Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers

New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department



Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers is an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. She was first appointed to the Appellate Division by Governor Eliot Spitzer on February 4, 2008.

Justice Chambers has served on the bench for 20 years. She was elected to the Civil court of the City New York in November 1994. She sat in both the Criminal Court and the Civil Court in New York County. She was elected to the New York Supreme Court in November 1998, and was re-elected in November 2012. Governor Andrew Cuomo reappointed her to the Appellate Division in November 2012.

Justice Chambers began her career in the Kings County District Attorney's Office in 1985, where she was Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, after serving as a Deputy Chief in the Trial Division and as an assistant district attorney in the Trial and Appeals Bureaus. During her tenure at the Kings County District Attorney's Office, she served as an instructor in the Criminal Trial Advocacy Program and in the New York County Lawyer's national Institute of Trial Advocacy Program.

Justice Chambers has held leadership positions in a number of professional associations including the New York State Bar Association, the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, Judicial Friends and the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York.

On the lighter side, Cheryl enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading on the beach and watching *Law & Order* marathons. Her favorite movie is *The Thomas Crown Affair*.

Hon. Barry A. Cozier (Ret.)



An experienced veteran of the New York State judiciary, Mr. Cozier represents individuals and institutions in complex business and commercial litigation, employment law litigation and federal and state appeals.

For two decades, prior to entering private practice, Mr. Cozier was a member of the New York State judiciary, most recently serving as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in the Second Judicial Department, where he presided over civil and criminal appeals.

Prior to his judicial service, Mr. Cozier was in private practice and held various public sector legal positions. His diverse practice included general corporate matters, real estate transactions, administrative and estate proceedings, family law and immigration issues.

Representative Matters Include:

- A state court action for injunctive relief to prevent lenders from prematurely enforcing rights under a credit agreement/breach of contract;
- Defense of a private investment partnership in a state court action by minority shareholders for judicial dissolution based on breach of fiduciary duties and looting of company assets;
- Defense of a broadcasting group in a state court action to compel arbitration of an employment discrimination claim;
- Defense of a national leasing service in a state court action for breach of contract, fraud, negligent misrepresentation and violations of the Federal Racketeering statute;
- A state court action against corporate borrowers to recover loan proceeds based on fraud and negligent misrepresentation;
- Defense in federal court of a collective/class action alleging violation of the Fair
 Labor Standards Act in classifying store managers as exempt from overtime wages;

- Defense of a multinational corporation in federal action for wrongful termination of a corporate executive due to age discrimination and retaliation;
- Preparation and argument of state appeals in breach of contract, fraud, libel and employment discrimination actions.

Legal Experience:

- LeClairRyan, New York, New York, May 2012 Present
- Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., New York, New York, 2006 2012
- Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, 2001 – 2006
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, 1998 2001
- Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Management Support, New York State Court, 1996 – 1997
- Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts, 1994 1995
- Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial District, 1993
 2006
- Supervising Judge of the Family Court of the State of New York, Queens County, and Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, 1992
- Judge of the Family Court of the State of New York, City of New York, 1986 1992
- Private Practice of Law, 1976 1980 and 1982 1986
- Associate General Counsel for Family Law Litigation, Office of Legal Affairs, Human Resources Administration of the City of New York, 1980 – 1981

Memberships and Affiliations:

- Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association of New York University School of Law: Founding Member
- Law Alumni Association, Inc. of New York University School of Law: Member, Board of Directors
- Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association: Board of Directors, 1988 1992
- National Bar Association: Judicial Friends
- New York City Bar Association: Executive Committee, 1998 2002
- New York County Lawyers' Association
- New York State Bar Association: NYSB Foundation, Fellow; Commercial/Federal Litigation Section Executive Committee Member

- The City Bar
- New York State Continuing Legal Education Board: Chair, 2003 2006
- New York State Judicial Screening Committee for the First Department
- Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman's Task Force on Commercial Litigation in the 21st Century in New York
- Center for Employment Opportunities: Board of Trustees

