

2019 Through the Eyes of a Child Presenters' Biographies

Sunday August 11, 2019		
Dependency 101	Hon. Paula Brownhill, Clatsop County Circuit Court	The Hon. Paula Brownhill is presiding judge in Clatsop County Circuit Court. Judge Brownhill worked as an attorney with a family and juvenile law practice until her appointment to the bench in 1994. She is active in the Judicial Engagement and Leadership Institute (JELI) and chairs its Mentor Committee. She chairs the Clatsop County Juvenile Dependency Team. She received the Juvenile Court Champion Award in 2002 and the Chief Justice's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.
Dependency 101	Senior Judge Daniel Murphy, Linn County Circuit Court	The Hon. Daniel R. Murphy is a Senior Judge from Linn County, Oregon. He served as Circuit Judge in Linn County 1994 through 2018. In addition to general jurisdiction responsibilities hearing civil, domestic relations, probate and criminal cases, he was the primary Juvenile Dependency Judge for the district. In the latter capacity he presided over the Family Treatment Court. From June 1, 2010 May 1, 2018, he was the presiding judge of the Linn County Circuit Court. Judge Murphy graduated from Willamette College of Law in 1980; practiced law from 1981 to 1988 in Lebanon, Oregon and served as deputy district attorney for Linn County from 1988 to 1994. He has served on various committees and commissions of the Oregon State Bar and Oregon Judicial Department.
Understanding JCIP Data Reports	Yousef Allouzi, Data Analyst (JFCPD)	Yousef Allouzi is a JCIP Data Analyst and author who currently resides in McMinnville, Oregon. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Oregon State University. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the same institution. He previously worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 10 years, was a volunteer mediator, and he loves to travel.
Welcome & Introduction	Justice Rebecca Duncan, Oregon Supreme Court	Justice Rebecca Duncan was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court in 2017 by Governor Kate Brown. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Justice Duncan served on the Oregon Court of Appeals, beginning in 2010. Justice Duncan received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her law degree from the University of Michigan. Following law school, she worked as a trial attorney for the Metropolitan Public Defender, in both Washington and Multnomah Counties. She later joined the Office of Public Defense Services in Salem, where she represented individuals in criminal appeals and served as a manager of the office's appellate division. Justice Duncan's law-related activities have included serving on the Executive Committees of the Oregon State Bar's Criminal Law Section, Constitutional Law Section, and the Board of the Oregon Women Lawyers–Mary Leonard Chapter. She frequently presents at continuing legal education programs on topics including appeals, constitutional law, criminal law, evidence, and family law.
Appellate Update	Hon. Darlene Ortega, Oregon Court of Appeals	The Hon. Darleen Ortega has served as a Judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals since 2003 and is the first woman of color and the only Latina to serve as an appellate judge in Oregon. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law for 14 years, focusing her practice on all types of civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels. In her time on the bench, she has distinguished herself as a court leader on issues of juvenile dependency and as a student of the structural inequities that challenge the ideals the legal system seeks to uphold. Judge Ortega is a frequent speaker and

