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A strong, independent, educated, responsive judiciary that adheres to the rule of law is one of the hallmarks of a democratic society. While every citizen has an interest in the maintenance of an effective judicial system, lawyers (as officers of the court) have an even keener interest.

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2023 Symposium

Pressures of the Times

Key Issues Facing State Courts

“Judges . . . rule on the basis of law, not public opinion, and they should be totally indifferent to pressures of the times.”

- Hon. Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice, United States Supreme Court

We live in extraordinary times during which our institutions face unprecedented pressures amid a climate of fading trust. The judiciary is no exception. Threats and inappropriate communications to federal and state courts and judges have increased significantly in the past decade. Meanwhile, public confidence in the judicial branch continues to decline and Americans are losing faith in the courts’ ability to deliver on the key promise of justice for all.

A well-educated, independent judiciary is the best antidote to these pressures of the times. Our 19th Annual Judicial Symposium seeks to provide state court appellate judges with valuable insight on these and other important and timely issues. As our keynote address, the Honorable Goodwin H. Liu of the Supreme Court of California—a leading scholar on state constitutional law—will share insights about the importance in interpreting state constitutional provisions. An esteemed panel of experts will discuss measures to improve judicial security and courthouse safety. Back by popular demand, the Honorable Robert E. Bacharach of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit will share strategies for effective opinion writing. Additional speakers and panels will provide important insights on changes to Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Restatement (Third) of Torts, and the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court term. And all of this will occur at the historic Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, DC.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 28, 2023

4:00–5:00 p.m.

Registration

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Keynote: State Constitutionalism

Justice Liu will discuss the role of state courts and state constitutions as structural features of our federal system that channel discourse and disagreement about individual rights in our diverse democracy.

Hon. Goodwin H. Liu, *Supreme Court of California, San Francisco, CA*

6:00–7:15 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Saturday, July 29, 2023

7:45–9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00–9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Amy Miletich, *NFJE President, Miletich PC., Denver, CO*

Mark Fahleson, *2023 Symposium Program Chair, Rembolt Ludtke LLP, Lincoln, NE*

9:15–10:30 a.m.

Protecting the Judiciary and Ensuring Safety in Courts

Improving security for judges and ensuring safety in courthouses is an increasing concern for courts around the United States. In December 2022, Congress passed the *Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act*—named after U.S. District Court Judge Esther Salas’s son, who was killed in an assassination attempt on her—to protect personal information and increase protection for federal judges and their families. Different state courts also have been evaluating ways to improve judicial security and courthouse safety, including review of facility safety standards, protection of personal information, responding to threats, and other measures. This panel will discuss what measures state courts should consider to improve judicial safety and security.

Moderator | Sara Kobak, *Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, PC, Portland, Oregon*

Hon. Mathias W. Delort, *Illinois Appellate Court, First Judicial District, Chicago, IL*

Thomas J. Garrity Jr., *Chief-Court Security Division, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, D.C.*

Nathan W. Hall, *National Center for State Courts, Denver, CO*

Hon. Richard J. Sullivan, *United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, NY*

