

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Lila Silverstein, Esq., Washington Appellate Project**

Lila Silverstein has been with the Washington Appellate Project since 2006. She handles appeals in both state and federal court and is certified to represent capital defendants in the Washington Supreme Court. Lila has served as chair of the King County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section, as co-chair of the amicus committee of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington. Cases Lila has argued and won in the Washington Supreme Court include *State v. Conover* (2015); *State v. E.J.J.* (2015); *State v. Henderson* (2015); *State v. K.L.B.* (2014); *State v. Snapp* (2012); *State v. Madsen*, 168 Wn.2d 496 (2010); *In re C.S.*, 168 Wn.2d 51 (2010); *State v. Nason*, 168 Wn.2d 936 (2010) (represented amici); *In re Silva*, 166 Wn.2d 133 (2009); *State v. Gossage*, 165 Wn.2d 1 (2008); and *State v. Quismundo*, 164 Wn.2d 499 (2008). She has also won several Ninth Circuit cases, including a published victory in *United States v. Phillips*, 704 F.3d 754 (2012). Lila has received President's Awards from both the Washington Defender Association (2011) and the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2015). Lila earned her B.A. at Yale and her J.D. at the University of Washington.

### **Professor Nina Chernoff, CUNY School of Law**

Nina Chernoff is an Associate Professor at the CUNY School of Law. Prior to joining CUNY's faculty, Nina was an Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering at New York University Law School. Before entering academia, Nina was a staff attorney in the Special Litigation Division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS). In that capacity she litigated systemic criminal justice issues, including prosecutorial misconduct, jury representation, and the reliability of forensic evidence. Prior to PDS, she was a staff attorney and Zubrow Fellow at Juvenile Law Center, where she advocated on behalf of children in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Nina graduated from Georgetown University Law Center magna cum laude in 2003, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif, served on the board of the Innocence Project for the National Capital Region, and received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award for the D.C. Legislation Clinic. She received her B.A. in Sociology from Bryn Mawr College in 1997 and her M.S. with distinction in Justice, Law & Society from the School of Public Affairs at American University in 2000. Before law school, Nina worked on programs and policies affecting at-risk youth at Public/Private Ventures in Philadelphia.

### **Judge Steve Rosen, King County Superior Court**

Judge Rosen joined the King County Superior Court bench on January 9, 2017, having been elected to serve. Judge Rosen assumed the position previously occupied by Judge Richard Eadie, who retired from the bench. Judge Rosen began his legal career in the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, where he handled computer crime and tried many jury trials. He later moved to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where he focused on drug charges and juvenile offenses. Still later, he moved to the Attorney General's Office, where he prosecuted the state's most dangerous sexually violent predators. In 2003, Judge Rosen opened his own law firm and focused on misdemeanor and felony defense as well as civil class actions. He also owned and operated a licensed real estate brokerage. For several years, Judge Rosen frequently served as a pro tem judge in the Federal Way, Olympia, Renton, Everett, Buckley, Bonney Lake, Milton, SeaTac, Tukwila, and Black Diamond Municipal Courts, as well as in Pierce County District Court. In 2008, he was named as the part-time judge for the City of Black Diamond, and in 2010, he was elected to the Seattle Municipal Court bench, where he served until joining the Superior Court bench. Judge Rosen earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Washington and his law degree at the University of Minnesota. During his time at Seattle Municipal Court, Judge Rosen became a leader in improving the racial diversity of our state's jury system.

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### **Matthew J. Hickman, Ph.D., Seattle University Criminal Justice Department**

Matthew J. Hickman is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Seattle University. He previously spent seven years as a statistician at the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the statistical arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. He teaches a variety of both undergraduate and graduate courses, including statistics, research methods, criminology, introduction to the forensic sciences, ethics, and crime mapping. His current research interests are in quantitative methods (statistics and research methodology), law enforcement (including ethics, officer health & safety, police stress, police behavior), and the impact of forensic sciences on the administration of justice. His work has been published in numerous journals including *Criminology*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Police Quarterly*, *Crime & Delinquency*, and *Policing*.

### **Peter A. Collins, Ph.D., Seattle University Criminal Justice Department**

Peter A. Collins is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Seattle University where he teaches courses on criminal law, research methods, corrections, criminal courts in America, and juvenile justice. His current research interests include criminal justice organizations, cost-benefit and evaluation research, social support theory, substance abuse treatment, and policy analysis. His work has been published in numerous journals including the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, and *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

### **Chris Gaddis, Pierce County Superior Court Administrator**

Chris Gaddis has served as the Pierce County Superior Court Administrator since May 2016. Prior to this position, he had a 23-year career in law enforcement and served as the Chief of Police for the City of Normandy Park. In addition, he served for one year as that city's Acting City Manager. A seventeen-year resident of Pierce County, he earned his B.A. in Law and Justice from Central Washington University and graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, where he focused on Business Administration.

### **Jaime Hawk, Esq., American Civil Liberties Union of Washington**

Jaime Hawk is the Legal Strategy Director for the Washington Campaign for Smart Justice at the ACLU of Washington, where she is working to reform the state's criminal justice system. Before this position, she was Of Counsel with Terrell Marshall Daudt & Willie in Seattle working on civil rights litigation. She was previously a federal and state public defender, and a law clerk for a federal judge. She began her legal career as an attorney fellow on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee staff of Edward M. Kennedy in Washington, D.C. Ms. Hawk has taught as an adjunct law professor at Gonzaga University, where she attended law school as a Thomas More Scholar. She is a member of the ABA House of Delegates and serves in other access-to-justice leadership efforts, including as a member of the Washington Task Force on Unaccompanied Children. Ms. Hawk is also committed to issues of international human rights, having served on the board of directors for the Center for Women and Democracy and joining in several of its international delegations.

### **Angeline Thomas, Esq., Washington Appleseed**

Angeline Thomas began her legal career as non-partisan Session Counsel for Washington State's Senate Committee Services where she served on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. Eager to put public policy into action, Angeline joined the Access to Justice Institute at her alma mater, Seattle University School of Law, where she developed and managed the Foreclosure Mediation and Outreach Project—a pro bono program for law students focused on foreclosure prevention education, outreach, and legal assistance. She became a regional expert on Washington State's newly implemented Foreclosure

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Mediation Program, where she trained more than 100 law students, started an advice and referral legal clinic in Tacoma, founded the Pierce County Foreclosure Prevention Roundtable, consulted with city government and state agencies on outreach efforts, oversaw the production of a widely praised YouTube video about the law, and implemented two robust door-to-door canvassing campaigns to reach homeowners.

Angeline graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2011. She is currently a member of the Pro Bono and Public Service Committee of the Washington State Bar Association and has served as a volunteer with the Housing Justice Project. Angeline Thomas joined Washington Appleseed as the Executive Director in May of 2016.