

IJDP Executive Committee Members

Barbara Duey, Esq.

Barbara Duey, Supervising Attorney, CARE Project Director (Crossover Advocacy & Resource Effort) and Child Welfare Law Specialist, has been an attorney at the Children's Law Center of California (Los Angeles Office) since its inception in 1990. During the first ten years she represented thousands of abused and neglected children in the dependency system. In 1999 Ms. Duey was promoted to supervising attorney where she was responsible for supervision and training of the firm's 50 attorneys.

In addition, she was involved in the development and implementation of the Los Angeles County 241.1 protocol and the new AB129 pilot program that allows the juvenile court to place a child under the jurisdiction of both the dependency and delinquency court. This is an on-going, multi-disciplinary project, requiring continuing refinement and modification.

Ms. Duey manages CLC's representation of cross over youth and represents the organization in a variety of committees and stakeholder groups concerning these at-risk children. In 2012 she developed the highly specialized CARE unit (Crossover Advocacy and Resource Effort) which partners MSW interns with CLC's dual status youth. The interns promote increased communication and collaboration between the youth and the probation officer, the social worker, service providers, the attorneys and the courts. The interns provide hands on, holistic, trauma informed support and guidance to the youth to help them navigate through and successfully complete probation. The CARE unit provides these youth with a consistent connection with an adult who provides positive, unsolicited attention, acceptance and advocacy while also modeling for and educating the System to focus on healing, not punishing, the youth.

Recently Ms. Duey was selected to be a member of the newly formed Dual Status Youth Practice network, part of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corp and a division of the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice. This group is tasked to help shape the direction of Dual Status practice reform on a nationwide level. She recently joined the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Dual Systems Youth Designs Study as a sub-work group consultant. In January she helped launch the first Los Angeles Dual Status Pilot Court where one judge will preside over both the dependency and delinquency case for a dual status youth and their family.

Previously Ms. Duey was a Federal Public Defender in San Diego and a Deputy Public Defender in Los Angeles County, including two years in delinquency court. She has benefited from the dual perspective of representing children in both systems and seeing, firsthand, the impact of delinquency on “crossover” children.

Dennis Fischer, Esq.

Dennis Fischer, a 1965 graduate of UC Berkeley Law School (Boalt), has been a California lawyer for 52 years. As an LA County Deputy Public Defender for 16 years and in private practice since 1981, he has participated as lead or co-counsel in more than 1,000 appeals, including 24 of his own cases argued before the California Supreme Court, and *Boyde v. California* in the U.S. Supreme Court. Besides his 35 years of membership in the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers (serving as president from 1993 to 1994), and two decades as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Mr. Fischer has been appointed by three California Chief Justices to serve on task forces and committees. A certified specialist in appellate law, he recently concluded four years’ service on the California State Bar’s Appellate Law Advisory Commission. Mr. Fischer’s private practice is limited to criminal appellate and habeas corpus litigation and consultation with attorneys in trial and appellate matters.

Stuart Glovin, Esq.

Stuart Glovin has 30 years of experience as a Deputy Public Defender in both Los Angeles and Philadelphia. Before retiring as a Public Defender, he served as a Head Deputy in the Compton and Airport branch offices.

Sean Kennedy, Esq.

Sean Kennedy, Director of the Center of Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School, is an Associate Clinical Professor of Law. Mr. Kennedy was the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California from 2006 to 2014 and has served as Chief of the Federal Public Defender Capital Habeas Unit.

Shepard Kopp, Esq.

Shepard Kopp is a criminal defense attorney, practicing in both state and federal courts. A graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of California's Hastings College of Law, he began his legal career in 1995 with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office, handling misdemeanor and felony cases and trying over 35 cases to jury verdict in four years.

With this experience, Shepard joined the downtown Los Angeles firm of Geragos & Geragos. From 2000 to 2010, that firm conducted more jury trials than any law firm in Los Angeles. The firm represented clients in a number of high-profile criminal cases, including Susan McDougal, Michael Jackson, Winona Ryder, and Chris Brown. During his ten years at the Geragos firm, Shepard tried approximately 70 cases to verdict.

