

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### ***The Hon. Angela Arkin – District Court Judge, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District***

Angela R. Arkin has been a District Court Judge in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District since September, 2002. Judge Arkin is a 1983 graduate of Emory Law School, and is licensed in Colorado, Georgia and the District of Columbia. She began her judicial career in August 2000 by serving two years as a District Court Magistrate in Arapahoe County with a domestic and juvenile docket. She is currently handling a 100% domestic docket in Douglas County. Prior to her current assignment, Judge Arkin has served as a District Judge in all four counties in the District, with mixed dockets including criminal, civil, probate, mental health, juvenile and domestic cases.

### ***Violeta Chapin – Associate Clinical Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School***

Professor Violeta Chapin joined the Colorado Law faculty after serving for seven years as a trial attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS). Professor Chapin has represented both adult and juvenile indigent defendants charged with serious felony offenses at all stages of trial. Prior to her work as a public defender, Professor Chapin had clinical experience performing appellate litigation in a capital case on behalf of a death row inmate, working together with attorneys at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Professor Chapin also worked with incarcerated youth in Louisiana and monitored the state's compliance with a consent decree to provide a safe and rehabilitative environment to children imprisoned in detention centers across the state. Professor Chapin brings a wealth of experience of working with indigent populations outside of the United States as well, as she previously worked with poor farmers and families in rural El Salvador in an internationally funded water project. Born in and having lived in Central America, Professor Chapin brings a rich cultural background and a firm commitment to justice for all people to Colorado Law.

### ***Aaron Clay – Attorney at Law, Law Office of Clay & Dodson, PC***

### ***Kim Dvorchak – Executive Director, Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition***

Kim Dvorchak is the Executive Director of the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring excellence in juvenile defense and advocacy and justice for all children and youth in Colorado. In her career as a juvenile defender, Ms. Dvorchak represented youth in juvenile court, criminal court, and appellate court, specializing in the defense of children prosecuted as adults. Ms. Dvorchak spearheaded significant reforms of Colorado's direct file statute in 2012, reducing the prosecution and jailing of youth as adults. Ms. Dvorchak has authored several publications for CJDC, and was a collaborating author of the National Juvenile Defender Center's report: *Colorado: An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings*, which led to legislative reforms on the right to counsel for youth. Kim Dvorchak has been awarded the Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Leadership Award for Excellence in Juvenile Defense by the National Juvenile Defender Center, the Kutak-Dodds Prize for equal justice by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and the Champions of Children Advocate by the Sewall Child Development Center.

***Adam J. Espinosa – Assistant Regulation Counsel, Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel***

Adam J. Espinosa, Esq., is an Assistant Regulation Counsel in the Trial Division of the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. In that capacity, he investigates and prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary and disability proceedings. Mr. Espinosa earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and his law degree from Washburn University. Mr. Espinosa spent his final year in law school as a visiting student at the University of Denver College Of Law and upon graduation began practicing in Colorado as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Michael A. Martinez in Denver District Court. Prior to joining the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, Mr. Espinosa served as a prosecutor in Colorado for seven years. Mr. Espinosa is a frequent lecturer and author for the CBA, local bar associations, and other groups on various ethical and professional responsibility topics.

***Betsy Fordyce – Director of Appellate Advocacy, Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center***

Betsy Fordyce earned her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2002, and a Juris Doctor degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2007, where she graduated first in her class. During law school, Ms. Fordyce interned at the Children’s Law Center as a Bergstrom Child Law Fellow where she discovered a passion for child advocacy. Following graduation, she served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Mullarkey of the Colorado Supreme Court. Ms. Fordyce returned to the CLC in 2008 to represent children in dependency and neglect cases. Ms. Fordyce currently serves as the Director of Appellate Advocacy, filing briefs and participating in arguments before the Colorado Court of Appeals and Colorado Supreme Court. She is also the Director of the Child Advocacy Practicum at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, an experiential course for third-year law students.

***Jim Freeman – Founder & Executive Director, Grassroots Action Support Team***

For the last ten years, Jim Freeman has worked alongside low-income communities and communities of color to create systemic change and support the creation of powerful social movements. He has partnered with numerous grassroots organizations, labor unions, faith-based organizations, and coalitions on local, state, and federal advocacy campaigns across a range of issues including education, juvenile justice, voting rights, immigration, healthcare, transportation, and housing. He has helped numerous partners secure groundbreaking victories while simultaneously supporting them in becoming stronger and more powerful organizations. Freeman has also hosted and facilitated many local, regional, and national convenings and trainings, and has researched and authored a number of highly influential reports and other publications. Prior to founding the Grassroots Action Support Team, Freeman had an independent consulting practice focused on supporting grassroots organizing groups, and he was a Senior Attorney at Advancement Project in Washington, DC, where he directed their highly successful efforts to assist community partners in dismantling the “school-to-prison pipeline.” He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Law School, where he was an editor on the Harvard Law Review. Freeman is a former Skadden Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, where he designed and co-taught a course on “movement lawyering” for social and racial justice. In January 2014, he was appointed by President Obama to serve as a Commissioner on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

***César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández – Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández is a visiting professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and an associate professor at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. He publishes crImmigration.com, a blog about the convergence of criminal and immigration law that has been featured on SCOTUSblog and was named one of the best law blogs of 2012 by the ABA Journal. His academic interests also center on crImmigration, including teaching a seminar on the topic and having published articles about the right to counsel for immigrants in the criminal justice system, immigration imprisonment, and race-based immigration policing in the *Maryland Law Review*, *BYU Law Review*, *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, *Harvard Latino Law Review*, *Columbia Journal of Race and Law*, and *Berkeley Law Raza Law Journal*, among others. In addition to teaching a crImmigration seminar, he teaches Immigration Law and Torts.

