

WOMEN LAWYERS OF UTAH

ANNUAL RETREAT

Friday, November 6, 2009

Session I:

***“Reflections from Women Pioneers in the Judiciary
Upon Retirement”***

The Honorable Judith M. Billings, Utah Court of Appeals

The Honorable Pamela T. Greenwood, Utah Court of Appeals

The Honorable Diane W. Wilkins, Second District Juvenile Court, State of Utah

Moderator: Laurie D. Gilliland, Lead Staff Attorney, United States District Court

(1.0 hours of general CLE credit approved)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Honorable Judith A. Boulden
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Judge Boulden is a native of Salt Lake City, Utah. She is a graduate of West High School. Judge Boulden obtained a Bachelor of Science in 1971 and her Juris Doctor in 1974 from the University of Utah.

Upon graduation, she served as law clerk for A. Sherman Christensen, Senior United States District Judge for the District of Utah. Judge Boulden served as a chapter 7 panel trustee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Utah from 1976-1981, the standing chapter 13 trustee from 1979 through 1987 and standing chapter 12 trustee during 1987. She has been associated with the law firms of Roe & Fowler and McKay, Burton, Thurman and Condie. She was a partner in the law firm of Boulden & Gillman prior to assuming the bench on January 5, 1988.

In addition to various United States Court and National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges assignments, Judge Boulden is a past chair of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Liaison Committee with the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. She was a founding member and past president of the Utah Bankruptcy Lawyer's Forum. She has served as the bankruptcy judge representative on the Tenth Circuit Judicial Council, and currently serves on the Disciplinary Panel for the District of Utah.

In 1996, Judge Boulden was appointed by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals as one of nine bankruptcy judges that comprise the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Tenth Circuit, and eventually served two terms on the BAP. The Bankruptcy Appellate Panel sits as three judge panels and hears appeals from trial court decisions throughout the Tenth Circuit. Judge Boulden also served on the BAP Standing Rules Committee.

Judge Boulden is the bankruptcy judge representative on the Administrative Office supported Chambers Automation Program, and is standing chair of the Local Rules Committee for the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Utah.

Judge Sheila K. McCleve

Judge Sheila K. McCleve was appointed to the Circuit Court in March 1984 by Gov. Scott M. Matheson. She became a judge in Third District Court in July 1996. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge McCleve was a Deputy Salt Lake County Attorney, Assistant Salt Lake City Prosecutor, and Administrative Law Judge for the Utah Public Service Commission. She also worked for Justice Richard C. Howe at the Utah Supreme Court. Judge McCleve served on the Board of Circuit Court Judges, the Supreme Court Ethics Advisory, Rules of Criminal Procedure, Judicial Performance Evaluation, and Uniform Fine/Bail Schedule committees, Judicial Council Standing Committees on Court Facilities Planning, Judicial Branch Education, Children and Family Law, and the court's Judicial Outreach Education Subcommittee. Judge McCleve sat in the Juvenile Court determining parental rights and created and held a Domestic Violence Court for five years. She is a faculty member of the Utah Judicial Institute and teaches at Brigham Young University. She has taught at the Phoenix Institute and at Salt Lake Community College. She has received the Distinguished Alumna Award from the J. Reuben Clark Women's Law Forum, Child Advocate of the Year from the Utah Chapter to Prevent Child Abuse, the Angel of Peace Award from the Salt Lake Domestic Violence Council and Honored Alumnus of the J. Reuben Clark College of Law from Brigham Young University. 9/08

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FRIDAY-NIGHT PANEL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Judge Judith M. Billings

Judge Judith M. Billings sat on the Utah Court of Appeals bench from 1987 to 2008. She received her law degree in 1977 from University of Utah College of Law, where she graduated Order of the Coif and was Associate Editor of Utah Law Review. She also received a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process, L.L.M., from University of Virginia Law School, in 1990. She has been an adjunct professor at University of Utah Law School since 1977. Other highlights of her professional experience include several years as a state trial court judge (1982-86); employment as a partner in the litigation section of Ray, Quinney & Nebeker (1976-82); and high school teacher (1968-70). Judge Billings has been heavily involved in many legal professional organizations--e.g., American Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, and American Inns of Court. She has also provided community service in numerous capacities, including Rotary Club, public broadcasting, and a hospital board. She was named 1990 Utah Woman Lawyer of the Year.

