
Workshop on Effective Judicial Campaign Oversight Committees

Faculty Biographical Sketches

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Cynthia Canary is the director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR) a statewide non-partisan, education and advocacy project. ICPR, which was established by the late Senator Paul Simon, conducts research and advocates reforms to promote civic participation, address the role of money in politics, and encourage accountability in government. ICPR successfully worked to secure passage of the groundbreaking 2003 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and the 2005 Illinois Elections Omnibus Act. ICPR maintains an award-winning website and database at www.ilcampaign.org. Previously, Cindi was Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, where she helped lead the successful effort to implement the National Voter Registration Act in Illinois. Canary serves on the boards of the Anixter Center, the Chicago Appleseed Foundation, the *Justice at Stake Campaign*, and as president of the Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation. She is a member of the ABA's Coalition for Justice and the National Center for State Court's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Judicial Campaign Oversight. She is a frequent media commentator on campaign finance, election, ethics and judicial reform. Canary received her B.A. in political science from Hampshire College and did graduate work at Georgetown University.

Anthony Champagne is Professor of Government & Politics at the University of Texas at Dallas where he has taught since 1979. Previous to that, he taught at Rutgers University. Dr. Champagne received his BA degree from Millsaps College and his MA and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. He was an U.S. Supreme Court Judicial Fellow in 1990-91. While a Judicial Fellow, he received the Tom C. Clark Award. Dr. Champagne teaches in the public law area of political science. He has received three university-wide teaching awards and three School of Social Sciences teaching awards. Most recently, Dr. Champagne has been involved in research on judicial selection, with an emphasis on partisan judicial elections. He has written several articles in that area, including articles in the *Southwestern Law Journal*, *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, *Indiana Law Review*, *Willamette Law Review*, *South Texas Law Review*, *Court Review* and *Judicature*. He has also written chapters in books and edited a book, *Judicial Reform in the States*, with Judith Haydel. In 2005, he published *Judicial Politics in Texas: Partisanship, Money, and Politics in State Courts* with Kyle Cheek. In the mid-1990s, he served on a committee appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock to propose changes in judicial selection in Texas.

William H. Fortune is a Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky College of Law where he first entered law teaching in 1969. He served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1989 to 1991. He served as Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles, California and Lexington, Kentucky from 1975 to 1979, and as Assistant State Public Defender in Pikeville, Kentucky from 1991 to 1992. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a Coif graduate of the College. Professor Fortune currently serves as a member of the Kentucky Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee. His publications include treatises on *Modern Litigation and Professional Responsibility Handbook* (with Professors Underwood and Imwinkelried), *Psychology and The Legal System* (with Professors Nietzel and Wrightsman), *Kentucky Criminal Law* (with Professor Lawson) and law review articles in the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, the *Washington University Law Quarterly*, the *South Carolina Law Review*, and the *Kentucky Law Journal*. A report on Kentucky's 2006 Judicial Elections authored by Al Cross and William Fortune can be found in the *Drake Law Review* at 55 Drake L. Rev. 637 (2007).

William R. Gordon retired as a presiding Circuit Court judge in Montgomery County, Alabama in 1999. During his tenure, he was a member of and chaired many statewide judicial committees, he sat on civic

boards, and he presented at continuing legal and judicial education seminars. In 1994 the Alabama State Bar awarded him its Judicial Award of Merit.

Since his retirement, Judge Gordon has had an active mediation and arbitration practice, has served as a special justice on the Supreme Court of Alabama, and has occasionally presided over circuit court civil trials. Since 1994 he has been a member of the Alabama Pattern Jury Instruction Committee (Civil) and has initial responsibility for the “plain language” revision of the existing instructions. He is the co-chair of the Alabama State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

In 2006, Judge Gordon co-chaired the Alabama Judicial Campaign Conduct Oversight Committee. In recognition of their service, the Alabama State Bar awarded Judge Gordon and his co-chair its 2007 Award of Merit. The incoming Chief Justice of Alabama requested Judge Gordon and his co-chair once again serve in those capacities for the 2008 Alabama Judicial Campaign Conduct Oversight Committee.