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		<p>consultant on topics related to equity, diversity and inclusion, privilege, combatting structural and internalized racism and oppression, and learning to recognize and value the perspectives of people at the margins. She spends hours each week with law students and new lawyers, especially those from marginalized communities, helping them to make sense of the legal world. She also is an avid movie and theater critic; her reviews appear regularly in the Portland Observer. Judge Ortega has taught Access to Justice at Lewis & Clark Law School and is scheduled to teach that subject at the other two Oregon law schools in 2020.</p>
	<p>Megan Hassen, Juvenile Law & Policy Counsel (JFCPD)</p>	<p>Megan Hassen serves as a Senior Juvenile Law Analyst for the Oregon Judicial Department, providing support for judges through the development of model forms, case law analysis and continuing education programs. She previously served as the Juvenile Law and Policy Counsel, the Policy and Training Lead for the Oregon Judicial Department's Citizen Review Board program and the Field Manager for eight Marion County Citizen Review Boards. Before that, Megan spent 13 years working at the Marion County Circuit Court developing, managing and expanding the court's family law and alternative dispute resolution programs where she also served as a mediator and filled in as a Circuit Court Judge Pro Tem.</p>
<p>The Permanency Judgment Update</p>	<p>Megan Hassen, Juvenile Law & Policy Counsel (JFCPD)</p>	<p>See previous Session Bio.</p>
	<p>Holly Rudolph, OJD</p>	<p>Holly Rudolph moved to Portland from the Philadelphia area, having worked in the healthcare field for over twelve years and graduating summa cum laude from Rutgers University. She graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2010 with a certificate in criminal law, having served as an editor for the Animal Law Review and officer in multiple student organizations. While studying at Lewis and Clark, she produced several writings on equine law, including a presentation for the National Equine Law Conference in Lexington, KY and an article published in the Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Law. Holly has worked for the Office of the State Court Administrator since 2010 developing both paper and interactive forms for self-represented litigants, as well as electronic forms for court use.</p>
<p>Legislative Update FFPSA</p>	<p>Kristen Farnworth, Senior Juvenile Law Analyst (JFCPD)</p>	<p>Kristen Farnworth is a Senior Juvenile Law Analyst for Oregon Judicial Department Juvenile and Family Courts. She received her BA in Sociology from the University of Washington in 1996 and then attended the University of Oregon School of Law and graduated in 2000. While in law school, she was a CASA, a law clerk for the Department of Justice in the Family Law Section (now called Child Advocacy Section) and volunteered with Holt International Children's Services. After graduation she clerked for Judge Maurer in Clackamas County until March of 2001, when she joined the Oregon Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General in the Child Advocacy Section. Over almost 14 years with DOJ, she was assigned to Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Marion, Linn, Lane and many other counties. She enjoyed traveling around the state and learning how different courts operate. She was assigned to child support and termination of parental rights cases until the sections split, at which time she worked exclusively on DHS matters. She was also fortunate to be assigned SIJS (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status) cases which allowed</p>

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		<p>her to learn about immigration law. In January of 2014, she joined the Benton County District Attorney's Office and became a Senior Deputy District Attorney. She worked in Benton County for 5 years and was assigned to delinquency, dependency, and child abuse criminal cases. She is active in the Juvenile Law Section for the Oregon State Bar and is currently the Chair. She is excited to work for OJD and hopes to use her previous experience in juvenile law to assist the judiciary in a meaningful manner.</p>
	<p>Leola McKenzie, Director (JFCPD)</p>	<p>Leola L. McKenzie has been with the Office of the State Court Administrator since January 1995. Leola has worked in various analyst, supervisor, manager, and director roles related to the development, implementation, management, and evaluation of statewide court programs, policies, and services related to juvenile and family law. Leola earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Secondary Education from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Portland State University. Past work experiences include five years of nonprofit management, one year as a counselor/advocate in a juvenile delinquency diversion program, and two years teaching at the secondary level. Leola is an adoptive parent of Clay (age 21) and Claire (age 18).</p>
<p>Dinner Speaker</p>	<p>Leigh Anne Jasheway</p>	<p>Leigh Anne Jasheway, M.P.H. (master of public health/mistress of public humor) is a stress management and humor expert who helps people manage stress, embrace change, and become healthier by learning to lighten up. She speaks at 30-40 conferences and workshops every year and is a member of the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor (AATH). She is the author of 25 books, including <i>Don't Get Mad, Get Funny; Not Guilty by Reason of Menopause; 101 Comedy Games for Children and Grown-Ups; Date Me, Date My Dog; and The Stressed Out Woman's Guide to Letting Go with Laughter</i>. She won the national Erma Bombeck Humor Writing Award for her true story on how her first mammogram caught on fire. She teaches at Lane Community College, and formerly, the University of Oregon. She is also a humor writer for The Syndrome Mag and formerly the Register Guard's Weekend, and the former host of The Giggle Spot on All Comedy 1450 AM.</p>
<p>Monday, August 12, 2019</p>		
<p>JCIP Update</p>	<p>JCIP Staff</p>	
<p>UCCJEA for Juvenile Court Judges (Anatomy)</p>	<p>Senior Judge Maureen McKnight, Multnomah County Circuit Court</p>	<p>The Hon. Maureen McKnight retired in June 2019 as a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge after 17 ½ years. She handled family, juvenile, and criminal matters there and also served as the Chief Family Court Judge for 6 years. Prior to taking the bench, she worked for Oregon's legal aid programs for over two decades. In that role she handled individual cases as well as provided statewide assistance on policy and litigation matters involving family law and later served as Director of the Multnomah County Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon. Her interest both before and after taking the bench has focused on systemic family law issues affecting low-income Oregonians, including access to justice issues, operation of the state's child support program, and the response of Oregon's communities to domestic violence. She was involved as an attorney with a wide range of legislative efforts and as a judge and attorney has authored and presented</p>