10:30–10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45–11:45 a.m.	<p>Improving Rule 702 In 2022, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure voted unanimously to approve an amendment to Federal Rule of Evidence 702. Aimed at clarifying the standards for admission of expert testimony, the amendment is expected to take effect December 1, 2023, with changes likely to follow in state analogs. Learn how the amendment will strengthen the role of the court as gatekeeper for the admissibility of expert opinion.</p> <p>Moderator Phillip Willman, Brown & James, PC, St. Louis, MO Toyja E. Kelley, <i>Locke Lord, LLP, Washington, D.C.</i> Lee Mickus, <i>Evans Fears & Schuttert LLP, Denver, CO</i> Elyse Shimada, <i>Hollingsworth, LLP, Washington, D.C.</i></p>
11:45–1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch with Speaker Bruce Jackson, <i>Associate General Counsel, Microsoft, and author of “Never Far From Home: My Journey from Brooklyn to Hip Hop, Microsoft and the Law,” Mount Vernon, NY</i></p>
1:00–2:00 p.m.	<p>Legal Writing : Tips for Crafting Effective Written Opinions Producing clear and understandable judicial decisions is the goal of every appellate judge. Drawing from his recent book <i>Legal Writing: A Judge’s Perspective on the Science and Rhetoric of the Written Word</i>, Judge Bacharach shares strategies for improving clarity and enhancing legal writing in judicial decisions.</p> <p>Hon. Robert E. Bacharach, <i>U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Oklahoma City, OK</i></p>
2:00–2:15 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
2:15–3:30 p.m.	<p>Duty, Causation, and the Restatement (Third) of Torts The panel will examine longstanding concepts of duty and causation and their role in litigation in light of changes in the Restatement (Third) of Torts. Duty and causation both have traditionally included a focus on foreseeability as a limit to liability and on whether a defendant’s conduct was a substantial factor in causing the complained-of injury. These debates go back to the dispute between the majority and dissenting opinions of Judge Cardozo and Judge Andrews in <i>Palsgraf v. Long Island R.R.</i>, 248 N.Y. 339, 362 N.W. 99 (1928). And they arise over and over again in modern times. The discussion will shed light on the perennial question about the proper role of the judge and the jury.</p> <p>Moderator Mary Massaron, <i>Plunkett Cooney, Bloomfield Hills, MI</i> Hon. Stephen J. Markman (retired), <i>Michigan Supreme Court</i> Hon. David N. McCarty, <i>Mississippi Court of Appeals, Jackson, MS</i> Tory A. Weigand, <i>Morrison Mahoney, Boston, MA</i></p>
3:30–3:45 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
3:45–4:45 p.m.	<p>The Supreme Court: Big Cases, Big Controversies and a Look Ahead to this Fall’s Term Mr. Dupree will discuss the Court’s recent high-profile decisions and preview upcoming cases to be decided this coming term. He will address notable rulings and trends, and analyze all the politics and personalities on the Court.</p> <p>Tom Dupree, <i>Gibson Dunn, Washington, DC</i></p>
4:45–5:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks</p>
5:00–6:30 p.m.	<p>Closing Reception</p>

Speakers



The Honorable Robert E. Bacharach sits on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, with his chambers in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Judge Bacharach graduated from Washington University School of Law in 1985, where he was named to the Order of the Coif. He served for two years as a clerk for Judge William J. Holloway, Jr. on the Tenth Circuit, and then worked for 12 years as a commercial litigator for the Oklahoma firm of Crowe & Dunlevy. In 1999, Judge Bacharach became a magistrate judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, where he presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases. He was appointed to the Tenth Circuit in 2013. Judge Bacharach recently published a new book on legal writing called *Legal Writing: A Judge's Perspective on the Science and Rhetoric of the Written Word*.



Tillman Breckenridge is a partner at the firm of Stris & Maher LLP in Washington, D.C. Mr. Breckenridge is an experienced appellate lawyer whose practice includes a diverse array of appellate litigation matters at all levels. He has represented companies, organizations, individuals, and foreign, state, and local governments before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals, and different state courts. Mr. Breckenridge also has been an adjunct professor of law at William and Mary Law School, where he founded the Appellate & Supreme Court Clinic. He has been named to Savoy Magazine's Most Influential Black Lawyers in America, an honorary member of the Order of the Barristers, a Washington, D.C. SuperLawyer, and a member of Virginia's Legal Elite. He also became the youngest fellow ever—and first under 40—in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. In addition to his appellate practice, Mr. Breckenridge speaks on appellate and related topics to various audiences.



The Honorable Mathias W. Delort sits on the Illinois Appellate Court, with his chambers in Chicago, Illinois. Justice Delort earned his B.S. in mathematics *cum laude* from DePaul University and his J.D. from the University of Illinois Chicago Law School (formerly The John Marshall Law School), where he was awarded the Dean's academic scholarship. He also holds a master's degree in public administration (M.P.A.) from the University of Illinois. Justice Delort was appointed as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2007 and served almost exclusively in the Chancery Division of that court. Elevated to the appellate court in 2012, Justice Delort has served both as presiding justice of several divisions of that court and as chair of the court's Mediation Committee. Before becoming a judge, he was a partner and head of the Local Government Practice Group of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. (now known as Robbins Schwartz), specializing in local government and election law.



Thomas H. Dupree Jr. is Co-Partner-in-Charge of the Washington, DC office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and co-chair of the firm's nationwide Appellate and Constitutional Law practice group. Mr. Dupree has argued more than 100 appeals in the federal courts, including in all thirteen circuits as well as the United States Supreme Court. Chambers and Partners has named Mr. Dupree one of the leading appellate lawyers in the United States every year from 2012 through 2023.

Mr. Dupree previously served in the United States Department of Justice as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General. In that capacity, he served as the division's second-in-command, overseeing more than 900 lawyers and managing many of the government's most significant cases involving regulatory, commercial, constitutional and national security matters on behalf of virtually all of the federal agencies, the White House, and senior federal officials.