***James R. Garts, III – Senior Associate, Gutterman Griffiths PC***

James R. Garts, III, Esq., was born in Memphis, Tennessee, graduated with his B.A. from Colorado College in Colorado Springs and obtained his Juris Doctor in 2002 from Samford University, Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama. James began his legal career in Memphis and initially worked in a variety of legal areas ranging from criminal law to medical malpractice defense. James was always interested in equity and the harm injustice inflicts upon society. Lured back by his love of Colorado, James returned here in 2006, and successfully passed the Colorado Bar Exam. He soon focused his Colorado practice in the field of family law. James is an active volunteer with the Colorado Bar Association and has been the chairperson of both the Young Lawyers Division and the Member Services Committee, a member of the CBA Economic Task Force, served a term on the CBA Executive Counsel, and was the young lawyer liaison to the CBA Board of Governors. At the local bar association level, James was appointed to the 1st Judicial District Board of Trustees and later was their liaison to the CBA Board of Governors. James presently serves as a member of the CBA Modest Means Task Force. During his free time, James enjoys spending time with his wife and is an accomplished road and mountain bicyclist.

***Kathy Gephardt – Executive Director, Children’s Voices***

Kathy Gebhardt’s practice is focused exclusively on advocacy to ensure equal access to public education. After practicing law in private firms for nearly 20 years, she, along with Alex Halpern, founded Children’s Voices, Inc. Kathy has handled complex and class action litigation. She was lead co-counsel in *Giardino v. State of Colorado*, which challenged the funding structure for capital construction in Colorado. The settlement of the case led to the Building Excellent Schools Today (B.E.S.T.) legislation. Kathy works closely with education advocacy and policy groups to help educate the public as to the challenges that must be overcome to achieve access to a quality public education. Kathy is a member of the Board of Directors for Great Education Colorado, Rural and Community Trust, and Colorado Lawyers Committee. She is a past board member of the Alliance for Quality Teaching. She has worked as a consultant with the Education in the Public Interest Center in Boulder, Colorado. She received her law degree from the University of Denver College of Law and her bachelor of arts degree from Lewis and Clark College.

***Tyrone Glover – Trial Attorney, Denver Office, Colorado State Public Defender***

Tyrone Glover is currently a Trial Attorney in the Colorado Public Defender's trial office. The single overriding objective for the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender is to provide zealous and effective representation for indigent people charged with crimes in Colorado. Prior to joining the Colorado Public Defender, Tyrone was an associate with the Shepherd Law Group, in Denver. He assisted in various matters in all practice areas, including corporate, environmental, energy, and sports and entertainment law. He gained experience in preparing corporate contracts, researching state and federal filings, drafting commercial leases, and evaluating court decisions. Tyrone also externed for the Honorable Judge Jerry Jones in the Colorado Court of Appeals. Before attending law school, Tyrone worked in the financial services industry with USAA and Silicon Valley startup E-TRADE Financial, obtaining Series 7 and 63 securities licenses and state insurance licenses. Prior to his legal career, Tyrone spent time as a professional Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighter, competing around the country and the world. In his free time, he can be found practicing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, golfing, snowboarding, fly fishing and backpacking.

***Mekela Goehring – Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network***

Mekela Goehring has served as the Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) since 2005. She began working at RMIAN in 2003 as the organization's first detention staff attorney, representing detained clients before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the Board of Immigration Appeals. Mekela's passion for providing legal services began during fellowships at Community Legal Services in Yuma, Arizona, and Colorado Legal Services in Denver, Colorado. Prior to joining RMIAN, Mekela clerked for Judge James S. Casebolt at the Colorado Court of Appeals. Mekela graduated summa cum laude from the University of Colorado at Boulder and earned her J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law. She was admitted to the Colorado bar in 2002. Mekela has been a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association since 2003. In 2013, the American Immigration Lawyers Association awarded Mekela the Arthur C. Helton Human Rights Award for her outstanding service in advancing the cause of human rights.

***Amy Goscha – Attorney, Willoughby & Associates***

Amy Goscha's practice focuses on family law and probate where she provides rigorous and supportive counsel at the most critical moments in the life of a family. Amy graduated magna cum laude from Creighton University in 2004 with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She received the honors of psychology designation for her work as a board member of the Psi Chi National Honors Society. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Denver in 2007. Amy was also Review Editor of the Transportation Law Journal. Amy began her legal career in March 2008 by serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Angela R. Arkin. She joined Willoughby & Associates in 2008, and after a brief absence has returned to the firm. Amy has lectured frequently in the areas of family law and mediation, and continues as a Co-Adjunct Professor, with the Honorable Judge Angela Arkin, at University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Amy volunteers with Metro Volunteer Lawyers and Executives Partnering to Invest in Children.