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		<p>materials on a wide range of issues including self-representation, legislation, the Family Abuse Prevention Act, the Violence Against Women Act, modifications, child support, procedure, jurisdiction, and evidence. She was a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's (OJD) Statewide Family Law Advisory Committee, OJD's Judicial Leadership and Education Committee, several Oregon eCourt committees, and the Advisory Board for the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. She is currently a member of OJD's Strategic Planning Steering Committee. She is the recipient of awards for juvenile court improvement work (Chief Justice Champion Award 2018), community collaboration on domestic violence (2015 Judge Stephen B. Herrell Award), for advocating improvements in Oregon's Child Support Program (2002), for Public Service to the Oregon State Bar (2000), and for Promoting Women in the Legal Profession and the Community (Oregon Women Lawyers' 2000 Justice Betty Roberts Award). Judge McKnight is a 1979 graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law.</p>
<p>Minimally Adequate Parenting (Anatomy)</p>	<p>Hon. Bethany Flint, Deschutes County Circuit Court</p>	<p>The Hon. Bethany Flint was appointed to the Deschutes County Circuit Court by Governor Kate Brown in February, 2016, and was elected to her position in the general election that same year. Judge Flint has also served as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Bend from 2014-2016. She earned her law degree in 2003 from Whittier College School of Law, <i>summa cum laude</i>, with recognition as Outstanding Fellow in the school's Center for Children's Rights and obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Irvine, <i>magna cum laude</i>, in 1999. Prior to her work on the bench, Judge Flint practiced family law litigation and mediation for nearly 13 years. Judge Flint presided over Deschutes County's Family Drug Treatment Court throughout 2018, and in January 2019 transitioned to presiding over the Court's dependency docket. Additionally, she represents the Court on the Deschutes County Access to Justice Committee, the LFLAC, the SFLAC Parental Involvement Outreach Subcommittee, and is a founding board member of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.</p>
<p>Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)</p>	<p>Hon. Megan Jacquot, Coos County Circuit Court</p>	<p>The Hon. Megan Jacquot is the new juvenile court judge in Coos County. Prior to her election to the bench in 2016, she was in private practice for a decade specializing in retained and appointed juvenile trial work, appeals, and all areas of law involving children and teens. Before that, she worked for Southwestern Oregon Public Defender's Office for five years. Judge Jacquot has served on several statewide committees dedicated to juvenile law and is currently serving on the Oregon State Bar's juvenile law section executive committee and has just joined JELI's model forms committee. Previous government experiences include many years on the Oregon Commission for Women and the North Bend School District Board of Directors. Megan grew up in Klamath Falls and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University and Tulane University Law School. When not at work, she and her husband and five children enjoy fishing, camping and traveling.</p>

