

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Nick Allen, Esq., Columbia Legal Services**

Nick Allen is the Directing Attorney of the Institutions Project at Columbia Legal Services. He started at CLS in 2010 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow working to address legal financial obligations (LFOs) in Washington State. Following the completion of his fellowship, he was hired as a staff attorney in the Institutions Project, which represents persons in Washington's jails and prisons as well as persons returning from those institutions. At CLS, he engages in systemic advocacy, including policy work on LFOs and juvenile sentencing, and litigation addressing conditions of confinement for prisoners in Washington State.

### **Judge Linda W.Y. Coburn, Edmonds Municipal Court**

Judge Coburn has served on the governing board of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association since 2016 and has been a member of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission (MJC) since 2015, the same year she took the bench in Edmonds Municipal Court. She is currently chair of the Legal Financial Obligation (LFO) Calculator Pilot Project as part of the LFO Consortium, which received a Price of Justice Grant from the Department of Justice. Coburn also is a member of the MJC Jury Diversity Task Force and the Pretrial Reform Task Force. Prior to becoming a judge, she was a felony attorney at Snohomish County Public Defender Association. She previously clerked for the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer at the Washington State Court of Appeals and the Honorable George N. Bowden in Snohomish County Superior Court. Judge Coburn was born in Taipei, Taiwan, but immigrated to the Midwest at the age of four. This Nebraska Cornhusker turned into a Husky while attending the University of Washington, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is a graduate of the Radcliffe Publishing Procedures Course at Harvard University and earned a Master of Science degree from Ohio University in journalism. She earned her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law, where she received the 2005 Barrister Award and was Special Projects Editor on Law Review.

### **Cynthia Delostrinos, Esq., Administrative Office of the Courts**

Cynthia is an Administrative Manager at the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts. She oversees the work of the Supreme Court Commissions: the Minority and Justice Commission, Gender and Justice Commission, and Interpreter Commission. The goal of the Commissions is to promote equity and justice in the courts through innovation and education. Cynthia is a board member of the Filipino Lawyers of Washington. She received her law degree from Seattle University School of Law.

### **Deborah Espinosa, Esq., Living with Conviction: Sentenced to Debt for Life in Washington State**

Deborah Espinosa is an attorney, photographer, and founder of *Living with Conviction*, a civic education and engagement organization that uses storytelling to highlight how the State of Washington sentences the poor to not just prison, but to a lifetime of debt. More generally, she combines her legal and visual storytelling skills to advocate for the rights of the poor and marginalized, both at home and in Africa. She also works to strengthen those rights by providing legal technical assistance to state and national governments as well as empowering the poor thru legal aid and literacy workshops, primarily in the global south. She serves on the Board of Directors of Blue Earth Alliance, which supports mission-driven visual storytelling. She is a graduate of the Rocky Mountain School of Photography and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington School of Law, a Master of Arts from the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Berkeley.

### **Honorable Timothy W. Fitzgerald, Spokane County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court**

Colonel Timothy W. Fitzgerald (United States Marine Corps) retired after serving 30 ½ years in the Marines. He held multiple command positions from Platoon Commander and Air Mission Commander to Squadron Commanding Officer and Task Force Commander. He also held several senior level staff positions including Assistant Chief of Staff/Director for Operations for the First Marine Expeditionary Force (a 55,000 person force), Chief of Staff for First Marine Expeditionary Force (forward), and Regional Command-Southwest in Afghanistan.

Colonel Fitzgerald served combat tours in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. He was designated a White House Helicopter Aircraft Commander and a Presidential Command Pilot. He has a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy.

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In April 2014, he was appointed the County Clerk for Spokane County. In November 2014 he was elected to a four-year term. He currently serves on 18 committees/councils, including the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council, Spokane Veterans Enhanced Treatment Court/Forum, and as an executive member, and Co-Director for the Washington State Association of County Clerks Legislation Committee. He chairs the new Subcommittee 2 on the Minority and Justice Commission LFO Consortium.

