## Queen's Bench

# NEWSLETTER

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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by Sophia Maria Román Dear Queen's Bench Members,

Like many organizations, due to unprecedented circumstances surrounding COVID-19, Queen's Bench has been experiencing financial difficulty as a result of its inability to host its normal social events and MCLEs and a decline in membership. Additionally, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Judge's Dinner due to the uncertainty surrounding whether large events will be allowed in September (and if so, under what circumstances).

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### A TRIBUTE TO RBG

#### by The Queen's Bench Board

Queen's Bench Bar Association mourns the loss of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with the rest of the nation. Justice Ginsburg's death is an enormous loss to the country. As the first Jewish woman to serve on the Supreme Court, she died on the first night of Rosh Hashana one of the holiest of days in Judaism. Queen's Bench extends its condolences to Justice Ginsberg's family and her loved ones.

Justice Ginsburg was a leader for women in the legal community from the beginning of her career. With odds against her from the start, Justice Ginsburg demonstrated her legal brilliance while at Harvard Law School as one of only nine women in a class of 552. Despite being a top law student, she faced challenges because of her sex including Justice Frankfurter declining to interview her because she was a woman, despite receiving a recommendation from a professor.

Justice Ginsburg forever changed the legal framework of this country before she even reached the judiciary. As a litigator, Justice Ginsburg's conviction in fighting for equal protection rights through the 14th Amendment exemplified her unparalleled understanding of Constitutional law. She steadfastly fought for equal protection by successfully challenging sex based discrimination laws throughout the country.

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## QUEEN'S BENCH STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

#### by The Queen's Bench Board

Queen's Bench stands in solidarity with the Black community.

We are saddened, heartbroken, and deeply disturbed by the events of the past few weeks with the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and so many others before them. As news of these senseless deaths permeates the airwaves and the internet, we are reminded once again of the systemic inequities that exist within our nation and that the fight against the discrimination and oppression devastating Black communities and communities of color continues.

While we cannot possibly understand or stand in the shoes of the families

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We recognize that some of our attendees may be at high risk, and our membership and community's health and safety are of the utmost importance. This decision was made with a heavy heart as the Judge's Dinner is Queen's Bench's most important fundraising event of the year and the organization's primary source of income.

We have made some changes this year to help our legal community. We are offering free membership, based on hardship, for the remainder of the calendar year to those who have been who have suffered such losses, we recognize that the violence towards people of color, in particular Black people, must end. The injustice and fear that Black communities face day in and day out is further compounded by the coronavirus pandemic that has highlighted the racial health inequities impacting Blacks and people of color. Such inequality and senseless deaths must stop.

The events that have taken place bring to mind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words – "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." We

laid off or furloughed during this time.

address the issues we know are critical

including: Sexism in 2020 and how to

prepare for a virtual hearing. Queen's

Bench is listening to our community

and doing our best to evolve in this

clear that we need membership

support now more than ever.

2021 marks the 100th year

difficult landscape. It has also become

anniversary of the formation of our

women's bar association. We need

to our membership during this time

We are also offering virtual wellness

happy hours and programming to

must rise up to what this moment in history is demanding from us. As an organization founded on the principle of promoting and establishing equity, Queen's Bench joins Black communities in urging our national, state, and local leaders to address the violence and discrimination they have and continue to face and to provide substantive and meaningful solutions. We also recognize the work that must be done to break the cycle of discrimination, harassment, and oppression that has lingered on the horizon for Black communities and communities of color for generations. We can and will root out the racism and historical injustices that have no place in our nation with your help.

your help in preparation for our centennial year and to continue the critical work of fostering professional and social relationships among women lawyers. Promoting equality and opportunity for all women through education, programs, and community outreach is more important now than ever. We need your support to help ensure that Queen's Bench can continue this important work for another hundred years. Please help us commemorate this momentous event with a donation



towards the Centennial Gala in the

Fall of 2021.

## A TRIBUTE TO RBG

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Justice Ginsburg's decades of service in the judiciary made her a legal idol and cultural icon. She used her voice to write both majority and famously dissenting opinions. Even in a dissenting role, Justice Ginsburg understood that her words had the power to change the law, always pushing for equal protection. Justice Ginsberg conveyed a commitment and sense of duty to the law and country from the bench even as her health declined that will have a lasting legacy for generations.