Presiding Judge Pamela T. Greenwood

Judge Pamela T. Greenwood was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals by Governor Norman H. Bangerter in January 1987. She received a law degree in 1972 from the University of Utah College of Law. Judge Greenwood served as general counsel and vice president of First Interstate Bank of Utah for seven years. She was counsel for the Utah State Bar from 1977 to 1980 and an attorney with the law firm of Roe and Fowler from 1976 to 1977. Judge Greenwood is a past president of the Utah State Bar, was a member of the Gender and Justice Task Force, and served as vice chair of the Utah Judicial Council from 1992 to 1998. She was acting State Court administrator from January 1995 to September 1995. Judge Greenwood was honored as the Utah Woman Lawyer of the Year in 1993 and received a Special Service Award from the Utah State Bar in 1996. She chaired the Privacy and Public Court Records Committee and is a member of the Court Improvement Project. Judge Greenwood currently serves as presiding judge of the Court of Appeals.

Judge Diane W. Wilkins

Judge Diane W. Wilkins served on Second District Juvenile Court from 1990 to 2008. She received her law degree in 1978 from the University of Utah College of Law. Judge Wilkins has worked as Deputy Chief of Staff to Utah's governor (1988-1990); an assistant state attorney general (1985-1987); a private practitioner (1980 to 1985); and a deputy county attorney in Salt Lake (1979 to 1980). In 2005, she was a guest of the Ukraine Supreme Court, as a lecturer in law, for the Central European Law Initiative, during which she held training seminars to help establish constitutionally based criminal justice systems in emerging democracies. She has been involved in several committees and sections of the Utah State Bar, American Bar Association and Davis County Bar Association. Judge Wilkins was a founding member and incorporator of Women Lawyers of Utah. She was the first president of WLU and a member of the executive committee, from 1981-1982. She recently completed the Master Gardener program at Utah State University.

Laurie Gilliland, Panel Moderator

Laurie is lead staff attorney in the Prisoner Litigation Unit at the federal district court in Salt Lake City, where she has been since 2000. In 1994, she received her law degree cum laude from Brigham Young University, where she was Note and Comment Editor on the law review. She then spent seven years clerking for Judge Norman H. Jackson on the Utah Court of Appeals. Laurie was president of Women Lawyers of Utah in 2006-07 and has been on the Board ever since. She has also been active in the Utah State Bar. In her prior career, Laurie was a police crime scene investigator and fingerprint expert.

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Panel Discussion: "Reflections from Women Pioneers in the Judiciary upon Retirement"

Related materials of potential interest

C-Span Interview with Retired Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
by Susan Swain, Federal News Service
October 9, 2009

To access this interview: search "Mega News," LexisNexis

"Judging Women," by
Stephen J. Choi, New York University - School of Law
G. Mitu Gulati, Duke University - School of Law
Mirya R. Holman, Duke University School of Law
Eric A. Posner, University of Chicago - Law School
(Sept. 28, 2009)

Abstract:

Judge Sonia Sotomayor's assertion that female judges might be "better" than male judges has generated accusations of sexism and potential bias. An equally controversial claim is that male judges are better than female judges because the latter have benefited from affirmative action. These claims are susceptible to empirical analysis. Primarily using a dataset of all the state high court judges in 1998-2000, we estimate three measures of judicial output: opinion production, outside state citations, and co-partisan disagreements. We find that the male and female judges perform at about the same level. Roughly similar findings show up in data from the U.S. Court of Appeals and the federal district courts.

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Dahlia Lithwick
(April 11, 2009)

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