### **Alexes Harris, Ph.D., University of Washington**

Alexes Harris, Ph.D., is the Presidential Term Professor and Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington. Dr. Harris' work has spanned the criminal justice system, including juvenile justice, case processing outcomes, and monetary sanctions. Her research is fundamentally centered around issues of inequality, poverty and race in the criminal justice system. Her most recent book, *A Pound of Flesh: Monetary Sanctions as a Punishment for the Poor* details the ways in which fines and fees sentenced to defendants often put an undue burden on disadvantaged populations and place them under even greater supervision of the criminal justice system. The book has received widespread media coverage by *The New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *The Nation*, *The New Yorker*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Her current project extends this line of research in eight states with funding from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. She has been appointed to serve on several federal advisory boards, including the Office of Justice Programs Science Advisory Board and the National Task Force on Fines and Fees, and Bail Practice. She has also been called to testify for numerous state and federal governing bodies about inequalities in the criminal justice system and sentencing, including speaking at the White House on the issue of poverty and criminal justice. Dr. Harris was recently inducted into the Washington State Academy of Sciences (2017) and is the chair of the Washington State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Dr. Harris earned her B.A. degree at the University of Washington and her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

### **Sabrina Helton, Living with Conviction: Sentenced to Debt for Life in Washington State**

Sabrina Helton is a mother of seven, who serves on the Board of Directors of the non-profit organization, Revive Center for Returning Citizens and is a member of I Did the Time, whose members are formerly incarcerated individuals who advocate for criminal justice reform. She also is a key speaker for Living with Conviction. She serves as the Spokane representatives for the Washington State Association of Headstart and a member of the Spokane Headstart Policy Council. Sabrina and her husband continue to struggle to pay off her \$39,000 in legal financial obligations (LFOs).

### **Judge David S. Keenan, King County Superior Court**

Judge Keenan brings a unique perspective to the bench, having spent much of his youth living on welfare and a public housing subsidy. Judge Keenan was actually charged as a juvenile defendant in King County Superior Court and was repeatedly suspended from the Seattle Public Schools before dropping out of high school and eventually earning his GED. Prior to being elected, Judge Keenan worked in complex civil litigation and frequently represented marginalized communities free of charge in civil rights matters. Until taking the bench, Judge Keenan served as Board President at Northwest Justice Project, as well as on the Board of TeamChild and the Seattle Community Police Commission. Judge Keenan previously served on the Washington Supreme Court's Civil Legal Needs Study Committee, and currently serves on the Access to Justice Board, the Board of the 180 Program, and as a member of the Superior Court Judges Association Legislative, Family & Juvenile Law, and Education committees. Before becoming an attorney, Judge Keenan spent nearly 15 years as a federal law enforcement agent, and earned his law degree at night while working full-time, graduating from Seattle University School of Law *summa cum laude* as the Dean's Medalist. In 2017, King County Washington Women Lawyers honored Judge Keenan with its President's Award.

### **Ms. LaTricia Kinlow, Tukwila Municipal Court Administrator**

LaTricia Kinlow is the court administrator at the Tukwila Municipal Court where she supports Judge Kimberly A. Walden and provides leadership to the Tukwila Municipal Court Team. She is an active member in the Washington State District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA), and represents the Association on the Washington State Gender & Justice Commission, Interpreter Commission, Minority & Justice Commission LFO Consortium, and the Court Education Committee (CEC) Court Education Funding Taskforce.

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LaTricia has an extensive background in customer service, not only from her experience in the courts, but also from her work in major corporations such as Nordstrom and Macy's (formerly Bon Marche). She prides herself in creating a court environment where satisfying customers' needs while maintaining the integrity of the organization is the primary goal.

