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THE HONORABLE VAUGHN R. WALKER: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Former Chief Judge, Northern District of California, San Francisco, CA

Judge Vaughn R. Walker was a United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of California, from February 1990 through February 2011. Judge Walker was nominated by President George H.W. Bush and earlier by President Reagan and confirmed by the United States Senate in November 1989. Judge Walker was the Chief Judge from September 2004 until December 31, 2010.



Judge Walker graduated from the University of Michigan in 1966. He worked briefly at the Securities & Exchange Commission and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. He studied law at the University of Chicago and Stanford University, receiving a J.D. degree in 1970.

From 1971 to 1972, Judge Walker was law clerk to the Honorable Robert J. Kelleher of the United States District Court in Los Angeles. From 1972 to 1990, he practiced law with Pillsbury Madison & Sutro (now Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman) in San Francisco, becoming a partner in 1978.

In 2000, Judge Walker was assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to handle a series of cases arising out of claims by former prisoners of war; resolution of the claims required interpretation of provisions in the 1951 Treaty of Peace entered into by the United States, Japan, and other nations. *In re World War II Era Japanese Forced Labor Litigation*, 164 F. Supp. 2d 1160 (N.D. Cal. 2001), *aff'd sub nom. Deutsch v. Turner Corp.*, 317 F.3d 1005 (9th Cir. 2003), *reh'g denied*, 324 F.3d 692, *cert. denied* 540 U.S. 820 (2003).

In 2007, Judge Walker was assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to handle *In re National Security Agency Telecommunications Records Litigation*, MDL No. 06-1791, a series of cases challenging telecommunications carriers' alleged cooperation with the Terrorist Surveillance Program of the Bush administration. Judge Walker denied motions by the government and telecommunications carriers to dismiss the litigation on the ground that it would reveal state secrets. *Hepting v. AT&T*, 439 F. Supp. 2d 974 (N.D. Cal. 2006).

In 2010, Judge Walker presided over the seminal case *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, 704 F. Supp. 2d 921 (N.D. Cal. 2010). The action challenged California ballot initiative Proposition 8,

which amended the state constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman and precluded the state from recognizing marriages between same-sex couples. Judge Walker found that Proposition 8 failed to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and women for denial of a marriage license, did nothing more than enshrine in the state constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples, and prevented California from fulfilling its constitutional obligation to provide marriages on an equal basis. Judge Walker found Proposition 8 invalid and ruled it unconstitutional. In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Proposition 8 proponents did not have standing to appeal the district court ruling, and thus Judge Walker's opinion was left intact.

In 21 years on the federal bench, Judge Walker handled about 8,000 cases, more than 250 trials, numerous settlement conferences, and sat by designation on the United States Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Federal Circuit. In April 2011, Judge Walker returned to private practice focusing on arbitration and mediation services. Judge Walker currently teaches a complex litigation course at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Judge Walker served as a member of the Civil Rules Advisory Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, is the former chair of the St. Francis Foundation, a member of the American Law Institute and other professional organizations. He is a former member of the California Law Revision Commission, president of the Lawyers' Club of San Francisco and judicial representative of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law.

Source: *Judge Vaughn R. Walker*, FEDERAL ARBITRATION, INC., <http://www.fedarb.com/Walker.asp> (last visited July 25, 2013).

THE HONORABLE PAUL J. WATFORD

Circuit Judge, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Pasadena, CA

Judge Paul J. Watford was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on May 22, 2012. He was nominated by President Barack Obama on October 17, 2011 and was confirmed by the Senate on May 21, 2012. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, receiving a B.A. degree in 1989; he then attended University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, receiving a J.D. degree in 1994.



From 1994 to 1995, Judge Watford served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. From 1995 to 1996, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court. From 1997 to 2000, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division and Major Frauds Section in the Central District of California. From 2001 to 2012, he practiced law with Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles, becoming a partner in 2003. Judge Watford

also served as a lecturer-in-law at the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law from 2007 to 2009.

In the short time he has been on the federal bench, Judge Watford has authored judicial opinions in cases involving wide-ranging issues such as immigration, civil rights, habeas corpus, and securities regulation.

Source: FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER, <http://www.fjc.gov/public/home.nsf/hisj> (last visited July 5, 2013); MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON, LLP, www.mto.com (last visited July 15, 2013).

THE HONORABLE FRANCIS M. ALLEGRA

Claims Court Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C.