***Alexander Hood – Director of Litigation, Towards Justice***

Alexander Hood is the Director of Litigation at Towards Justice, and one of the organization's two co-founders. Alex has worked litigating employment rights and other cases on behalf of low-income clients in the Denver metro area for over four years. Alex has been the attorney of record in over 30 cases in the Colorado state courts and over 10 cases in the federal courts, which include both class action and Fair Labor Standards Act collective action litigation. Through his work as a litigator, Alex has developed extensive knowledge of state and federal wage and hour law, including the Colorado Wage Claim Act, the Colorado Mechanic's Lien Statute, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Agricultural Workers Protection Act. Alex decided to dedicate his career to public interest law after spending the summer of 2009 at Holland & Hart LLP in Denver and teaching history at a small private school in Southern Vermont. Alex received his bachelor's degree from Williams College and his law degree *cum laude* from Boston College Law School.

***Christopher Lasch – Associate Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Professor Christopher Lasch has been litigating to protect his clients' constitutional rights since 1996. After graduating from Yale Law School, Chris worked for three years as a public defender in Louisville, Kentucky. He represented hundreds of clients in the adult trial division and was a member of the capital trial division for nearly two years. In 2000, Chris partnered with another former defender to form a small private law firm dedicated to criminal defense and civil rights litigation. He continued to represent those accused of crimes in Kentucky's trial courts, and broadened his practice to include appellate, post-conviction, and federal habeas corpus litigation on behalf of convicted prisoners. His firm brought civil rights actions and tried civil rights cases in both state and federal courts. In 2006, Chris became a Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow at the Yale Law School, where he taught in numerous clinics, including the Capital Punishment Clinic, Criminal Defense Project, and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. After serving as a Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor at the Suffolk University Law School during the 2009-10 academic year, where as a teacher of the Suffolk Defenders Clinic he supervised students defending criminal cases in the Boston Municipal Court system, Chris came to the Sturm College of Law to teach in the Criminal Defense Clinic. His scholarship focuses on the availability of constitutional remedies in federal habeas and state post-conviction litigation, and on the intersection of criminal and immigration law.

***Damion Lee Natali – Chief of Staff, Senator Mike Johnston***

A Denver native, Damion Lee Natali taught as a high school English teacher in Denver Public Schools as a Teach For America corps member, where he was named a "Mile High Teacher" by the Denver Mayor's Office. As chief of staff to Colorado Sen. Mike Johnston, Damion helped to author and secure passage of major school finance reform and co-founded Education Century, an innovative political fundraising technology platform. In 2013, Damion served as the Political Director for *Yes on Amendment 66*, the largest statewide issue campaign in Colorado's history. In addition to working with Sen. Johnston, Damion has worked in the Arizona State Senate, the U.S. Senate, the Obama presidential campaign, and the law firms of Patton Boggs LLP and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP. Damion attended the University of Arizona on a National Merit scholarship, where he graduated *summa cum*

*laude* with degrees in Political Science and History, and the University of Colorado Law School, where he was an associate editor of the *Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law*.

***Jorge Loweree – Senior Counsel, United States House of Rep./Senior Advisor, Rep. Jared Polis***

Jorge Loweree is Senior Counsel in the United States House of Representatives, where he serves as a Senior Advisor to Representative Jared Polis on immigration law and policy issues. Mr. Loweree has worked tirelessly to challenge the criminalization of immigrant communities through the implementation and expansion of the Secure Communities and the Criminal Alien Programs, as well as the state-level collaboration necessary to make these programs function on a daily basis. He has also worked extensively to foster an environment that ensures that the President’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is a success in Colorado. To that end, Mr. Loweree currently serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado DACA Project in his personal capacity. The Program leverages relationships between local non-profit organizations, private foundations, and *pro bono* attorneys to provide low-income families with free legal assistance in navigating the DACA process as well as financial aid to cover the significant fees associated with these requests. Mr. Loweree previously worked with the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, and the Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County, where he focused on detention issues, removal defense, and affirmative applications for relief. His outstanding contributions to the lives of immigrant families throughout the State of Colorado were recently recognized by the Colorado Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Mr. Loweree is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School.

***Denise Maes – Public Policy Director, ACLU of Colorado***

Former White House Office of Administration General Counsel Denise Maes returned in November 2011 to Denver, her adopted home, to work for the ACLU of Colorado. Pronounced one of the Top Seven Women Lawyers by *LAW WEEK Colorado* in 2009, Denise left the firm of Berenbaum Weinshienk & Eason, where she was partner, to serve as General Counsel for the White House Office of Administration in the Executive Office of President Barack Obama. Later, she directed Budget and Finance operations for the Office of Vice President Joe Biden. A co-founder and former Director of the Colorado Latina Initiative, Denise served as Chair of the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, Director of the Downtown Denver Partnership, and as Director of the Colorado Women’s Bar and Hispanic Bar associations. Celebrated in the legal, business, social justice and Latina/o communities, she was lauded in 2010 as “Barrister of the Year” by The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of Colorado (The Center).