Distinctions:

- Honoree Jurists and Lawyers of Color, New York County Lawyers' Association 91st Annual Dinner, 2005
- The Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial Award, New York City Trial Lawyers Association, 2004
- Distinguished Service Award as a Justice of the Commercial Division in New York County, New York County Lawyers' Association, 2001
- Frank Torres Award for Commitment to Diversity, Association of Judges of Hispanic Heritage, 1999
- Recognition Award, Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association, 1998
- New York Urban League Manhattan Advisory Board, Chairman's Award, 1997
- Golda Meir Award, Jewish Lawyers Guild, 1995
- Alphonso B. Deal Award, Tribune Society, Inc., 1995
- Special Merit Award, Metropolitan Black Bar Association, 1995
- Distinguished Alumni Award, New York University School of Law, 1994
- Wayne E. Scarborough Award, New York City Association of Criminal Court Judges, 1994

Prof. Angela J. Davis

American University Washington College of Law



Angela J. Davis, professor of law at AU's Washington College of Law, is an expert in criminal law and procedure with a specific focus on prosecutorial power and racism in the criminal justice system. Davis previously served as director of the D.C. Public Defender Service, where she began as a staff attorney representing indigent juveniles and adults. She also served as executive director of the National Rainbow Coalition and is a former law clerk of the Honorable Theodore R. Newman, the former Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals. Davis is the author of Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor (Oxford University Press 2007). She is also the editor of *Policing the Black Man: Arrest, Prosecution* and Imprisonment (Penguin Random House, forthcoming 2017), co-editor of Criminal Law(Sage Publications 2015) (with Professor Katheryn Russell-Brown), Trial Stories (Foundation Press 2007) (with Professor Michael E. Tigar) and the 7th edition of Basic Criminal Procedure (Thomson West, forthcoming 2017) (with Professors Stephen Saltzburg and Daniel Capra). Davis' other scholarly publications include articles in the Michigan, Iowa, Fordham, and Hofstra Law Reviews. Davis won the Pauline Ruyle Moore award for Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor in 2009 and for her Fordham Law Review article, Prosecution and Race: The Power and Privilege of Discretion in 2000. Davis was awarded a Soros Senior Justice Fellowship in 2003. She won the American University Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award in 2015, the American University Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, Creative Activity, and Other Professional Contributions in 2009 and the American University Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Appointment in 2002.

Davis is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Frederick Douglas Jordan Scholarship Board, the Southern Center for Human Rights, and the Sentencing Project. She was a reporter for the ABA Justice Kennedy Commission and a member of the ABA Commission for Effective Criminal Sanctions. Davis also served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Vera Institute of Justice Prosecution and Racial Justice Program. She teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Criminal Defense: Theory and Practice.

EDUCATION

J.D., Harvard Law School 1981

B.A., Howard University 1978 (summa cum laude)

Tracee E. Davis, Esq.

Zeichner Ellman & Krause LLP



Tracee is a Partner in ZEK's litigation group where she specializes in representing clients in a wide variety of complex business and commercial matters, including financial services litigation, class action litigation, complex real estate, and business divorce litigation.

Among her notable accomplishments as a litigator at ZEK, Tracee has:

- Successfully defended numerous financial institutions, winning dismissal of a complex letter of credit action and a variety of consumer financing class actions alleging FDCPA, FCRA, TILA, RESPA and New York GBL fraud violations brought in New YorkState and Federal Courts.
- Successfully defended a prominent real estate brokerage client, winning summary judgment dismissal of claims involving commercial tort, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract claims brought in New York State Court, Commercial Division.
- Successfully represented a former condominium complex developer/owner, winning summary judgment dismissal of a complex action brought by the condominium association to recover for outstanding tax certificates.
- Successfully represented the New York State Liquidation Bureau in recovery of damages against a large insurance claims adjuster for mismanagement of insurance claim and breach of contract.
- Successfully represented LLC members and partners in litigation and arbitration of matters involving separation and dissolution of business, including winning sanctions in the form of attorneys' fees.
- Represented a leading ATM service provider in commencing a derivative action in seeking the dissolution of a long-standing business relationship.
- Successfully defended financial institutions in Surrogate's Court in a variety of consumer banking and guardianship matters.