Judge Francis M. Allegra currently sits on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. He was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in 1998. He graduated from Borromeo College of Ohio, receiving a B.A. degree in 1978; he then attended Cleveland State University, receiving a J.D. degree in 1981.



Judge Allegra formerly was a Deputy Associate Attorney General at the United States Department of Justice from 1994 through 1998, where he worked with the Antitrust and Tax Divisions, as well as with the National Economic and Domestic Policy Councils at the White House. While at Justice, Judge Allegra helped to roll out several major technology projects, including the National Sex Offender Registry. In his fourteen-year career at the Department of Justice, he also served in various positions in the Tax Division, where he was Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General and an appellate litigator.

In 2008, Judge Allegra was assigned to handle a case arising from claims by a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”) who was the lead undercover agent in “Operation Black Biscuit,” the first ever operation that infiltrated the Hell’s Angels motorcycle gang. The agent claimed that ATF failed to protect himself and his family from threats and violence after the conclusion of the highly successful operation. Judge Allegra denied a motion to dismiss by the government alleging that the court lacked jurisdiction and for failure to state a claim. *Dobyns v. United States*, 91 Fed. Cl. 412 (Fed. Cl. 2010); 106 Fed. Cl. 748 (Fed. Cl. 2012).

In 2008, Judge Allegra presided over *Elk v. United States*, 87 Fed. Cl. 70 (Fed. Cl. 2009). The plaintiff, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who had been sexually assaulted by an Army officer, sought relief under Article I of the Fort Laramie Treaty of April 29, 1868, which provides that if “bad men” among the whites commit “any wrong” upon the person or property of any Sioux, the United States will reimburse the injured person for the loss sustained. Judge Allegra found that recovery under the treaty extended beyond out-of-pocket expenses to include

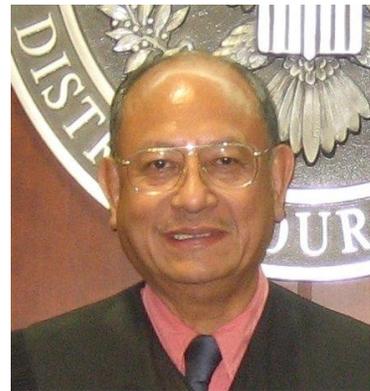
damages for lost income as well as for pain, suffering, and mental anguish. The ruling was the first time a court had applied the treaty to cover noneconomic damages.

Judge Allegra serves on several Judicial Conference working groups and was a member of the Information Technology Committee of the United States Judicial Conference from 2004 to 2011. He is also a frequent lecturer at the Federal Judicial Center, particularly on topics involving electronic discovery and the use of technology in judging. Judge Allegra is an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center. In 2012, he received from Georgetown the Charles Fahy Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award. At Georgetown, Judge Allegra teaches the course “Litigation with the Federal Government.”

Source: *Francis M. Allegra*, U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS, www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/francis-m-allegra (last visited July 25, 2013).

THE HONORABLE JOAQUIN V.E. MANIBUSAN, JR.
U.S. Magistrate Judge, District Court of Guam
Civil Local Rules Committee Chairperson and Moderator

Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. was appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Guam on February 9, 2004. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Manibusan served as a Superior Court judge for the Territory of Guam. Judge Manibusan received his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971 and his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1974.



Judge Manibusan is currently a member of the Magistrate Judge’s Executive Board Committee of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was reappointed to a second eight-year term by Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood.

ANITA P. ARRIOLA, ESQ.: MODERATOR

Anita P. Arriola is a partner at Arriola, Cowan & Arriola where she practices primarily commercial and civil litigation. Born and raised in Guam, she graduated valedictorian at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts and the University of Geneva, Institut Universitaire d’Études Européenes, and Institut Universitaire de Hautes Études Internationales in Geneva, Switzerland, graduating *cum laude* from Smith College in 1979. Ms. Arriola entered Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. where she was an editor of the American Criminal Law Review. After graduating from law school in 1982, she became an associate, then a partner



at Public Advocates, Inc. in San Francisco, California, a public interest firm specializing in class action civil rights and discrimination lawsuits. She returned to Guam in 1988. Ms. Arriola is a member of the Guam, CNMI, and California (inactive) bar associations. She is married to Dr. Kirk Bellis and they have two teenage sons, Joaquin and Miguel.

ELYZE MCDONALD IRIARTE, ESQ.

