



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Welcome Back to Queen's Bench**

by Hana Hardy

2018 felt like a watershed moment for women. From the #Metoo movement and the courageous testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford tackling the issue of sexual violence, to November's pink wave that saw a record number of women candidates win in local and Congressional elections (including historic wins by women of color), 2018 opened the gates for more positive changes for women in 2019 and beyond. I am optimistic.

A new year means new beginnings, possibilities and hopes. It's a chance to start fresh, reflect, reconsider, reevaluate and set sail. The Board of Directors held its first board meeting of 2019 on January 8th and is hitting the ground running with new programming and activities.

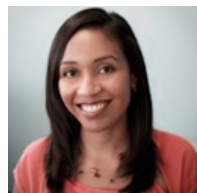
**Upcoming & Recent Events**

Queen's Bench and technology company Apple Inc. co-sponsored the inaugural "So, You Want To Be A Lawyer?" service day for women college students at the Mathilda I Sunnyvale Apple office on January 31, 2019. The aim of the service day was to reach out to diverse and underrepresented women college students in order to inform the next generation of women about careers in the legal profession. The event included a panel discussion of women attorneys and law students discussing careers in law followed by speed networking between college students on the one side and attorneys and law students

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**Meet Your 2019 Queen's Bench Board of Directors and Officers**

**Hana Hardy, President**



Hana Hardy is a Deputy City Attorney in the Transactional Division at the Office of the City Attorney for

the City of San José. Her practice areas include real estate and affordable housing. She received her juris doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law with a concentration in Public Interest Law and Social Justice. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and German Studies from Stanford University.

Hana joined Queen's Bench Bar Association in 2008 and has served on its Board of Directors since 2013. She co-chaired the Business Development Committee from 2011-2012.

**Sophia Maria Roman, First Vice President**

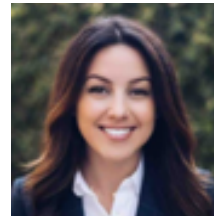


Sophia Maria Roman (formerly Andritsakis) leads the Commercial Contracts

Team at Gap, Inc., in San Francisco. Her practice areas include commercial transactions with a focus on software and data licensing agreements and other intellectual property matters. Ms. Roman earned her J.D.

from Golden Gate University in 2009 and her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California at Davis in 2004. She has served on the Board of Directors of Queen's Bench since 2013 and prior to that co-chaired the Queen's Bench Business Development Committee. Ms. Roman lives in the Oakland Hills with her husband, two children and two dogs.

**Alice Purdy, Second Vice President**



Alice A. Purdy is an associate attorney with Flicker, Kerin, Kruger & Bissada, LLP. The enthusiasm Ms. Purdy brings

to family law is based on a strong sense of justice and commitment to make a measurable difference and improvement in the lives of her clients. Ms. Purdy transitioned from environmental law and civil litigation practice to exclusively family law

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in 2013. Her practice includes all aspects of family law matters, including high-asset property division, child and spousal support, complex custody issues, paternity matters, domestic violence, prenuptial agreements, and post-judgment matters. Ms. Purdy received her J.D. and Certificate of Specialization with Distinction in Environmental Law from Golden Gate University School of Law where she earned the CALI Award for promising student in Water Law and served on the Moot Court Board. She has a B.A. in English as well as a B.S. with honors in Conservation and Resource Studies from the University of California at Berkeley where she completed her thesis in the Environmental Science Honors Research Program.

Ms. Purdy is a volunteer attorney for Bay Area Legal Aid and the San Francisco Bar Association's Justice and Diversity Center, where she represents low-income victims of domestic violence in restraining order and child custody matters. She serves on the Color of Justice Committee, organized by the National Association of Women Judges and California Women Lawyers, which encourages young minority and women students to consider a career in law or the judiciary.

### **Beverly Brand, Treasurer**



Ms. Brand is Of Counsel at both The Doctor Law Group and The Lesser Law Group, where she practices in the area of insurance regulatory advice and insurance coverage, bad faith and related litigation. She has extensive

experience in most areas of insurance, including general liability, property and casualty, personal lines, directors and officers, workers' compensation, professional liability, and excess and umbrella coverages. In addition, Ms. Brand represents and advises clients on life and disability coverages, both with respect to individual and group policies.