### **Joel McAllister, Retired, King County Clerk's Office**

Joel McAllister retired in September 2016, after serving for 17 years as the Customer Service and Finance Manager in the King County Clerk's Office. His duties there included managing the King County LFO collections program, working with various work-groups to affect potential legislative reforms, and drafting an annual report to the Washington State Legislature on the status of state-wide LFO collections in superior courts. He received a B.S. degree from Oregon State University in finance and accounting; and both a Master of Management and J.D. from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

### **Carmen Pacheco Jones, Living with Conviction: Sentenced to Debt for Life in Washington State**

Carmen Pacheco Jones works in the child welfare system, with families in a treatment facility, one of only a few in the United States where children can stay with their families while families receive services, such as substance abuse, mental health and parenting classes, instead of children experiencing the trauma of separation and the foster care system.

Carmen serves as Chair of the Spokane Regional Law and Justice, Racial Equity and Disparity Committee. In this capacity, Carmen has been able to bring Implicit Bias training to professionals working in the criminal justice system with support from the MacArthur Foundation's Safety Justice Challenge, with the goal of examining racial disparities within the criminal justice system, educating systems professionals, and creating sustainable reform. Carmen also sits on the Board of the Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners, advocating for low-income members of the community. Carmen is a Crisis Response Advocate, volunteering with the Sexual Assault and Family Trauma Center since 2012 and also a member of I Did the Time and Living with Conviction. Carmen is working towards her Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership at Gonzaga University. Carmen is also a formerly incarcerated person with 18 years clean, who is still paying her LFOs from 1999 and 2000.

### **Michael Shoemaker, Living with Conviction: Sentenced to Debt for Life in Washington State**

Michael Shoemaker is a Native American, disabled Vietnam veteran and a home health care provider for his elders. He serves as Vice President, Chapter 3, of the Veterans Allegiance VMC, whose mission is to help, support, recognize and remember fellow Veterans and their families. He is a co-sponsor and coordinator for Wreathes Across America at the Retsil Veterans Cemetery in Port Orchard. Michael is an ordained minister and member of the North Kitsap Chapter of ABATE of Washington. Since December 2015 he has been a member of the non-profit organization of Civil Survival, testifying before the Law and Justice Committee for LFO reform, started speaking on behalf of Living with Conviction in July 2017. Michael also is involved in a variety of other veterans' organizations and charities, including escorting and overseeing the construction of the 9/11 memorial in Bremerton, Washington. Michael has been clean and sober since June 6, 2006.

### **Judge Kimberly Walden, Tukwila Municipal Court**

Kimberly Walden was appointed municipal court judge for the City of Tukwila in early 2003. She is a member CLJ CMS Steering Committee and DMCJA Long Range Planning Committee. She is a former member of the Minority and Justice Commission and Chair of the DMCJA Education Committee. Prior to her appointment, she served as a municipal prosecutor for several Puget Sound area cities and was in private practice for 3 years. Her practice focused on criminal defense, family, and immigration law. Before attending law school, Judge Walden was a U.S. Army Captain in the Military Police Corps serving in combat support, law enforcement, and corrections capacities. Judge Walden has a Bachelor of Criminal Justice from Seattle University, Distinguished Military Graduate, and received her J.D. from the University of Washington, School of Law.

### **Keshena Williams, Living with Conviction: Sentenced to Debt for Life in Washington State**

Keshena Williams is a formally incarcerated woman that has been in prison twice. The first time she served 1.5 years and the second time she served five years. Keshena was released from prison in February 2007. Since her release,

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she has overcome many struggles. With a criminal record and over \$20,000 in LFOs, she has struggled to secure employment, even though it has been 15 years since her last conviction.

Keshena gives back to her community by volunteering with the non-profit organization WA-Citizen Action Network on their criminal justice initiatives as well as on behalf of the Black Prisoners' Caucus at the Washington Corrections Center for Women. She also serves with Living with Conviction. Keshena's goal is to help the men and women who are still incarcerated.