

Professionalism Panel Faculty Biographies

Judge Kevin Burke

Kevin Burke, a Minneapolis trial judge since 1984, is one of the most recognized leaders within the American judiciary. He served four terms as chief judge of the Hennepin County (Minn.) District Court, a 62-judge court, where he instituted social-science studies examining—and reforms improving—procedural fairness. Burke coauthored the American Judges Association's white paper on procedural fairness in 2007. Since then, he and his white paper coauthor, Kansas judge Steve Leben, have made presentations on procedural fairness to more than 3,000 state and federal judges.

Burke received the William H. Rehnquist Award from the National Center for State Courts in 2003, an award presented annually to the state judge who most exemplifies the highest level of judicial excellence, integrity, fairness, and professional ethics. He has received many other awards, including Trial Judge of the Year by the Minnesota chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates in 2005; Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine in 2004; the Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for State Courts in 2002; and the Director's Community Leadership Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1997. The magazine *Politics in Minnesota* named him one of the most influential lawyers in the history of the State of Minnesota.

Judge Burke presently serves as President of the American Judges Association. He presently serves on the Board of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS). In the past he has served on the board of directors for the National Center for State Courts and the American Judicature Society. He has spoken in 38 states, Abu Dhabi, Egypt, Canada, Ireland, India, and Mexico about issues of judicial leadership, court administration and procedural fairness. Judge Burke teaches at two law schools: he teaches trial practice at the University of Minnesota Law School and criminal procedure at the University of St. Thomas Law School.

Clint Campion

Mr. Campion is currently a Supervising Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Special Prosecutions, Department of Law. Previously, he was an Assistant District Attorney from 2008-2011 in the Anchorage District Attorney's Office. He was hired by the Department of Law following his service as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army from 2000-2008. As a Judge Advocate, he was assigned as a prosecutor and defense counsel at Fort Drum, New York; Germany; Kosovo; Kuwait/Iraq; and Alaska. Mr. Campion is originally from Minnesota where he graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1999. He currently is a member of the Alaska Army National Guard and he resides in Anchorage.

Leslie Dickson

Ms. Dickson came to Alaska for an internship in 1994 for three months. At that time, she secured a superior court clerkship for 1995 thinking she would get Alaska out of my system. After her clerkship, she started at the Fairbanks District Attorney's office in 1996 doing misdemeanors and eventually supervising the misdemeanor unit. In 2000, she moved to the Anchorage District Attorney's office to prosecute sex crimes. She moved to the Office of Public Advocacy in 2003 until 2010 primarily performing Guardian ad litem duties in CINA cases and representing juveniles accused of crimes. At OPA, she also represented parents in CINA cases, took *Flores* appointments, did guardianships and acted as the attorney for foster youth in the CINA system. In 2010, she opened her own practice and primarily handles juvenile delinquency defense, adoptions and criminal defense. She also entertains GAL appointments for victims of crimes and still advocates for foster youth requiring attorneys. Prior to law school, she worked as a licensed social worker for three years, providing services to the homeless population and for victims of domestic violence.

Judge Catherine M. Easter

Honorable Catherine M. Easter received her law degree at the University of San Diego. After law school, she moved to Alaska and clerked for Superior Court Judge Brian Shortell, then worked for the Alaska Public Defender Agency and the Office of Public Advocacy. Judge Easter was appointed to the District Court in 2008 and to the Superior Court in 2012.

Douglas Moody

Mr. Moody has worked for the Public Defender Agency on three occasions: in the early 90's, he worked out in the Bethel office, handling all types of cases; in the late 90's and early 200's, he worked in the appellate and felony trial unit in Anchorage; and currently, is the Deputy Public Defender supervising the criminal trial units throughout the state. When not working for the Public Defender Agency he practiced civil law, first as a plaintiff's lawyer and later as a defense lawyer.

Scott Sterling

Scott Sterling is the supervisory attorney for the State of Alaska, Office of Elder Fraud & Assistance in Anchorage. Scott came to Alaska in 1976 as a surveyor with the U.S. Forest Service. He graduated from UAF in 1984 and the University of Arizona College of Law in 1986. Scott's litigation experience includes both civil and criminal work in the public and private sectors over the past 25 years. As the Cordova city attorney during the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill he learned many things. His public service includes terms on the Mat-Su Borough Assembly, the Alaska Student Loan Corporation and the Alaska Commission on Post-secondary Education.