Before joining the Lesser Group, Ms. Brand was in-house counsel at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company where she practiced general litigation. Her practice covered a broad range of civil litigation across the country, including contract, business and employment disputes as well as insurance bad faith. Prior to that, Ms. Brand was in the San Francisco office of Barger & Wolen. While there, she concentrated on civil and business litigation, including breach of contract, unfair competition and life and disability insurance disputes.

Ms. Brand is a volunteer with Queen's Bench Juvenile Hall Project, where she was Co-Chair from 2013 – 2017. She also has served as a member of the California Bar Association's Standing Committee on Insurance, Business Law Section and on the Boards of San Francisco's

Marina Middle School and Claire-Lilienthal Elementary School Parent Teacher Associations.

Ms. Brand is a graduate of Hasting College of the Law and the George Washington University.

### **Michelle Dylan, Secretary**

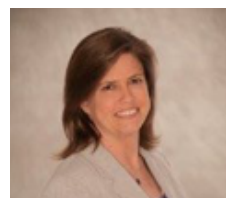


Michelle Dylan has 20 years of criminal defense experience successfully representing clients in state and federal court. During her career, she has consistently obtained favorable results in

complex and challenging cases, winning before or at trial on such charges as DUI, domestic violence, marijuana cultivation, and vehicular manslaughter.

Michelle has drafted numerous significant motions and appeals, including an Appeal in the California Supreme Court and a Petition for Certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. Over the years, Michelle has worked to improve the justice system and bring about systemic change, taking on such projects as challenging the use of juvenile adjudications as strikes under California Three Strikes law, aiding in the creation of a diversion program for minors in traffic cases, and objecting to the scientific foundation related to the automated red light system in San Francisco. Michelle graduated from Boston College with a dual major in Philosophy and Economics. She received her JD from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she served as a member of the school's Law Review and a Tutor in USF's Student Bar Association Program. Michelle previously served as the Co-Chair of the Education Committee of Queen's Bench and a Queen's Bench Mentor. She has judged moot court competitions and has presented in various venues, including at USF and SFLN and at local bar associations.

### **Sharon Alkire, Assistant Secretary/ Newsletter Editor**



Sharon Alkire is a family law practitioner at the Law Office of Sharon Alkire, handling dissolution, termination of domestic partnerships, annulment, custody and visitation, child and spousal support, parentage, and division

of property. Ms. Alkire received her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law and was admitted to the California State Bar Association in 2012.

Ms. Alkire's eclectic background gives her a unique perspective in Family Law, working with clients to develop creative solutions to complex problems. A Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a Statistics minor, coupled with years working as a zookeeper at the Oakland Zoo have enabled her to build a practice founded on

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on the other side. An attorney and law student networking reception hosted by Apple followed after the service day activities. Thank you to Queen's Bench member Lisa Widup of Apple Legal and Apple, Inc. for making this event possible and for their commitment to diversity in the legal profession.

We are looking forward to the annual Queen's Bench Bar Association Board of Directors Induction Ceremony and Champagne Reception February 19, 2019 at the San Francisco Superior Court Rotunda. Also, please mark your calendars for our annual Judge's Dinner Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco's Union Square.

### Resolutions for 2019

**Advocacy and Representation** - We will continue our work as advocates for women in the legal profession and as advocates for justice on behalf of women and children in our local and global communities. I hope that you will volunteer with the Juvenile Hall Project one night this year as a leader of an arts and crafts project with the girls and boys in juvenile detention. The children appreciate the opportunity to interact with adults, especially attorneys, who care and are interested in learning about their lives and dreams. Juvenile Hall Project operates sessions twice a month on first and third Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM. Please email Cheryl Cotterill if interested in volunteering at [cheryljcotterill@gmail.com](mailto:cheryljcotterill@gmail.com).

Our Legislative & Reproductive Rights Committee in conjunction with iAngel are updating the Queen's Bench's 1992 publication of the "Teen Information Project on Reproductive Rights". This publication was created for and used in the USF Street Law Project, as a curriculum for law students to provide training to high school students about these important legal rights.

Queen's Bench and UBS will continue programming on women and wealth-building starting with our first "Gender Lens Investing" event on March 28.