***D. Scott Martinez – City Attorney, Denver, Colorado***

Mayor Michael B. Hancock appointed Scott Martinez to serve as Denver City Attorney in January, 2014. As City Attorney, Mr. Martinez oversees one of the largest public law firms in the west and serves as legal advisor to the Mayor, City Council, Auditor, Clerk and Recorder and all City Departments and Agencies. Immediately prior to his appointment, Mr. Martinez served as Chief Deputy City Attorney for two years. He is the youngest City Attorney in Denver’s history and the youngest large-city City Attorney in the country. Paramount to Mr.

Martinez's ability to advise on the broad legal areas facing the city are the over one hundred attorneys and one hundred staff in the City Attorney's Office that comprise the best public law department in the country. To that end, Mr. Martinez's priority is the investment in the culture and resources of the legal department. He is committed to promoting a culture of innovative thinking and inclusive problem solving that appreciates the diversity of the legal team and the City's people that the department serves. Mr. Martinez grew up in Lakewood, Colorado. He holds a B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a J.D. from the University of San Diego, School of Law. Mr. Martinez and his wife, Julie, have two young, rambunctious sons.

***Hans Meyer – Attorney-at-Law, The Meyer Law Office***

Hans Meyer specializes in immigration law, criminal defense, and advisements regarding the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Hans was born in the Philippines, grew up in Aurora, Colorado, and graduated from Overland High School. He attended Pacific Lutheran University, where he graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Global Studies. After college, Hans worked as a firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service and an instructor for Outward Bound. He also spent several years living, working and traveling in the Middle East and Latin America, focusing primarily on human rights issues in Guatemala and Chiapas, Mexico. Upon returning to the United States, Hans re-settled in Denver, Colorado, where he became a paralegal, focusing on asylum and family-based immigration law for clients primarily from Mexico and Central America. In 2002, Hans enrolled in the evening program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, graduating in 2006. During law school, Hans co-founded the immigration legal program of Catholic Charities of Pueblo, which provided low cost immigration legal services to people throughout southern Colorado. In addition, he interned with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Arizona and the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network in Denver, focusing on immigration detention work and removal defense. Hans also worked as a law clerk for a number of private immigration firms and worked as part of the law school's civil litigation clinic to create a wage and hour program and pass a state wage and hour bill into law in conjunction with El Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores.

***Katherine Blair Mulready – Senior Policy Advisor on Health, Office of Policy, Research, and Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor***

Katherine serves as the Senior Policy Advisor on Health to Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. In this capacity, Katherine coordinates the administration's policies on health and health care, is responsible for implementing the primary components of state and federal health reform laws, and works with state agencies and organizations in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to advance the Governor's health policy priorities. Prior to joining the Governor's Office of Policy, Research & Legislative Affairs in 2011, Katherine worked in health policy and health law for public and private sector organizations, and was a nonprofit management consultant for organizations in Colorado and Washington, DC. Katherine was raised in New York City and has lived in Colorado since 1996. She received her Master's degree and law degree from the University of Denver.

***Marco Nuñez – Executive Director, El Centro Humanitario***

Marco Nuñez joined the organization on February 20th, 2012. With a BA degree from the University of Colorado Boulder in International Affairs, emphasis on Latin American Studies, his professional experience includes participating and leading numerous successful labor organizing campaigns over seven years. Beginning in the packinghouses of the Midwest he also organized in the service sector here in Colorado representing janitors and other service workers. Most recently he served nearly five years as the Director of Organizing at Padres & Jóvenes Unidos where he and a dedicated team led multiple campaigns with parents and youth seeking educational justice through meaningful reform. At El Centro, Marco concentrates on developing and executing El Centro's programs and organizing campaigns, fostering leadership and participation among its membership.

***Linda Olson – Senior Attorney, Colorado Legal Services***

Linda J. Olson is a DU Law School graduate, who has worked as a public interest attorney at Colorado Legal Services for more than 30 years. She has specialized in Administrative Law, particularly access to public benefits and due process. For the past four years she has managed a Collaborative ID Project that assists needy U.S. citizens and lawfully present immigrants who need documents such as state identification cards and birth certificates to establish their identity and lawful presence.

***Erin Overturf – Energy Staff Attorney, Western Resource Advocates***

Prior to joining Western Resource Advocates in 2013, Ms. Overturf served as an Assistant Solicitor General in the Colorado Attorney General's Office. In that capacity, she represented state agencies such as the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, and the Colorado Energy Office. She also served as a clerk to Justice Alex Martinez of the Colorado Supreme Court. Ms. Overturf obtained her J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law, and holds a B.A. in both Economics and Anthropology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

***Daniel Ramos – Political & Organizing Director, One Colorado***

Daniel Ramos is the Political and Organizing Director, leading One Colorado's work to mobilize, educate, and engage the LGBT community around important issues. Before taking on this role, Daniel served as Director of Safe & Inclusive Schools, managing its safe schools program. Prior to joining One Colorado, Daniel served as an Organizer for the Stonewall Democrats' "Elect-Equality" Initiative. As an Organizer in Palm Springs, CA, Daniel worked to execute an aggressive field plan to recruit, train, and manage volunteers to facilitate voter engagement. Throughout Daniel's college career, he was involved in many local, state, and national organizations. After years of involvement in the University of Colorado Student Government, Daniel was elected as a Student Body President in 2009. During his term, he advocated for many diversity and sustainability initiatives, including a program that established CU-Boulder as the First Zero-Waste Student Government in the United States. Also during college, Daniel was active in the Associated Students of Colorado and the United States Student Association, organizations that advocate for access and affordability in higher education. Serving on USSA's National Board of Directors and Executive Board, Daniel worked as a Regional and National Outreach Officer to develop outreach plans to build membership across the country. Recognizing barriers that exist in higher education, Daniel educated and mobilized students in Colorado around issues like Student Aid Reform and the

