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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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Stephen V. Armstrong is the Director of Professional Development for Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. He is Co-Chair of the ABA's Business Law Education Committee, a member of its Communications Skills Committee, and a past chair of the Professional Development consortium, an organization of those responsible for in-house education in law firms and departments in the United States and Canada. He has taught writing programs for judges under the sponsorship of the Federal Judicial Center, the judicial education offices of New York and several other states, and the Ontario Court of Appeals, as well as programs for lawyers under the sponsorship of ALI-ABA, the American Bar Association, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and other organizations. Mr. Armstrong has also written a book, with Timothy Terrell, titled *Thinking Like a Writer: A Lawyer's Guide to Effective Writing and Editing*. Before joining the firm where he currently works, Mr. Armstrong held a similar position at Shearman & Sterling, taught in the English Department at the University of Alabama, and was a reporter and editor for *The Washington Post*.

ROBERT E. BANK

Robert E. Bank, a graduate of CUNY Law School's first class, is Director of Legal Services and Advocacy at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the nation's oldest and largest AIDS service and advocacy organization. The agency provides services to thousands of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, educates the public, and advocates for fair and effective legislative responses to the complex needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. Bank leads a staff of lawyers and paralegals who provide free, direct services to HIV-infected clients in a wide range of areas, including: discrimination, disability rights, employment, insurance, entitlements, housing, family law, estate planning, immigration, consumer law, and HIV confidentiality. He also leads a group of advocates who assist clients through the maze of health care and financial bureaucracies that control the delivery of public and private benefits for the HIV-infected population. Due to the devastating impact of welfare and immigration reform on the nation's non-citizens, Mr. Bank has also worked to create innovative programs for undocumented immigrants with HIV in an attempt to retain

access to shelter, food and medical treatment for this population. Prior to his work at GMHC, Mr. Bank was a Deputy Assistant Chief in the Code Enforcement Unit of the New York City Corporation Counsels' office where he brought affirmative litigation against individuals and corporate entities who were harassing tenants in large residential buildings and SROs by deliberately and consistently violating the Unlawful Eviction Law, and the Fire, Buildings and Health Codes.

JUDGE JUDITH M. BILLINGS

Judge Judith Billings is a member of the Utah Court of Appeals. President-elect of the Appellate Judges Conference of the ABA, Judge Billings is also Chair of the ABA's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, a member of the ABA's House of Delegates, a member of the National Judicial College's Board of Trustees, a member of the American Law Institute, and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is past President of the National Association of Women Judges and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Utah Legal Aid Society, Utah Legal Services, and the Utah State Bar Access to Justice Commission. Judge Billings has been named Utah Woman Lawyer of the Year and received the Distinguished Alumni Award of the University of Utah College of Humanities and the University of Utah College of Law.

ANDREA PAIR BRYANT

Andrea Pair Bryant, a patent attorney of counsel at Hughes & Luce, L.L.P., is Secretary of the National Bar Association and Chair of its Pro Bono Committee. Ms. Bryant formerly served as a Deputy Public Interest Counsel at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and she is retired from the IBM Corporation's Intellectual Property Law Department. Ms. Bryant is active in Bar activities at the local, state and national levels. She serves on the Boards of the Travis County Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, the National Bar Institute and the ABA Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. She also serves on the Board of Legal Aid of Central Texas (LACT) and volunteers at the free weekly evening legal clinic run by LACT and Volunteer Legal Services (VLS), which represents pro bono clients referred through VLS.

JAMES A. COHEN

The Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, Professor James A.

Cohen is the Director of Clinical Education at Fordham Law School where he is responsible for the design and implementation of the live-client clinical program, the Trial Advocacy program, the Foundations Skills program, and the Externship program, as well as other courses involving significant simulation. Professor Cohen has tried more than 100 jury trials in federal and state courts, prepared briefs, and argued appeals in the New York State Appellate Division and the Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

BARRY COMMONER

Barry Commoner is a prominent environmental scientist who graduated from Columbia University and received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard. Dr. Commoner was a university professor of Environmental Science at Washington University in St. Louis, where he organized the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems, which has become known internationally for its pioneering research on environmental and energy problems. In 1981, Dr. Commoner moved the Center from Washington University to Queens College of the City University of New York. Widely known as a writer and lecturer on the relationship between environmental and energy problems and economic and political issues, Barry Commoner's research activities at the Center include studies of the occurrence of carcinogens in the environment; methods of reorganizing agriculture that fosters the production of both food and fuel while protecting the environment; new energy and cost-saving conservation systems for urban housing; and alternative methods of disposing of municipal waste. Dr. Commoner's most recent book is *Making Peace with the Planet* (Pantheon, 1990).

