

Alameda County Reimagining Juvenile Justice Forum

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Panel Speakers

SB823 Impacts - Justice Partners Panel

Hon. Scott Jackson, Assistant Presiding Judge Juvenile Court, Alameda County Superior Court

Judge Jackson was elected to the bench in 2016. He earned his B.A. in political science and history from Williams College in 1992 and his J.D. from George Washington University Law School in 1997. His legal career began as a deputy district attorney for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. He has taught trial advocacy, civil deposition practice, and professional responsibility as a visiting professor at the Golden Gate University Law School, later serving as Director of the school's Litigation Center.

Alphonso Mance, Assistant Public Defender, Alameda County Public Defender's Office

Mr. Mance is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Mance is an assistant Public Defender who currently serves as the supervising attorney for the juvenile division of the Alameda County Public Defender's office. Mr. Mance joined the public defender's office in 2003. Prior to working in the Public Defender's Office, Mance served as a staff attorney for the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Wendy Still, MAS, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department

Chief Still joined Alameda County in 2016 having retired as Chief Adult Probation Officer of the City & County of San Francisco. She is also retired from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; with over 40 years' experience in California local and State Government, specializing in prison administration, Adult and Juvenile Community Corrections and reentry systems. She is a criminologist and possesses a Master's degree in Law, Criminology & Society from the UC Irvine, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco. Chief Still is a true reformer of correctional and justice policies and has won numerous awards for her work to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism for California's reentry populations.

Terry Wiley, Assistant District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

Mr. Wiley is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the University of San Diego School of Law. He has served in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office since 1989. In that time he has had the following assignments: Head of the Felony Trial Team, Director of Recruitment and Development and presently serves as Assistant District Attorney in Charge of the Juvenile Division.

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Frankie Guzman, Staff Attorney, National Center for Youth Law

Mr. Guzman was raised in a poor, mostly immigrant community plagued by drugs and violence, experiencing homelessness, family separation, and loss. At 15, he was arrested for armed robbery and, on his first offense, was sentenced to serve 15 years in the California Youth Authority. Released on parole after six years, he attended law school and became an expert in juvenile law and policy with a focus on ending the prosecution of youth as adults.

Laura John Ridolfi, Director of Policy, W. Haywood Burns Institute for Justice

Ms. John Ridolfi provides technical assistance to BI sites in analyzing whether and to what extent policies and practices contribute to racial and ethnic disparities in youth justice systems. She also assists in developing local strategies to reduce disparities. Prior to the BI, Laura worked for several youth and criminal justice organizations and was a Fulbright Fellow in Kenya, where she conducted original research on the youth justice system. She is a recent graduate of the University of California Berkeley School of Law.