William R. Quinlan is a name partner of Quinlan & Carroll, Ltd. Quinlan is a former Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court and a former Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. His legal experience includes serving as Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago under Mayors Richard J. Daley, Michael Bilandic and Jane Byrne. Quinlan's practice involves litigation and appeals of complex matters in State and Federal courts; governmental representation and counseling; and service as an arbitrator and mediator.

A native of Chicago, Quinlan graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with a B.S. in accounting. While in the business school, he was selected for membership in Beta Alpha PSI, National Honor Accounting Fraternity, and Phi Sigma Tau, National Honor Society in Philosophy. He graduated cum laude from Loyola School of Law, where he was a member of the Blue Key National Honor Society. Quinlan was also Associate Editor of the Law Review Activity. He later received a master of laws degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He has taken courses at Harvard University and Northwestern Law School, and is a graduate of the National Judicial College and the Appellate Judges Seminar at New York University School of Law.

In 1991, Quinlan was appointed Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County. He also served as Special Counsel to the President and Parliamentarian of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County. In 1994, he was named one of the city's power lawyers by Chicago magazine. In September 1995, he was appointed Judicial Liaison of the Illinois State Bar Association. In January 2003, Quinlan was recognized as a Laureate of the Illinois State Bar Association Academy of Illinois Lawyers. In October 2005, Quinlan received the Illinois Bar Foundation's Distinguished Award for Excellence. He was also inducted as a Lifetime Member of The Global Directory of Who's Who in recognition of hard work, dedication, perseverance and for demonstrating leadership and achievement in his profession. Mr. Quinlan has also been listed in the publication, Illinois Super Lawyers. He is a member of the Society of Trial Lawyers, the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and a member of the American Bar Association Council of the Section of Litigation. He is also a Fellow of the American and Illinois Bar Foundations. He is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, the City Club, and the Executives' Club of Chicago. Mr. Quinlan is a member of the Board of Advisors for Mundelein Seminary at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, the Loyola University School of Law Board of Governors, Director of After School Matters – Gallery 37, and the Rotary Club of Chicago. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the John H. Stroger, Jr. Charitable Foundation. He is past President of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago and a current member of the Board, and past President of the Celtic Legal Society of Chicago.

Barbara E. Reed is an attorney, public policy specialist, and owner of Ajijaak Consulting, Inc., a firm specializing in legal, political, and public policy issues. Her particular specialization is judicial independence, including judicial education, judicial selection, judicial ethics, judicial speech and conduct

(including the jurisprudential landscape of *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*), and access to justice issues. Ms. Reed has written on judicial independence topics in a range of formats for a variety of publications. Her latest article, *Tripping the Rift: Navigating Judicial Speech Fault Lines in the Post-White Landscape*, appeared in the *Mercer Law Review*. Ms. Reed has worked for public policy organizations in New York City and Washington, D.C., and has collaborated with national, state, and local groups across the country. She provides consulting services to the National Center for State Courts and the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, and has conducted judicial education programs in various formats for judicial bodies in a number of states. Ms. Reed is a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law and Michigan State University, and is admitted to the bar in New York. She currently lives in New Mexico.