Queen's Bench Bar Association and its work is possible because of Justice Ginsburg's lifelong dedication. Queen's Bench members are able to do their work today because of the battles fought by Justice Ginsberg. Queen's Bench commits to honoring her work and continuing the fight for equal protection. We will miss the forever Notorious R.B.G.

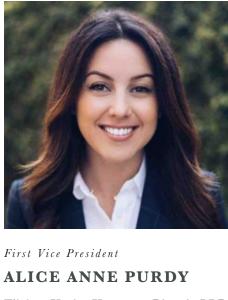


## **INTRODUCING THE 2020 BOARD**



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Sophia Maria Román leads the Commercial Contracts Team at Gap, Inc., at its headquarters in San Francisco. Her practice areas include commercial transactions with a focus on tech transactions, 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 2012 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 three dogs.



Alice A. Purdy is an associate

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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 in 2013. Her practice includes all aspects of family law matters, including highasset 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.

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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



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Queen's Bench Juvenile Hall Project,

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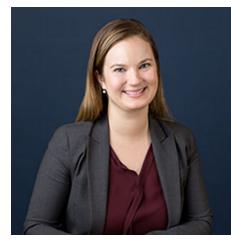
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Kimiko is an associate with the San Francisco firm of Bledsoe, Diestel, Treppa, and Crane LLP. She practices general civil litigation with a focus on insurance defense. Kimiko has been actively involved with Queen's Bench since joining in 2017 and 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.



Assistant Secretary/Newsletter Editor JOSEPHINE K. PETRICK Hanson Bridgett LLP

Josephine is Senior Counsel with Hanson Bridgett's Appellate Practice Group, where she focuses on appeals and law and motion in the state and federal courts.

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Josephine maintains an active pro bono practice, currently focusing on civil rights and asylum law. She co-chairs the Amicus Committee with Kara Wild, and enjoys following #AppellateTwitter.

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Hana joined Queen's Bench Bar Association in 2008 and has served on its Board of Directors since 2013. She currently serves as President of the Queen's Bench Foundation and as Chair of the Queen's Bench Nominating Committee. She cochaired the Business Development Committee from 2011-2012.

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ANDREA CARLISE IANGEL

Andrea Carlise leads the International Action Network for Gender Equity & Law (IANGEL) with a long history of passionate advocacy for gender equity, diversity, and inclusion. She is a past president of both the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) and California Women Lawyers. She served on the No Glass Ceiling Monitoring Task Force of the Bar Association of San Francisco, and as the NCWBA's Liaison to the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession, where she co-chaired the Commission's sexual harassment committee.

Prior to joining IANGEL, Andrea worked as a litigation attorney for 28 years, specializing in labor and employment law. She served as an Assistant County Counsel for the County of Alameda, leading its Advocacy Division and



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through educational and community

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programming.

on and is a past president of, the

for the County, Andrea was the

County's Human Resource Services

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.



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Michelle (Thomson) Dylan has more than 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 also serves as Of Counsel at Vicente Sederberg Law Firm where she represents cannabis businesses in licensing and regulatory matters.

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

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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.



ANGEL L. GARRETT Trucker Huss

Angel represents plan sponsors, fiduciaries, and service providers in ERISA class action and single plaintiff lawsuits nationwide. She has a broad range of experience in employee benefits law and fiduciary breach matters.

Angel has counseled and defended clients in matters involving employer stock option plans, employee stock valuation, inclusion of employer stock in retirement plans, investment of plan assets, management and recordkeeping fees, executive compensation arrangements, disability claims, and church and governmental plans. She has managed employee benefits and ERISA cases in all stages of litigation in state and federal courts, and before arbitration panels and administrative agencies.

Along with defending her clients in litigation, Angel counsels public

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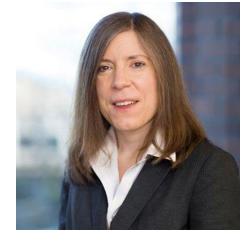
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and private employers and non-profit organizations on a variety of issues, including those related to fiduciary responsibility, prohibited transactions, benefit claims, disclosure obligations, and qualified domestic relations orders. She also represents plan fiduciaries in Department of Labor investigations.

With her legal and business background, Angel is able to provide practical advice for clients that does not inhibit business operations and consequently helps minimize the need for costly and potentially unnecessary litigation.