In order to provide our members with more information about managing both a career in law and being a mother, Queen's Bench will introduce a series of fireside chats about parenting as women professionals. The series will begin with a panel discussion about starting a family as a working mother, with a focus on pregnancy options including in vitro fertilization (IVF) and cryopreservation (i.e., egg and embryo freezing) and the reproductive laws that govern this area. The first fireside chat will be led by 2017 Past President and Reproductive Law specialist Anne Gyemant-Paris of Gyemant Paris Law and will include IVF Specialist Dr. Danielle Lane, MD of the Lane Fertility Institute and Cassie Rights of Roots Surrogacy. Later topics include parental leave, adoption and balancing parenting with work.

**Visibility** - This year we are engaging the services of a social media contractor to maintain our social media outlets and expand Queen's Bench's online presence. In late 2018, the contractor prepared a comprehensive assessment of Queen's Bench's social media activity and email marketing efforts. Her assessment provided the board of directors helpful insights and suggestions for improvement. In 2019, expect to see a more active and dynamic Queen's Bench presence on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn! Make sure that you follow and "like" Queen's Bench's social media pages to stay abreast of Queen's Bench events and activities this year.

**Partnerships** - Queen's Bench aims to increase involvement with partner bar associations and service organizations, as well as in the legal community as a whole. If you have ideas for collaborative projects and events, please share your ideas with me directly or with other board directors and committee chairs.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Past President Holly Schaitberger for leading the way as President in 2018. Holly's graceful leadership and guidance has bolstered the standing of this organization and positioned me to take the helm with confidence this year.

I genuinely look forward to seeing and meeting you at Queen's Bench events from now until December, and hope to hear your ideas, thoughts and feedback on everything Queen's Bench. A wish for your health, prosperity and happiness in 2019!

With warm regards,  
Hana Hardy  
President

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empathy, critical thought and fierce advocacy.

She has deep roots in the Bay Area and works to promote the inspiration, initiative and diversity of her communities. To this end, she established the first Queen's Bench Bar Association of San Francisco Diversity Committee and serves as a board member of Women Lawyers of Alameda County. Ms. Alkire believes that equality is the ability to fulfill one's own potential without the oppressive yoke of becoming 'alike,' rather than being seen as equal only when one mirrors the dominant culture.



**Holly A. Schaitberger,**  
**Immediate**  
**Past-President**

Holly is a family law attorney at Hersh Family Law Practice, P.C. in San Francisco. She

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assists clients in all manner of family law matters, including complex property division, child and spousal support, and child custody and visitation matters in dissolution, parentage, and post-judgment matters throughout the Bay Area. Holly obtained her law degree cum laude from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 2005. As a law student, Holly served as a full-time extern law clerk to the Honorable Carlos T. Bea on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and interned as an investigator with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the San Francisco Public Defender.

**Pamela Markert, Director (Member 15+ Years)**



Pamela is a partner at Cera LLP in San Francisco. Pamela specializes in securities class action and multidistrict antitrust class action litigation. She also has experience in business, consumer, and general liability matters representing

clients ranging from individuals, partnerships and closely held corporations to multinational companies. She received her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law. She previously served on the Queen's Bench board in 2008-2009 and chaired the Bylaws Committee from 2008 through 2011. She has been a member since 2000.

**Kimberly Wong, Director (Member 7-15 Years)**



Kimberly Wong is a trial team leader at The Veen Firm, P.C. in San Francisco. She litigates complex catastrophic personal injury cases involving negligence, premises liability, wrongful death, products liability, and workplace injuries

on behalf of plaintiffs. She has had several settlements featured in The Recorder's annual report of "California's Million-Dollar Settlements." Kimberly has been selected by her peers to the Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Star list each year from 2012 to 2017 and the Northern California Super Lawyers list in 2018. She is a frequent lecturer and author of published articles on various topics related to personal injury litigation. In addition to serving on Queen's Bench's Board of Directors, she is co-chair of the Employment/Work-Life Balance Committee and formerly co-chaired the Mentorship Committee. Kimberly is currently the Education Chair of the Women's Caucus of the Consumer Attorneys of California and the Immediate Past Chair of the Diversity Committee of the Consumer Attorneys of California. Kimberly is also an active member of the Asian American Bar Association's Judiciary Committee and the Bar Association of San Francisco's Women's Impact Network.