Jesse Rutledge is Deputy Director for the *Justice at Stake Campaign*, a Washington-based nonpartisan partnership of more than 40 groups working to keep America's courts fair, impartial and independent. Rutledge's commentary on judicial politics has appeared recently in the *Boston Globe*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and on *National Public Radio*. Through 2003, Rutledge served as Associate Director of the North Carolina Center for Voter Education in Raleigh, NC, where he played a leading role in developing and executing the media and public education campaigns that resulted in North Carolina's adoption of the first full public financing of judicial elections in the country. He has managed state and municipal electoral campaigns, and began his career as a legislative researcher in his native Canada. He holds two degrees in Political Science: a B.A. from McGill University in Montreal and an M.A. from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Roy A. Schotland is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center and a senior adviser to the National Center for State Courts. In 2000, he initiated with Texas Chief Justice Thomas Phillips the "Chief Justices' Summit" on judicial elections, and in 2001 with Indiana Chief Justice Randall Shepard led the Symposium on Judicial Campaign Conduct and the First Amendment. He co-authored amicus briefs for the Conference of Chief Justices in the Supreme Court's *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, the remand at the *en banc* 8th Circuit, and also in support of the State's petition for certiorari, as well as in the 11th Circuit's *Weaver v. Bonner*. He served as an expert witness for Georgia in *Weaver*, a consultant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2002, was a keynote speaker for Ohio Chief Justice Moyer's Summit on Judicial Reform in 2003, and in 2004, was an expert witness for plaintiffs who challenged New York's uniquely closed system for selecting trial judges. He was a reporter on judicial campaign finance for the ABA's 1998 Task Force on Lawyer's Political Contributions and in 1990 co-chaired an American Judicature Society project with Washington Chief Justice Bob Utter to reduce the problematic aspects of judicial elections. He is an American Judicature Society awardee. He has written and spoken extensively on judicial elections (e.g. for the *Book of the States, 2003-04*). In 2003, he received the National Center's Distinguished Service Award.

Professor Schotland teaches Administrative Law and Election Law ("Ballots, Bucks, Maps & Law"). He co-authored the leading casebook in Administrative Law, edited *Conflicts of Interest in the Securities Markets*, chaired an ABA conference on the Federal Election Commission, led the six-year national effort to modernize academe's pension system (TIAA-CREF), and founded the largest chess facility outside Russia, teaching inner-city youth. He clerked for Justice Wm. J. Brennan Jr., and is a member of the American Law Institute. He was educated at Columbia College, Wadham College (Oxford) and Harvard Law School.

Ben W. Studdard has been judge (now chief judge) of the State Court of Henry County, Georgia, since the court was created in January 1, 1999. Judge Studdard had a general practice in a local law firm for over 14 years prior to his election. From 1997-2005, Judge Studdard served as chair of the Court Futures Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, leading that Committee's Jury Initiative Pilot Project from 1997-2003. In 2003, the Court Futures Committee began its study of judicial selection in Georgia, prompted by the *Republican Party v. White* and *Weaver v. Bonner* decisions. The study's culminating report,

Pathways to Justice, recommended steps to protect the integrity of the Georgia judicial selection process. He continues on that committee, now known as the Committee on the Judiciary, which works to promote implementation of the report. Judge Studdard is also a member of the Georgia Supreme Court's Jury Composition Committee, the State Bar of Georgia's Evidence Study Committee, the Jury Charge Subcommittee of the State Bar's Bench and Bar Committee, and the National Center for State Courts' Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Judicial Campaign Oversight. He is Immediate Past President of the Council of State Court Judges of Georgia and serves on the Council's technology, education and benchbook committees. He served for two years on the Judicial Council of Georgia and continues to serve on various Council committees. In 2007 Judge Studdard became a member of the Board of Georgia's Institute for Continuing Judicial Education. He lectures frequently at judicial seminars, particularly on criminal law, and writes a treatise on current developments in Georgia criminal law (available online by subscription at www.GeorgiaLawUpdate.com). In May, 2006, Judge Studdard received the Atlanta Bar Association's prestigious Professionalism Award. He was the first judge to receive the award who was not a member of the Georgia Supreme Court.

Judge Studdard is a graduate of Mercer University's College of Liberal Arts (BA, '82), and Walter F. George School of Law (JD, cum laude '84). He, his wife Sherri and their four daughters live in Locust Grove and attend Harvest Point United Methodist Church in McDonough. When not wearing a robe, he enjoys playing jazz and the blues on his tenor saxophone.