Angel has been recognized as a 2015 and 2016 "Rising Star", and as a 2019 "Super Lawyer" by the Northern California Super Lawyers publication. She is admitted to practice in California and Michigan. Angel is also fluent in Mandarin and Taiwanese.



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Kara has long had a passion for social justice, especially with regard to women's rights. In addition to Queen's Bench, Kara is a member of the Contra Costa County Bar Association Women's Section, and the Association of Defense Counsel Women and Law Committee.

In her spare time, Kara researches and writes historical fiction novels about strong, flawed women set in the Victorian Era.



**ELISHA JUSSEN-COOKE** 

Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic

Elisha Jussen-Cooke is the Victim's Rights Attorney at the Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic (CROC) in San Francisco, CA. where she has worked since 2017. Elisha advocates for survivor safety and represents domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault survivors in criminal, Title IX, and civil restraining order matters.

Elisha has a long been committed to advancing women's rights and advocating for survivors of gender-based violence. Before joining CROC, Elisha represented domestic violence survivors in family law and immigration matters at Bay Area Legal Aid. Following law school, Elisha worked as a research fellow at Haramaya University, Ethiopia, focusing on state and



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local responses to gender-based violence, and as a law clerk in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in the Domestic Violence Unit.

Elisha is an active member of the Queen's Bench and the San Francisco Bar Associations. Elisha currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Queen's Bench and has chaired its Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee since 2018. From 2015-2019, Elisha co-chaired the Education Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association's Family Law Section.

Elisha obtained her J.D. from the University of Washington. She graduated with honors with a B.A. in Law, Societies, and Justice from the University of Washington.

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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 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



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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.

## QUEEN'S BENCH CONGRATULATES THE 2020 MILDRED LEVIN SCHOLARSHIP **RECIPIENT, JORIAN HEAL OF UC HASTINGS!**

#### by Hima Raviprakash

Jorian Heal's path to law school and passion for public service began with a simple but powerful message from her mother: "How are you going to help others?" Jorian was born to a single teenage mother who struggled to provide for their family. However, her mother taught her to use their struggle as motivation and drive to get to a position where she could help others like her family. Jorian followed her mother's advice and dove into her schoolwork. She refused to let their

situation hinder her success in school. They could not afford necessities, such as the internet, so Jorian spent late hours at McDonalds using their Wi-Fi. All of her dedication and hard work paid off when she was awarded a scholarship for college.

As her mother had taught her, Jorian used this opportunity to excel and help others. She founded a nonprofit, Project Hart, which donates used e-readers with thousands of eBooks



installed on them to kids in need. She saw the influence that education had on her life, and she wanted to give children in need the same opportunity to change their lives through learning. Additionally, she did a summer internship at Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants (ILSI), where she assisted attorneys that provided legal aid to poor immigrants. Here, she realized that the best way for her to honor her mother and follow her passion for helping others was law school.

She has continued her love of education and dedication to public service in law school. She belongs to the Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal, and spoke at the 37th session of the UN Human Rights Council. Additionally, she worked at the Startup Legal Garage – UC Hastings College of the Law, where she provided legal advice to education technology startup companies.

The Mildred W. Levin Scholarship was established in honor of the Hastings alumna. This scholarship is awarded to second or third year students with financial need who exemplify the ideals represented by Mildred Levin; intellect, determination, compassion and integrity. Recipients are selected by the Queen's Bench of San Francisco. Congratulations to Ms. Heal!

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES CIVIC AND JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

#### Sara Craig and Andrea Russi

Ahead of the March 3, 2020, election, the Civic and Judicial Appointments Committee conducted plebiscites for three of the judicial candidates running for office in San Francisco Superior Court. The Committee also held a Civic Appointments Training with California Women Lead on February 25, 2020, sponsored by Josephine Petrick of Hanson Bridgett. The Committee will continue to meet to plan our strategic vision for activities going forward.

## WHAT IS NEW FOR THE QUEEN'S BENCH AMICUS BRIEFS COMMITTEE (2020 - 2021)

#### Kara L. Wild and Josephine Petrick

The Queen's Bench Amicus Briefs Committee has many exciting events planned for the next calendar year. These include:

- Co-sponsoring a Nineteenth Amendment Centennial with Hanson Bridgett on August 18, 2020 (via video conference due to the COVID-19 situation). The event will celebrate the Nineteenth Amendment and the efforts that made it possible. Featuring a panel of strong local women leaders, the event will look backward, but also ahead at what we can do to elevate and empower women over the next 100 years. Be part of the experience!
- Hosting at least one seminar/webinar MCLE event that looks at past legal issues tackled by the Committee, what the outcome was for that specific case, what has happened since with that issue, and what ideally should be happening. Topics include:
  - o Reevaluating California's "provocation defense" in the context of domestic violence;
  - o What became of California's parental consent statute; and
  - o LGBTQ rights following the Perry v. Schwarzenegger and Hollingsworth v. Perry rulings.

