



Andrew Jacobs

Candidate for Vice Chair, LRCC: Unopposed

Resume Stuff. I am the outgoing Chair of the Arizona lawyer representative contingent. My professional background is in civil litigation, both in Chicago at Jenner & Block (from 1992 to December 2001) and at Snell & Wilmer in Tucson (from then to now), which gives me a sense for large districts and professional markets, and small, intimate bars. I am very engaged in public service. I did extensive pro bono work at Jenner, headed the firm-wide pro bono committee at Snell over four years, have briefed and argued three pro bono appeals in federal court, and have litigated and supervised a host of pro bono matters. As a lawyer representative, I founded and co-coordinate the District of Arizona pro bono program, modeled on the Ninth Circuit's program (which I assist with). I have taught civil rights and also legal writing at the University of Arizona, and was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard College for the course "What Is Law?". I was appointed by the Arizona Supreme Court to serve on the Judicial Performance Review panel of the State of Arizona, and am ending a period as LRCC liaison to the Ninth Circuit's Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and Practice, where I volunteered to be a member of the subcommittee working on amendments to the rules to be published early in 2010. Before all that, I attended the University of Illinois and then Harvard Law School, where I worked for Professors Tribe and Dershowitz.

Why I'm Asking For a Chance To Do This Job. I think the lawyer representative program, and the conference work that is a part of it, is good, fulfilling, and important. It's important to understand that one's role is to facilitate the contributions of others, and that everyone in the group has a lot of ideas. In working toward the last two conferences of the Chief District Judges, and the last two Arizona District Conferences, I have learned a lot from those around me, and have always tried to work in the spirit of partnership and facilitation that makes these programs their best, and involves everyone the most. If I get the chance to serve over the next three years, I would concentrate on facilitation and involving everyone, and getting their views recognized and expressed. Having said that, I think the Arizona folks might agree that I have the organizational skills and ability to work with others to promote successful conferences and group work. Our 2009 Arizona District Conference was the best-attended ever and addressed very timely and challenging legal issues (the Bush Administration's time in the Supreme Court, defense and prosecution perspectives on federal law enforcement on Indian reservations) in a lively and evenhanded way that was complimented by folks on all sides. I'd like a further chance to work for and with you all.

Sean E. Brearcliffe
District of Arizona

Candidate for At-Large Position: Conference Executive Committee

I am a third-year Lawyer Representative from the District of Arizona, seeking one of the at-large positions on the Conference Executive Committee of the Ninth Circuit. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as a Lawyer Representative, and hope to continue serving the Ninth Circuit in this at-large position.

I am a civil litigator from Tucson, Arizona, and a partner with the law firm of Rusing & Lopez, P.L.L.C. I have been practicing in Tucson since 1996. Members of the Conference Executive Committee serve two important roles: working on the development of CLE and conference programs, and helping to throw an overall great annual event for the Ninth Circuit at the Circuit Conference. For the past six years, I have served on the Executive Committee of the William D. Browning Tucson Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Chapter, and have just wound up my year as President of the Chapter. In that position, and as a Lawyer Representative working on the Arizona District Court Conference, I have enjoyed and found challenging setting up, coordinating, and carrying through successful CLE programs and seminar events for these organizations. As for organizing the Ninth Circuit Conference event as a whole, I am dedicated to spending the time necessary to make each of the next three Conferences a great time and valuable experience for the Judges, lawyers, and families who attend. I understand that, apart from the practice-related programs, the key to successful events like this are stimulating outside activities for families and guests, interesting and relevant quality of life programs, enough food, and ready availability of adult beverages.

I am dedicated to attend all of the Conference Executive Committee meetings in person, and to otherwise fully and actively participate at all levels to make the next three Circuit Conferences more successful and memorable than the last three. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Circuit.

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE POSITION:
CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Practice Area

Represents employers in a wide variety of labor and employment matters, including harassment, discrimination, retaliation, breach of contract, fraud, wage and hour, public policy violations, defamation, invasion of privacy, and trade secret/unfair competition. Represents management in state and federal court and before state and federal administrative agencies (e.g. EEOC, DFEH, DLSE, and NLRB). Conducts workplace investigations and provides counselling and advice to employers regarding compliance with state and federal law (including FMLA, ADA, Title VII, FEHA, and NLRA), personnel policies and manuals, and difficult personnel decisions. Served as in-house employment counsel for an international food company (2003-2005).

Professional Recognition

- Named as one of Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 in *Los Angeles* magazine.
- Named as one of California's "Top Women Litigators" by the *Daily Journal*, 2007.
- Named as one of "10 Up-and-Coming African American Lawyers to Watch" in *Diversity & the Bar*, by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, 2007.
- Named as a Rising Legal Star by *LA Focus*, 2007
- UCLA School of Law Black Law Students Association Alumni Achievement Award, 2007.
- Named as "One to Watch" in the labor and employment field by the *Daily Journal*, 2006.