Legal Times has called Mr. Dupree "no stranger to high-profile work." Among other things, he played a substantial role in the successful representation of George W. Bush before the United States Supreme Court in *Bush v. Gore*, and represented New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady in challenging his "Deflategate" suspension. He also argued and won, by a unanimous 9-0 vote, a landmark personal jurisdiction case in the United States Supreme Court, *Daimler AG v. Bauman*.

Mr. Dupree appears frequently on national television as a legal analyst. He is a regular guest on Fox News Channel and CNN, and has testified before Congress on constitutional and separation-of-powers issues, including the President's authority to act through executive order.



Mark Fahleson is a partner with the firm Rembolt Ludtke in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Fahleson serves as an attorney and advisor to businesses, organizations, insurers, governmental bodies, officials, and individuals. When litigation becomes unavoidable, his representation has resulted in numerous successful verdicts from federal and state court judges and juries. Whether it involves employment law, agriculture or government relations, Mark's expertise and skill has earned him recognition, including being named as the Employment Law (Management-Side) Attorney 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" for Lincoln, Nebraska by The Best Lawyers in America®.



Thomas J. Garrity Jr. is the Chief of the Judiciary Security Division of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO). Tom is the primary liaison between the Judiciary, United States Marshals Service, Federal Protective Service, and other law enforcement agencies for all physical security matters that impact federal courts. Mr. Garrity leads a professional staff of physical security experts, emergency management specialists, resource and legal staff, who assist federal judges and courts nationwide with security related issues. Mr. Garrity also serves as primary staff to the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Judicial Security.

Speakers



Nathan Hall is a registered Architect and Principal Consultant for the National Center for State Courts. Since joining the National Center in 2008, he has been involved in over 150 court security assessment and facility planning projects for state and local courts across the nation and internationally. His expertise includes court security and emergency planning; facility planning and design; and court technology planning. Mr. Hall is the staff liaison to the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators (CCJ/COSCA) Joint Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee and is the primary editor of the NCSC Steps to Best Practices for Court Building Security and the NCSC Courts Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning Guide and Template. Mr. Hall also provides training nationally to professionals in the areas of court security & emergency planning as well as courthouse planning & design.



Bruce Jackson is an associate general counsel at Microsoft and managing director for strategic partnerships out of the office of the president at Microsoft. Mr. Jackson is involved with the corporation's government affairs and corporate citizenship initiatives. Mr. Jackson also provided legal support to a \$20 billion sales operation in a previous role.

Prior to joining Microsoft in 2000 as corporate counsel for the Digital Media Division, Mr. Jackson founded the entertainment law firm of Jackson, Brown, Powell, and St. George, representing the likes of Heavy D, Pete Rock & CL Smooth, L.L. Cool J, and Busta Rhymes.

He has received Microsoft's diversity award, participated in Microsoft's law and corporate affairs' diversity efforts, helped launch Microsoft's Elevate American Veterans Initiative, and worked to develop its diverse recruitment pipeline. He is a current board member of the National Association for Women and Minority Owned Law Firms, and the Universal Hip Hop Museum. *Never Far from Home: My Journey from Brooklyn to Hip Hop, Microsoft, and the Law* is his first book.

Throughout his career, Bruce's passion has lied in driving diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and tech industry. He has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Hofstra University, and a JD / Tax LLM from Georgetown University where he studied law and tax.



Toyja E. Kelley is a partner of Locke Lord LLP in Washington, D.C., where he concentrates his practice in general commercial litigation, construction litigation, professional and product liability, business torts, and insurance coverage. He represents large public and medium-sized businesses in complex commercial disputes. He has achieved positive results for businesses in the offshore wind, construction, real estate, manufacturing, retail, and automotive industries, among others. Mr. Kelley has extensive trial experience in the state and federal courts in Maryland and the District of Columbia. A past president of DRI, he was also the inaugural president of the DRI Center for Law and Public Policy and currently chairs the Center's MDL Working Group. Mr. Kelley was instrumental in raising the diversity efforts of DRI, where he served as chair of the Diversity Committee. He is also a past president of the board of directors of the Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.