William K. Weisenberg is Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs and Governmental Relations for the Ohio State Bar Association, having begun his service to the OSBA in 1979. He is a graduate of Syracuse University (1966) and New York Law School (1969). He is admitted both to the New York and Ohio bars. He serves as counsel to the OSBA Commission on Judicial Candidates and the Judicial Election Campaign Advertising Monitoring Committee. Prior to joining the Ohio State Bar Association staff, he served as chief counsel to the Ohio House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. From 1990 to 1997, Mr. Weisenberg served on the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management as an appointee of the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and from 1993 to 1997 he served on the American Bar Association Special Committee on Funding the Justice System. He currently serves as a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Judicial Independence and the National Center for State Courts' National Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Judicial Campaign Oversight. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Columbus Bar Association. He is a Life Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and a fellow of the Columbus Bar Foundation. He currently serves as a mentor in The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Mentoring Program. He is a member of the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) and a former chairman of its Governmental Relations Section. He currently serves as the NABE Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Among the acknowledgements for service to the profession and public, he received the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Presidential Award in 1997 for his efforts in improving access to justice for Ohio's poor, the 1998 Ohio Lobbying Association President's Award, and the 2000 Ohio State Bar Foundation Award for Outstanding Research or Service in Law or Government. Mr. Weisenberg is married, the father of two daughters and proud grandfather to a grandson.

J. Mark White is President-elect of the Alabama State Bar Association and is with the law firm of White Arnold Andrews & Dowd P.C. in Birmingham, Alabama. In 2007, he was awarded the National Center for State Courts' Distinguished Service Award for his longstanding contributions to the improvement of the justice system. He served as the President of the Birmingham Bar Association in 2004 and served on the Board of Bar Commissioners for the Alabama State Bar from 1995 to 2004. In 1998-1999, Mark was the Chairman of the Alabama Supreme Court Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee, which was the first campaign oversight committee in Alabama and was formed as a result of judicial campaign atrocities in prior years. Mark received the Commissioner's Award from the Alabama State Bar for his service on that Committee and the Committee received accolades from every major newspaper as a result of its work. Mark is presently a member of the Judicial Inquiry Commission of the State of Alabama and was a

defendant in litigation filed against the Commission in *Robert Butler, W. Thomas Gaither and Harold F. See, Jr. v. The Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission, et al.*, and *Craig Pittman, et al. v. Randall L. Cole, et al.* A self-described political realist, Mark was the campaign manager for the only two African Americans ever elected statewide in the history of the State of Alabama, Justice Oscar Adams and Justice Ralph Cook. Mark is a frequent speaker on campaign oversight committees and judicial ethics.

Dr. Frances Kahn Zemans is a justice system consultant whose areas of expertise include public understanding of the justice system, the role of the jury, judicial selection, judicial conduct and ethics, and research on the justice system. She has written widely for leading journals and testified before legislative committees and study commissions on a broad range of justice issues. Previously, Dr. Zemans served as Executive Vice President and Director of the American Judicature Society, taught political science at the University of Chicago and conducted research on the legal profession and the judicial system at the American Bar Foundation. She has served as Consultant to the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence and is a member of the National Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Judicial Campaign Oversight. Publications by Dr. Zemans include *The Making of a Public Profession* and articles in numerous journals including *The American Political Science Review*, *Law and Contemporary Problems* and *Law and Policy Quarterly*. *The Accountable Judge: Guardian of Judicial Independence* appears in the *Southern California Law Review*. She has served as a member of the Board of Visitors of Southern Methodist University School of Law, the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board, the Task Force on Judicial Conduct and Ethics of the Special Commission on the Administration of Justice in Cook County, Illinois, the Chicago Police Board and the Board of Editors of the Justice System Journal. Dr. Zemans received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University.