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Married to Dean Inger J. Sagatun-Edwards on 8/14/71 until her death in April, 2007.
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POSITION: Consultant to the Courts of California (part time on a volunteer basis) and consultant to courts across the country.

EDUCATION: J.D. The Law School, University of Chicago, 1966
B.A. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 1963

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

7/1/12 - Present	Consultant, Educator, and Trainer.
7/1/19 – Present	Consultant, County Touchpoints in Access to MAT for Justice Involved Populations.
6/1/2006 –6/30/12	Judge-in-Residence, Administrative Office of the courts, San Francisco, CA. (Half-time) Consultant to courts across the United States and foreign countries.
9/1/2006 – 7/1/09	Manager of The Collaborative, a group formed by Health and Human Services to coordinate efforts to engage the

judiciary in the CFSR process.

10/1981 – 5/31/2006	Judge, Superior Court, Santa Clara County Supervising Judge, Family Court 1983-4 Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court 1985-1990 Assistant presiding Judge, Superior Court 1991 Presiding Judge, Superior Court 1992 Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court 1992-1995 Supervising Judge Juvenile Dependency Court 1993-2006 Supervising Judge, Family Resources Division, 1991-2006
1/1981 – 10/81	Judge, Municipal Court, Santa Clara County
7/1980 – 12/31/1980	Judge, Superior Court, Santa Clara County (Temporary Appointment)
1976-1980	Attorney in the general practice of law specializing in Juvenile and Criminal Law
1977	Criminal Law Specialist, California Bar Association.
1969-1972, 1974-1976	Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Santa Clara County. In that office served in every attorney assignment. Supervised in Juvenile Court in 1971-1972 and 1974-1975. Tried over 30 jury trials, handled hundreds of preliminary hearings, probation hearings, special motions, court trials, appeals and writs.
1972-1974	Visiting lecturer, University of Bergen, Bergen Norway
1966-1968	Peace Corps Volunteer, Sarawak, Malaysia. Taught secondary school.
1965 (Summer)	Law Clerk for Professor Herbert L. Packer, Stanford Law School
1964 (Summer)	Civil Rights Volunteer, Mississippi

1960 – 1963 (Summer) Laborer working for Eichler Homes

ORGANIZATIONS FOUNDED

Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
(1986) (each is a member of National CASA organization)

Kids In Common (a non-profit organization attempting to
bring together the public and private sectors on behalf of
children. (1989). (co-founder)

Juvenile Court Judges of California (a Section of the
California Judges Association), 1988.

Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council (1991)

Greenbook Project, Santa Clara County (1997)

Forensic Human Services Certificate Program
(Santa Clara County) – Founder, 1992

OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Member, Tribal STAR Judicial Advisory Group, 2013-
present.

Member, Board of Directors, Child Welfare Initiative
(2012-4)

Member, Ethics Committee, California Judges Association,
(2012-2021)

Member, Tribal Court/State Court Forum, 2012 - present

California Child Welfare Council, 2007- present

Blue Ribbon Commission on Foster Care, Member, 2006-
2014. (Commission ended)

Member, International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates, 1998- present.

Member, Editorial Board, International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates, 2018-present.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges:
President (2002-3), Immediate Past President (2003-4),
(President-Elect (2001-2002), Vice President (2000-2001),
Treasurer (1999-2000), Secretary (1998-1999).

Member, Board of Fellows, National Center for Juvenile Justice, 2001-2003.

Board of Trustees, Menlo School, 2006-2012

Board of Directors, Music@Menlo, 2010-2012

Kids in Common, Member (1989-present
Co-Chair (1989-2000)
Co-Chair Vision Council (2004-present)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Member, 1983-present
President, California Chapter, 1983.

Board of Directors, National AFCC, 2003-2005.

Family Violence Committee, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: Chairperson, 1990-1993, 1996-1998.

Board of Trustees, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: Member, 1988-1995, 1997-1998
Lifetime member.

