-1972, Hug held a position on the University of Nevada's Board of Regents. He later served as the University's general counsel. Judge Hug served as Deputy Attorney General from 1972-1976.

Judge Hug was the Nevada State Delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates from 1971-1978, and served on the Board of Governors from 1976-1978. Additionally, he was the Director of the American Judicative Society from 1975-1978. In 1977, Judge Hug served one year on the National Judicial College Board of Directors. He was also a member of the University of Nevada's Medical School Board of Visitors. From 1980-1982, Judge Hug was a member of the Stanford Board of Visitors and a member of the American Law Institute, and chaired its Ninth Circuit Education Committee from 1983-1987.

Judge Hug maintains his chambers in Reno, Nevada.

**JUDGE SANDRA S. IKUTA**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Ikuta to the Ninth Circuit on February 8, 2006, and she was confirmed by the Senate on June 19, 2006. She graduated with an A.B. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1976. She achieved an M.S. from Columbia University in 1978, and graduated from UCLA Law School in 1988. Thereafter, she clerked for Hon. Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, from 1988-1989, and later clerked for Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1989 to 1990. She worked in private practice in California from 1990-2004, and served as Deputy Secretary and General Counsel for the California Resources Agency from 2004-2006.

Judge Ikuta maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

**JUDGE ANDREW J. KLEINFELD**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Kleinfeld to the Ninth Circuit on May 23, 1991, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 12, 1991. Judge Kleinfeld graduated from Harvard Law School in 1969 after completing his undergraduate work at Wesleyan University. Prior to his judicial appointment to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Kleinfeld was a United States District Judge in Alaska. From 1971-1986, Judge Kleinfeld practiced in the private sector, specializing in insurance defense and personal injury litigation. He also served as a United States District Court Magistrate Judge for the Alaska District Court from 1971-1974. He intends to assume Senior Judge status on June 12, 2010.

Judge Kleinfeld maintains his chambers in Fairbanks, Alaska.

**SENIOR JUDGE EDWARD LEAVY**

President Reagan nominated Judge Leavy to the Ninth Circuit on February 2, 1987, and he was confirmed by the Senate on March 20, 1987. He assumed Senior Judge status on May 19, 1997. He graduated from the University of Portland where he received an A.B. in 1950, and received an LL.B. from the University of Notre Dame in 1953.

Judge Leavy served as District Court Judge for Lane County in Eugene, Oregon from 1957-1961, Circuit Judge for Lane County District Court from 1961-1976, United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court in Portland, Oregon from 1976-1984, and United States District Court Judge in Oregon from 1984-1987.

Judge Leavy maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.

**JUDGE M. MARGARET MCKEOWN**

President Clinton nominated Judge McKeown to the Ninth Circuit on January 7, 1997, and she was confirmed by the Senate on March 27, 1998. She graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1972 with her B.A., and in 1975 earned her J.D. from Georgetown University. While at Georgetown, she clerked for Judge David Norman, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington,

D.C. After graduation, Judge McKeown worked with the law firm of Perkins Coie from 1975-1988, first as an associate and eventually as a partner.

Judge McKeown maintains her chambers in San Diego, California.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE DOROTHY WRIGHT NELSON**

President Carter nominated Judge Nelson to the Ninth Circuit on September 28, 1979, and she was confirmed by the Senate on December 19, 1979. Judge Nelson assumed Senior Judge status on January 1, 1995. She received her A.B. in 1950 and her J.D. in 1953 from the University of California at Los Angeles. In 1956, she received an LL.M. from the University of Southern California. Judge Nelson is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif.

Upon being admitted to practice law in California in 1954, Judge Nelson began her career at the University of Southern California as a Research Associate Fellow. She continued to work for the University as an Instructor in 1957, Assistant Professor from 1958-1961, Associate Professor from 1961-1967, Associate Dean from 1965-1967, Professor in 1967, and Dean from 1967-1980. In 1967, Judge Nelson was named Law Alumnus of the Year by the University of California.

Judge Nelson maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE THOMAS G. NELSON**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Nelson to the Ninth Circuit on July 18, 1990, and he was confirmed by the Senate on October 12, 1990. Judge Nelson assumed senior status on November 14, 2003. After graduating from the University of Idaho Law School in 1962, Judge Nelson served in the Idaho Air National Guard from 1962-1968.

