

**EIGHTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**May 3 - 5, 2016**  
**Rogers, Arkansas**

**SPEAKERS**

*(Listed Alphabetically)*



**Hon. Morris Sheppard Arnold**  
**U.S. Circuit Judge**  
**Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals**

Morris Sheppard Arnold was born in Texarkana, Texas, in 1941 and was educated at Exeter, Yale, the University of Arkansas, Harvard Law School and the University of London. He has taught at numerous American law schools, including Indiana, Stanford, Texas, Michigan, and the University of Pennsylvania where he also served as a vice president of the university and was a professor of law and history. Judge Arnold has published eight books and numerous articles, mostly on the subject of legal history and the history of colonial Arkansas. His latest book is *The Rumble of a Distant Drum, The Quapaws and Old World Newcomers, 1673-1804*. In 1994 the French government named him a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques for his work on eighteenth-century Louisiana and he is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He served as a United States District Judge for

seven years before being elevated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on May 26, 1992. He also served as a judge and presiding judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Court of Review from 2008 to 2013.



**Hon. Wiley Branton, Jr.**  
**Circuit Judge**  
**Sixth Judicial District - State of Arkansas**

Judge Wiley Branton, Jr. has served as a circuit court judge for the State of Arkansas since 1993. He is one of three judges in his judicial district who presides over juvenile division cases. A graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, he obtained his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He has also attended the National

Judicial College, National College of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform.

Judge Branton has had varied legal and academic experience including judicial service; private practice of law in Washington, DC and Little Rock, AR; general counsel of a DC government agency; law school adjunct professor at Howard University Law School and UALR Bowen Law School; and college professor at his alma mater, Morehouse College.

Judge Branton is the son of the late Wiley A. Branton, Sr., a distinguished civil rights attorney and former dean of Howard University Law School. Judge Branton was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, while his father was one of the first black students to graduate from University of Arkansas Law School in Fayetteville, AR.

Judge Branton currently serves on the Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families; the board of the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice; the Governor's Child Welfare Oversight Panel; and the advisory board of the David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History.

Judge Branton is a frequent presenter and speaker at professional and community programs on children and families, juvenile law, and civil rights history.



**Hon. Celeste F. Bremer**  
**Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge**  
**Southern District of Iowa**

Judge Bremer was appointed in January 1985. Judge Bremer manages civil and criminal cases specializing in complex litigation (tobacco, asbestos, products liability, class actions); and tries civil cases. She is a recognized expert in mediation, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), and case management. For over twenty years she has served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center programs in mediation, civil procedure, evidence, and case management. Judge Bremer has taught international court-sponsored ADR projects and judicial education Rule of Law programs in Brussels, Krakow, Kuala Lumpur, Bangalore and Cairo.

Judge Bremer received her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1977; and her Doctorate in Adult Education from Drake University in 2002. Her dissertation topic was mentoring as a way to reduce judicial occupational stress, based on a program she initiated for newly-appointed U.S. Magistrate Judges.

Judge Bremer has served as a prosecutor, a partner in a litigation firm, and corporate counsel, specializing in products liability cases for Deere & Co. in Moline, IL, and Economy Forms Corporation in Des Moines, IA. While serving as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, she taught undergraduate classes in criminal justice; law classes in mediation; graduate classes in Organizational Leadership at the Drake University School of Education; and acted as Interim Director for the Drake Law School LLM Program. She regularly presents at continuing education programs for lawyers and judges.



**Chief Justice Howard W. Brill**  
**Arkansas Supreme Court**

Howard W. Brill was appointed as Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court August 25, 2015, by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

Education: A.B., Duke University (1965) J.D., University of Florida (1970); Order of the Coif; Editor-in-Chief, University of Florida Law Review LL.M., University of Illinois (1979)

Law-Related Employment: Associate, Spector, Taber & Tappa, Rock Island, Illinois, 1973-75; Law Clerk, Judge Robert T. Mann, District Court of Appeal, Florida, 1970-71



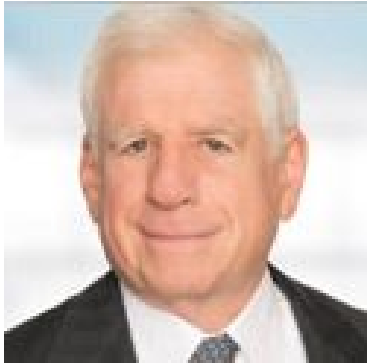
**Erwin Chemerinsky**  
**Dean of the School of Law**  
**Distinguished Professor of Law**  
**Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law**  
**University of California, Irvine School of Law**

Erwin Chemerinsky is the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science.