WILLIAM J. DEAN

After many years in private practice in New York City, in 1987, William J. Dean became the Executive Director of Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS), whose mission is to increase pro bono civil legal services to New York City's poor. VOLS identifies areas of legal need and developing programs to meet those needs and recruits volunteer lawyers and law firms to provide necessary legal services to elderly New Yorkers, children, persons with AIDS, incarcerated mothers, micro-entrepreneurs, and poverty law offices, among others. Mr. Dean's civic activities include long-time service as Chairman, and now Board member, of the Correctional Association of New York and the Osborne Association, organizations con-

cerned with prison reform. He has served as a member of the New York City Commission on the Year 2000, recommending future policy directions, and he currently serves as a Board member of the Citizens Union Research Foundation and as Chairman of The New York Society Library, the oldest library in New York City.

ROBERT F. DRINAN, S. J.

Robert F. Drinan, S. J. is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center where he has taught since his retirement from The U.S. House of Representatives in 1981. For ten years Mr. Drinan represented the 4th District of Massachusetts, serving as a member of the House Committees on the Judiciary, Internal Security, and Government Operations, and the House Select Committee on Aging, among others. From 1956 to 1970, Mr. Drinan was Dean and Professor of Law of Boston College Law School. Among Mr. Drinan's many professional affiliations, he is Chairman of the Standing Committee on Professionalism of the American Bar Association; a member of the National Governing Board of Common Cause; a member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.; Vice Chairman of the National Advisory Council of the American Civil Liberties Union; and, an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Mr. Drinan is the author of numerous publications, including: *The Fractured Dream—America's Divisive Moral Choices* (Crossroad, 1991); *Stories from the American Soul* (Loyola University Press, 1990); and *Cry of the Oppressed—The History and Hope of the Human Rights Revolution* (Harper & Row, 1987).

MARGARET FUNG

Margaret Fung is the Executive Director and a founding member of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), the first legal organization on the east coast to protect the civil rights of Asian Americans through litigation, community education and legal advocacy. In *Chinese Staff and Workers Association v. City of New York*, Ms. Fung won a landmark ruling from the New York Court of Appeals, which, for the first time, required that the impact of new development on low-income tenants and small businesses be considered under state environmental laws. In 1992, Ms. Fung was invited to testify before the House Judiciary Committee on the Voting Rights Language Assistance Act. Her advocacy led to the first fully-translated Chinese language ballots in New York City for the 1994 elections. A member of the Board of Direc-

tors of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, the New York Civil Liberties Union, and the Japanese American Social Services, Inc., Ms. Fung was also appointed to serve on the New York State Commission on Constitutional Revision, the Mayor's Task Force on Police-Community Relations, and Community Board #1 in Lower Manhattan. She was named one of the nation's "20 Lawyers Making a Difference" by the American Bar Association's *Barrister Magazine* and has won awards from the Asian American Bar Association of New York, the NYU Alumni Association and the Manhattan Borough President's Women's Herstory Month.

KRISTIN BOOTH GLEN

Kristin Booth Glen, Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Public Interest Law, served as a member of the judiciary beginning in 1980 as a Civil Court Judge, Supreme Court Justice, and an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, First Judicial Department. In 1995, she left the bench to become the third Dean of the City University of New York School of Law. A legal educator for more than 25 years, Dean Glen has taught at New York University School of Law, where she founded the first Women and the Law Clinic in 1971, New York Law School and Hofstra University School of Law to prepare graduates for community-based practice. She is a nationally recognized expert in elder law, guardianship and women's rights and a member of the boards of many organizations, including Prisoners' Legal Services, the Fund for Modern Courts, the Brookdale Center on Aging, and the Welfare Rights Initiative. She is active in a number of Bar Associations and served on the AALS Presidential Commission on Pro Bono Public Interest Opportunities in Legal Education. In 1995 Dean Glen was awarded Columbia Law School's Public Interest Law Foundation Achievement Award, and in 1998 she was named "Outstanding Public Interest Dean of the Year" by the National Association of Public Interest Lawyers.