Judge Nelson served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Idaho from 1963-1965. In 1965, he joined the firm of Parry, Robertson and Daly in Twin Falls, where he practiced until 1979. He then practiced with Nelson, Rosholt, Robertson, Tolman and Tucker until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1990.

Judge Nelson maintains his chambers in Boise, Idaho.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE JOHN T. NOONAN JR.**

President Reagan nominated Judge Noonan to the Ninth Circuit on October 16, 1985, and he was confirmed by the Senate on December 16, 1985. He assumed Senior Judge status on December 27, 1996. Judge Noonan graduated from Harvard University with his B.A. in 1946 and an LL.B. in 1954. During that time he attended Catholic University of America where he received his M.A. in 1949 and a Ph.D. in 1951. Judge Noonan served on the National Security Council Special Staff in 1954-1955, and practiced with Herrick and Smith in Boston, Massachusetts from 1955-1960. He also served as Chairman of the Brookline Redevelopment Authority from 1958-1962, was a member of the

Presidential Commission on Population and the American Future in 1972, a consultant for the National Institute of Health in 1973, and a consultant for the National Endowment for the Humanities from 1973-1975.

Judge Noonan was a Professor of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, from 1966-1986. He was also a Professor of Law at Notre Dame University School of Law, and a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University, Stanford University, Hastings College of the Law, UCLA School of Law, and Southern Methodist University.

Judge Noonan maintains his chambers in San Francisco, California.

#### **JUDGE DIARMUID F. O'SCANNLAIN**

President Reagan nominated Judge O'Scannlain to the Ninth Circuit on August 11, 1986, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 25, 1986. Judge O'Scannlain received a B.A. from St. John's University in 1957, a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1963, and an LL.M. from the University of Virginia Law School in 1992.

Prior to his appointment to the appellate bench, Judge O'Scannlain served as Deputy Attorney General, Oregon State Department of Justice from 1969-1971, Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon from 1971-1973, and Director of the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality in Portland from 1973-1974. He was also the Chairman of the Advisory Panel to the United States Secretary of Energy from 1983-1985.

Judge O'Scannlain maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.

#### **JUDGE RICHARD PAEZ**

President Clinton nominated Judge Paez to the Ninth Circuit on January 26, 1996, and he was confirmed by the Senate on March 9, 2000. Judge Paez graduated from Brigham Young University in 1969, and received a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, in 1972.

After law school, Judge Paez spent several years in the public interest sector with California Rural Legal Assistance from 1972-1974, the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles from 1974-1976, and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles from 1976-1981. In 1981, he was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. In 1994, President Clinton appointed him to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where he served until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Paez maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON**

President Carter nominated Judge Pregerson to the Ninth Circuit on August 28, 1979, and he was confirmed by the Senate on October 31, 1979. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1947, and in 1950 he received an LL.B. from University of California

at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law. Judge Pregerson earned a Purple Heart in Okinawa while in the Marine Corps, in which he served from 1944-1946.

Judge Pregerson practiced in the private sector in Van Nuys, California from 1953-1965. He has served as a Municipal and Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles from 1965-1967, and as a District Court Judge for the Central District of California from 1967 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1979.

Judge Pregerson maintains his chambers in Woodland Hills, California.

#### **JUDGE JOHNNIE B. RAWLINSON**

President Clinton nominated Judge Rawlinson to the Ninth Circuit on February 22, 2000, and she was confirmed by the Senate on July 21, 2000. With this appointment, Judge Rawlinson became the first African-American woman to serve on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Rawlinson graduated summa cum laude in 1974 from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she received a B.S. in Psychology. In 1979, she graduated from the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, with distinction.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Rawlinson spent 18 years with the Office of the District Attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada. First, she served as Deputy district attorney from 1980-1989, then as Chief deputy district attorney from 1989-1995, and finally as Assistant district attorney, where she supervised the Civil, Family Support and Administrative divisions from 1995-1998. From 1998 to 2000, Judge Rawlinson was a United States District Court Judge for the District of Nevada.