Sara Kobak is a partner with Pacific Northwest firm of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C., with her office in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Kobak focuses her practice on appellate litigation in diverse subject areas, including commercial disputes, insurance issues, tort claims, administrative appeals, and constitutional law issues. In addition to her appellate practice, Ms. Kobak helps to develop legal arguments and strategy in state and federal trial and administrative proceedings. She served as a judicial clerk for three years for the former Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. She also is the former chair of the Oregon State Bar Appellate Section, and she previously has been listed in Oregon Super Lawyers for appellate litigation. Ms. Kobak maintains an active pro bono practice, and she is involved in diversity and inclusion initiatives at her firm and in the broader legal community.



The Honorable Goodwin H. Liu is an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court. Nominated by Governor Jerry Brown, Justice Liu was sworn into office in 2011 and retained by the electorate in 2014 and 2022. Before joining the state's highest court, Justice Liu was Professor of Law and Associate Dean at the UC Berkeley School of Law. His primary areas of expertise are constitutional law, education law and policy, and diversity in the legal profession. Justice Liu continues to teach constitutional law as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, and Stanford Law School. He is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the American Law Institute, and the American Philosophical Society. In 2023, he was elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. He also serves on the Council of the American Law Institute, on the Board of Directors of the James Irvine Foundation, and as President of the Yale University Council. He has previously served on the Board of Trustees of Stanford University, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science, Technology, and Law, the Board of Directors of the National Women's Law Center, and the California Commission on Access to Justice.

The son of Taiwanese immigrants, Justice Liu grew up in Sacramento and attended public schools. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Stanford, a masters degree in philosophy and physiology from Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship, and a law degree from Yale. He clerked for Judge David Tatel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. He has also worked in the litigation practice of O'Melveny & Myers, served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, and helped launch the AmeriCorps national service program as Senior Program Officer for Higher Education at the Corporation for National Service.



The Honorable Stephen Markman served as Justice of the Michigan Supreme for 21 years and as its Chief Justice. He earlier served as the U.S. Attorney in Michigan and as Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy, where he coordinated policy development and federal judicial selection under President Reagan. Previously, he served for seven years as Chief Counsel of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution. He has taught constitutional law at Hillsdale College in Michigan for nearly 30 years.

Speakers



Mary Massaron has been an appellate lawyer with Plunkett Cooney, practicing in state and federal courts throughout the country for thirty years. Ms. Massaron served as only the second female president of DRI, and the first woman president of Lawyers for Civil Justice (LCJ). In recognition of her professional accomplishments, Ms. Massaron was inducted into the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, one of only a handful of Michigan lawyers to be invited to join. She also is a member of the American Law Institute and a past chair of the ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers, a division of the Appellate Judges Conference. A regular before the Michigan Supreme Court where she clerked for Justice Patricia J. Boyle, she currently chairs its Advocates Guild. She has twice received WMU Cooley Law School's distinguished brief award.

Ms. Massaron was invited to join the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA), both peer-reviewed membership organizations. She has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America for Appellate Law and has been repeatedly acknowledged as one of the top 100 lawyers, top 50 business lawyers, top 25 women business lawyers, top 50 female lawyers, and top appellate law practitioners by Michigan Super Lawyers. She was recognized as the Detroit Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year" in 2017 by Best Lawyers and Best Lawyer recognized her as the Bloomfield Hills "Appellate Lawyer of the Year" in 2020. DBusiness Magazine has named her top appellate lawyer for the past five years.



The Honorable David Neil McCarty, of Mississippi Court of Appeals, has served since Jan. 7, 2019.

As a solo practitioner, he presented oral argument more than 30 times before the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals of Mississippi, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

He was an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law from 2005 – 2020, where he taught courses in trial practice, evidence, pretrial practice, appellate advocacy, and legal writing. He also regularly presents continuing legal education topics on appellate advocacy and ethics.

He earned his J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law in 2004, graduating *cum laude*. He previously received a B.A. in political science from Mississippi State University.

Judge McCarty served as law clerk to former Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice James E. Graves, Jr. and former Presiding Justice Oliver E. Diaz, Jr.



Lee Mickus is a partner in the Denver office of Evans Fears & Schuttert LLP. He defends manufacturers and other business interests nationally in product liability and tort lawsuits. He has successfully tried cases to juries in jurisdictions across the country. Mr. Mickus works with a wide range of products and industries, including automobiles, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and recreational equipment. In his practice, Mr. Mickus often develops strategies for addressing expert testimony, including challenging the admissibility of expert opinions that fall short of the Rule 702 standard. He is also active in rulemaking and legislative reform efforts. Mr. Mickus has given presentations and submitted comments to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and has testified before several state legislatures on bills affecting a wide range of civil justice issues. He is a longtime member of DRI and its Product Liability, Medical Liability and Health Care Law, and Professional Liability Committees.



