

Presenter Biographies

The Honorable Susan R. Bolton

Susan R. Bolton is a United States District Court Judge in the District of Arizona. Prior to her appointment to the District Court bench, she served as a Superior Court Judge in Maricopa County, Arizona from 1989 to 2000. Judge Bolton is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law and was in the private practice of law prior to her appointment to the bench.

The Honorable Charles R. Pyle

Judge Pyle graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1970 and received his law degree from the University of Arizona, College of Law in 1973. For ten years, beginning in 1977 through 1987, Judge Pyle was a staff attorney with Southern Arizona Legal Aid specializing in consumer and indigent health care.

In 1987, Judge Pyle then worked in the Civil Division of the Pima County Attorney's Office, working extensively with the Pima County Health Department in their response to the AIDS crisis. From 1989 to 2001, Judge Pyle supervised the Tucson Office of the Liability Management Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office. During that time, he frequently wrote and lectured on the use of ADR, particularly mediation, to resolve civil disputes.

Judge Pyle was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge on June 28, 2001 for the United States District Court, District of Arizona, Tucson Division.

The Honorable Bruce G. Macdonald

Bruce G. Macdonald is a United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court, District of Arizona. Prior to his appointment as a Magistrate Judge in May of 2012, he was a civil trial lawyer practicing in Tucson since 1985. Judge Macdonald received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Arizona. He currently serves on the Ninth Circuit's ADR Committee.

Denise M. Asper

Denise Asper serves as the Prison Litigation Project Director for the Ninth Circuit Office of the Circuit Executive. She provides training and support to Federal District Courts within the Ninth Circuit on prisoner case management and pro bono appointments of counsel, and the use of alternative dispute resolution programs for pro se litigants. She facilitates mediation and settlement of litigation involving prisoner civil rights claims and disability discrimination complaints. Denise creates educational materials for Judges and Pro Se Litigants and designs and implements conflict resolution training for inmates. She also assists courts with reentry program implementation and training.

Prior to her work at the OCE, Denise was a Pro Se Staff Attorney and ADR Program Director for the U.S. District Court, District of Idaho. While in Idaho, she created a Pro Bono Program and implemented ADR options in pro se prisoner and non-prisoner cases. She is trained as a mediator and served on the Ninth Circuit's ADR Standing Committee for five years. She currently provides OCE staff support to the Committee. Denise is currently serving on the Ninth Circuit's Self Represented Litigant Committee and is a member of the California State Bar Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services.

Denise received her Juris Doctorate in 1988 and thereafter practiced law in the employment law area, representing clients in litigation and ADR proceedings. She also created training materials for employers and conducted workshops on compliance strategies. Prior to law school, she taught English in secondary schools. She is the mother of four children and has five grandchildren.

Jodie W. Brown

Jodie Brown is a Staff Attorney in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. She graduated from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in 2005. During law school, Jodie served as a legal extern to Judge Lawrence O. Anderson for the United States District Court and Judge Michael Daly Hawkins for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Following graduation, Jodie served as a law clerk to Judge Morton Sitver before joining the Staff Attorneys' office in May 2006.

Scott Conlon

Scott has been in private practice since 1988 and with Renaud, Cook, Drury, Mesaros, P.A. since 2001. Most of his practice has involved civil litigation and trials, including professional liability for various licensed professions. He represents Corizon,

LLC in litigated matters in Arizona and has represented Corizon and a predecessor entity, Prison Health Services, in Arizona since 2006.

John Dacey

John has been with Gammage & Burnham since 1990. Much of his practice, including litigation and regulatory matters, concerns Arizona's Medicaid program -- AHCCCS. Before Gammage, John worked for legal aid where, among other things, he represented inmates in jail conditions litigation. In recent years John conducted ADR as a Judge Pro Tem and court-appointed mediator. John has conducted 12-15 mediations within the District Court's pilot program regarding inmate lawsuits and has helped the Court develop the program for the last three years.

Michael Gottfried

Michael Gottfried is the Unit Chief of the Department of Corrections Unit of the Arizona Attorney General's Office and one of eight full-time Assistant Attorneys General who handle prisoner litigation on behalf of the State of Arizona and its employees. He has more than twenty-eight years of experience in commercial litigation, insurance defense, Plaintiff's personal injury, and bankruptcy law. He was an Arizona Certified Bankruptcy Specialist and a judicial law clerk at the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Michael Linderman

Michael Linderman is currently the Administrator of Pastoral Activities and Volunteer Services for the Arizona Department of Corrections. He directly supervises 10 Senior Chaplains who supervise 31 Correctional Chaplains serving in the units. He is also responsible for overseeing the volunteer program served by approximately 1,000 volunteers.