Previously, he taught at Duke Law School for four years, during which he won the Duke University Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award in 2006. Before that, he taught for 21 years at the University of Southern California School of Law. Chemerinsky has also taught at UCLA School of Law and DePaul University College of Law.

His areas of expertise are constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is the author of eight books, including *The Case Against the Supreme Court* published in 2014, and more than 200 articles in top law reviews. He frequently argues cases before the nation's highest courts, including the United States Supreme Court, and also serves as a commentator on legal issues for national and local media. He writes a weekly column for the Orange County Register, monthly columns for the ABA Journal and the Daily Journal, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. In January 2014, National Jurist magazine named Dean Chemerinsky as the most influential person in legal education in the United States.

Chemerinsky holds a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University.



**The Reverend and Honorable John C. Danforth**  
**Partner**  
**Dowd Bennett LLP**

Former United States Senator from Missouri, John C. Danforth served in the United States Senate as a member of the Republican Party from 1976 to 1995.

He is currently a partner with the law firm of Dowd Bennett LLP, in St. Louis, Missouri. His areas of interest included trade, tax policy and civil rights.

In 1999, Danforth was appointed Special Counsel to investigate the federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. Senator Danforth was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in July 2004 by President George W. Bush.

An ordained Episcopal priest, he authored the books *Resurrection* (1994), *Faith and Politics: How the "Moral Values" Debate Divides America and How to Move Forward Together* (2006), and *The Relevance of Religion* (2015).

Prior to his election to the Senate, Danforth was Attorney General for the State of Missouri from 1968-1976.

Education: LL.B., Yale Law School; B.A., Princeton University



**Hon. Dennis R. Dow**  
**U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**  
**Western District of Missouri**

Judge Dow was appointed a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals on November 10, 2003.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Dow was a partner with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. Judge Dow was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law continuously from 1995.

Judge Dow is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and secretary of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Judge Dow is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, inducted in March 2013 and was selected in November 2014 to become a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

He is a member of the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and also serves as a member of the faculty of the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute.

He is a pro tem member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. He was appointed in October 2014 to the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and chairs its subcommittee on forms.

Judge Dow has authored and co-authored several articles, including "ERISA-Related Claims in Bankruptcy" *Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* Vol. 3, No. 1 (Nov/Dec 1993), "Rent to Own Agreements in Bankruptcy: Sales or Leases?" *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 1994) and "Gramm-Leach-Bliley and the Bankruptcy/Collection Attorney" *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor* (Feb 2002).

Judge Dow received his B.A., with honors, from the University of Wyoming in 1975 and his J.D. in 1978 from Washburn University School of Law, where he was Notes Editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*.



**Hon. Robert Faulkner (Ret.)**  
**JAMS**

Retired Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, brings over 35 years of distinguished service from the federal judiciary and private law practice. Judge Faulkner's reputation and ADR success have catapulted him into a national ADR practice.

Judge Faulkner has conducted over 500 trials, settlement conferences, and hearings on a wide range of issues including business and commercial litigation, ADA matters, healthcare, intellectual property, employment, personal injury, and product liability.

Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 1992-2003

Attorney, Management Review, Administrative Office of United States Courts, Magistrate Judges Division, 1988-1992

Candidate, United States Congress, 1985-1986

Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Arkansas Eastern District, 1973-1985

Private law practice and Magistrate Judge (part-time), 1971-1973

Executive Secretary (Chief of Staff), Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, 1969-1971

Legislative Liaison, Governor's Office, 1968-1969

Commissioner, Arkansas State Claims Commission, 1967-1969 (Chairman, 1969)

Private law practice, 1966-1968

LL.B., University of Arkansas School of Law, 1965

B.A., (Distinguished Military Graduate), Quachita Baptist University, 1960



**Steven S. Gensler**  
**Associate Dean of Research and Scholarship**  
**Welcome D. and W. DeVier Pierson Professor of Law**  
**President's Associates Presidential Professor**  
**University of Oklahoma College of Law**

Professor Steven S. Gensler teaches courses on civil procedure, conflict of laws, federal courts, complex litigation, and alternative dispute resolution. He joined the OU law faculty in 2000 after serving two years as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Law. During 2003-04, Professor Gensler was the Supreme Court Fellow at the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

From 2005 to 2011, Professor Gensler served as a member of the United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. He currently serves as a member of the Local Civil Rules Committee for the Western District of Oklahoma and as the Vice Chair of the Oklahoma Bar Association's Civil Procedure Committee.