As an effective business litigator with a unique and highly specialized knowledge of the judicial process, Tracee acts as a consultant to local and out of state attorneys actively engaged in litigation in New York State Courts.

Prior to joining ZEK, Tracee was Principal Court Attorney to Justice Charles Edward Ramos of the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division in Manhattan. During her five years as Principal Court Attorney, she assisted in managing the disposition of more than 400 complex commercial cases. She also was an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School. Before that, Tracee served as a Senior Court Attorney in the Law Department of the New York State Supreme Court, Civil Term in New York County.

Elected by fellow members of the commercial bar, Tracee served as Chair of the highly-distinguished 2,300 lawyer Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association. Thereafter, Tracee was appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to serve as a member of the statewide Commercial Division Advisory Council. As part of her service on the Council, Tracee was one of the principal architects of the new accelerated adjudication procedures and adoption of proportionality in discovery in the New York State Supreme Court Commercial Division rules. Tracee also served as a member of the Chief Judge's Task Force on Commercial Litigation in the 21st Century.

Based upon her tested leadership skills, Tracee was twice selected to act as Panel Administrator of the New York County Democratic Committee's Independent Judicial Screening Panel (Civil Court 2004 and Supreme Court 2013) in reviewing candidates for countywide judicial vacancies.

Tracee is a frequent speaker on topics involving commercial litigation. She was invited to lecture before the New York Commercial Division Justices at The Institute on Complex Commercial Litigation for New York State. She was also invited to lecture on class actions before the Appellate Division Justices of New York State Courts at the Third Annual Joint Seminar for Appellate Division Justices.

Tracee also was selected as one of the five-member American Bar Association delegation of U.S. judges and lawyers who presented lectures to Cambodian judges at the Royal Academy of Judicial Professionals in Cambodia on the importance of specialized commercial courts and court-annexed mediation.

In her spare time, Tracee is an avid runner and outdoor adventurer.

Hon. Fern A. Fisher (Ret.)

Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hofstra University



Hon. Fern A. Fisher, former deputy chief administrative judge for the New York City Courts and director of the New York City Courts Access to Justice program, is a visiting associate professor of law at Hofstra University.

Hon. Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix

New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department



Judicial Offices	Associate Justice, New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo, November 2012			
	Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Second Judicial District, New York State Supreme Court, May 2009 to November 2012			
	Justice of the New York State Supreme Court (elected November 2004)			
	Judge of the New York City Civil Court (2002 - 2004)			
	Judge of the New York City Criminal Court (2002 - 2003)			
Other	District Counsel 37, (1985 to 2001)			
Professional Experience	Chief Counsel, Immigration Program			
	Supervising Attorney, Landlord and Tenant Division			
	Senior Attorney, Consumer Litigation Unit and Bankruptcy			
	Pro Bono Attorney			
Admission to the Bar	New York State Bar, 1985			

