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Autumn D. Spaeth (Chair)



Autumn D. Spaeth is a partner of Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP in Costa Mesa, California. She is the chair of the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee. She is a member of the Ninth Circuit Conference Executive Committee. Ms. Spaeth serves on the board of the Orange County Bar Association. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles; an M.A. from the University of Southern California Annenberg School; and her J.D. from the USC Gould School of Law. Ms. Spaeth was an associate in the Trial Department of McDermott, Will & Emery and a partner at Weiland, Golden, Smiley, Wang Ekvall & Strok, LLP, before joining Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP, when it formed in 2014. Ms. Spaeth concentrates her practice on business litigation and insolvency matters. She specializes in bankruptcy related litigation.

Darrel Gardner (Chair-Elect)



Darrel Gardner is a federal public defender in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Gardner was born in the Territory of Alaska shortly before statehood. He is currently chair elect of the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee and a member of the Ninth Circuit Conference Executive Committee. Mr. Gardner is also president-elect of the Alaska Bar Association, and secretary of the criminal section of the Federal Bar Association. He received his bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University, and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, in San Francisco. He has worked in private practice, including his own law office, as well as serving as a state and now federal public criminal defense lawyer. In 2009, he helped to found the Alaska Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and he has served as president of that organization. Mr. Gardner is a fellow of both the American Bar Foundation and the Federal Bar Foundation.

John "Jay" McEntire (Vice Chair)



Jay McEntire is the senior litigator for the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho. He primarily represents clients charged with white collar offenses, as well as serious assaults and murders in Indian County. He also teaches trial advocacy, advanced legal writing, and advanced federal criminal procedure at Gonzaga University School of Law. Before joining the Federal Defenders, he spent two-and-a-half years clerking for the Honorable Edward F. Shea, U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Washington.