**Jodie Smith, Director (Member 2-7 Years)**



Jodie Smith practices public law & civil dispute resolution. She represents public and private entities, individuals, and nonprofit organizations in civil actions and writs, administrative proceedings, and problem solving outside

of litigation. Jodie's practice is informed by thirteen years of state-level public policy experience prior to law school. She was the Public Policy Director for Texans Care for Children, a statewide policy organization, where she developed and implemented a legislative policy agenda in collaboration with local, state, and national partners. Her experience managing regulatory rulemakings and working as a registered lobbyist give her significant familiarity with regulatory governance and legislative policymaking. Jodie was also a Litigation Fellow in the California Attorney General's Civil Law Division, a clerk in the Oakland City Attorney's Office, and an extern for the Honorable Joseph C. Spero, United States District Court, Northern District of California.

Jodie is dedicated to public service and pro bono work. She serves as an appointed Commissioner on the City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission. Additionally, she is a Tony Patiño Fellow in public service. Jodie is a long-time youth advocate, and represents young people in school discipline matters with Legal Services for Children of San Francisco, whose Pro Bono Leadership Award she received in 2016. She has volunteered as a CASA and court-appointed education surrogate, and helped found the Hastings Association of Youth Advocacy. Jodie graduated from University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D. cum laude, 2014. She earned a Master in Public Policy degree from Harvard University in 1998 and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas Christian University in 1995.

**Lisa Villasenor-Volosing, Director At Large**



Lisa is an experienced litigator and personal injury trial attorney for both defendants and plaintiffs. Her 100 percent success rate in 12 trials to verdict includes a wrongful death case, toxic-mold case on behalf of a

homeowner and several auto accident cases. Lisa was admitted to the Bar in California in 1988.

Before joining The Hassell Law Group's plaintiff's personal injury practice in 2014, Lisa's emphasis was on plaintiff's side asbestos and pharmaceutical litigation at Harowitz & Tigerman, LLP. Prior to that her emphasis was insurance defense – including auto, construction defect, complex litigation, wrongful

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death, and various types of premises liability matters for hotels, restaurants and retail clients with the San Francisco office of Manning, Marder, et al.; and as a partner in the insurance defense firm of Ramsey, Prestholt, Kleeger, Fidone & Villasenor in Los Angeles and San Francisco office (managing partner). At the Prestholt firm, Lisa's practice also included government entity liability and insurance bad faith claims arising out of the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Lisa is a California native. After attending the University of Idaho she ultimately graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal State University, Long Beach. After working several years before, during and after college in her father's insurance brokerage firm, Lisa's path took her to law school where she graduated from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Lisa's father has been her life-long mentor, including his example of volunteering. Lisa has been a member of Queen's Bench since 2011 and on the Board as a Director since 2016. She has co-chaired the Business Development Committee with fellow Board member, Alice Purdy, since 2013. Lisa is a member of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and Walk SF (a pedestrian safety advocacy organization). Lisa also serves on the Board (Secretary) of the San Francisco Mayor's Women's Golf Council; Board (Secretary) of the San Francisco Public Golf Alliance; and has served on the City of Pacifica's Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee. Lisa and her husband, Jeff Volosing, are longtime residents of Pacifica.

### **Sara Craig, Director At Large**



A Bay Area native, Sara Craig is an associate at Levin Simes Abrams LLP. Her practice focuses on plaintiffs' personal injury and products liability litigation. She is active in several MDLs in federal courts around the country,

as well as the JCCPs for Pradaxa and California North Bay Fire Cases, both in San Francisco Superior Court. In her spare time, Sara enjoys reading, traveling on the Pacific Coast, baking, and spending time with her pets and other animals.

### **Kimiko Akiya, Director At Large**



Kimiko is an associate with the San Francisco firm of Bledsoe, Diestel, Treppa, and Crane LLP. She practices general civil litigation with a focus on insurance defense. Kimiko has been actively involved with Queen's Bench since

joining in 2017 and is currently serving as Education Committee Co-Chair. She received her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law and a B.F.A. in Sculpture from Washington University in St. Louis. Kimiko continues to create her porcelain artwork and run half-marathons around the country.

## **The 2018 Queen's Bench Judge's Dinner**

By Erin Lapeyrolerie, UC Hastings 3L

On October 18, 2018, the Queen's Bench Bar Association hosted its annual Judge's Dinner at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco. As a new member of Queen's Bench and as a law student with a professional network in its early stages of development, I entered Sir Francis Drake feeling somewhat nervous due to the anticipated awkwardness that typically occurs at a well-attended event with very few familiar faces. But my fears were quickly assuaged as women went out of their way to engage me in conversation—introducing themselves to me, asking me about my aspirations, sharing tidbits of their own journeys, and discussing how we should divide the extra brownie on the table.