CHARLES R. HALPERN

Charles R. Halpern is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nathan Cummings Foundation. One of the country's chief architects of the public interest law movement, Charles Halpern was selected to be the founding Dean of the CUNY School of Law, in 1981, where he assumed leadership in establishing the nation's first public interest law school and developed a curriculum integrating clinical methods throughout the three years of the aca-

demic program. He remained at the Law School until 1987 and continues to be a strong supporter of the School and its mission and he currently serves on its Board of Visitors. He was the first Director of the Center for Law and Social Policy, a national public policy and law organization. Mr. Halpern is also the founder of the Mental Health Law Project and the Council for Public Interest Law, for which he also served as the Director. He has also brought his public interest focus to academia by teaching administrative law and mental health law at Stanford Law School and at Georgetown University Law Center, where he was the Director of its Institute for Public Representation.

BOB HERBERT

Bob Herbert joined *The New York Times* as an Op-Ed columnist in June 1993. His twice-weekly column, "In America," comments on politics, urban affairs and social trends. Prior to joining *The New York Times*, Mr. Herbert was a national correspondent for NBC's "The Today Show" and "Nightly News." He was a reporter and editor for *The Daily News* when he became a columnist and member of its editorial board. Mr. Herbert was a founding panelist of "Sunday Edition," a weekly discussion program on WCBS-TV and the host of "Hotline," a weekly issues program on WNYC-TV. Mr. Herbert is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Meyer Berger Award for coverage of New York City and the American Society of Newspaper Editors Award for distinguished newspaper writing. He was also the Chairman of the Pulitzer Prize Jury for Spot News Reporting in 1993. Mr. Herbert has taught journalism at Brooklyn College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

MICHAEL HERTZ

Co-Chair of Latham & Watkins' New York Litigation Department and a senior member of the firm's national Pro Bono Committee, Michael Hertz is the developer of a Web-based service called Pro Bono Net. Through Pro Bono Net, lawyers not only will be able to identify pro bono opportunities, but will also have online access to training materials and precedent, and can be linked to other volunteer and public interest lawyers with expertise within a given practice area. The prototype is now being tested in New York City in two practice areas, Family Justice and Asylum, which are hosted by two public interest legal organizations with well-developed pro bono programs involving approximately 1,500 volun-

teer lawyers in New York and Washington D.C. Pro Bono Net is supported by the Program on Law and Society at the Open Society Institute.

CHERI HONKALA

Cheri Honkala is the founder and Executive Director of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union (KWRU), the Co-Chair of the National Welfare Rights Union and a co-founder of the Up and Out of Poverty Now! Coalition. A formerly homeless single mother, Ms. Honkala helped lead the Kensington Welfare Rights Union to an historic position as an affiliate of the National Union of Hospital and Healthcare Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. This marks the first time labor unions have awarded formal recognition to a union of the unemployed. In 1997, Ms. Honkala and other members of the KWRU organized the "March for Our Lives" from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia to the United Nations in New York to protest human rights violations in the U.S. caused by welfare reform. In 1998, Ms. Honkala spearheaded a national "New Freedom Bus Tour: Freedom from Hunger, Homelessness, and Unemployment," during which poor and homeless men, women and children traveled to 40 sites around the United States collecting documentation of economic human rights violations that they presented at a culminating tribunal at the United Nations before a national and international panel of judges. In 1998, the KWRU was a Philadelphia Foundation finalist for the William's Award for Organizational Excellence.

ELAINE R. JONES

Elaine R. Jones is President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDF), the nation's oldest organization fighting for equal rights under law. When Ms. Jones took the helm of LDF in 1993, she became its first female leader, bringing with her two decades of experience as a litigator and civil rights activist. In 1972, only two years out of law school, she was the LDF counsel of record in *Furman v. Georgia*, a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that abolished the death penalty in 37 states. In 1975, Ms. Jones was named Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., helping to create real and metaphorical paths as she took the lead in crafting policy that opened the U.S. Coast Guard to women. Ms. Jones returned to LDF in 1977, playing a key role in securing the passage of legislative milestones such as, the Voting Rights Act Amendments

of 1982, the Fair Housing Act of 1988, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. Under her direction, LDF has broadened its mission to include emerging priorities, such as environmental justice and healthcare reform. Ms. Jones was a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and a guest lecturer at the law schools of American University, Georgetown University, Howard University and Temple University, among others. She is the recipient of many honors and awards.