Judge Rawlinson maintains her chambers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### **JUDGE STEPHEN R. REINHARDT**

President Carter nominated Judge Reinhardt to the Ninth Circuit on November 30, 1979, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 11, 1980. Judge Reinhardt received a B.A. from Pomona College in 1951 and an LL.B. from Yale University in 1954. From 1954-1956, he held the rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Judge Reinhardt practiced law with the Los Angeles firm Fogel, Julber, Reinhardt and Rothschild from 1960-1980. He served on the United States Commission on Civil Rights from 1962-1973, as President of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission from 1974-1975, and on the Los Angeles Police Commission from 1975-1978. From 1979-1984, he was a member of the Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Judge Reinhardt maintains his chambers in Los Angeles, California.

#### **JUDGE PAMELA ANN RYMER**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Rymer to the Ninth Circuit on February 28, 1989, and she was confirmed by the Senate on May 18, 1989. She graduated from Vassar College with an A.B. in 1961, and an LL.B. from Stanford University in 1964. She practiced with the firm of Lillick, McHose, Wheat, Adams & Charles in Los Angeles from 1966-1975. She left the firm in 1975 to begin her own law firm, Toy & Rymer, specializing in antitrust and general business litigation. In 1983, she was appointed by President Reagan to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where she served until 1989.

She was appointed to the California Postsecondary Education Commission by then-Governor Ronald Reagan in 1974 and was re-appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in 1979. She served as chair from 1980-1984.

Judge Rymer maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **JUDGE MARY M. SCHROEDER**

President Carter nominated Judge Schroeder to the Ninth Circuit on May 3, 1979, and she was confirmed by the Senate on September 25, 1979. Judge Schroeder graduated from Swarthmore College with a B.A. in 1962 and from the University of Chicago with a J.D. in 1965. At the University of Chicago, she was one of only six women in her law school class. She practiced as a Justice Department trial attorney from 1965-1969. She clerked for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Jesse A. Udall from 1969-1970. Judge Schroeder transferred to the private sector in 1971, working for Lewis and Roca in Phoenix, Arizona until 1975. As a lawyer in Arizona, she chaired the committee that drafted and secured passage of Arizona's first civil rights law. From 1975-1979, Judge Schroeder served on the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Judge Schroeder served as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit from 2000-2007. She was the first female chief judge of the nation's largest circuit.

Judge Schroeder maintains her chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

#### **JUDGE BARRY G. SILVERMAN**

President Clinton nominated Judge Silverman to the Ninth Circuit on November 8, 1997, and he was confirmed by the Senate on January 28, 1998. Judge Silverman attended Arizona State University, where he received his B.A. in 1973 and his J.D. in 1976. He was the Assistant City Prosecutor in Phoenix, Arizona from 1976-1977, Deputy City Attorney from 1977-1979, and Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner from 1979-1984. Additionally, he served as a Superior Court Judge in Arizona from 1984-1995. From 1995-1997, he held the position of Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court in Arizona.

Judge Silverman's honors include: the Henry Steven Award, Maricopa County Bar Association in 1991; the Award for Excellence as a Jurist, Family Law Committee, Maricopa County Bar Association in 1994; and the Outstanding Alumnus Award, Arizona State University in 1995.

Judge Silverman maintains his chambers in Phoenix, Arizona.

**SENIOR JUDGE OTTO R. SKOPIL**

President Carter nominated Judge Skopil to the Ninth Circuit on June 14, 1979, and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 25, 1979. He assumed Senior Judge status on January 1, 1986. Judge Skopil graduated from Willamette University with a B.A. in 1941 and an LL.B. in 1946. He served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942-1946.

Judge Skopil practiced with Skopil & Skopil from 1946-1951, and with Williams, Skopil, Miller, Beck & Wyllie from 1951-1972. Additionally, he served as a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon from 1972-1979, acting as Chief Judge from 1976-1979.

Judge Skopil served on the Board of the Federal Judicial Center in 1979. He has served on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Federal Magistrates System and the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules.

Judge Skopil maintains his chambers in Portland, Oregon.