DREAM Act. Growing up in northeast Colorado, Daniel graduated from Sterling High School and went on to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder. He graduated with a Degree in Sociology and Spanish and holds a Certificate in the Study and Practice of Leadership as a scholar in the President's Leadership Class. Outside of work, Daniel enjoys traveling, spending time with his family, being active outdoors, and exploring his interest in Spanish language & culture.

***Jonathan Rapping – President & Founder, Gideon's Promise***

Jonathan Rapping is the President and Founder of Gideon's Promise, a non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and provides mentorship to new public defenders working in public defender offices throughout the South. Jon is the Director of the Honors Program in Criminal Justice at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, where he also teaches criminal law and criminal procedure. He is also a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School where he helps to run its prestigious Trial Advocacy Workshop. He is the former Training Director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), an office nationally known for its training program. Following his tenure at PDS, in 2004 Jon became the first Training Director of Georgia's new state-wide public defender system. In that capacity he was responsible for designing training programs for both legal and non-legal staff statewide. Jon then became the Director of Training and Recruitment for the Orleans Public Defenders, where he was integral in the efforts to rebuild the public defender system in post-Katrina New Orleans. In recognition of his work in New Orleans, he was a co-recipient of the prestigious Lincoln Leadership Award, given by Kentucky's Department of Public Advocacy to honor leadership in national efforts to improve indigent defense. Jon has trained public defenders all over the country, and was awarded a Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship to develop Gideon's Promise. In 2009, Jon was named a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow by the Harvard Law School Office of Public Interest in recognition of his contribution to the public interest through his work with the Gideon's Promise. In 2013 Jon and Gideon's Promise were awarded the Sentencing Project Award from the National Association of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists and the Gideon's Promise Award from the Southern Center for Human Rights. Also that year he was invited to serve as the Public Interest Scholar in Residence at Touro Law School in recognition of his work with Gideon's Promise.

***Amy Robertson – Co-Founder/Director & Attorney, Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center***

Amy received her law degree from Yale Law School in 1988 and her B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1983. She lived in Taiwan between college and law school and still speaks conversational Mandarin Chinese. Following law school, Amy clerked for the Hon. Richard L. Williams of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. She then worked at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering and ultimately started her own practice with her partner, Tim Fox, Fox & Robertson PC in 1996, where she litigated class and individual civil rights cases with a focus on disability rights. After 17 years, Fox & Robertson closed and the principals developed the nonprofit, the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC), to provide a platform for more creative approaches to civil rights law than were available through a private firm. Amy and her partner jointly received the 2012 Award of Excellence from the Colorado Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and were

recognized with the 2007 Impact Fund Award and the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Case of the Year award in 2006. Amy has been named a "Super Lawyer" in multiple years and was also named one of the ten most powerful lawyers in Denver in 2006 by the *Denver Business Journal*. Amy and Time have also been honored as Fellows of the Colorado Bar Foundation, a designation bestowed upon no more than five percent of the lawyers in Colorado for "outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community, the traditions of the profession and the maintenance and advancement of the objectives of the Colorado Bar Association."

***The Hon. Lucila Rosas - Administrative Judge, Denver Field Office, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission***

Lucila (Lucy) G. Rosas is an Administrative Judge with the Denver Field Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. As an Administrative Judge, Ms. Rosas presides over federal sector employment discrimination complaints. Ms. Rosas was on detail to the Office of the General Counsel of the EEOC, serving as Lead Coordinator of the EEOC's Immigrant Worker Team which was established to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the EEOC to address the intersection of national origin, race, gender, age, disability and/or religious discrimination issues affecting workers of foreign national origin, including issues related to human trafficking and immigrant workers. Prior to becoming an Administrative Judge, Ms. Rosas was a Senior Trial Attorney with the legal units of both the Phoenix and the San Francisco District Offices where she litigated employment discrimination cases on behalf of the EEOC for approximately 11 years. During her tenure as a trial attorney, Ms. Rosas developed and litigated many cases on behalf of victims of discrimination, including large class actions and cases involving farmworkers. The cases ranged in issues from egregious sexual harassment, national origin harassment, religious discrimination and retaliation. Specifically, Ms. Rosas, along with co-counsel, successfully tried and obtained a \$390,000 jury verdict for an individual of Moroccan and Muslim descent who was terminated in retaliation for complaining of discrimination. (*EEOC v. Go Daddy Software, Inc.*) She also litigated a large class action case alleging religious discrimination and retaliation which ultimately settled for \$1.875 million. (*EEOC v. University of Phoenix*). Ms. Rosas developed and litigated the case *EEOC/Tamayo v. Harris Farms, Inc.*, a case involving egregious sexual assault and harassment of a farmworker woman by her supervisor. This case was ultimately tried by the EEOC and the jury awarded Ms. Tamayo nearly \$1 million. Ms. Rosas also litigated other cases on behalf of farmworkers such as *EEOC v. Coastal Valley* (\$200,000 settlement for a class of farmworker women who were victims of sexual harassment, constructive discharge and retaliation); *EEOC v. Prima Frutta, et al*, (\$235,000 settlement for class of farmworkers harassed because of national origin); *EEOC v. RC Packing* (\$51,000 settlement for female farmworker subjected to sexual harassment and retaliation). She was also part of the legal team that determined eligibility of victim's claims under the EEOC's Consent Decree in *EEOC v. Tanimura & Antle*, a \$1.855 million settlement, the largest settlement to date for a class of farmworker women who were victims of sexual harassment and retaliation. Prior to joining the EEOC, Ms. Rosas was Staff Attorney and Program Director with *Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc. (Lideres Campesinas)*, a grassroots, statewide farmworker women's organization dedicated to empowering farmworker women and developing leadership skills. While at *Lideres*, she represented victims of domestic violence in their petitions to gain immigration status under the Violence

