

**MINUTES OF THE PROGRAM OF THE APPELLATE COURTS SECTION  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, February 28, 2019  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Court of Appeal  
Second Appellate District  
Courtroom on Third Floor  
300 S. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90013

**“The Argument Clinic”**

Panelists: Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert, Division Six  
Associate Justice Elizabeth A. Grimes, Division Eight  
Associate Justice John L. Segal, Division Seven

Advocates: Steven Fleischman, Esq., Horvitz & Levy  
Robin Meadow, Esq., Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland

Moderator: Tyna Thall Orren, Esq., Orren & Orren

**The Program**

The program was a re-enacted argument of a recent case, *Kanno v. Marwit Capital Partners II, L.P.* (2017) 18 Cal.App.5th 987, presented before a specially-convened panel of Court of Appeal justices.

The written program materials consisted of biographical materials about the participants, the briefs from the original appeal, and a tentative opinion prepared by the justices participating in this program, plus selected articles about the oral argument process.

During the program, the panel heard mock oral arguments from the advocates. The justices then discussed how frequently and the extent to which oral arguments change their minds or change the content of their opinions. They also expressed their views on the pros and cons of issuing tentative opinions. The justices and advocates then answered audience questions.

At the program's conclusion, the justices learned for the first time the outcome of the actual opinion, which had ruled in favor of the party that these justices' tentative opinion ruled against.

Approved on March 5, 2019

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Kent J. Bullard  
Secretary, Appellate Courts Section