California Judicial Council: Member, 1999-2002

California Judicial Council Family and Juvenile Standing Advisory Committee: Chair, 1992-1998, Co-Chair 1995-1998, Member, 1989-1992, 2003-6; Advisory Member, 2007- present.

Childhood Immunization Project, Santa Clara County: Co-Chair, 1995-1998.

Executive Committee, Greenbook Project, Santa Clara County: Co-Chair, 1997-2006

California Center for Judicial Education Victim-Witness Project: Chair, 1986-1992.

International Judges Committee, NCJFCJ, 2009-2015.

Juvenile Court Judges of California: Chair, 1988-1998; member, Executive Committee and Legislative Committee 1988-present.

Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council: Chair, 2000-2003, Member, 1991-2003.

National Greenbook Project: Co-Chair, 1997-1998
National Greenbook Advisory Committee: Co-Chair, 1999-2003.

Santa Clara County Inter-Agency Council on At-Risk Youth: Convenor, 1986-1990.

Executive Committee, Metropolitan Court Judge's Committee, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: Member, 1986-1991.

Senate Task Force on Family Relations Division: Member, 1989-1990

Senate Task Force on the Child Victim-Witness: Member, 1986-1987 (appointed by the Chief Justice).

Board of Directors, Diabetes Society of Santa Clara Valley: Member, 1989-1993.

Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Community Foundation Youth Initiative: Member, 1991-1993.

Advisory Group, Kids Count: Member 1990-1994

Santa Clara County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council: Member, 1985-1989.

National Advisory Committee of the National Domestic Violence Media Campaign: Member, 1992.

Advisory Committee to Edna McConnell Clark Foundation Children's Committee: Member, 1991-1993.

Community Advisor to the San Jose Junior League regarding Children's Issues, 1991-2006

Silicon Valley FACES, Board Member, 1986-2012

Advisory Board, Parisi House On the Hill, 2012- 2014

AWARDS

NATIONAL Wesleyan University, Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2013

2007 Judicial Award, International Community Corrections Association

Career Award, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2006

Career Award, CJA/JCJC, 2006

William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence,
National Center for State Courts, 2004.

Career Award, National Center for State Courts,
2004

Career Achievement Award, Association of Family
and Conciliation Courts, 2003.

Roscoe Pound, Juvenile Justice Award, National
Council on Crime and Delinquency, 2003.

Pioneer Award for Exploring Effective Interventions
in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases,
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges,
2000.

Mitchell Wendell Trust Award, American Public
Welfare Association, 1998.

Franklin N. Flaschner Award, Outstanding Judge in the
United States of a Court of Special Jurisdiction, American
Bar Association, 1996.

Juvenile Court Judge of the Year, National Court
Appointed Special Advocate Association, 1992.

Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award, American Bar
Association, 1989.

STATE

Bernard Jefferson Judicial Education Award, California
Judges Association, 2012

Foster Care: Change A Lifetime Award, California Capitol
Kick-Off, National Foster Care Month, 2008

Public Policy Award, County Alcohol and Drug Program
Administrators Association of California, 2006

Jurist of the Year, California Judicial Council, 2004

The June Morrison-Tom Gitchoff Founders Award For Significant Improvement of the Quality of Justice, 2004

President's Award, California Judge's Association, 1998.

Peace Prize, California Wellness Foundation, 1996.

Juvenile Court Judge of the Year, Juvenile Court Judges of California, California Judges Association, 1996.

Fellow of the Western Society of Criminology, 1995.

Mark Pearlman Outstanding Service Award, The California Child, Youth and Family Coalition, 1993.

The Inaugural Award as California's Child Abuse Professional of the Year, California Consortium for the Prevention of Child Abuse, 1991.

Bernard S. Jefferson Award for Leadership and Achievement in Judicial Education, California Judges Association, 1989

Joseph W, Drown Memorial Award for Outstanding Services to Children, 1988

CPPCA Judicial Award for Leadership in Juvenile Justice, 1988.