Professor Gensler is the author of *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: Rules and Commentary* (West) and a variety of articles on federal and Oklahoma practice and procedure. His recent scholarship has focused on the rulemaking process, electronic discovery, and case management.



Professor Gensler began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Deannell Reece Tacha on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (1992-93) and to the Honorable Kathryn H. Vratil on the United States District Court for the District of Kansas (1993-94). He then worked as a litigation associate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for four years, most recently with Michael, Best & Friedrich, LLP.

Professor Gensler was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar in 1994 and is a member of the American Bar Association and the Wisconsin Bar Association. He was elected to membership in the American Law Institute in 2006.

B.S. Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1988

J.D., summa cum laude, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1992



**Hon. Paul W. Grimm**  
**U.S. District Judge**  
**District of Maryland**

Paul W. Grimm serves as a District Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. He was appointed to the Court as a District Judge on December 10, 2012. Previously, he was appointed to the Court as a Magistrate Judge in February 1997 and served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 2006 through 2012. In September 2009, the Chief Justice of the United States appointed Judge Grimm to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Judge Grimm also chairs the Advisory Committee's Discovery Subcommittee. In these capacities, he has participated in drafting proposed changes to the federal rules of civil procedure, including Rule 37(e). Additionally, Judge Grimm is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where he teaches courses on evidence and discovery. Judge Grimm has written extensively on both topics.



**Frank S. Hamlin**  
**Founding Principal**  
**Hamlin Dispute Resolution, LLC**

Frank Hamlin has conducted over 4000 mediation and arbitration sessions throughout the mid-south since 1992. His experience with mediation and arbitration includes cases involving personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, aviation crash litigation, Dalkon Shield suits, medical malpractice suits, nursing home litigation, environmental disputes, construction cases, commercial litigation, securities litigation, employment litigation, insurance contract disputes, and disputes involving government entities. Frank has lectured at seminars and at law schools on mediation and arbitration.

Bar Admission(s): Arkansas (1974); U.S. District Court, Arkansas (1974); U.S. District Court, E.D. Texas (2004); 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (1974); U.S. Supreme Court (1978)

1975 – 1977 – Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: tried many jury and non-jury criminal cases.

1977 – 1994 – Private Practice

1995 – Present – Mediator and arbitrator.

University of Arkansas (1971), Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (major: Finance and Banking);  
The University of Memphis (1974), Juris Doctor



**Webb Hubbell**  
**Author**

Webb Hubbell is a nationally recognized award winning author and popular lecturer on the U.S. criminal justice system, politics and government, writing a novel, and life lessons from sports. He also writes, speaks, and advocates publicly on social issues including the inhumanity of solitary confinement, racial bias in the criminal justice system, the collateral consequences of a criminal conviction, the marijuana legalization movement, and the miracle of organ transplants.

Webb has held executive positions in government and industry, including Associate Attorney General of the United States, Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, Managing Partner of the Rose Law Firm, and Executive and Chief Counsel for a large Washington-based commercial insurance company.

A prolific writer, Webb's novel, *When Men Betray* (Beaufort Books, May 2014), is the first in a series of legal thrillers set in his hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. It was recently recognized as one of Foreword Reviews' INDIEFAB Book of the Year Winners. His second novel, *Ginger Snaps* (Beaufort Books, May 2015) was released to rave reviews, as well. His third novel, *A Game of Inches*, will be released in May 2016 and may be preordered online, at your local bookstore, or by going to [webbhubbell.com](http://webbhubbell.com). The novels draw liberally from Webb's own life, featuring recognizable personalities and locales from the Arkansas political scene while exploring personal themes of friendship, race relations, betrayal, and redemption.

Webb's previously published book is *Friends in High Places* (William Morrow & Co., 1997). An autobiographical account of his rise at a young age through the Arkansas political system, it explores his personal successes and failures there and in Washington, D.C., as a member of President Bill Clinton's administration.

On the forefront of current political and social thought, Webb comments on politics and related issues at *Hubbell's Telescope* for *The Clyde Fitch Report*. He also writes a daily meditation at *The Hubbell Pew*, a personal blog he founded as a Lenten tradition in 2004.