James McKay

James McKay is the Senior Staff Attorney in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. He has worked as a pro se law clerk in the District of Arizona since 1990. James has been a member of the Ninth Circuit Pro Se Committee for six years. He also serves on the District of Arizona Local Rules Advisory Committee. He received his J.D. from the Arizona State University School of Law.

Carson McWilliams

Carson McWilliams is the Division Director, Offender Operations and is responsible for approximately 6000 staff and an inmate population of approximately 42,000 inmates.

Mr. McWilliams began his career in corrections in April 1978, before there was a training academy. His first assignment as a Correctional Security Officer was at the State Prison in Florence, Central Unit. In 1979, he promoted to Correctional Program Officer I and in 1981 promoted to Correctional Program Officer II at Arizona State Prison in Florence and Tucson. In 1988 Carson accepted a position as a Parole Officer and quickly promoted to a Correctional Program Supervisor at Catalina Mountain Juvenile Facility. From 1993 – 1994 he transferred to Arizona State Prison Complex-Safford, Fort Grant to promote to a Correctional Classification Specialist.

Carson left the agency in 1994 and reinstated in 1996 as a Correctional Officer IV at Arizona State Prison Complex-Douglas. He transferred back to Florence 1999 and accepted an Associate Deputy Warden position in 2001 and was appointed as the Deputy Warden from 2002-2006 at Florence and Eyman prisons.

Carson was appointed as the warden of the Florence prison from 2006-2011. Due to Carson's knowledge of the agency and working at various prison locations and custody levels, Carson was appointed as the Northern Region Operations Director in 2011. He held the interim Deputy Director position in 2012 and interim Division Director of Offender Operations in early 2014 and officially appointed in July 2014.

Mr. McWilliams earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminology in 1977 from Indiana State University.

Dawn Northup

Dawn Northup has over 20 years of state service. Ms. Northup spent 16 years as an Assistant Attorney General, serving under three Arizona Attorneys General, prosecuting criminal appeals and capital litigation. Ms. Northup spent three years at the Department of Economic Security as an Administrative Law Judge. She has served as the Arizona Department of Corrections' (ADC) General Counsel since April, 2012. She is primarily responsible for advising the Director on all legal matters pertaining to ADC, and managing litigation involving the Director and ADC staff. Ms. Northup has been instrumental in modifying internal processes to reduce potential litigation and assisting in the wholesale transition from a self-operational health care delivery system to a system by which medical, mental health, and dental care is delivered by a private vendor.

Ms. Northup oversees a Legal Department of ten staff who coordinate with assigned counsel from the Attorney General's Office or outside counsel in being responsive to the

judiciary, legislature, and executive, as well as to inmate family and friends and other external stakeholders.

Ms. Northup has a Juris Doctorate Degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Benedictine University.

Richard Pratt

Richard Pratt is the Assistant Director of Arizona Health Services Contract Monitoring Bureau. He is responsible for oversight of the health care delivery system to the inmate population, and reports to the Director of ADC. He was promoted in August 2014 after having served in this capacity on an interim basis since March, 2014.

He started his career with ADC in 2000, working in various positions as both a health care provider and an administrator at both the prison facility level and the central office. When health care was privatized in 2012 as a result of legislative mandate, direct care was transferred from ADC to a private vendor. The monitoring bureau currently employs thirty-three staff and was created to oversee the contracted vendor's performance.

Pratt has earned a Bachelor's degree in Health Care Management from Bellevue University, and holds a Master's degree as a Physician Assistant from University of Nebraska Medical Center. He is also designated as a Certified Public Manager through Arizona State University, and is a Certified Correctional Health Professional with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Lucy Rand

Ms. Rand is an Assistant Attorney General and has been with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Civil Liability Management Section, Department of Corrections Unit, for more than 7-1/2 years. Ms. Rand graduated with *pro bono* distinction from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in 2006, and graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine, in 1991.

Ms. Rand has extensive knowledge of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) prison system and its policies and procedures, and maintains the Unit's legacy data and documentation reference bank. While working on the class action lawsuit, *Parsons v. Ryan*, she has obtained detailed knowledge of the prison facilities and operations, inmate programs, and medical and mental health care systems.

Since the first mediations in July of 2012, Ms. Rand has participated in the U.S. District Court's Prisoner Early Mediation Pilot Program and has attended more than half

the mediations that have occurred to date. She also created mediation forms, procedures, and templates for use by the Attorney General's Office.