Against Women Act (VAWA). She also provided legal advice, education and trainings to farmworker women on worker's rights, specifically sexual harassment and sexual assault, and on issues affecting the family and health, such as domestic violence, pesticide exposure and HIV/AIDS. In 2011, Ms. Rosas was awarded the Immigrant Liberty Award by the Colorado chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) for her advocacy work on behalf of the immigrant community. She has also been a recipient of the EEOC's Chairwoman Award for her work in *EEOC v. Harris Farms case*. Ms. Rosas obtained her B.A. degree in History and Ethnic Studies from U.C. Berkeley in 1991 and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law in 1995. Ms. Rosas resides in Denver, Colorado. She is married and has three daughters.

***Mark Silverstein – Legal Director, ACLU of Colorado***

Mark Silverstein is a 1989 graduate of the Illinois College of Law. He served for a year as law clerk to Judge James Moran of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and another year as law clerk for Judge Harry Pregerson of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1991, he began working as a staff attorney for the ACLU of Southern California in Los Angeles. Since 1996, he has worked as Legal Director of the ACLU of Colorado, where he oversees the ACLU's litigation in a wide variety of cases raising issues of civil liberties and constitutional rights.

***The Hon. Judge Daniel Taubman – Colorado Court of Appeals & Co-Chair, Colorado Bar Association's Modest Means Committee***

Daniel M. Taubman has served as a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals since March 1993. He graduated from Cornell University in 1969 and from Harvard Law School in 1974. In between, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Cusco area of Peru. Since 2004, Judge Taubman has served as a member of the Colorado Access to Justice Commission and currently chairs its Local Access to Justice Support Committee. He is a former chair of the Availability of Legal Services and Disability Law Committees of the Colorado Bar Association, and currently serves as Chair of the CBA's Ethics Committee. In addition, Judge Taubman is a member of the Appellate Practice Subcommittee of the Litigation Section of the CBA, and, in 2009, helped found the CBA's Appellate Pro Bono Program. Judge Taubman also co-chairs the CBA's Modest Means Task Force, and serves on Working Group D of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Legal Profession. After law school, Judge Taubman clerked for Judge Charles E. Stewart in the Southern District of New York. Until his appointment to the bench, Judge Taubman practiced with Pikes Peak Legal Services in Colorado Springs, the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law in New York City, and the Colorado Coalition of Legal Services Programs in Denver.

***Winter Torres – Assistant Counsel, National Treasury Employees Union***

***Jessica Townsend – Associate Attorney, Earthjustice***

Jessica Townsend joined Earthjustice's Rocky Mountain office as an associate attorney in the summer of 2013. She received her law degree from Stanford Law School, graduating with distinction in 2008. During law school, she worked in the Environmental Law Clinic on endangered species issues and spent summers at Earthjustice and the Sierra Club Environmental Law Program. After spending some time in private practice, as well as a few

years at home with her two young daughters, Jessica returned to Earthjustice and enjoys working each day to protect the extraordinary public lands, water, and wildlife in the Rocky Mountain region. The focus of her current work includes, among other things, challenging a coal mine expansion in a Colorado roadless area and working to protect the last free-flowing river in the Southwest from devastating groundwater pumping. Jessica also holds bachelor's degrees in both mathematics and the Plan II Honors program from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in environmental science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

***Dianne Van Voorhees – Executive Director, Metro Volunteer Lawyers***

A 3<sup>rd</sup> generation native of Colorado, Dianne Van Voorhees is also a descendant of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in French from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and obtained her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder School of Law. Ms. Van Voorhees is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Colorado, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, the Tenth Circuit, and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. She has practiced in the areas of family, juvenile, consumer, bankruptcy, immigration, landlord/tenant, and Federal Indian law, among others. In addition to practicing law, she has served on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Indian Education Association and is a committee member on the Colorado Coalition for Minority Youth Equality. She serves on the Denver Access to Justice Committee, the 18th JD Access to Justice Committee, Chairs the 17th JD Access to Justice Committee (Recipients of the 2012 ABBA's "Citizen of the Year" Award), participates on the 1st JD Access to Justice Committee, the Sean May Memorial Run/Walk Committee, and the Denver Domestic Violence and Legal Issues Committee. Ms. Van Voorhees is a past Chair of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council. The JJDP was established pursuant to the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 5601), to act in the best interests of Colorado's juveniles. JJDP members and the Chair are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Ms. Van Voorhees is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, the Family Law Section of the CBA, the Denver Bar Association, the Adams/Broomfield Bar Association, the Arapahoe County Bar Association, the Douglas/Elbert Bar Association, the 1st JD Bar Association, the Colorado Women's Bar Association, the Sam Cary Bar Association, the Asian Pacific Bar Association, the Colorado GLBT Bar Association, the Colorado Indian Bar Association, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, and is the President of the Arraj Inn of Court.

