

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

Thursday, October 19, 2017  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals  
The Richard H. Chambers Courthouse  
125 South Grand Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91105

**“Judging the Judge: A Candid Conversation Between Judge Alex Kozinski  
and Professors Ronald Collins and David Skover on Appellate Judging and  
the Politics of Law”**

Moderator: Hon. Alex Kozinski, Ninth Circuit Judge

Panelists: Professor Ronald K.L. Collins, University of Washington Law School  
Professor David M. Skover, Seattle University School of Law

Attendees: Isaac Aba, Rashida Adams, Arturo Ayala, Sarvenaz Bahar, Anita  
Susan Brenner, Laura W. Brill, Kent J. Bullard, Robin Carl Campbell,  
Gretchen A. Carpenter, Douglas J. Collodel, Phillip E. Cook, Dawn  
Cushman, Gabriel S. Dermer, Paul D. Eisner, Joshua R. Furman, Gary  
J. Goodstein, Sarah M. Goodstein, Mary E. Gram, Mark A. Hart,  
Rachel E. Hobbs, Margaret I. Johnson, Mimi S. Keller, Jens B. Koepke,  
Matthew S. Levinson, Justin Levitt, Robert C. Little, Richard H.  
Nakamura, Stephanie Nordinger, Brad S. Pauley, Michelle D. Pena,  
Carol Ann Hunter Peters, Brent Riggs, Peter E. Schnaitman,  
Benjamin G. Shatz, Michael Solner, Nicole Soulages, Randall A.  
Spencer, Leonard Eustace Torres, Kerrin Tso, Sara Ugaz, J. Alan  
Warfield, Roy G. Weatherup, Rachel Yoo

**The Program**

The written program materials included Judge Kozinski’s Law360 book review of Professors Collins’s and Skover’s book “The Judge: 26 Machiavellian Lessons,” as well as a set of written materials provided by Professors Collins and Skover “designed to invite [readers] to think about the relationship between law and politics,” including excerpts from their book.

Section Chair Sarvenaz Bahar introduced Judge Kozinski and Professors Collins and Skover. During the program, Judge Kozinski moderated a conversation about

topics that included: some of what the authors consider the most Machiavellian Supreme Court opinions in history, from *Marbury v. Madison* to *Bush v. Gore* to more recent decisions of the Roberts Court; how the book's Machiavellian lessons from the Supreme Court pertain to lower court judges and practicing lawyers; and some justices who the authors view as, from the Machiavellian perspective, particularly unsuccessful. Before concluding the program, the panel answered audience questions. A reception followed.

Approved on January 3, 2018

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