Born in Little Rock in 1948, Webb earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1970 and a juris doctor degree with honors in 1973 from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.



**G. Douglas Jones**  
**Founding Partner**  
**Jones & Hawley P.C.**

Doug Jones represents individual, institutional and corporate clients in complex civil and criminal litigation, with particular concentrations in class actions, securities litigation, healthcare litigation, white-collar criminal defense, False Claims Act and whistleblower litigation, environmental litigation and internal and corporate compliance matters. Since 2004, he has served as the court-appointed General Special Master for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, in *Tolbert, et al v. Monsanto and Pharmacia Corp.*, an environmental clean-up action involving PCB's in the Anniston, Alabama area.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the University of Alabama (B.S. 1976) and Cumberland School of Law at Samford University (J.D. 1979) and began his career as Staff Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for the late Senator Howell Heflin from Alabama. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1980-84 and was in private practice in Birmingham until his appointment as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama in 1997. He served as U.S. Attorney until June, 2001. While in office Mr. Jones served on the Attorney General's Advisory Sub-Committees on Health Care Fraud, White Collar Crime and Ethics. He currently serves as the Treasurer of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys. He was a partner at litigation firms in Birmingham until founding Jones & Hawley.

As United States Attorney, Mr. Jones personally led the team of prosecutors and investigators in the re-opened historic “cold case” of the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. Mr. Jones served as lead trial attorney in the successful prosecutions of two former Ku Klux Klansmen for the murder of four young girls killed in the bombing. He also coordinated the federal and state task force that led to the indictment and conviction of notorious fugitive Eric Robert Rudolph, who ultimately pled guilty to four terrorist bombings in Birmingham and Atlanta and who is currently serving a life sentence.

In recognition of his work in the area of civil rights, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute awarded Mr. Jones the 15th Anniversary Civil Rights Distinguished Service Award. He is a regular presenter at Continuing Legal Education seminars, civil rights history workshops, law schools and Inns of Court. He has appeared on *60 Minutes*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, the *CBS Morning Show* and regularly provides legal commentary on local and national media programs such as CNN Headline News, *NPR* and a variety of other television and radio programs.



**Hon. Henry L. Jones, Jr. (Ret.)**  
**The Mammon Group**

The Honorable Henry L. Jones, Jr., retired Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Arkansas, joined The Mammon Group (TMG), a leading provider of mediation, arbitration, and Special Master services in 2012.

Judge Jones was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge in December 1978. He was reappointed in December 1986, December 1994, and December 2002. Upon graduating from law school in 1972, he started his legal career as law clerk to Hon. G. Thomas Eisele, U.S. District Judge. A year later, he clerked for Hon. Gerald Heaney, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Judge Jones was in private practice from 1974 until his appointment as U.S. Magistrate Judge. In 1981, he was an instructor in Trial Practice at the UALR School of Law.

He has been a member of several boards, including Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Arkansas Council of NCCJ, University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees, Baum Gallery Advisory Board, Afrocentric Development Committee of RAIN, Carver YMCA. Board, Arkansas Humanities Council Board, and Commissioner of the Little Rock Arts & Humanities Promotion Commission. He served as a member of the Committee on Codes of Conduct of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Magistrate Judge Jones served his court for more than thirty years during which he completed hundreds of settlement conferences. A graduate of Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School, he enjoyed a broad civil litigation practice as a Partner at Walker Hollingsworth & Jones, P.A. in Little Rock, Arkansas, prior to his judicial career.



**Hon. Phyllis Jones**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**  
**Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas**

Phyllis Jones was appointed as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas on January 7, 2015. Prior to being on the bench she was a shareholder in the law firm of Lax, Vaughan, Fortson, Rowe & Threet, P.A. (formerly Lax, Vaughan, Fortson, Jones & Rowe, P.A.) for twelve years and practiced in the areas of commercial litigation, including bankruptcy and debtor/creditor litigation, and commercial lending. She has been involved in numerous bankruptcy litigation matters representing creditors, debtors, shareholders, trustees, and an unsecured creditors committee. Before joining the Lax Vaughan firm in 2002, Judge Jones practiced law for four years at Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP, in Little Rock, Arkansas, in the commercial litigation section.