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	<p>Vera James, DHS</p>	<p>Vera James is the Compact Administrator for Oregon and manages the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Program in the Oregon DHS Central Office. She has managed the program for 4 years and previously was the Lead ICPC Coordinator for 8 years. Before that, she was a DHS Child Welfare caseworker in Multnomah and then Clackamas Counties for a total of 8 years. Prior to moving to Oregon, she was employed as a Child Welfare caseworker in Arizona for one year. She holds a Master's in Social Work and a Master's in Public Health, both from Tulane University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Creative Writing from the University of Arizona. She currently is serving as Vice President of the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC). She also participates in the AAICPC Training Committee and in the AAICPC Performance Improvement Committee.</p>
	<p>Hon. Dawn McIntosh, Clatsop County Circuit Court</p>	<p>Dawn McIntosh was elected to the Clatsop County Circuit Court bench in 2016. Prior to becoming a judge, she worked as an Oregon trial lawyer for nearly 25 years in Multnomah, Clatsop and Tillamook counties, practicing primarily criminal, family and juvenile law. Judge McIntosh earned a B.S. from Willamette University and a J.D. from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. She is a current member of the Oregon Judicial Department's State Family Law Advisory Committee, the Judicial Leadership and Education Committee, and the Judicial Engagement and Leadership Institute as well as multiple subcommittees. She is a member of the Clatsop County Dependency Team and the Clatsop County Domestic Violence Counsel and chairs the Local Family Law Advisory and Mediation/Arbitration Committees.</p>
<p>Hauge: Anatomy</p>	<p>Jordan Bates, YRJ</p>	<p>Jordan Bates has been a staff attorney at Youth, Rights & Justice for over eight years. She represents children and parents in the dependency system, and children in the delinquency system. Jordan graduated from U of O law school in 2009, and practiced for a short time at St. Andrew Legal Clinic before starting at YRJ. Jordan also specializes in representing unaccompanied minors in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases in the dependency courts. Through her practice, she works closely with children placed in Portland by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. She files private dependency petitions on behalf of many children in immigration custody, and through this work, deals with international service issues. She has successfully served through Hague a handful of times. Jordan was born and (mostly) raised in Portland, Oregon.</p>
<p>Hague: Anatomy</p>	<p>Catherine Terwilliger, DOG</p>	<p>Catherine Terwilliger attended Willamette University Law School and graduated in 2004 and worked as a judicial law clerk before working at the Multnomah County DA's Office handling misdemeanor trials, domestic violence cases and juvenile cases. Since 2009 she has been with the Oregon Department of Justice in the Child Advocacy Section representing DHS Child Welfare in dependency and TPR cases in Multnomah County, Washington County and Clackamas County. She is currently an Assistant Attorney in Charge in the Child Advocacy Section.</p>
<p>Decision Making – Permanency Plan</p>	<p>Heidi Olsen Strauch, Referee Marion County</p>	<p>Heidi Olsen Strauch earned her BA in Political Science from Drake University and her JD from Lewis & Clark Law School. For seven years Heidi was a partner in general practice in a small-town law firm in Columbia County, encompassing both a civil practice and serving as city attorney for criminal matters, prosecuting misdemeanors in municipal court. After spending time as a full-time mother to her three children, Heidi provided litigation support in Multnomah County in complex civil cases. Heidi began work as a hearings referee and circuit court judge pro tem in 2014,</p>

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		<p>handling juvenile court cases. Heidi currently leads the Marion County LGBTQ Foster Youth Work Group, working with community partners to improve outcomes for LGBTQ youth in foster care, and serves on the Marion County Visitation Practices Workgroup. Heidi was recognized as the Oregon Chief Justice's Juvenile Court Champion in 2018.</p>
	<p>Hon. Patrick Henry, Multnomah County Circuit Court</p>	<p>Hon. Patrick Henry took office on October 16, 2015 after being appointed to the Multnomah County Circuit Court bench by Governor Kate Brown. Judge Henry serves in the Family Law Department, and handles a variety of family law, probate, and juvenile law cases. Since January 1, 2019, Judge Henry has been the lead probate judge in Multnomah County. Judge Henry serves on the Steering Committee overseeing the implementation of the Unified Child and Youth Safety Plan which was developed to address identified gaps in the Child Welfare Program and child caring systems throughout the State of Oregon.</p>
	<p>Anani Kuffner MSW, DHS</p>	<p>Anani Kuffner has a Master's Degree in Social Work and has been employed with DHS Child Welfare for over 17 years. She has worked in various program areas including Child Protective Services, Certification/Adoption and as a Permanency Caseworker. Anani currently works in the Alberta Child Welfare Branch in Multnomah County as a MAPS (Mentoring, Assisting and Promoting Success) supporting newly employed Child Welfare Workers. She enjoys engaging with families, helping them identify their strengths and moving through positive changes in their lives. She has a strong interest in understating the impacts of trauma on families as well as the impact of secondary trauma for those of us working in systems supporting families.</p>
	<p>Kim Lorz, DHS</p>	<p>Kim Lorz is a Policy Analyst with DHS Child Welfare's Field Services Unit. He supports the Child Welfare's ongoing initiative to retain staff through the implementation of the MAPS (Mentoring, Assisting, and Promoting Success) position. He has been employed with DHS Child Welfare for over 10 years, working as Permanency Caseworker, Foster Home Certifier, Supervisor, and Supervisor Trainer. Kim has also served 18 years in the United States Army and Oregon Army National Guard, specializing in Military Intelligence. Using his combined experience, he is dedicated to enhancing the technical proficiency and leadership skills of his teams while achieving mission requirements and reflecting organizational values.</p>