LOCAL

Reaching for the Stars, Sky's the Limit Fund, 2013

Los Altan of the Year for 2012, Los Altos Town Crier, 2012.

Character Award, Santa Clara County Council, Boy Scouts of America, February, 2009.

Dean's Community Award, San Jose State University,
College of Applied Sciences and Arts, May, 2008

Community Building Award, PACT, 2006

Paul Harris Award, Los Altos Rotary, 2006

Lifetime Achievement Award, Santa Clara and San Mateo
County Chapter, Child Advocates, 2006

Fred R. Halverson Award, Menlo School, Atherton,
CA, 2005

Public Interest and Social Justice Recognition Award,
Center for Social Justice and Public Service Santa Clara
University, School of Law, 2005

Award for Exemplary Community Leadership, National
Conference for Community and Justice, 2004

Director's Award, Santa Clara County Human Relations
Commission, 2001.

1st Champion of Peace Award, Santa Clara County
Domestic Violence Agencies, 1999.

Citizen's Award, Santa Clara County Medical
Association, 1998.

Paul Harris Fellow, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary
International, 1996.

The Gretchen Burford-Dernetz Service Award, 1995.

Second Annual LACY Honors Award, Santa Clara County
Public Interest Law Foundation, 1995.

George Shirakawa, Sr. Community Service Award, Alum Rock Counseling Center, 1995.

Bert Legg Distinguished Citizen Award, Exchange Club of San Jose and City Council of San Jose, 1995.

Distinguished Community Service Award, Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Clara County, 1994.

Achievements of Behalf of Families of Santa Clara Valley, Family Service Association, 1994.

Man of the Year Award, The Women's Fund, 1990
First Annual Commendation Award, Santa Clara County Justice System Advisory Board, 1990.

Judge of the Year, Santa Clara County Trial Lawyer's Association, 1990.
Community Service Award, Pathway Society, 1989.

Named one of the 100 most influential person in Santa Clara County for the 20th Century: San Jose Mercury News, 2000.

AWARDS FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT

Model Court, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: 1997 – Present.

Adoption Excellence Award, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2003

Greenbook Implementation Site, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies. (2000-2005)

Mentor Court, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, 2000-2004

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Reasonable Efforts: A Judicial Perspective, 2nd Edition
NCJFCJ, 2022.

Reasonable Efforts: A Judicial Perspective,
ThompsonReuters, 2014.

The Role of the Juvenile Court Judge: Practice and Ethics,
California Judges Association, The Rutter Group, 2012.

*Protecting Children and Reuniting Families: The History
of the Juvenile Dependency Court, Superior Court of
California, County of Santa Clara*, Published by the
Superior Court, County of Santa Clara, 2009.

Child Abuse and the Legal System, with Professor Inger
J. Sagatun, Nelson-Hall, Chicago, 1995.

A History of the Lawas District, Borneo Literature Bureau,
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, 1969. Also found in *The
Sarawak Gazette* (Nos. 1333, 1334, 1335), March, April,
and May of 1969, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia,

ARTICLES

All of the articles listed below can be found and
downloaded at no cost.

“Reasonable Efforts and the Adoption and Safe Families
Act,” *Family Integrity & Justice Quarterly*, a peer reviewed
publication of the Family & Justice Works (FIJ Works)
Winter 2022.

“The Americans With Disabilities Act and Juvenile
Dependency Court,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of
the California Judges Association, Winter 2022

“Due Diligence and Family Finding,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association, Winter, 2021

“Engage Your Community Around Your Most Vulnerable Children: Hold An Infant’s Conference,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association, Spring, 2021.

“A Few Questions That Can Change Everything,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association, Summer, 2021.

“Some Reflections on the Representation of Children in Juvenile Court: A View From the Bench,” *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol. 43, No. 2, Summer 2021.

“The Appellate Process and Unacceptable Delays,” *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol 43, No. 1, Spring 2021.