Recent Conference Planning Experience

- Co-Chair, Central District of California Judicial Conference, 2009
- Co-Chair, Labor & Employment Section Continuing Legal Education Committee, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2009
- Co-Chair, Labor & Employment Section Continuing Legal Education Committee, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2008

Recent Additional Leadership Experience

- Co-Chair, Central District Delegation of Lawyer Representatives of the Ninth Circuit (2008-present).
- Management Co-Chair, Alternatives to Litigation Subcommittee, Employment Rights and Responsibilities Committee, American Bar Association (2008-present).
- Officer, Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Inc. (2006-present).



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Moot Court Honors Program
Editor, *Women's Law Journal*
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Honors B.A. 1994
APUS Scholastic Award

Margaret Mann
Southern District of California

Candidate for At-Large Position: Conference Executive Committee

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this candidate statement for the At-Large position for the Conference Executive Committee. I am a partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group, specializing in Chapter 11 cases and commercial litigation. I have been privileged to represent clients in many of the significant cases arising from the current financial crisis.

This is my last year as a Lawyer Representative for the Southern District. I have served as Co-Chair for the last two years. In that position, I have served a lead role in planning the last two District Conferences for the Southern District and have collaborated with the lawyers in our community, and with Chief Judge Irma Gonzalez and her Law Clerk, Janet Cabral, who have been of great assistance in those efforts. I have participated in each of the District Conferences as a panelist in my area of financial market specialty for the last three years, as well as in similar programs at the Chief District Judges Conference and at the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Bankruptcy Judges Education Program.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my service as a Lawyer Representative due to the camaraderie among the participants and the chance to work with others to develop quality programs. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to do so as an At-Large member of the Conference Executive Committee and ask for your support.

Margaret Mann

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Candidate for At-Large Position: Conference Executive Committee

Nancee S. Schwartz is a sole practitioner from the Southern District of CA, practicing in the areas of federal criminal defense and federal employment practices. She has served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, Federal Arbitration Panel, San Diego County Bar Association, and as a judge *pro tem* in the San Diego Small Claims Court.

From November 2002 through January 2007, she served as an attorney on the Los Angeles County Equity Oversight Panel, a civilian review board appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In that capacity, she was responsible for the review and monitoring of investigations, conducted hearings and recommended discipline for sexual harassment and discriminatory employment practices within the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Schwartz served on the Los Angeles Police Commission's Rampart Independent Review Panel, which conducted a broad inquiry of the Los Angeles Police Department's policies, procedures and operations. This panel evaluated civilian oversight, ethics and culture, community outreach and relations, discipline, officer involved shootings and other uses of force, risk management, personnel and training and specialized units.

Since 2001, she has served on the City of San Diego's Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices where she has served on the Policy and Bylaws Committees.

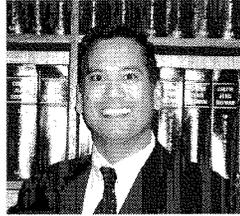
Ms. Schwartz lectures and conducts training in the area of employment practices, including workplace discrimination and sexual harassment (AB 1825) and in the area of civilian and independent oversight. She has also lectured on CJA practices and procedures.

She has served as a Lawyer Representative for the Southern District of CA for four years, including one year as an alternate. She has attended and participated in all Lawyer Representative Meetings and Judicial Conferences and each year has acted as a facilitator for the Breakfast with the Bench program.

As a Lawyer Rep, she has assisted in organizing an annual District Judge retreat. In addition to assisting in planning the program, she has participated as a panelist or moderator, and has acted as a topic chairperson, securing speakers and developing curriculum.

Additionally, she participates in Federal Court community outreach and education programs.

Ms. Schwartz is currently conducting a feasibility study for the development of a Reentry Court Program for the Southern District of CA. She is evaluating existing reentry court programs and is collaborating with other Ninth Circuit Districts who have instituted or are interested in developing reentry court programs.



JOAQUIN C. ARRIOLA, JR.
9th Circuit Lawyer Representative
District of Guam

Candidate for At-Large Position: Conference Executive Committee

Just Do It. Even before the famous Nike ad campaign of the late 80's, I had thought of that phrase to live by. Just do it. That was MY idea. It's how I was living the vida loca.

I was born and raised on Guam in the shadows of 7 over-achieving siblings, who went to Vassar, Smith, Mt. Holyoke and Colgate. By the time I was ready for college, my parents sent me by myself as the first teen from Guam to go to Rutgers in New Jersey. Then I went to law school at Santa Clara. At Rutgers, I was President of the largest frat house and at Santa Clara, I was editor of the school paper. I passed the bars in California, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; worked as a public defender in San Diego; then returned home to the islands to settle and practice. I do primarily criminal defense, family law, and litigation in Guam's oldest law office, partners with my father, sister and others. In going to school, passing bars, and work, I always remind myself to just get it done.