Judge Jones graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law in 1997 with high honors, where she was Articles Editor for the *University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Journal*, National Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Quarter-Finalist, and recipient of the West Publishing-Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award. Judge Jones graduated magna cum laude from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. In 1992, she was the recipient of the Wall Street Journal and the National Collegiate Business Merit Awards. She also earned her Certified Public Accounting certificate in 1992 (Inactive).

Prior to the practice of law, Judge Jones served for twelve years as Judicial Assistant to the Honorable James G. Mixon, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas.

She also served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law, teaching Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy for twelve years prior to taking the bench.

Judge Jones is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; the American Bankruptcy Institute; the Arkansas Bar Association, receiving its prestigious Golden Gavel Award in 1999 and serving as Chair of the Debtor-Creditor Section 2001-2002; the Pulaski County Bar Association; the Debtor-Creditor Bar of Central Arkansas, serving as its President 1999-2000 and the Editor of the Debtor-Creditor Bar Newsletter 1998 to 2014; Leadership of Greater Little Rock (Class XVI); and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She was also on the Dean's Advisory Board of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School prior to taking the bench.



**Gregory P. Joseph**  
**Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC**

Gregory P. Joseph is a past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers (2010-11), Chair of the 60,000-member Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association (1997-98) and, by appointment of the Chief Justice, member of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence (1993-99). He is the President of the Supreme Court Historical Society.

In 2015, Mr. Joseph was rated one of the 35 best litigators in the US by Legal Media Group. He was voted one of the 10 best lawyers in New York City in 2014 and 2015 polls conducted by Superlawyers. In 2013, Mr. Joseph was rated one of the top 30 litigators in the world by London-based Legal Media Group. In 2012, World Finance magazine of London named him Best Lawyer - USA. In 2011, a world survey rated him one of the top 25 litigators in the world. In a survey conducted in 2009 by London-based Who's Who Legal, he was rated one of the 10 most highly regarded commercial litigators in the world. In a 2009 survey by Legal Media Group, he was rated one of the top 25 litigators in the United States, as he was in 2008. In prior surveys conducted by International Commercial Litigation and by Who's Who Legal, he was rated one of the 10 best commercial litigators in the United States and in the world, respectively. He has tried cases in fields as diverse as securities fraud, takeovers, intellectual property, corporate governance, fiduciary duty, federal taxation, tort and contract. He formerly chaired the Litigation Department at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in New York.

Mr. Joseph is the author of *Sanctions: The Federal Law of Litigation Abuse* (5th ed. 2013), which is cited in the Advisory Committee Notes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; *Civil RICO: A Definitive Guide* (4th ed. 2015), which the *Harvard Law Review* says "meticulously analyzes the decisions" (106 Harv. L. Rev.1376) and *Fortune* calls "the leading treatise on RICO" (Sept. 29, 2008 at 135); and *Modern Visual Evidence* (1st ed. 1984; Supp. 2015), which has been described as "the authoritative text" on that subject (*Communication Arts*, Sept./Oct. 1995 at 45). He has written more than 100 articles in professional journals. His books and articles have been cited in more than 250 judicial opinions, 350 law review articles, and in the Advisory Committee Notes to the Federal Rules of Evidence and Civil Procedure. He serves on the Editorial Board of *Moore's Federal Practice* (3d ed.).

He has lectured for the Federal Judicial Center and National Judicial College; at the Judicial Conferences of the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits, U.S. Tax Court and U.S. Court of Claims; and at more than 200 professional conferences. He is an honors graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and a member of the American Law Institute.





**Hon. Robert J. Kressel**  
**U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**  
**District of Minnesota**

Robert J. Kressel has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota since 1982. He has also been a judge of the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit since its creation in 1996. Before his appointment, Judge Kressel was in private practice for seven years and with the Department of Justice for three years, in the United States Trustee's Office.

Judge Kressel has served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States and the Eighth Circuit's Gender Fairness Task Force. In the past, he has been an adjunct professor at Hamline University School of Law, William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law and a Contributing Author of *Collier on Bankruptcy*.

Judge Kressel received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.



**Jason E. Luckasevic**  
**Shareholder**  
**Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C.**

Jason Luckasevic is a shareholder and a member of the advisory committee with Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C. He started his legal career in 2000 representing asbestos victims and their families. In the past, Jason managed the western Pennsylvania asbestos docket which consisted of thousands of injured asbestos victims.

Jason has prepared hundreds of cases for trial. His skills were recognized early in his career when he began trying jury trials in his first year of practice. Jason has personally handled asbestos cases in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Arizona and Nevada.

