

## **SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES**

### **THE HONORABLE DANIEL J. CROTHERS, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT**

Justice Daniel J. Crothers was born in January 1957 in Fargo, North Dakota. He grew up in West Fargo, North Dakota; American Samoa; and in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota in 1979 and his law degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1982. After law school, he clerked for the New Mexico Court of Appeals and then worked in a Santa Fe law firm. He moved back to North Dakota, practicing law in several law firms until being appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court by Governor John Hoeven in June 2005. In addition to the private practice of law, Justice Crothers served as Walsh County North Dakota Assistant State's Attorney and as an Assistant City Attorney for Grafton. He was president of the State Bar Association of North Dakota from 2001-2002 and has served as a member and chair of several Bar Association and Court committees relating to lawyer and judicial ethics and professional conduct. He currently serves on North Dakota's Committee on Judiciary Standards, is chair of the Court Services Administration Committee and is a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Client Protection. Justice Crothers was elected in November 2008 to fill an unexpired four-year term. He and his wife Holly have two children. Justice Crothers has served six years, 1 month, and 12 days on the Bench as of August 26, 2011.



### **MR. CURTIS CHING, ASSISTANT U.S. TRUSTEE**

Mr. Ching has worked for the U.S. Trustee's Office first as a Trial Attorney and then as an Assistant U.S. Trustee for 22 years. He graduated from Stanford University and Boston College Law School and was a law clerk for Chief Justice Herman Lum at the Hawaii Supreme Court and for Judge James Meyers at the Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of California. Prior to joining the U.S. Trustee Program, Mr. Ching was an associate at Burke, Sakai, McPheeters, et al. in Honolulu, Hawaii.



**DR. ESTHER DeVRIES, Ed.D, FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER**

Doctor Esther DeVries, Ed.D., is an Education Specialist at the Federal Judicial Center. Before joining the FJC, Dr. DeVries worked on a variety of private industry and government training projects. She served as adjunct faculty for the University of Maryland and taught both online and classroom-based courses related to Web technologies. Currently, Dr. DeVries is working on the Judges' Information Technology (JIT) project with training automation, course design, and presentations related to technology, instruction, and Social Media. Dr. DeVries' presentation, "High Plains Tweeter," will define terms related to social media applications. She will discuss how attorneys, judges, jurors, litigants, and court staff are using various social media like wikis, blogs, GPS-enabled applications, video chat, etc., and provide an understanding of the various technological platforms. She will discuss how the various technologies enable new communications that can be productive, but sometimes unsettling.



**MR. JAMES SILVER, TRIAL ATTORNEY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

James Silver is a Trial Attorney in the Justice Department's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section. He previously prosecuted child-exploitation cases on behalf of the Department, and also worked in the private sector. He is a graduate of Stanford and Duke Universities, and a three-time recipient of the Justice Department's Sustained Superior Performance Award.



## **MR. BRUCE BRADLEY, GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION ETHICS PROSECUTOR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Bruce Bradley has practiced on Guam since obtaining his law degree in 1996 from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon and is a member of the Guam, CNMI (special temporary admission) and Oregon (inactive) bar associations. He has been the GBA Ethics Prosecutor and Executive Director for the past four years. Prior to that, he was Staff Attorney to the Guam Judiciary for two years, preceded by one year as a Research Attorney for the Supreme Court of Guam. Mr. Bradley joined the Guam Judiciary after two and a half years as a criminal prosecutor with the Guam Attorney General's Office which followed five years in private civil and criminal defense practice on Guam.



As the Ethics Prosecutor, Mr. Bradley screens and prosecutes, as necessary, all ethics complaints regarding members of the Guam Bar Association as well as allegations of the unauthorized practice of law that come to the attention of the Bar's Ethics Committee. Approximately 40-50 ethics complaints are lodged each year which require the prosecutor's attention. In addition, Mr. Bradley fields several inquiries each week from the public about the attorney discipline system and from members of the Bar who often request informal guidance on various issues. As the ethics prosecutor, Mr. Bradley also fills the role of Disciplinary Counsel before the Committee on Judicial Discipline and the Special Court pursuant to the Supreme Court of Guam's Rules for Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement if allegations of ethical misconduct are levied against a Guam judicial officer. He has also been appointed Special Ethics Prosecutor on two separate matters by the Supreme Court of the Northern Mariana Islands regarding allegations of misconduct by CNMI Superior Court judges in their jurisdiction.