Civil Local Rules Committee Member

Elyze McDonald Iriarte is the Administrative Partner for Carlsmith Ball LLP. She focuses on civil litigation, with an emphasis on employment, procurement, and maritime matters. She actively practices in Guam and the Republic of Palau, and is also licensed to practice in California, Hawaii, and the CNMI. She is a former law clerk with the District Court of Guam, and earned her J.D. from the University of Southern California, and her B.A. in Law, Letters and Society from the University of Chicago.



RODNEY J. JACOB, ESQ.: MODERATOR

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee Member, District of Guam

Rodney J. Jacob is a partner in the law firm of Calvo Fisher & Jacob and past President of the Guam Bar Association (2005). Mr. Jacob has extensive experience representing commercial clients in complex cross-border litigation and mediation, with significant experience in conducting U.S. discovery in Japan. He is admitted to the bar in California, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and currently serves as the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee Member for the District of Guam.



Mr. Jacob received his B.S. (1986) and Juris Doctor (1989) from Georgetown University. He served as the law clerk to Judge Lawrence Howard, Arizona Court of Appeals (1989-1990) and to Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz, CNMI Supreme Court (1993-1995). He grew up in Tucson, Arizona. For four years, he served as Guam's Law Week Committee Co-Chair, and during his tenure, Guam received the American Bar Association's Outstanding Law Day Activity Award for 2008, 2009 and 2012.

MIKEL SCHWAB, ESQ.

Civil Local Rules Committee Member

Mikel Schwab is the Civil Chief at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Since 1989, he has worked on all of the major civil litigation issues involving the military on Guam. He has been involved in case work for active duty service members on Guam and works closely with attorneys for the military services including the Navy, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and the Guard & Reserves.

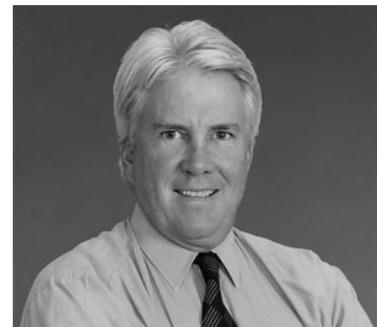


He attended St. Mary’s College in Southern Maryland and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He completed summer sessions at the University of Milan and the University of Perugia. He worked as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman John Fary of Chicago. Mr. Schwab graduated from law school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he was a mock trial champion and served as a research assistant to a Professor of Forensic Science. As a law student he defended misdemeanor cases in the D.C. courts. He has worked at the law firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., and at Klein & Greespun in Fairfax, Virginia. After graduating from law school in 1986, he came to Guam as a judicial law clerk to Judge Janet Weeks in Guam’s Superior Court. He is a member of the Virginia Bar Association and the Guam Bar Association.

THOMAS M. TARPLEY, JR., ESQ.

Civil Local Rules Committee Member

Thomas M. Tarpley has been an accomplished trial lawyer since 1979. Beginning as a Public Defender, and serving two years as a prosecutor of major felonies, Mr. Tarpley went into private civil practice, litigating construction and contract disputes, personal injury including medical malpractice cases, wrongful death, corporate fraud and anti-trust matters, and other complex civil litigation. Mr. Tarpley is admitted to the bars of the State of Washington, U.S. Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Guam Supreme Court, Federal District Court of Guam, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Pohnpei Supreme Court, and the High Court of the Trust Territories.



R. TODD THOMPSON, ESQ.

Civil Local Rules Committee Member

R. Todd Thompson is a partner in the Guam law firm of Mair, Mair, Spade & Thompson, LLC. He graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1988. He maintains a diverse litigation practice emphasizing law-and-motion and appellate advocacy in practice areas such as torts, contracts, commercial, aviation, employment, medical malpractice and insurance matters. He is a legal issues contributor to the Marianas Business Journal and is certified by the Guam Judiciary to serve as a civil case mediator. This month marks his twenty-fifth year on Guam. For nearly twenty years he has also been a volunteer music show host for Public Radio Guam, KPRG-FM.



MS. FRANCINE DIAZ

Civil Local Rules Committee Member

Francine Diaz has been a Bankruptcy and Civil Case Manager at the District Court of Guam since 2007. She began working for Attorney John Tarantino prior to graduating from the Guam Community College, first as a legal secretary and then an executive assistant. From 1992 until 1997, Ms. Diaz was a legal assistant at the firm of Moore Ching and Boertzel. She then joined the firm of Dooley Lannen Keeler and Roberts, now Dooley Roberts and Fowler. In her position at the District Court, Ms. Diaz has supervision of bankruptcy case management and statistics reporting.