JAMES CONKLIN MOORE

James Conklin Moore, a partner at Harter, Secrest & Emery, is President of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). Mr. Moore used his tenure as President of the NYSBA to advance issues of access to legal representation and support for legal services. Mr. Moore is also a member of the ABA's Litigation Section, and former Chair of the ABA Trial Techniques Committee, Product Liability Committee, and Professional Liability Committee. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers as well as the American Bar Foundation and New York Bar Foundation, and an elected member of the American Law Institute. Mr. Moore's publications include "Construction Litigation," *Civil Litigation in the Federal Courts* and "Third Party Litigation," *Civil Litigation in New York*.

LEONARD NOISSETTE

Leonard Noisette is the Director of Neighborhood Defender Services (NDS), a community-based defender office located in Harlem, New York which seeks to broaden the role of public defenders. Mr. Noisette has been a defender of the indigent for 15 years. An active member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York County Lawyers Association, Mr. Noisette also serves on the Boards of Directors of the New York State Defenders Association, the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Mr. Noisette's volunteer activities include serving as mentor for Legal Outreach, an educational and college preparatory program for inner city teens; basketball coach and workshop instructor for Brothers Against Killing Each Other (BAKE), a youth program in the low-income neighborhood in which Leonard Noisette grew up; and as a counselor/mentor with the Rites of Passage program sponsored by Allen A.M.E. Church in Jamaica, New York for seventh and eighth grade young men attending the Church's school.

CHARLES J. OGLETREE, JR.

Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, began his career as a staff attorney in the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, serving as Training Director, Trial Chief, and Deputy Director before entering private practice in 1985. In 1991 Professor Ogletree was Legal Counsel to Professor Anita Hill during the Senate confirmation hearings for Justice Clarence Thomas. He has served as the moderator of four of the ten-part PBS series "Ethics in America" and in the PBS productions of "Hard Drugs, Hard Choices," "Liberty & Limits: Whose Law, Whose Order?" and "Credibility in the Newsroom." Professor Ogletree is the co-author of the recently published book *Beyond the Rodney King Story: An Investigation of Police Conduct in Minority Communities*. His most recent chapter, "The Tireless Warrior for Racial Justice," appears in *Reason & Passion: Justice Brennan's Enduring Influence*. Professor Ogletree has received numerous awards, including the 1993 Albert Sacks-Paul A. Freund Award for Teaching Excellence at Harvard Law School, the 1996 National Bar Association's Presidential Award for The Renaissance Man of the Legal Profession, and the 21st Century Achievement Award from the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts.

WILLIAM G. PAUL

William G. Paul is the President-elect of the American Bar Association (ABA), the world's largest voluntary professional association, with more than 400,000 members. Mr. Paul served for 21 years in Oklahoma's House of Delegates and chaired the House delegation from Oklahoma as state delegate from 1986 to 1995. He was the first Chair of the ABA Committee on Research about the Future of the Legal Profession in 1995-1997, and he has chaired the Coalition for Justice and the House Committee on Ancillary Business. Active in other national organizations, Mr. Paul is president of the American Bar Endowment, and the former Chair of the Fellows and current member of the Board of Directors of The American Bar Foundation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Director of the National Center for State Courts as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Center for Public Resources Institute for Dispute Resolution, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Legal Foundation. He is a recipient of Oklahoma University's Distinguished Service Citation, the highest honor conferred by the University, and the Regents' Alumni Award.