**JUDGE MILAN D. SMITH, JR.**

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Smith to the Ninth Circuit on February 14, 2006, and he was confirmed by the Senate on May 16, 2006. Judge Smith earned his B.A. from Brigham Young University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. He worked in private practice in Los Angeles, California from 1969-2006. He served as President-General Counsel of the Los Angeles State Building Authority from 1983-2006 and as Vice Chairman of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission from 1987-1991.

Judge Smith maintains his chambers in El Segundo, California.

**JUDGE N. RANDY SMITH**

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Smith on January 16, 2007, and he was confirmed by the Senate on February 15, 2007. He graduated from Brigham Young University and J. Reuben Clark School of Law, Brigham Young University. He was Assistant General Counsel for J.R. Simplot Company from 1977-1981 and worked in private practice in Pocatello, Idaho from 1982-1995. He served as an adjunct professor at Boise State University from 1979-1981 and at Idaho State University from 1984 to present. Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, he served as District Judge for the State of Idaho Sixth Judicial District from 1995-2007.

Judge Smith maintains his chambers in Pocatello, Idaho.

**JUDGE RICHARD C. TALLMAN**

President Clinton nominated Judge Tallman to the Ninth Circuit on October 20, 1999, and he was confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2000. Judge Tallman

graduated from the University of Santa Clara, California and Northwestern School of Law, where he was executive editor of the law review.

After law school, Judge Tallman clerked for United States District Judge Morell E. Sharp in the Western District of Washington. Judge Tallman then worked in the criminal division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. as a trial attorney and was later transferred to Seattle as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In 1983, he entered private practice and served as an associate and later as a partner at Schweppe, Krug, Tausend & Beezer in Seattle. In 1990, he joined Bogle and Gates as chairman of its white collar criminal defense practice group. In 1999, he co-founded Tallman and Severin, which specializes in white collar criminal defense and complex federal commercial litigation.

Judge Tallman has also served as chairman of the Edmonds Community College Foundation Board and general counsel to the Seattle-King County Crime Stoppers. Judge Tallman served as president of the Federal Bar Association in 1995. From 1996-1997, he chaired the Western District of Washington, Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives.

Judge Tallman maintains his chambers in Seattle, Washington.

#### **SENIOR JUDGE A. WALLACE TASHIMA**

President Clinton nominated Judge Tashima to the Ninth Circuit on April 6, 1995, and he was confirmed by the Senate on January 2, 1996. He assumed senior status on June 30, 2004. He received his B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958 and earned an LL.B. degree from Harvard University School of Law in 1961. Judge Tashima served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in Korea from 1953-1956.

Prior to his appointment to the Ninth Circuit, President Carter appointed Judge Tashima to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where he served from 1980-1995. Before his time on the bench, Judge Tashima practiced law in the Los Angeles office of Morrison & Foerster from 1977-1980.

Judge Tashima maintains his chambers in Pasadena, California.

#### **JUDGE SIDNEY R. THOMAS**

President Clinton nominated Judge Thomas to the Ninth Circuit on July 19, 1995, and he was confirmed by the Senate on January 2, 1996. He completed his undergraduate studies at Montana State University in 1975 and received his J.D. from the University of Montana in 1978.

Judge Thomas practiced law with the firm of Moulton, Bellingham, Longo and Mather from 1978 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit. He served as an adjunct instructor at Rocky Mountain College from 1982-1995. His honors include the Governor's Award for Public Service in 1978 and the Rocky Mountain College Outstanding Faculty Award in 1988.

Judge Thomas maintains his chambers in Billings, Montana.



**SENIOR JUDGE DAVID R. THOMPSON**

President Reagan nominated Judge Thompson to the Ninth Circuit on October 17, 1985, and he was confirmed by the Senate on December 16, 1985. On December 31, 1998, Judge Thompson assumed senior status. He graduated from the University of Southern California, where he completed both a B.S. in 1952 and an LL.B. in 1955. Judge Thompson served in the United States Navy from 1955-1957. Prior to his appointment, Judge Thompson was a member of the firm Colton, Thompson and Thompson from 1957-1965, and Thompson & Thompson from 1965 until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1985.

Judge Thompson maintains his chambers in San Diego, California.