“The Pandemic, Technology, and the Juvenile Court,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association, Winter, 2021.

“Active Efforts and The Futility Doctrine,” *The Guardian*, National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol. 43, No. 4.

“Opinion: At-risk infants need our attention now more than ever,” *The San Jose Mercury News*, Opinion Section, Wednesday, 1/13/2021.

“The Urgency of Placing Children With Relatives,” *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol. 43, No. 4, Winter 2020.

“Reasonable Effort to Prevent Removal,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association, Fall, 2020.

“Juvenile Dependency Court, Opioid Addiction, and Reasonable Efforts,” *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association, Summer 2020.

“Timely Adoptions: An Ignored Issue in Child Welfare,” *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol. 42, No. 2, Summer 2020.

“Domestic Violence and Reasonable Efforts in Juvenile Dependency Court,” Spring 2020, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Reasonable Efforts: Let’s Raise the Bar,” *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol 42 No 01 Spring 2020

“The Family First Prevention Act of 2018,” Winter 2020, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Should Extend to Age 25,” Opinion Section, Tuesday, 12/03/2019 Page A06, *The San Jose Mercury News*

“The Santa Clara County Greenbook Story: From Theory to Transformation,” Judge Leonard Edwards (Ret.) and Judge Katherine Lucero Winter 2019, *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*

“Corporal Punishment and The Law,” Spring 2019, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Working With Clients in Juvenile Court,” Fall 2019, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Overcoming Barriers to Making Meaningful Reasonable Efforts Findings,”
December–January 2019, *Child Law Practice Today*,
publication of the ABA Center on Children and the Law

“Judges and Social Workers,”
Summer 2019, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the
California Judges Association

“Family Time Practice Guide: A Guide to Providing
Appropriate Family Time for Children in Foster Care,”
May 2019, A Project of the Georgia Supreme Court
Committee on Justice for Children and the J4C Court
Improvement Initiative, Forward by Judge Leonard
Edwards (ret.)

“Ignoring Reasonable Efforts: How Courts Fail to Promote
Prevention,” December 5, 2018, *The Chronicle of Social
Change*— Children and Youth, Front and Center

“Defining Active Efforts in the Indian Child Welfare Act,”
Jan/Feb 2019, Vol 41 No 01, *The Guardian*, National
Association of Counsel for Children

“An Update on The Case Of *Katie A V Bonta*: Services For
Children With Mental Health Challenges And Suggestions
How Judges Can Assist the Service Delivery Process,”
Fall 2018, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the
California Judges Association

“An Instructive Dependency Case Involving Reasonable
Efforts,” Summer 2018, *The Bench*, the official magazine
of the California Judges Association

“Juvenile Court Corner: The Most Famous Juvenile Court Judge,” Winter 2019, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“The Evolving Role of the Juvenile Court,”
Fall 2018, *In SESSION*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

“Overcoming Barriers to Making Meaningful Reasonable Efforts Findings,”
December–January 2019, *Child Law Practice Today*, publication of the ABA Center on Children and the Law

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Fall 2018, *In SESSION*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

“Relative Preference: The Best Answer for Our Foster Care System;” *NCJFCJ Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 3 (2018) at pp 55-65.

“The Effective Use of the Reasonable Efforts Finding: Challenges Facing Attorneys”, *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol 40 No 03 May/Jun 2018

“The History of ‘Beyond the Bench,’”
Spring 2018, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

Opinion: “How Santa Clara County can improve children’s lives,” February 25, 2018, *The San Jose Mercury News*

“The Effective Use of the Reasonable Efforts Finding: Challenges Facing Attorneys” *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Vol 40 No 03 May/June 2018

“Relative Placement: The Best Answer for Our Foster Care System,” Winter 2018, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

Juvenile Court Corner: “Reasonable Efforts and Timely Adoptions”, Fall 2017, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“How To Improve Outcomes For Abused And Neglected Children: Engaging Relatives Early,” Summer 2016, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Judicial Leadership and CASA/GAL Programs” Spring 2016, *The Judges’ Page Newsletter*, The National CASA Association

“Juvenile Record Sealing Doesn’t Work: Here’s How to Fix,” Winter 2015, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Improving State Court-Tribal Court Relations Summer 2015, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Family Drug Courts: A Best Practice That Works,” March 2015, California Collaborative Justice Courts Foundation website.