In January 2010, Shepard opened his own criminal defense practice. In the last ten years, he has handled several noteworthy cases, including the acquittal of Harvey Silberman, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge accused of felony campaign bribery in 2011, the successful defense of the Sheriff of San Francisco against the San Francisco Mayor's attempt to remove him from office for official misconduct in 2012, a months-long trial representing a councilwoman accused of misappropriation of public funds in the city of Bell, California in 2013, and, more recently, the resolution of a federal public corruption prosecution against former state legislator Tom Calderon for a sentence of five months in custody, after he was faced with charges that carried a maximum of over 80 years in prison.

Shepard's current practice consists of a mix of pre-filing investigative work and trials on criminal prosecutions, as well as related legal proceedings such as administrative actions and restraining order litigation.

Joel Koury, Esq.

Joel Koury has dedicated twenty-eight years defending the rights of others at both the local and federal level. Mr. Koury served as a Los Angeles County Capital Public Defender and was a member of the California Central District Federal Defender's Office. Currently, Mr. Koury is a member of the Indigent Criminal Defense Appointment (ICDA) capital panel and the Criminal Justice Act Trial Panel for the Central District (CJA).

Frederick Lacey, Esq.

Frederick Lacey is an attorney with the Los Angeles County Office of the Inspector General. The "OIG" focuses on oversight of the LA County Sheriff's Department. Prior to the OIG, Mr. Lacey spent 25 years defending the rights of the indigent with the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender in cases ranging from misdemeanors to juvenile offenses and felonies. The last ten years of Mr. Lacey's career as a public defender included capital case litigation.

Hon. Jan Levine

Jan Levine is a retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. From 2003-2013, she sat in juvenile delinquency, dependency and civil court assignments. She currently participates in various efforts within the juvenile justice community. Nominated by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to the Probation Commission and appointed in October 2015, Judge Levine currently serves as First Vice President of the Commission. She also works with incarcerated and previously incarcerated individuals through Inside Out Writers, and ManifestWorks. Since retiring, she has joined the boards of the Loyola Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, and ManifestWorks.

Ezekiel Perlo, Esq.

Ezekiel Perlo spent many years defending clients as a Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender, where he was a senior trial deputy. Mr. Perlo was a private criminal defense attorney handling death penalty murder cases prior to his appointment as the Directing Attorney for the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Joseph Pertel, Esq.

Joseph Pertel practices all areas of litigation in state and federal courts including juvenile, criminal, and civil rights. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Pertel represented indigent clients with the San Diego County and Los Angeles County Public

Defenders Offices. Mr. Pertel has served on the Board of Directors for the California Association for Criminal Justice (CACJ).

Patricia Soung, Esq.

Patricia Soung leads CDF-CA's youth justice policy team and advances its policy research, advocacy, legal and coalition-building work to shrink and reduce youth contact with the justice system, and expand and reinvest resources into youth development alternatives.

Previously, Patricia Soung was a visiting professor and acting director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic for the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School. Patricia coordinated amicus briefs and strategy on a number of key cases on juvenile sentencing, taught juvenile law and procedure, and represented youth in delinquency cases. Prior to that, she was a staff attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, working on policy advocacy to decrease the population of incarcerated youth and improve outcomes in several states. Patricia was a Soros Justice Fellow at the Children and Family Justice Center, Northwestern University of Law, where she focused on challenges to juvenile life without parole sentences and wrongful convictions of youth through litigation, public education and community organizing. She has also represented juvenile and criminal clients as a panel attorney for the First District Appellate Project and California Appellate Project.

Patricia earned her JD from Northwestern University School of Law. She graduated from Stanford University with honors in 2001. She has taught as a guest lecturer and adjunct professor at University of California, Los Angeles and Occidental College. She served on the board of Highlander Research and Education Center.

Hon. Gustavo Sztraicher

The Hon. Gustavo Sztraicher is a judge for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court Bench, he was a public defender where he served as a senior felony trial deputy and as a training supervisor.