	Federal Courts, Southern District, 1987				
	Federal Courts, Eastern District, 1987				
Education	Howard University, School of Law, Washington, D.C., Juris Doctorate (1984)				
	Long Island University, Brooklyn, N.Y., Master's Degree, Political Science (1978)				
	University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA. Bachelors of Science in History, (1976)				
Publications & Leading Cases	In the Matter of the Application of STOP BHOD, an unincorporated association, by and in the name of its President, Frank Lepera, Verifying Petitioner and William C. Thompson Jr., in his official capacity as the New York City Comptroller, et al., Petitioners, v. City of New York, et al., Respondents 22 Misc. 3d 1136 (A); 881 N.Y.S. 2d 367 (2009)				
	Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center v. 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East et al. 31 Misc. 3d 1233 (A); 930 N.Y.S. 2d 173 (2011).				
	East West Bank, successor in interest to United Commercial Bank, v. 32 Tower LLC, et.al. 33Misc.3d 1221(A), 939 N.Y.S.2d 740 (Table), 2011 WL 5515436 (NY Sup, 2011 N.Y. Slip Op. 52041 (U)				
	Quadasia Nelson an infant by her mother and natural Guardian, Crystal Nelson, and Crystal Nelson, Individually, v. Pamela S. Roth., Esq. 2009 NY Misc LEXIS 6762, affirmed 69 AD 3d 912				
	Mark Kleinman v. Blue Ridge Foods, LLC, Marvin Sussman and Blue Ridge Acquisitions, Inc., 32 Misc. 3d 1219 (A).				
Professional & Civic	President of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association Master of the American Inns of Court Second Vice President for The Judicial Friends				
Activities	Recipient of The Gold Crown of Merit, which was				

conferred upon her by the Governor General of Barbados on that nation's celebration of its 39th anniversary of its independence, one of the nation's highest honors.

Member of the Board of Directors for: Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association Metropolitan Black Bar Association St. John's Bread and Life Agency St. Gabriel's Senior Center

Member of the following organizations:

New York State Bar Association

Brooklyn Bar Association

National Association of Women Judges

New York Criminal Bar Association

New York State Association of Supreme Court Justices

Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.

New York County Lawyers Association

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Eric Holder advises clients on complex investigations and litigation matters, including those that are international in scope and involve significant regulatory enforcement issues and substantial reputational concerns. Mr. Holder, who was a partner at Covington from 2001 to 2009, rejoined the firm after serving for six years as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States.

Before his service as Attorney General, Mr. Holder maintained a wide-ranging investigations and litigation practice at Covington. Among numerous significant engagements, he led the firm's representation of a major multi-national agricultural company in related civil, criminal, and investigative matters; acted as counsel to a special investigative committee of the board of directors of a Fortune 50 technology company; successfully tried a complex discrimination lawsuit on behalf of a leading financial services company; and represented several life sciences companies in litigation and investigations.

Mr. Holder served as Attorney General from February 2009 to April 2015. As the third longest serving Attorney General in U.S. history and the first African American to hold that office, Mr. Holder is an internationally recognized leader across a broad range of regulatory enforcement, criminal justice, and national security issues. In 2014, *Time* magazine named Mr. Holder to its list of 100 Most Influential People, noting that he had "worked tirelessly to ensure equal justice."

Including his tenure as Attorney General, Mr. Holder has served in government for more than thirty years, having been appointed to various positions requiring U.S. Senate confirmation by Presidents Obama, Clinton and Reagan.

Previous Experience

Practices

Litigation and Investigations

 White Collar Defense and Investigations
 Regulatory and Public Policy

Public Policy and Government Affairs

Education

- Columbia Law School, J.D., 1976
- Columbia College, B.A., 1973

Government Service

U.S. Department of Justice

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York

- Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (2009-2015)
- Partner, Covington & Burling (2001-2009)
- Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (1997-2001)
- U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia (1993-1997)
- Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia (1988-1993)
- Trial Attorney, Public Integrity Section of the U.S.
 Department of Justice's Criminal Division (1976-1988)