The air was thick with joy and camaraderie, celebrating the judges and extending support to other women in the legal field, including law students to whom the Queen's Bench presented scholarships. The 2018 USF Agnes O'Brien Smith Scholarships were awarded to four students: Aditi Dalakoti (Class of 2020), Tatiana Howard (Class of 2020), Matthew Vann (Class of 2019), and Denise Watt (Class of 2018). The 2018 UC Hastings Mildred Levin Scholarship was awarded to Andrea Swanson (Class of 2018).

The keynote speaker was Ellen O. Tauscher, who served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1997 until 2009 and as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs for the Obama administration. Ms. Tauscher inspired the audience with accounts of her role as a public servant as well as personal obstacles she has had to overcome. Personally, Ms. Tauscher's speech inspired me to reflect on our role as individuals in upholding our nation's democracy, from staying informed about social and political affairs to voting in local and national elections.

After hearing Ms. Tauscher's speech, meeting members of Queen's Bench, and hearing about the scholarship recipients' personal goals and barriers, I recognized the genuine interest of the Queen's Bench members in seeing other women in the legal profession succeed. More significantly, I realized that members of Queen's Bench practice solidarity to optimize opportunity and well-being, not just with their colleagues in the legal field, but with all women and girls. One example that led to this realization was learning that Queen's Bench organizes a group of members to visit girls who are currently incarcerated in juvenile detention through its award-winning service initiative Juvenile Hall Project.

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The night closed similarly to how it began, with informal and joyful mingling. Only now people were saying goodbye and I was comfortably walking through the dining hall, feeling proud to be a new member of Queen's Bench and excited to be more engaged.



From (L) Hon. Angela Bradstreet (San Francisco Superior Court), Hon. Teri Jackson (San Francisco Superior Court), Keynote Speaker Hon. Ellen O. Tauscher, President Hana Hardy, Director Sara Craig and Director Jodie Smith

## 2018 Past Presidents' Dinner

### Queen's Bench Recognizes Three Outstanding Women Attorneys

By Hana Hardy, Beverly Brand and Jodie Smith

Each year at Past Presidents' Dinner, Queen's Bench Bar Association recognizes select members for their achievements and contributions to our bar association, the legal profession and the legal community. The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon a Queen's Bench member for her outstanding contributions and achievements over the course of a distinguished career in the law. The Service Award recognizes a member who provides outstanding service to the community and to our organization. The Rookie Award is awarded to a new member who has demonstrated talent, leadership and dedication to our bar association during her first year of membership. The awardees are nominated by the directors and selected by the Awards Committee. Last year's Awards Committee was chaired by Past President Anne Gyemant-Paris and President Hana Hardy. For 2018, Queen's Bench awarded three invaluable members of Queen's Bench with the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Service Award and the Rookie Award. Read on to learn more about Queen's Bench's 2018 awardees.



From (L) Director Kimiko Akiya, President Hana Hardy, Lifetime Award Recipient the Hon. Barbara O'Hearn (CUIAB), QB Member Andria Eguia and Director Jodie Smith.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient 2018 Judge Barbara O'Hearn**

By Jodie Smith, Director

The 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Judge Barbara O'Hearn for her tireless support of women in the legal profession, her long-standing work on civil rights and social justice and her distinguished career in the law.

#### **Advocacy**

Judge O'Hearn has been an advocate for a more just society for longer than she has been an attorney. Early on, she worked for access to justice as a Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteer and as a paralegal with legal aid organizations. She also interned as a Congressional Intern with the U.S. House of Representatives' Congressional Clearing House on Women's Rights during the effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

#### **Career**

As an attorney, Judge O'Hearn has devoted her 38-year career to serving the public interest as a public lawyer. She worked for the Santa Monica Rent Board and served as Deputy Director of the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board. She was a long-time attorney for the California Department of Social Services. Since 2007, she has served as an Administrative Law Judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

In addition, for over 20 years Judge O'Hearn has invested in the legal profession by volunteering on the boards of bar associations. Bar association service involves a very significant commitment of time and energy. She served not just on the Queen's Bench board, but also on the boards of:

- California Women Lawyers
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento (of which she is a Past President)
- Sacramento County Bar Association
- The State Bar Real Property Section's Landlord/Tenant Subsection

#### **Mentorship**

One of Judge O'Hearn's most enduring contributions to the legal community and to Queen's Bench is as a trusted mentor to countless attorneys throughout her career. In particular, for the past seven years she has supported dozens of women lawyers as the Mentor Leader of the Queen's Bench Public and Government Law mentorship pod. This has created great value for Queen's Bench and has been the pipeline through which many of Queen's Bench's newer members have deepened their involvement with the organization. Generously, she has opened her living room, shared her memorabilia and campaign buttons (including the 1984 Geraldine Ferraro for Vice-President button that now sits in my office) and encouraged us to build warm relationships with one another that support us over the course of our careers, a strong tradition among Queen's Bench members.

Judge O'Hearn has taken the time to build up a diverse and dynamic cadre of women, which is critical as Queen's Bench reaches the cusp of its 100-year birthday and builds capacity for a second century of mission-driven service to women in the profession.

One of my favorite mental images of Judge O'Hearn is from marching with her in the January 2017 Hear Our Vote Women's March. She carried a sign that read, "Marched in the 60's; Marching in my 60's." Not only was it clever, but it perfectly summarized her steadfastness and commitment to the long game for women's rights.

The Queen's Bench Board of Directors is ever grateful to Judge O'Hearn for enriching Queen's Bench and the lives of so many over her 38 years as an attorney and her lifetime as an advocate.

### **Service Award Recipient 2018 - Cheryl Cotterill**

By Beverly Brand, Treasurer



The 2018 Service Award was awarded to member and long-time Juvenile Hall Project volunteer and co-chair, Cheryl Cotterill.

Cheryl came to the law as a second career. She began her studies at Washington

State University where she graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Anthropology. She went on to get a Master of Arts degree at the University of Washington School of International Studies. There, she was a teaching assistant in courses on the origins of the global market and how economic interdependence effects culture, religion, and nationality. Cheryl went on to study Chinese for two years, first at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China (through a program with the University of California at Berkeley), and then at John Hopkins Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, where she obtained certificates of Chinese proficiency. During these programs, Cheryl took courses in Chinese on banking, economics and the law.

Cheryl's experience in China made her acutely aware of the importance and value of human rights, equality and justice. While she originally had planned to go into academia, Cheryl realized the practice of law provided her with a greater opportunity to effect real change. Accordingly, Cheryl went back to school and obtained a paralegal certificate in 2004, and then worked in several law offices. While working in Alexander Anolik's office specializing in travel law, Cheryl attended the John F. Kennedy School of Law, graduating in 2010.

Cheryl was then able to turn her focus to pursue her passion - post-conviction criminal appeals. Cheryl worked with Robert Bryan for 6 years at his law offices focusing on post-conviction appeals and habeas petitions before entering solo practice in 2015. Over the course of her legal career, Cheryl has worked on many challenging issues. Notably, as an associate she challenged the constitutionality of the federal death penalty.

Cheryl has been part of the Juvenile Hall Project (JHP) since 2012. As a volunteer, Cheryl stepped up and took the time to become an officially trained volunteer with San Francisco's Juvenile Hall. She again stepped up and became a co-chair of the project in 2017, and has continued to help lead the project since. Cheryl's creativity and insight has taken JHP into many new areas - we are not doing just the same old projects. Memorably, Cheryl brought a video reenacting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail and had the girls complete a letter-writing project to commemorate Martin Luther King Day. For another craft project, Cheryl carried two large bags

full of library books containing biographies of famous women for the girls to skim through in order to find a woman whom they would like to emulate.

Juvenile Hall Project volunteers describe Cheryl as thoughtful, kind and dedicated. No matter what the girls may say - and as teenage girls they are occasionally difficult - Cheryl is patient and sticks to what is right. She maintains her personal integrity and her focus on the issues that are important to her. And JHP is not her only volunteer commitment; Cheryl also volunteers with the Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals (CCLP). This is an unincorporated association of attorneys, paralegals, legal administrators, law students and others who commit their time, resources and skills through CCLP to fight the lack of meaningful access to legal recourse available to low-income workers.

The Queen's Bench Bar Association and Queen's Bench Foundation boards of directors are grateful to Cheryl Cotterill for her excellent continued service and tireless dedication to the Juvenile Hall Project and to Queen's Bench.

