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JUDGE J. MICHELLE CHILDS
United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

Before being confirmed to the D.C.

Circuit in 2022, Judge Childs served for 12 years as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina and four years as a state trial judge. She had already been nominated to the D.C. Circuit post when, in early 2022, the White House acknowledged that she was under consideration to replace the retiring Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court.



JUSTICE SERGE GEORGES, JR.
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

The son of Haitian immigrants, Justice

Georges is the fourth Black person to serve on the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts since the court's creation in 1692. He has said that his life and career were deeply influenced by the 1989 murder of a pregnant woman in Boston and subsequent search for her killer. The woman's husband told authorities that they had been robbed and shot by an unidentified African-American man while the White couple drove through the Roxbury section of Boston. The ensuing hysteria included indiscriminate interrogation of Black men, and Boston newspapers began calling for restoration of the death penalty. The victim's husband was eventually revealed to be the murderer.



JUDGE HOLLY J. FUJIE
Superior Court of Los Angeles County

In 2008, while in private practice, Judge Fujie became

the third woman and the first Asian American to serve as president of the State Bar of California. She is a member of the American Law Institute and serves on Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Advisory Committee for appointments in the Central District of California and on Governor Newsom's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee for Los Angeles County. She was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 2011. Judge Fujie is also Co-Chair of the Multi-Cultural Bar Alliance of Southern California.



JUSTICE MONICA M. MÁRQUEZ
Colorado Supreme Court

After earning her bachelor's degree from Stanford University, Justice

Márquez spent two years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working with at-risk children in Camden, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She practiced general commercial litigation and employment law before joining the Colorado Attorney General's office and serving in a number of capacities, including deputy attorney general. She was appointed an associate justice of the Colorado Supreme Court in 2010. Justice Márquez is openly gay and is the first Latina to serve on the court.



JUDGE ESTHER SALAS
United States District Court, District of New Jersey

In 2011 Judge Salas became the first Latina to serve on

the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. She had previously been a federal magistrate judge. In 2020, a 72-year-old anti-feminist attorney who had once argued a case before her came to the door of her home, shot and killed her 20-year-old son and seriously wounded her husband. The shooter was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Judge Salas has since become a nationally known advocate for legislation to provide greater protection for judges.



JUDGE SUNSHINE S. SYKES
United States District Court for the Central District of California

In 2021 Judge Sykes became the

fifth American Indian ever to serve on the federal bench and the first to serve on the federal bench in California. Born on the Navajo Nation Reservation in Tuba City, Arizona, she spent her early years living there and in the border town of Gallup, New Mexico. In 2013 she was appointed as the first Native American ever to sit on the Superior Court in Riverside, California. She is known for her expertise in juvenile dependency and child welfare and issues related to the Indian Child Welfare Act.

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

- 6:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
- 6:20 PM WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**
Hon. Benes Z. Aldana (Ret.) President & CEO
Mark Tratos & Hon. Janet Berry (Ret.) 60th Anniversary Co-Chairs
Roman Silberfeld Board of Visitors Co-Chair and L.A. Host
Sponsor Representatives
- 6:50 PM PRESENTATION OF MAKING THE WORLD A MORE JUST PLACE AWARDS AND INTRODUCTION OF HONOREES**
Edward Blumberg, Board of Trustees Chair
- 7:00 PM FIRESIDE CHAT: CELEBRATING A DIVERSE JUDICIARY**
MODERATOR: Judge J. Michelle Childs, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- 8:00 PM CEREMONIAL CHAMPAGNE TOAST TO THE NJC'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY**
Hon. Benes Z. Aldana (Ret.) President & CEO
Edward Blumberg, Board of Trustees Chair
- 9:00 PM RECEPTION CONCLUDES**

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