



Oral Argument: The Judicial Perspective

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We hope that you will join us for this exciting and informative program. If you have any questions, please contact **Melisa Maisel Vanis, Professional Development Manager**, at mmaisel@iadclaw.org or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

THE PRESENTATION:

Oral Argument: The Judicial Perspective

What gets and keeps a judge's attention at oral argument? Which techniques are most effective in the trial court, and which are more helpful in the appellate courts? Experienced jurists share their views.

THE MODERATOR:

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M.C. Sungaila, an appellate partner at Haynes and Boone in Orange County, California, has served in various leadership positions within the IADC, including Chair of the Appellate Practice and Amicus Curiae Committees and Editor of the *Defense Counsel Journal*.

M.C. has repeatedly been named a "Notable Appellate Practitioner" by *Chambers USA, Chambers & Partners* (2013-2016). Clients describe her in one *Chambers* listing as a "gifted appellate lawyer who consistently delivers bottom line results" and praise her for her "great practical sense," and her ability to

“advise on the business side just as well as she does on the legal side.” She has been repeatedly recognized by the *Daily Journal* as one of California’s 100 Leading Women Lawyers (2005, 2010-2016) and in 2015 as one of the state’s Top Labor & Employment Lawyers. She was a recipient of a 2015 California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) award from *California Lawyer* magazine for the precedent setting franchisor vicarious liability case, *Patterson v. Domino’s Pizza*, and in 2016 for a precedent-setting transgender immigration case she argued before the Ninth Circuit.

THE PRESENTERS:

Judge Morgan Christen (Morgan_Christen@ca9.uscourts.gov)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Anchorage, AK

Judge Morgan Christen was appointed to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in January of 2012 and currently serves on several court committees. Prior to her appointment as a Ninth Circuit Judge, she served as a justice on the Alaska Supreme Court. Judge Christen was born and raised in Washington, and attended college in England, Switzerland, and the People’s Republic of China. She earned a B.A. degree from the University of Washington in International Studies and a J.D. degree from Golden Gate University School of Law. After law school, Judge Christen clerked for Judge Brian Shortell and then joined Preston Gates & Ellis (now K&L Gates) where she practiced civil litigation. Judge Christen was appointed to the Alaska Superior Court in 2001 and served as Presiding Judge of the Third Judicial District from 2005-2009. While in the trial court, she served on the rules committees for Child in Need of Aid and Involuntary Commitment/Involuntary Medication proceedings. Judge Christen also served on the board of directors for the Rasmuson Foundation and the board of directors for the Alaska Community Foundation. She is currently a member of the governance committee for Foraker Group. Judge Christen was awarded the Light of Hope Award for work on behalf of Alaska’s children and she and her husband, Jim Torgerson, were named Philanthropists of the Year in 2004. Judge Christen is a past recipient of the Alaska Supreme Court’s Community Outreach Award, and the Chamber of Commerce Athena Award. In 2009, the YWCA named Judge Christen a Woman of Achievement.

Judge Gail J. Standish (gail_standish@cacd.uscourts.gov)

United States District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles, CA

Prior to her appointment, Judge Standish was a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP where she concentrated her practice in patent litigation and other complex business disputes.

Prior to joining Winston & Strawn, Judge Standish served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California and as a law clerk for the late Judge William J. Rea. She began her career at Irell & Manella LLP and also practiced at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP. From her long career in government and private practice, she has extensive experience handling both civil and criminal trials.

Judge Standish was selected several times as one of California’s Top Intellectual Property Litigators and Top Women Litigators by the *Los Angeles* and *San Francisco Daily Journals*. She has been named an Angelino To Know In Intellectual Property Law by the *L.A. Business Journal* and ranked in the *IAM Patent 1000* “World’s Leading Patent Practitioners.”

Judge Standish graduated from UCLA Law School, where she served as an Articles Editor of the UCLA Law Review and was elected to the *Order of the Coif* upon graduation. Before attending law school, Judge Standish was an engineer, having graduated with Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She served as an Air Force officer and Flight Test Engineer for the F-16 Falcon aircraft in the 1980s, and later worked on life sciences experiments that flew on the Space Shuttle.

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