**SENIOR JUDGE STEPHEN S. TROTT**

President Reagan nominated Judge Trott to the Ninth Circuit on August 7, 1987, and he was confirmed by the Senate on March 24, 1988. He assumed senior status on December 31, 2004. He received a B.A. in 1962 from Wesleyan University and an LL.B. in 1965 from Harvard University.

From 1981-1983, Judge Trott served as United States Attorney in Los Angeles, California. In 1983, he served as chief of the United States Department of Justice's Criminal Division. He became the Associate Attorney General in 1986.

Judge Trott is the former chairman of the Central District of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and the former coordinator of the Los Angeles-Nevada Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Judge Trott maintains his chambers in Boise, Idaho.

**SENIOR JUDGE J. CLIFFORD WALLACE**

President Nixon nominated Judge Wallace to the Ninth Circuit on May 22, 1972, and he was confirmed by the Senate on June 28, 1972. Judge Wallace assumed senior status on April 8, 1996. He received a B.A. from San Diego State University in 1952, and an LL.B. from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1955. He served as a Second Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy from 1946-1949.

After law school, Judge Wallace practiced with Gray, Cary, Ames and Frye in San Diego from 1955 until 1970, when he began his service as a United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California, serving until his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1972.

Judge Wallace served on the Judicial Conference Subcommittee on Federal Jurisdiction from 1975-1976, the Committee to Consider Standards for Admission to Practice in the Federal Courts from 1976-1979, and the Committee on the Judicial Branch. Judge Wallace served as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit from 1991 until 1996, when he assumed senior status.

Judge Wallace maintains his chambers in San Diego, California.

### **JUDGE KIM M. WARDLAW**

President Clinton nominated Judge Wardlaw to the Ninth Circuit on January 27, 1998, and she was confirmed by the Senate on July 31, 1998. In 1976, Judge Wardlaw graduated summa cum laude from the University of California at Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. She also attended law school at UCLA and received her J.D. in 1979 with the Order of the Coif.

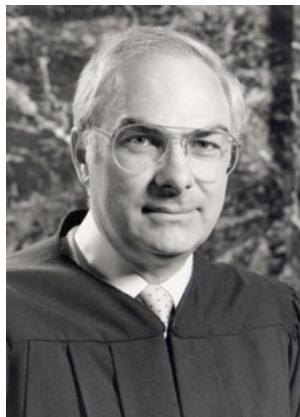
After law school, she clerked for the Honorable William P. Gray, United States District Court Judge for the Central District of California until 1980, when she joined O'Melveny & Myers in Pasadena, California. From 1995 until her appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 1998, she served as a United States District Court Judge for the Central District of California.

In 2009, Judge Wardlaw was awarded the Ernestine Stahlhut Award from the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles for being a woman in the legal field with outstanding character and dedication who has made great strides in advancing the cause of justice. In 2010, Judge Wardlaw was named Alumni of the Year by the UCLA La Raza Law Students Association and recognized as a Woman of Excellence by the YWCA of Pasadena-Foothill Valley for making a positive impact in her community.

Judge Wardlaw maintains her chambers in Pasadena, California.

### **IN MEMORY OF JUDGE MELVIN T. BRUNETTI**

**NOVEMBER 10, 1933 - OCTOBER 30, 2009**



On October 30, 2009, Judge Melvin T. Brunetti of the Ninth Circuit passed away after a long-fought battle with cancer. His connection to the western United States began long before his appointment to the Ninth Circuit. He was born in Reno, Nevada on November 10, 1933. Judge Brunetti obtained his Juris Doctorate in 1964 from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. From 1964 until 1985, Judge Brunetti worked in private practice in Reno, Nevada.

Appointed to the Ninth Circuit in 1985 by President Reagan, Judge Brunetti worked tirelessly throughout his more than twenty-four years on the bench. He assumed senior status on November 11, 1999. Judge Brunetti maintained his chambers in the Bruce S. Thompson Federal Building in Reno, Nevada.

Judge Brunetti is survived by his wife Gail, daughter Nancy, son Bradley, brothers Larry and Frank, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The *Golden Gate University Law Review* and the entire Golden Gate University School of Law community extends its condolences to Judge Brunetti's family, friends, and colleagues.