Be sure to join us for a spirited and enlightening discussion about issues that are still of vital importance to us today.

In addition, the Committee will continue to develop its individual web page at the Queen's Bench main site with new content, such as a blog related to the latest developments in appellate law.

Finally, the Committee will continue its partnership with other social interest organizations throughout California to provide amicus briefs on the most relevant legal topics to women.

If you would like to partner with the Amicus Briefs Committee on a brief, or contribute a blog post to the web page, please contact us at the Amicus Brief Committee suggestions page, or contact co-chairs Josephine Petrick or Kara L. Wild directly. If you have any interest in joining the Committee, please contact Josephine and Kara. Your involvement will help our Committee to expand and grow, and to take on new and exciting challenges.

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## **CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES COMMITTEE**

#### Andrea Carlise & Valerie Fenchel

The Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA) serves justice in California by bringing together attorney volunteers from all around the State to seek, debate, and promote creative, non-partisan solutions to law-related issues for the benefit of Californians. Queen's Bench sends a delegation to the CCBA Conference of Delegates each fall to debate and vote on the resolutions submitted. The resolutions that are approved then get prioritized by the CCBA Board. Those resolutions with the highest priority become a part of its legislative program, and many become law. To see the resolutions that are now bills and are current CCBA priorities, check out its 2020 Legislative Program here. Our committee is now in the process of reviewing the resolutions submitted for this year's conference to determine which of them are within the purview of our organization. We will then make recommendations to the QB Board about whether to support or oppose those resolutions. This year, the Conference of Delegates is scheduled for September 24-27 in San Diego. Please contact Andrea Carlise at andrea@iangel.org if you are interested in joining our committee.

## EMPLOYMENT/WORK-LIFE BALANCE COMMITTEE

#### Denise Mejlszenkier & Leyla Pasic

This committee aims to provide information, foster discussion, and host events related to balancing a rewarding legal career with a happy personal life and/or family life.

Please contact Denise Mejlszenkier or Leyla if you are interested in joining the committee.

## DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

#### Elisha Jussen-Cooke

The Domestic and Sexual Violence ("DSV") Committee is working to promote awareness of available resources for survivors of domestic violence in the Bay Area during the COVID-19 crises.

The DSV Committee also partnered with the Legislative and Reproductive Rights Committee to advocate for SB 493. That bill seeks to ensure that institutions of higher education have adequate processes in place to respond to allegations of sex-based discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual assault. On April 20, 2020, the DSV and the Legislative and Reproductive Rights Committees, together with Equal Rights Advocates, the Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic, and student survivors, participated in a virtual lobby day in support of SB 493.

The DSV Committee is also partnering with the Education Committee to provide an MCLE webinar focused on trauma-informed legal representation of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The MCLE will be a partnership between IANGEL, the Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic, and Queen's Bench.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

#### Kimiko Akiya & Stephanie Smeekens

The Education Committee hosted multiple MCLE events in 2019 including our very successful "How to be an Ally" panel addressing implicit bias in the workplace. We have been working on planning several MCLEs for the Fall 2020. Additionally, the Education Committee would like to host webinars this Spring and early Summer as we practice social distancing. We are looking for members who may be interested in presenting on legal education issues. If you are interested or have a topic in mind, please reach out directly to the Education Committee cochairs Stephanie Smeekens and Kimiko Akiya.



## JUVENILE HALL COMMITTEE

#### Kathleen Nolan & Chloe Noonan

The Juvenile Hall Project is on hold during the shelter in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The youth in the girls unit have been released as a part of the COVID-19 prevention measures.

## THE BOARD SENDS YOU ALL THEIR BEST WISHES IN THIS **DIFFICULT TIME AND HOPES** THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES **ARE STAYING SAFE AND** HEALTHY. WE ARE HERE FOR **OUR MEMBERS.**

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