***Danaé D. Woody – Principal Attorney, Woody Law Firm LLC***

Danaé D. Woody founded Woody Law Firm, LLC in April of 2014 after three years of superb training under premier Colorado family law practitioners. Ms. Woody's experience includes complex divorce litigation, child custody disputes, child support modification and enforcement, non-traditional family formation and dissolution, adoption, and estate planning matters. Ms. Woody holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from California State University, Sacramento and a Juris Doctor from the University of Denver. Ms. Woody is a member of the Colorado Bar Association's Family Law Section, the Denver Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee, and is a volunteer attorney for Metro Volunteer Lawyers, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, and Lawline 9. Ms. Woody's litigation experience has proven that in high conflict cases, court involvement is sometimes necessary

in order to achieve the best result for her clients. However, Ms. Woody is committed to helping parties decrease conflict during domestic relations proceedings and encourages parties to find mutually acceptable solutions to their disputes, when possible. Litigation can become extremely expensive, emotionally taxing, and time consuming. Further, litigation often results in dissatisfaction for all parties and children involved, as a third party – the judge – can never be truly familiar with the people involved in order to make a decision that seems fair to everyone. However, when parties are able to understand the law with the assistance of their attorneys and, when children are involved, focus on what is truly best for their children, many clients feel satisfied with the results of successful settlement negotiations. Many times, negotiated settlements also result in savings of several thousands of dollars in legal and expert fees. Ms. Woody is committed to providing quality legal services at affordable rates, as no person should be forced to go without some amount of legal advice simply because they believe they cannot afford a lawyer. Due to the array of significant rights at stake in domestic relations matters, most parties cannot afford NOT to have a lawyer.

### **FACILITATOR BIOGRAPHIES**

#### ***Lisa Graybill – Lecturer, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Lisa Graybill is a lecturer in the Legal Externships Program. Previously, she was a visiting lecturer in the Civil Rights Clinic. Prior to coming to DU, Graybill served as the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Texas from 2005-2012. Before joining the ACLU, Graybill clerked for a federal judge in New Jersey, then joined the Special Litigation Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division through the Attorney General's Honors Program. As a trial attorney at the DOJ, Graybill worked on matters involving police misconduct and prison and jail conditions. She graduated from Smith College with highest honors in 1991 and received her law degree from the University of Texas with honors in 1999.

#### ***Alan Chen – William M. Beaney Memorial Research Chair and Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Alan Chen is a nationally recognized expert in constitutional law, federal courts and civil rights litigation. He pursues research in a variety of fields, including federal remedies for civil rights violations, free speech doctrine and theory, and lawyering for social change. Chen has published many scholarly articles, and his work has appeared in several of the country's leading law journals. He is a past chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Civil Rights. Chen is also interested in linking theory to practice. In recent years, he has litigated two high-profile, pro bono civil rights cases in the federal courts. One case challenged law enforcement officers' use of pepper spray to subdue peaceful environmental protesters in California. The other lawsuit invalidated a Colorado law mandating that all students and teachers recite the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools. Since joining the University of Denver Sturm College of Law faculty in 1992, Chen has received awards for teaching, contributions to the law review and pro bono legal work. Before entering teaching, Chen was a staff attorney with the ACLU's Chicago office, where he was a civil liberties litigator focusing primarily on cases concerning the First Amendment, police misconduct and privacy rights. Before that, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen, U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

***Margaret Kwoka – Assistant Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Professor Kwoka is a graduate of Brown University and Northeastern University School of Law and a former education volunteer with Peace Corps in Burkina Faso. She clerked for Chief Justice Phillip Rapoza, Massachusetts Appeals Court, and Judge Michael Murphy, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Denver, Professor Kwoka was an Assistant Professor at John Marshall Law School in Chicago and a Lecturer at George Washington University School of Law. She also practiced as an attorney at Public Citizen Litigation Group, a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C., where she focused on government transparency litigation in federal court. Professor Kwoka's research and teaching interests center on civil procedure and procedural justice, administrative law and judicial review of agency actions, federal court litigation, and government transparency. Her articles have appeared in the *Boston College Law Review*, *the American University Law Review*, *the Harvard Journal on Legislation*, and the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, among others.