**Rookie Award Recipient 2018 - Heather Fuchs**  
By Hana Hardy, President



The 2018 Rookie Award was awarded to law student member Heather Fuchs. Heather has demonstrated impressive leadership and dedication through her work as a co-chair of Queen's Bench's inaugural "So, You Want to Be a Lawyer?" legal service day for women col-

lege students that took place at Apple on January 31, 2019.

Heather Fuchs will be graduating from Santa Clara University School of Law this May. She is co-President of SCU's Women and Law Association, Senior Comments Editor for the Journal of International Law, and a student member of the International Human Rights Clinic. She currently works as a Law Clerk for Employment Litigation at Berliner Cohen, LLP. Heather spent last summer working as an extern for Magistrate Judge Allison Claire in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. Prior to law school, she attended Mills College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political, Legal, and Economic Analysis.

The board is grateful to Heather for her contributions to Queen's Bench and for her work through our legal service day to improve diversity in the legal profession.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS...



## Queen's Bench Bar Association

*The Women's Bar Association in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1921*

*You are cordially invited to be our guest at the*  
**2019 INDUCTION CEREMONY  
AND CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION**

IN HONOR OF INCOMING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF  
QUEEN'S BENCH AND TO WELCOME NEW ADMITTEES  
TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR

We are honored that Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
will conduct the induction ceremony.

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Civic Center Courthouse, Fourth Floor Rotunda  
400 McAllister Street, San Francisco**

*Champagne and Hors d'oeuvres will be served*

Judges & New Admittees to the California State Bar are guests of Queen's Bench  
Additional Tickets are \$25 each

**REGISTER ONLINE: [bit.ly/Induction2019](http://bit.ly/Induction2019)**

## The Conversation Series: Olga V. Mack – Founder of Women Serve On Boards

### WHEN

February 26, 2019  
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

### TICKETS

\$10 Queen's Bench Member

### Olga V. Mack – Founder of Women Serve On Boards

**Tuesday, February 26**  
**6:30 PM – 8:15 PM**

Location: Lake Merritt, Oakland (address provided upon registration, close to 19<sup>th</sup> Street BART & Lake Merritt BART)

Join Olga V. Mack, founder of Women Serve On Boards, in the Lake Merritt home of Jodie Smith for a unique, intimate conversation with the women of Queen's Bench. Olga is a business strategist, corporate legal counsel, California Law Revision Commissioner, and lecturer at UC Berkeley School of Law. Olga will share experiences and insights about what it's like to serve on the Board of Directors of a corporation, challenges that women face in getting onto and serving on corporate boards, and how we can achieve gender parity in our lifetime.

**Registration fee: \$10**

**Registration is limited to 12 participants**

*Wine, sparkling water, and heavy appetizers will be served.*

Questions? Please contact Jodie Smith at [smith@mosconelaw.com](mailto:smith@mosconelaw.com)

# What Are They Thinking?

## How Women Are Perceived as Decision Makers and How to Change It

March 20, 2019 at the San Francisco Public Library

Main Branch, Koret Auditorium

Registration and refreshments: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6 - 8 p.m.

### Featured Panelists



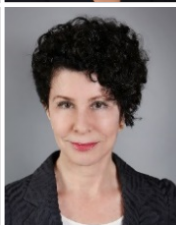
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## February

- 19** 2019 Queen's Bench Induction Ceremony  
5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Civic Center Courthouse, Fourth Floor Rotunda  
400 McAllister Street, San Francisco
- 20** Juvenile Hall Project  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Youth Guidance Center  
375 Woodside Avenue
- 26** What's It Like to be a Director?  
Queen's Bench CJAC Conversation Series (Members Only)  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Lake Merritt, Oakland

## March

- 6** Juvenile Hall Project  
7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 20** What Are They Thinking?  
How Women Are Perceived as Decision Makers and How to Change It  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
San Francisco Public Library, Koret Auditorium
- Juvenile Hall Project  
7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 28** Gender Lens Investing sponsored by UBS and the Business Development Committee  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
555 California Street, Suite 4650  
San Francisco

## April

- 3** Juvenile Hall Project  
7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 17** Juvenile Hall Project  
7:00 – 8:30 pm

## September

- 5** Queen's Bench Annual Judges' Dinner  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Sir Francis Drake Hotel  
450 Powell St, San Francisco



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