



DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: Board of Directors,
American Judicature Society

FROM: AJS Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Retention, and Accountability
(the “*Standing Committee*”)

RE: Report of the Standing Committee at the
AJS Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting (December, 2018)

1. Status of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee is primarily comprised of Hawaii judges and attorneys: Jan Boivin, Jocelyn H. Chong, Clare Connors, Hon. Virginia Lea Crandall, Comm. Co-Chair Tim Johns, Hon. Darolyn H. Lendio, Mallory Martin, and Comm. Co-Chair Colin Miwa. In addition, attorney Gerald Sekiya is the Standing Committee Special Advisor on Judicial Conduct and Ethics.

The Standing Committee’s membership has expanded to include mainland Ex-Officio members: Bob Kaufman (former AJS president, partner at Proskauer Rose LLP [NY]), Paul Titus (former AJS board chair, Of Counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP [PA]), and Dr. Malia Reddick (former AJS Director of Research and Programs, Director of Judicial Programs for the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System [IAALS], and consultant to the Brennan Center for Justice).

2. Potential Topics for the 2020 Conference. The Standing Committee has met to discuss possible conference topics and/or speakers for consideration by the Board and/or the Steering Committee. Input has also been received from Malia Reddick, Hon. (Ret.) Judge Leslie Hayashi, and Larry Okinaga.

Based on a draft outline of topics prepared earlier this year and the Standing Committee’s discussions to date, potential topics for the conference include the following:

- Judicial fairness, impartiality, and independence
- Judicial diversity
- Judicial ethics and conduct
- Judicial selection, retention, and accountability
- Judicial administration
- Revitalizing AJS

Potential speakers and topics have been suggested, including the following:

- Hon. Mazie Hirono (judicial impartiality, diversity)
- Alicia Bannon (Brennan Ctr. - judicial diversity, judicial elections, judicial independence)

- Malia Reddick (judicial elections, diversity)
- Hon. Charles Wiggins (WA Sup. Ct. - judicial elections)
- Hon. Margaret McKeown (9th Cir. - judicial independence)
- Dean Erwin Chemerinsky (Boalt Hall - judicial independence)
- Hon. (Ret.) Jeremy Fogel (Berkeley Judicial Institute - judicial conduct, independence)

The question was raised as to whether speakers should be invited to provide a conservative take on the issues, in general (*e.g.* a Federalist Society representative). The Standing Committee will be meeting to further discuss potential topics and speakers in the coming months.

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