I served as the Guam Bar president for four terms or 8 years. We instituted mandatory CLE for the first time, and I chaired and organized dozens of conferences and CLE programs for the local and regional bar members. With admissions, discipline and administration of justice, and changes in the Territory's court and legal system, the Guam Bar rose to prominence as the premier professional organization on island under my leadership. Federally, I served on the National Conference of Criminal Justice Act Attorneys, and worked to develop Guam's court appointed counsel rules (there were none at the time). I also serve as Guam's Delegate to the American Bar Association. With any title or position that I commit to, I pride myself on getting a job done.

I like to travel, run and dive. I'm very proud of my two teenage daughters that I raise. I try to keep in shape, after losing over 60 pounds in a life change. I just did it.

I'd like to continue to serve on the LRCC and contribute what I can. I pledge to actively participate, and provide meaningful input. I commit to just do it.

Just do it. Google it and you think you come up with the Nike campaign. Try again.

John Nelson
Eastern District of Washington

Candidate for At-Large Position: Conference Executive Committee

Dear Colleagues:

Please consider this statement in support of my candidacy for an At-Large position on the Conference Executive Committee. I believe I have much to offer the Committee, and would very much appreciate (and work hard to deserve the compliment of), your vote.

Career Path: For 21 years I have worked as a trial lawyer, principally in federal court. I clerked for the Eastern District of Washington from May 1988 through November 1990, as the Law Clerk in charge of complex litigation arising out of the Washington Public Power Supply System. I then began building a private litigation practice with Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP (now K&L Gates) in Spokane, Washington. I served as the head of Preston's Spokane Litigation Group from 1996 through 2004, as the Spokane office's ethics adviser and ALAS representative from 1995 through 2004, and as its Managing Partner from 2002 through 2004. In January 2004 I joined the Spokane Office of Foster Pepper, PLLC, a Seattle based firm, where I am also the Office Managing Partner and have served as a member of the Firm's Executive Committee since 2006. I think this experience gives me a unique perspective on the private practice of law that would make me a good "at-large" member of the Conference Executive Committee – I have worked primarily in a 6 to 12 lawyer office over the years, but have been involved in the management of two fairly large firms.

Practice Character: Over the past 18 years I have litigated cases in federal courts in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Illinois, Montana and California. I have tried over 30 cases to verdict or decision as lead counsel. At any given time between 50 and 90% of my practice is in federal court, and over the course of my career approximately 75% of my practice has been in federal court. I have also litigated a very broad range of cases, including intellectual property, real estate, employment, contract, civil rights and environmental law – often teaming up as the "trial lawyer" with a colleague who has substantive expertise in the particular area at issue (but who may not be as comfortable in front of a judge or jury). I also think this experience makes me well suited as an "at-large" member of the Conference Executive Committee, as I will bring the perspective of one who tries all kinds of cases in all kinds of courts across the Circuit.

Service to the Bar and Community: In addition to my private practice work, I have worked hard through the years to make a civic contribution, both in the practice of law, and in the community generally. I served on the Executive Committee of the WSBA Litigation Section from 1995 through 2002, and was Chair of the Litigation Section for the 2002-2003 term. I am currently serving as the Treasurer of the Eastern District of Washington's Federal Bar Association. I have authored numerous chapters in both the Washington Trial and Evidence

Manual and the Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook, was on the editorial board of the 1997 Trial Manual and the 1995, 1998, 2002, and 2006 Civil Procedure Deskbooks, and served as Editor in Chief of the Trial Manual's 2004 edition. In 1998 I represented an inmate *pro bono* in a cruel and unusual punishment case in federal court. I devoted several hundred hours to the case, beat two motions for summary judgment by the State, and tried the case to the Court in February 1999. I regularly contribute more than 50 hours of *pro bono* work per year. I have also served *pro bono* as Counsel to the Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol's Board of Directors since 1992, and have been a member of the National Ski Patrol for eighteen years. In 2003 I received a Yellow Merit Star from the NSP, for life saving first aid. I am a frequent speaker in public and private CLE's on trial practice, civil procedure and employment law (from which I donate the honoraria to a non-profit organization). I have devoted, collectively, literally thousands of hours in public service to these activities through the years. I will bring this same commitment to my work on the Conference Executive Committee.

In sum, I have devoted my professional education to the rules of civil procedure, evidence, and professional conduct, rather than to any individual substantive topic. That focus on the rules of practice and trial advocacy has allowed me to represent clients (both plaintiffs and defendants) in a wide range of cases, and provides me, I think, with a unique insight into the work of lawyers in our federal system. I have represented clients as lead trial counsel in federal litigation throughout the Western United States. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my energy and experience to another form of public service as an At-Large Delegate to the Conference Executive Committee. I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy, and would welcome the chance to respond to any questions you might have in person.

Yours,

John Nelson
(Lawyer Representative Eastern District of Washington)