News and Insights

- "Global Investigations Review and WWL Recognize Covington's White Collar Practice," March 7, 2018
- "Trends and Developments in Anti-Corruption Enforcement," January 25, 2018, Covington Advisory
- "The Regulator Whisperers: Covington & Burling, Finalist for White Collar/Regulatory Litigation Department of the Year," January 2018, The American Lawyer
- "In this virtual world of data national borders still matter," December 12, 2017, Microsoft
- "Eric Holder Honored by GLAD," October 30, 2017
- "Americans should commit to creating opportunities for all," October 23, 2017, The Hill
- "NAACP Honors Eric Holder with Inaugural Award for Public Service," August 29, 2017
- "Eric Holder Honored by the Washington Lawyers'
 Committee for Commitment to Civil Rights," June 16, 2017
- "Covington Boosts Dispute Resolution Practice in London with Two Partners," January 16, 2017
- "National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty Honors Eric Holder," October 20, 2016
- "Former Attorney General Eric Holder Looks Back on a Career Seeking Fairness," October 17, 2016, GW Today
- "Eric Holder Honored by The National Legal Aid & Defender Association," September 29, 2016
- "GIR Names Covington Among "Elite" Washington FCPA

- Practices," August 22, 2016
- "Eric Holder Named to LDF's National Board," May 24, 2016
- "Cartel enforcement will survive 2016 election, says ex-US attorney general," April 5, 2016, Global Competition Review
- "Washington Lawyers' Committee and Covington Release Report on Challenges Faced by D.C. Women in Prison," March 25, 2016
- "Beyond His Tenure, Holder Hasn't Left The Civil Rights Fight," December 12, 2015, NPR
- "Eric Holder Named LDF's Thurgood Marshall Lifetime Achievement Award Winner," November 5, 2015
- "Favourite son," July 7, 2015, CDR News
- "Holder: big penalties changed bank culture," July 6, 2015, FT
- "Former U.S. attorney general Holder to re-join Covington as Washington partner," July 6, 2015, The Lawyer
- "Eric Holder Returns to Covington & Burling," July 6, 2015, The New York Times
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- "Eric Holder, Former Attorney General, Returning to Covington & Burling Law Firm," July 6, 2015, NBC News
- "Eric Holder says he wouldn't serve on the Supreme Court," July 6, 2015, Politico
- "Former AG Eric Holder returns to former D.C. law firm," July 6, 2015, The Washington Post
- "Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Returns to Covington," July 6, 2015
- "Holder's Return to Covington Was Six Years in the Making," July 5, 2015, National Law Journal
- "Eric Holder: U.S. May Need to Sue To Enforce Gay Marriage Ruling," July 5, 2015, The Wall Street Journal
- "Covington Receives 124 Individual Mentions in 2009
 Edition of Best Lawyers," September 29, 2008

- "Chambers USA Gives Covington 81 Individual, 45
 Practice Nods," June 16, 2008
- "Two Covington Partners Among National Law Journal's '50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers'," 5/27/2008
- "Covington's Eizenstat, Gesell, Holder, Horsky, and Ruff Among Legal Times' 'Greatest Washington Lawyers of Past 30 Years'," 5/27/2008
- "Washingtonian Magazine Names 19 Covington Attorneys Top Lawyers'," 11/30/2007
- "Covington Receives 115 Individual Mentions in 2008
 Edition of Best Lawyers," September 6, 2007
- "Covington Receives 44 Practice, 74 Individual Mentions in 2007 Chambers USA Guide," June 18, 2007

Carla M. Miller, Esq. Universal Music Group



Carla M. Miller is Vice President of Business & Legal Affairs and Litigation Counsel for Universal Music Group, the world's largest group of record and music publishing companies. In that capacity, Ms. Miller oversees all aspects of litigation for the company and its foreign affiliates. Ms. Miller also provides pre-litigation advice and counseling on a wide variety of topics from artist contract and intellectual property disputes to real estate related issues. Prior to joining UMG, Ms. Miller served as Deputy Director of Litigation, Counsel for Siemens Corporation, the domestic holding company for all U.S.-based affiliates of the leading German electronics and engineering company, Siemens AG.