DEBORAH L. RHODE

Deborah L. Rhode is the Ernest W. McFarland Professor of Law and Director of the Keck Center on Legal Ethics and the Legal Profession at Stanford University School of Law. She is the immediate past President of the Association of American Law Schools where she chose Pro Bono as Public Service Opportunities in Legal Education as the focus of the presidential year. Professor Rhode served as a Senior Minority Investigative Counsel for the Judiciary Committee of the United States Congress, House of Representatives during the impeachment proceedings in the House. She is former Director of Stanford's Institute for Research on Women and Gender and writes primarily in the area of legal ethics and gender discrimination. Her publications include *Professional Responsibility: Ethics by the Pervasive Method* (Aspen, 1988); *The Legal Profession: Responsibility and Regulation* (with Geoffrey Hazard, Jr., Foundation Press, 1995); and *Legal Ethics* (with David Luban, Foundation Press, 1995). She is the recipient of numerous awards, most recently the Keck Award in Legal Ethics of the American Bar Foundation.

WILLIAM L. ROBINSON

The Haywood Burns Professor of Civil Rights Law at The City University of New York School of Law, William L. Robinson for ten years was Dean of the District of Columbia School of Law. From 1979 to 1988, Professor Robinson was Director of Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and prior to that Associate General Counsel for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as First Assistant Counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. A member of the National Bar Association and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Professor Robinson is also a member of the Board of Editors of the *ABA Journal*, as well as a member of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession and Special Advisor to the ABA Standing Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs. The recipient of numerous awards, Professor Robinson was named the 1989 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. and in 1997 was presented the Oberlin College African-American Alumni Hall of Fame Award.

CATHERINE SAMUELS

Catherine Samuels is the Director of the Program on Law and Society at the Open Society Institute, a private foundation funded by philanthropist George Soros. The Program focuses on grant-

making in the areas of professionalism, access to justice, judicial independence, and civil justice reform. Before joining the Foundation in 1996, Ms. Samuels was a practicing attorney for 17 years and, for several years before that, worked in the nonprofit community and in New York City government. As a litigation partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel, Ms. Samuels handled securities, business and other civil litigation. She also founded and headed the firm's Employment Law Group and co-chaired its ERISA Litigation Group. Ms. Samuels has served on and chaired several boards of directors, most recently as the President of the National Organization of Women Legal Defense and Education Fund.

BEVERLY MCQUEARY SMITH

Professor of Law at Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Beverly McQueary Smith is the President of the National Bar Association, representing some 18,000 black lawyers, judges, legal scholars and law students throughout the United States. In recent years the NBA has formed international affiliate chapters in Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, South Africa, England, Canada and Ghana. Professor McQueary Smith has worked for U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York; clerked for a federal district court judge; served as the Program Advisor for Mail Order Rule Enforcement at the Federal Trade Commission; and as an Attorney-Advisor in the Office of the Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior, where she drafted federal regulations dealing with surface coal mining on Indian lands. Professor McQueary Smith serves on the boards of the Jersey City Medical Center, the Minority Environmental Lawyers Association, Southern Africa Environment Project, and Consumers Union (publisher of *Consumer Reports*). Professor McQueary Smith in 1997 became a Commissioner of the New York State Ethics Commission for the Unified Courts System.

MANUEL D. VARGAS

Manuel D. Vargas is the Director of the Criminal Defense Immigration Project of the New York State Defenders Association, which provides back-up support and training for New York criminal defense lawyers on immigration consequences of criminal convictions and on strategies to avoid these consequences for their non-citizen clients. The Criminal Defense Immigration Project also provides support to immigration lawyers and other immigrant advocates involved in litigation or policy work addressing the rights of immigrants accused of criminal conduct. Prior to his work at

the Immigration Project, Mr. Vargas was supervising attorney in the Immigration Law Unit of The Legal Aid Society of New York and staff attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and a former member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, which awarded Mr. Vargas its 1997 Public Service Award.

STEPHEN WIZNER

Stephen Wizner is the William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School where he is a supervising attorney in the school's clinical program, in which law students provide legal services to low-income clients. From 1966-1970, Professor Wizner was a legal services attorney in New York City, first at the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, and then at MFY Legal Services. Professor Wizner also served as a trial attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. In 1998, Professor Wizner received the William Pincus Award for Outstanding Contributions to Clinical Legal Education from the Association of American Law Schools Section on Clinical Legal Education. In 1994 he received the Connecticut Law Tribune Award for Distinguished Service to the State Bar, and in 1988 the Charles J. Parker Legal Services Award for Distinguished Service to the State Bar. Professor Wizner is the author of numerous articles on legal education, legal services, and poverty law.