Amy L. Miletich is the President of the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence. She is a founding member of the Denver, Colorado firm Miletich PC. Her practice is focused on the defense of employment law matters, civil litigation and insurance law. She is a frequent speaker and published author on employment law and legal ethics. Ms. Miletich is listed in Best Lawyers in America for Litigation – Labor and Employment. She has been selected as a Colorado Super Lawyer every year in employment defense since 2007 and has also been named one of the Top 50 Women Colorado Super Lawyers. She is a former National Director of DRI and a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, the International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, all peer reviewed and invitation only organizations. Miletich PC is a member of the National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF).



Elyse A. Shimada is a partner of Hollingsworth LLP in Washington, D.C., where she practices in the firm's Complex Litigation, Pharmaceutical Products, and Toxic Torts & Products Liability groups, defending manufacturers in a wide range of products liability matters before state and federal courts across the country. In addition, she has experience in insurance coverage matters, helping clients to recover against insurers for covered claims. Ms. Shimada has handled all aspects of trial preparation including pre-trial motions, legal research, and witness preparation, and developing direct and cross-examination outlines and demonstratives. She has been an onsite member of multiple trial teams. As part of her practice, she has authored a wide variety of motions and briefs, including appellate briefs submitted in U.S. federal circuit courts. Ms. Shimada has considerable experience in corporate defense and has helped prepare numerous corporate representatives for deposition and trial. She also has extensive experience in preparing expert witnesses. Her firm, Hollingsworth LLP, is a member of the DRI Center for Law and Public Policy Advisory Council.



The Honorable Richard J. Sullivan is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Before his appointment to the Second Circuit, Judge Sullivan served for eleven years as a trial judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Sullivan was General Counsel and Managing Director of Marsh Inc., the world's leading risk management and insurance brokerage firm. From 1994 to 2005, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he was Chief of the International Narcotics Trafficking Unit and Director of the New York/New Jersey Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and the College of William & Mary in Virginia. Judge Sullivan also serves as the Chair of the Committee on Judicial Security for the Judicial Conference of the United States and is a member of the Conference's Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules.

Speakers



Tory Weigand is a partner in the Boston and Springfield offices of Morrison Mahoney. He has over 30 years of experience with a diversified appellate and trial practice in a variety of areas including commercial and professional liability. He is a member of both the Vermont and Massachusetts bars.

Tory has litigated and tried numerous professional liability matters with an emphasis in medical malpractice. Tory has likewise represented insurers as to bad faith insurance claims and a wide range of commercial disputes.

Tory has substantial appellate experience. Having handled numerous appeals before the First Circuit Court of Appeals, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and the Supreme Judicial Court including various single justice matters, Tory has deep experience in a variety of appellate matters involving professional liability, medical malpractice, general liability, aviation, products, employment, commercial, civil rights, and insurance claims.

He was named a 2021 Massachusetts Lawyer of the Year for his appellate advocacy before the Supreme Judicial Court in a seminal case redefining and clarifying causation in medical negligence and tort cases in general. He likewise recently briefed before the New Hampshire Supreme Court on an attempt to expand emotional distress liability in medical malpractice actions. He has previously argued before the Supreme Judicial Court as to issues pertaining to the medical malpractice tribunal and was involved in the Loss of Chance cases heard by the high court. He is frequently asked to give lectures on appellate and trial practice and has several publications in a variety of areas including as to appellate practice and procedure and is the editor of the Massachusetts Appellate Practice and Procedure Bulletin. He is a former law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court; a former judicial clerk and Deputy Chief judicial clerk for the Superior Court Justices; and Editor in Chief of Law Review.



Philip L. "Phil" Willman is a partner of Brown & James PC in St. Louis, Missouri, where he devotes his trial practice to defending physicians, medical schools, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes, psychologists, and other healthcare providers in medical negligence and healthcare lawsuits and medical device manufacturers in medical device litigation. He has tried more than 100 cases to a conclusion as lead counsel in jury trials in state and federal courts in both Missouri and Illinois. Mr. Willman is a leader of professional organizations dedicated to the support of the civil justice system and the defense bar. He is a past president of DRI and the current president of the DRI Center for Law and Public Policy. He also held the position of Mid Region Director on the DRI Board of Directors for three years. Mr. Willman is on the board of the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence and a past chair of the DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee.

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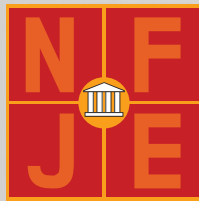
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