Jason currently spends his time managing his firm's personal injury department. In that capacity, Jason litigates automobile accidents, slip and fall, personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice cases. His efforts have led to thousands of jury listed cases receiving many millions of dollars.

Attorney Jason Luckasevic brought concussions in sports to international attention when he originated and filed the first two lawsuits against the National Football League on behalf of more than 120 retired players for their chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) brain injuries.

In late 2006, he began studying the devastating effects of brain injury and concussion injury in sports. Jason retains and consults with the most distinguished medical experts in the country, handling concussion injuries from the fields of psychiatry, neurology, neurosurgery, neuropathy and neuropsychology.

Jason is the most sought after lawyer and expert consultant on sports brain injuries from the U.S. to Australia. Jason has been featured in the book *League of Denial*, the documentary film "The United States of Football" and as the cover story of *The New York Times Magazine*. Media outlets including NBC, ABC, ESPN, Fox, CNN and *The Los Angeles Times* have used Jason for his opinions. Jason also teaches a course on sports concussions at Carnegie Mellon University.

For his efforts, Jason has been selected a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. He has also been named as a National Trial Lawyer Top 40 Under 40.

Jason graduated in 1997 from Washington & Jefferson College in 3 years majoring in English and Political Science. He received his law degree in 2000 from Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh, PA.



**Robert D. Manfred, Jr.**  
**Commissioner of Major League Baseball**

Robert D. Manfred, Jr. was elected as the 10th Commissioner in the history of Major League Baseball on August 14, 2014, by a unanimous vote of the 30 Major League Clubs. He officially became the sport's leader on January 25, 2015.

Manfred had served as Chief Operating Officer of Major League Baseball since September 30, 2013. In this role, Manfred managed the Commissioner's Office in New York on behalf of Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig. He worked closely with Club ownership and management executives and has long addressed a variety of the industry's economic, governance and policy issues. As COO, Manfred oversaw labor relations, baseball operations, baseball development, finance, administration and other key areas.

Before becoming COO, Manfred served as MLB's Executive Vice President for Economics & League Affairs, reporting directly to Commissioner Selig and responsible for major economic matters such as revenue sharing and the debt-service rule, as well as franchise-specific matters involving the 30 Major League Clubs. From 1998-2012, he was Executive Vice President for Labor Relations & Human Resources. In both capacities, Manfred directed all issues related to collective bargaining with the Major League Baseball Players Association, including the successful renewals of the Basic Agreement in 2002, 2006 and 2011. Those agreements helped realize Commissioner Selig's vision of competitive balance and club financial stability through reforms such as increased revenue sharing, more aggressive payroll taxes, reform of the amateur talent acquisition process and strict debt regulation.

The 2002 labor pact was the first in more than 30 years to be settled between the two parties without incurring a work stoppage. MLB is currently in the midst of a period of at least 21 consecutive years of labor peace, a stretch that is unprecedented in the sport's history. Manfred also represented MLB on all upgrades to the game's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program, which stands as the toughest and most comprehensive in American professional sports.

Manfred is a 1980 graduate of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. In 1983, he received his law degree magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an articles editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Following law school, Manfred served as a clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro in the District of Massachusetts.

Following his clerkship, Manfred joined the Labor and Employment Law Section of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, resident in the Washington, D.C., office. He became a partner in the firm in 1992.

Active in professional organizations, Manfred is a member of the Labor Section of the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts and District of Columbia Bar Associations and the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Sports Lawyers Association and the Partnership for Clean Competition. Manfred was named Labor Counsel of the Year in 2008 by the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel and was awarded an honorary degree by LeMoyne College in 2010.



**Jill Morris**  
**ADR Program Director**  
**United States Court, Western District of Missouri**

Jill Morris is Director of the Mediation & Assessment Program in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Approximately 1000 civil cases are assigned to the program annually for mediation and other ADR assistance. Ms. Morris mediates a large number of cases each year, oversees an outside panel of over 185 mediators, provides mediation training, monitors compliance with the Court's ADR order and tracks ADR statistics. Prior to directing the Court's ADR program, Ms. Morris clerked for the Honorable Nanette K. Laughrey of the Western District of Missouri and spent over 16

years in private practice and as a partner with two law firms. Ms. Morris has vast experience litigating cases to judges and juries; training workforces; conducting workplace investigations; teaching certificate programs for human resource professionals and mediating cases. Ms. Morris attended the University of Missouri-Columbia for law school and her undergraduate degree. Currently, Ms. Morris co-chairs the ABA's Section of Dispute Resolution Court ADR Committee. She is also presenting on active judicial management under the new Federal Rules at the Federal Judicial Center's 2016 National Workshops for U.S. Magistrate Judges.



