

Pathways to the Bench



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SPEAKER BIOS

A Unique Resource: The Judicial Mentor Program

Speakers:

Hon. Teri L. Jackson, Presiding Justice, Div. 5, 1DCA; former Chair and Co-creator, California Judicial Mentor Program—Appellate

Hon. Linda Colfax, Judge, San Francisco Superior Court; Chair, Judicial Mentor Program

Hon. Lori Pegg, Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

Moderator:

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Hon. Teri L. Jackson

Justice, California Court of Appeals, First Appellate District, Presiding Justice, Division Five



Justice Teri L. Jackson has been the presiding justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Five, since August 2021. From January 2020 to August 2021, she was an associate justice of Division Three. She also served as a cochair of the work group of the California Justice Mentor Program (Appellate).

Before joining the First Appellate District, she was the first African-American woman, appointed in 2002, to serve as a judge of the San Francisco Superior Court. She was the court's presiding judge from 2017 to 2019.

Before her first judicial appointment, she was a partner at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe. She was a prosecutor for more than 15 years, first with San Mateo District Attorney's Office then with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, where she was the first woman to serve a managing attorney of the homicide trial team.

Justice Jackson received her B.A. in politics in 1977 from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She earned her J.D. in 1980 from Georgetown University Law Center.

Hon. Linda Colfax

Judge, Superior Court of San Francisco



Judge Linda Colfax has been a judge for the San Francisco Superior Court since January 2011. During her 14 years as a judge, Judge Colfax has presided over family, juvenile matters, both dependency and juvenile justice, civil trials and criminal trials.

Judge Colfax is the chair of San Francisco's Judicial Mentorship Program. In addition, Judge Colfax served as the Vice President of the California Judges Association (CJA), the California Judges Foundation (CJF), and the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges. She also co-chaired CJA's Task Force on the Elimination of Bias and Inequality and the LGBT Judicial Officers of California. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Colfax worked as a San Francisco Public Defender and served on the boards of the Northern CAACLU, BALIF, Women Defenders, and the Golden Gate Women's Soccer League. She earned her bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. During her time at the University of Michigan, Judge Colfax was one of the co-founders of the Michigan Journal of Race and Law.

Hon. Lori E. Pegg

Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County



Judge Lori E. Pegg is currently assigned to the Civil Division in a trial assignment. She was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court bench in August 2013. She served for a year and a half in the Criminal Division hearing a misdemeanor arraignment and trial calendar. Beginning in January 2015, Judge Pegg served as an All Purpose Judge in the Family Division for four years and as the Supervising Judge for two years. In that role, she presided over the Family Division's domestic violence calendars, guardianship calendars and adoptions calendars. Judge Pegg then completed two years in the Probate Division covering general probate, conservatorship, and guardianship calendars. As both an attorney and as a judge, Judge Pegg has trained lawyers, public officials and judges throughout California on issues involving ethics, implicit bias, and access to the courts.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Pegg served in a number of leadership positions in the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office over her 13 years with the office, including Acting County Counsel. Prior to joining the County Counsel's Office, Judge Pegg worked in private law firms and specialized in public entity labor and employment law and school law. Judge Pegg graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1986, and from UCLA in June 1983 - with a political science major with a public law emphasis.

Megan A. Rowe

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Megan is a founding shareholder of DSR Health Law located in Sacramento. Megan's practice includes representing health plans with Knox-Keene Act licensing, and regulatory and compliance matters related to the California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC). She also regularly advises on Medi-Cal issues related to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Megan's practice includes advice and counsel regarding HIPAA, CMIA, and other privacy laws. She also handles transactional matters, including drafting and negotiating provider and vendor agreements, business associate agreements, and data sharing agreements on behalf of health plans. Megan has extensive litigation and trial experience. When Megan is not practicing law, she participates in and contributes to numerous professional and community organizations. Megan is the past Chair of the Litigation Section of the California Lawyers Association, past President of Women Lawyers of Sacramento, and former Board Member of California Women Lawyers.