***Justin Marceau – Associate Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Prior to joining the faculty at the College of Law, Professor Marceau clerked for the Honorable Sidney R. Thomas, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and worked as a litigation associate with the law firm Heller Ehrman, LLP (San Francisco). Subsequently, Professor Marceau was an Assistant Federal Public Defender (District of Arizona) specializing in capital habeas corpus appeals. Professor Marceau continues to actively practice law as counsel of record, as a consultant, and as an expert witness. Since joining the faculty he was lead counsel in a federal habeas corpus trial and he has been counsel of record on a number of briefs. He has lectured at CLEs and been invited to present his work to judicial conferences. He regularly consults on cases with habeas attorneys and joins or authors amicus briefs for the Supreme Court. Professor Marceau's research interests include habeas corpus, the death penalty, criminal procedure, criminal law, constitutional law and animal law. Professor Marceau also litigates and consults for a leading animal welfare non-profit, the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

***Nantiya Ruan – Lawyering Process Professor & Director, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Nantiya Ruan returned to the University of Denver and the Lawyering Process program after hiatuses on both coasts. After graduating from D.U. with dual J.D. and M.S.W. degrees, Nantiya clerked for the Honorable Ronald L. Ellis in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Following her clerkship, Nantiya was a litigation associate at Outten & Golden LLP, a New York plaintiffs' employment law firm, representing employees in discrimination and harassment cases, discrimination class actions, and contract and benefit claims. In one particularly satisfying case, Nantiya was a lead associate in a national "glass ceiling" discrimination class action against a major insurance company. After four years, Nantiya left New York City for the more tranquil Bay Area waters. In Oakland, California, Nantiya was an associate for Goldstein, Demchak, Baller, Borgen & Dardarian (formerly Saperstein, Goldstein), a firm representing plaintiffs in complex and class action litigations across the country, including civil rights, employment discrimination, wage and hour, disability access, consumer, and other public interest class actions. Prior to becoming an

employee advocate, Nantiya represented children in custody disputes, indigent clients in criminal court in one of DU's clinics, and was an intern and interim clerk at the Colorado Supreme Court. As a social worker, Nantiya counseled homeless, pregnant teens in Oakland and mothers with drug addictions in Charleston, South Carolina.

***Lindsey Webb – Assistant Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Lindsey Webb supervises students in the Civil Rights Clinic. She graduated from Wesleyan University and Stanford Law School. She also spent two years as a Prettyman Fellow in the Criminal Justice Clinic at Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C., where she earned her LLM in Advocacy. After graduation from law school, Webb worked as a Deputy State Public Defender in the Colorado State Public Defender's Office. In this capacity, she represented people accused of misdemeanors and felonies, in addition to children accused of crimes in juvenile court. She also worked as an attorney in the appellate division of the Public Defender's Office, where she handled direct appeals of felony convictions. At Georgetown Law School, Webb supervised law students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Clinic in their representation of persons accused of misdemeanors in the District of Columbia, and taught weekly classes on trial advocacy skills. Prior to joining the Civil Rights Clinic, she served as the Director of Public Interest and a Lecturer at Denver Law, where she taught doctrinal and trial advocacy courses in addition to serving on the faculty of the Legal Externship and Public Interest Practicum programs.

## **ORGANIZER BIOGRAPHIES**

***Alexi Freeman – Director, Public Interest & Lecturer, University of Denver Sturm College of Law***

Alexi Freeman has a distinguished record working alongside low-income communities and communities of color as a racial justice and legal advocate. For a number of years, Freeman worked as a staff attorney at Advancement Project, a national civil rights group, where she assisted grassroots organizations across the country on successful social justice advocacy campaigns around education and juvenile justice policy, housing, and voting rights issues. Her work designing and writing policies, in collaboration with community groups, to support students of color in K-12 schools have become national models for reform. At Denver Law, she serves as the Director of Public Interest, as a lecturer within the Legal Externship program, and as a co-faculty administrator of the Critical Race Reading Seminar. Her research focuses on the school-to-prison pipeline and lawyering for social justice movements. She is a member of the National Association of Pro Bono Professionals and serves on the Board of Governors for the Society of American Law Teachers, which is a community of progressive law teachers working for justice, diversity, and academic excellence. Freeman is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard Law School. While at Harvard Law, she was recognized for her work in public interest law and her leadership on campus.

***J. Christopher McKee – Program Director for Schaden Experiential Learning & Public Service Programs, University of Colorado Law School***

J. Christopher McKee is the former Special Counsel to the Director at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), where he served as a senior advisor to the Director

and all other divisions of PDS on forensic evidence issues. Mr. McKee led the agency's Forensic Practice Group, supervised staff forensic fellows and the staff forensic scientist, and served as the primary reviewer of requests for expert services in all PDS cases. In addition to his advisory and supervisory roles, Mr. McKee served as lead or special counsel in cases involving important forensic issues, as well as maintaining his own personal caseload of complex homicide cases. Mr. McKee has litigated cases involving challenges to DNA, glass composition, firearms toolmark impressions, fingerprints, alleged arson evidence, alleged sexual assault injuries and numerous forensic pathology issues. Before joining the Trial Division at the Public Defender Service, Mr. McKee was a Staff Attorney at the DeKalb County Public Defender's Office in Decatur, Georgia, where he handled all levels of criminal cases before trial and appellate courts. Mr. McKee received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and J.D./M.T.S. at Emory University. Mr. McKee has been an adjunct law professor at the University of Colorado Law School since 2009 and since January 2014 has served as Program Director for Schaden Experiential Learning & Public Service Programs .