Ms. Miller is an experienced trial lawyer, having conducted all phases of litigation in state and federal court. Prior to transitioning to the corporate sector, Ms. Miller was associated with the law firms Proskauer Rose LLP and Morrison & Foerster LLP. Ms. Miller's law firm practice focused on commercial litigation and entertainment law, with an emphasis on music and film industry-related issues and intellectual property litigation, including copyright and trademark infringement and other Lanham Act claims. Ms. Miller represented the major U.S. motion picture studios' interests in the landmark Southern District of New York bench trial and Second Circuit appeal involving DVD technology, which upheld the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 over a First Amendment challenge. She also second-chaired a federal jury trial involving claims of trademark infringement brought against a global hair products manufacturer, which resulted in a complete victory for her client and invalidation of the plaintiff's trademark. Ms. Miller was recognized as one of the top 15 New York lawyers under 40 by New York Lawyer Magazine.

Ms. Miller is a member of the Executive Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). She also was one of the founding co-chairs of the Corporate Litigation Counsel Committee of NYSBA's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, and currently co-chairs the Section's Diversity Committee. Ms. Miller has served as a CLE lecturer for The Practising Law Institute, the American Bar Association-Forum on Entertainment and Sports Law, The New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on numerous

intellectual property topics, as well as law practice management and issues concerning women in the profession.

Ms. Miller received her B.S. degree in Computer Science from Loma Linda University in Riverside, California. After a successful career as a Consulting Manager with Andersen Consulting (now known as Accenture), leading consulting projects in Europe and the United States, Ms. Miller received her J.D. degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she served as a Senior Articles Editor for *The Hastings Law Journal*. Following law school, Ms. Miller was a judicial clerk for The Honorable Cecil F. Poole, Senior Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Ms. Miller resides in Brooklyn, New York, with her husband, who is also a lawyer, and their two sons ages 8 and 13 – who currently aspire to reject the law, and write and illustrate comic books for a living instead.

Lillian M. Moy, Esq.

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York



Lillian M. Moy has been the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York since 1995. She is a 1974 graduate of Hunter College of the City University of New York and a 1981 graduate of Boston University School of Law. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Albany Medical Center and a member of the Governance Committee of the Capital District Pride Center.

Ms. Moy is a nationally recognized leader, writer and trainer in the civil legal aid community. Her particular areas of expertise are leadership development and diversity. Ms. Moy currently serves on the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service and the Legal Access Job Corps Task Force.

She is past Chair of the Civil Policy Group and the Board of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Ms. Moy serves as the Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Attorney Professionalism, and serves on the Nominating Committee, President's Committee on Access to Justice and the Committee on Legal Aid. Ms. Moy is also co-convener of the New York Diversity Coalition, a group of legal services staff and managers dedicated to raising and resolving diversity issues in the legal aid community.

Ms. Moy has been honored by the National Organization of Legal Services Workers, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Asian American Bar Association of New York, the Schenectady County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Catholic Charities Housing Office. Most recently, Lillian was the recipient of the New York State Bar Association's Diversity Trailblazer Award for 2013.

Dr. Alejandro Ponce

World Justice Project



Dr. Alejandro Ponce is the Chief Research Officer of the World Justice Project. He joined the WJP as Senior Economist and is one of the original designers and a lead author of the WJP Rule of Law Index. Dr. Ponce leads the research and data collection initiatives of the World Justice Project, from the administration of the WJP Rule of Law Index to the design and implementation of nationwide surveys in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the EU, and Mexico.

Prior to joining the World Justice Project, Dr. Ponce worked as a researcher at Yale University and as an economist at the World Bank and the Mexican Banking and Securities Commission. Dr. Ponce has conducted research in the areas of behavioral economics, financial inclusion, justice indicators, and the rule of law, and has been published in collected volumes as well as top academic journals such as the *American Economic Review* and the *Journal of Law and Economics*. He is a frequent speaker in international conferences and policy forums in the area of rule of law. He holds a B.A. in Economics from ITAM in Mexico, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University.