**Katherine Porter**  
**Professor of Law**  
**University of California, Irvine School of Law**

Professor Porter's research focuses on empirical studies of consumer bankruptcy and has been published in journals including the *Texas Law Review*, the *Georgetown Law Journal*, the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, and the *Cornell Law Review*. She is a co-author of textbook, *The Law of Debtors and Creditors* (Wolters Kluwer 2014), and the editor of *Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle Class* (Stanford Press 2012).

In March 2012, Professor Porter was appointed by California Attorney General Kamala Harris to be the state's independent monitor of banks in a nationwide \$25 billion mortgage settlement. As Monitor, she oversaw the banks' implementation of the settlement reforms and conducted extensive community outreach and education. The Monitor Program reviewed and responded to over 5,000 complaints and intervened with the banks in hundreds of situations. Professor Porter founded a Consumer Protection Clinic at UCI Law to involve students in the Monitor's work.

Professor Porter has been a principal investigator in several original empirical projects, including the 2007 Consumer Bankruptcy Project and the Mortgage Study. She recently launched an ongoing data collection with Professors Lawless and Thorne on families filing bankruptcy in 2013 and subsequent years. In 2012, Professor Porter served as a member of the Task Force Working Group on Natural Persons' Insolvency for the World Bank Insolvency and Creditor/Debtor regime. Professor Porter has received awards for her academic and service work, including selection as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California in 2012, receipt of the Champion of Consumer Rights Award from the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, and the award of the Editors' Prize from the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* for best article.

Professor Porter previously was on the faculty at the University of Iowa College of Law and has been a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, UC Berkeley Law, the University of Illinois College of Law, and the UNLV Boyd School of Law. She practiced bankruptcy law in Portland, Oregon, and clerked for the Honorable Richard S. Arnold of the Eighth Circuit. She earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her B.A. from Yale University.

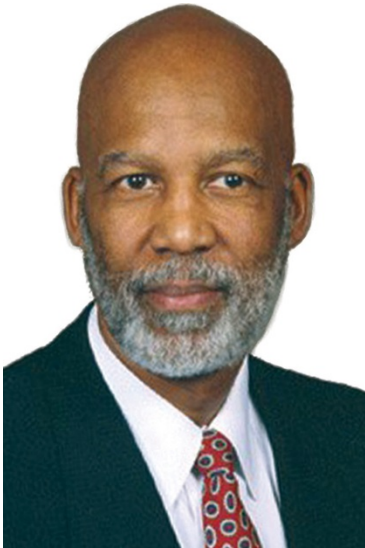


**Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.**  
**Chief Justice of the United States**

Chief Justice Roberts was born in Buffalo, New York, January 27, 1955. He married Jane Marie Sullivan in 1996 and they have two children - Josephine and Jack. He received an A.B. from Harvard College in 1976 and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1979. He served as a law clerk for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1979–1980 and as a law clerk for then-Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1980 Term. He was Special Assistant to the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice from 1981–1982, Associate Counsel to President Ronald Reagan, White House Counsel's Office from 1982–1986, and Principal Deputy Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice from 1989–1993. From 1986–1989 and 1993–2003, he practiced law in Washington, D.C. He was appointed to the United States Court

of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 2003. President George W. Bush nominated him as Chief Justice of the United States, and he took his seat September 29, 2005.





**Terrence J. Roberts, Ph.D.**  
**CEO of Terrence Roberts Consulting**

Terrence J. Roberts was a 15 year old junior when he entered Little Rock Central High school. Despite the daily harassment, he completed his junior year, but moved with his family to Los Angeles the following year and graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1959.

Dr. Roberts received a BA in sociology from California State University at Los Angeles in 1967. This was followed by an MS in social welfare in 1970 from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1970 and a Ph.D. in psychology from Southern Illinois University in 1976.

Dr. Roberts is CEO of Terrence J. Roberts & Associates, a management consultant firm devoted to fair and equitable practices. A much sought after speaker and presenter, Dr. Roberts maintains a private psychology practice and lectures and presents workshops and seminars on a wide variety of topics.

Dr. Roberts is the recipient of the Spingarn Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal. He serves on the boards of the Economic Resources Center in Southern California, the Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, and the Little Rock Nine Foundation.



**Richard P. Sher**  
**Founding Member**  
**Sher Corwin Winters LLC**

Dick Sher's practice involves the representation of clients before state and federal trial and appellate courts and administrative tribunals and in alternative dispute resolution processes in virtually all areas of commercial disputes, including corporate, real estate, securities, anti-trust, financial institutions, insurance, construction and products liability.

Dick also regularly serves as a neutral, having served as mediator in over 2,000 cases and as arbitrator in over 100 cases, and represents clients in mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes. He is currently president of the St. Louis Chapter of the Association of Attorney-Mediators and is a former member of its national board of directors. He is an active member of

the mediation and arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other national ADR organizations. In 2011, he was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators. He has also served as a trainer in mediation and arbitration.

In 1994, Dick drafted the local rule on mediation of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, Missouri; in 1995 he was appointed to the court committee responsible for implementing the rule and in 1997 he served as advisor for the court's pilot mediation program. He also served as advisor to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri on implementation of that court's mediation and early neutral evaluation programs and currently serves on the Missouri Supreme Court Commission on ADR.

In 1995, he organized the first St. Louis Symposium on ADR and spoke at this program on mediation and the evolution of ADR. In 1994, he served as a trainer at a seminar presented jointly by the American Arbitration Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers on securities arbitration. He is the author of "Mediation" which appeared in the Fall 1994 edition of the *St. Louis Bar Journal*, and of "Early Neutral Evolution" which appeared in the May 1995 edition of the *St. Louis Lawyer*. He is a member of both the Mediation Committee of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section and the ADR Committee of the ABA Litigation Section (where he served as Eighth Circuit Reporter for the ADR Newsletter), as well as the ADR committees of the Missouri Bar and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO, J.D. with distinction; Order of Bench & Robe; Articles Editor, *The Urban Lawyer*, 1974; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, B.A. With Honors, 1972





**Hon. Anita Louise Shodeen**  
**Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court**  
**Southern District of Iowa**

Chief Judge Shodeen was appointed as Bankruptcy Judge in the Southern District of Iowa on August 26, 2009. She currently serves on the Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Judge Shodeen is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, American Bankruptcy Institute and American Bar Association, Federal Trial Judge Division.



**Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton**  
**U.S. Circuit Judge**  
**Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals**

Jeffrey S. Sutton was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on May 5, 2003. Prior to this, he was a partner with the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Columbus, Ohio branch, since 1996. Before that he was an associate with the firm where he specialized in Commercial Litigation, Constitutional Litigation, and Appellate Practice. Since 1993, Judge Sutton has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Ohio State University College of Law, teaching seminars on the United States Constitution and State Constitutional Law. Since 2012, Judge Sutton has taught a class on State Constitutional Law at Harvard Law School. From 1995-1998, he was State Solicitor of Ohio, overseeing all appellate litigation on behalf of the Attorney General and participating in complex litigation on her behalf at the trial level. In

1991 and 1992, Judge Sutton worked as a Law Clerk to The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Associate Justice (Ret.) and The Honorable Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Sutton has argued twelve cases in the United States Supreme Court. Judge Sutton received his B.A. from Williams College and his J.D. from the Ohio State University College of Law.



**Eddie H. Walker, Jr.**  
**Partner**  
**Walker, Shock & Harp, PLLC**

Eddie H. Walker, Jr., of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was sworn in as the president of the Arkansas Bar Association on June 12, 2015.

Walker has been an active member of the Arkansas Bar Association for more than 30 years. During that time he has served on the House of Delegates, the Executive Council, and numerous committees including the Judicial Nominations Committee and the Committee on Professionalism. Eddie has chaired the Board of Governors and the Workers' Compensation Section.

Eddie is a Fellow of the Arkansas Bar Foundation and a recipient of the C.E.

Ransick Award of Excellence. Additionally, he has chaired the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct. He has served as president of the Sebastian County Bar Association, served on the board of the Western Arkansas Legal Services and the board of Western Arkansas Ballet. He is a former board member of the Fort Smith United Way. He is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, where he has served on the Administrative Board and as youth program leader. He continues to be a Sunday school teacher there. In addition to having served as a Special Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court on several occasions, he has also served as a Special Commissioner for the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. Eddie earned his undergraduate degree and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.