“Judicial Leadership in the Juvenile Court,” available on the NCCD website -

<http://nccdglobal.org/blog/judicialleadership-in-the-juvenile-court> and at judgeleonardedwards.com.

“Juvenile Court Corner, Mental Health Issues in Dependency Court,” Fall 2014, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Juvenile Court Corner, Reasonable Efforts to Prevent Removal: An Important New Case,” Summer 2014, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

Juvenile Court Corner, “Parental Visitation in Child Protection Cases,” Winter 2014, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Working with Your Director of Children’s Services,” Winter 2014, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“ADR in Juvenile Dependency Cases,” Summer 2013, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Domestic Violence & Reasonable Efforts at the Detention Hearing,” Winter 2013, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Are Children Simply Small Adults,” *The Bench*, Official Journal of the California Judges Association, Autumn, 2013, at pp. 6, 24-25.

“Ethical Issues in the Family Drug Treatment Court,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 64, No. 1, Winter 2013 at pp 1-21.

“Working With the Juvenile Court Judges in Morocco,” TODAY, NCJFCJ, Spring, 2013.

“Establishing Paternity Promptly in Juvenile Dependency Court,” Autumn 2012, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Juvenile Record Sealing: The Q&A of Policy and Practice,” *Human Rights Journal*, October 18, 2012, <http://www.duihuahrjournal.org/2012/10/juvenile-recordsealing-q-of-policyandpractice>

“Representation of Parents and Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases: The Importance of Early Appointment,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 63, No. 2 (Spring) 2012, at pp 21-37.

“Ethical Challenges for the Juvenile Court Judge,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 62, No. 1, Winter, 2011, at pp 1-9.

“Reasonable Efforts,” Summer 2011, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Intake Decisions and the Juvenile Court System,” Spring 2011, *Juvenile and Family Justice Today*

“Court Improvement in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases: A Historical Perspective” November 2011, National CASA Association

“Sanctions in Family Drug Treatment Courts,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 61, No. 1, Winter, 2010, at pp 55-62.

“Relative Placement in Child Protection Cases: A Judicial Perspective,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 61, No. 2, Spring, 2010, at pp. 1-44.

“Interim Hearings,” Autumn 2009, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Engaging Fathers in the Child Protection Process; The Judicial Role (Part 1 and Part 2), *Child Practice Review*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (March 2009) and Vol. 28, No. 2 (April 2009); fully published in *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 60, No. 2, Spring, 2009, at pp 1-30)

“Juvenile Court Corner: Blue Ribbon Commission (We’ve Come a Long Way Baby),” Autumn 2008, *The Bench*, the official magazine of the California Judges Association

“Finding Family Connections for Foster Youth,” with co-authors (Kelly Lynn Beck – primary author), *ABA Child Law Practice*, Vol. 27, No. 8, October 2008, at p. 113.

“Child Protection Mediation: A 25-Year Perspective,” *Family Court Review*, Vol. 47, No. 1, January 2009, pp 6980.

“Domestic Violence and Mediation: A Dialogue,” *Family Court Review*, Vol. 46, No. 4, October, 2008, at pp 586597.

“The Juvenile Judge’s Corner,” a column in *The Bench*, a quarterly publication of the California Judges Association, San Francisco. First column, Vol. 48, No. 1 and all subsequent editions. (Topics include

“Welcome to the Juvenile Court”,

“Judicial Rotation”,

“Dependency Mediation”,

“Blue Ribbon Commission”,

“We’ve Come A Long Way, Baby”,

“Joining the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges”,

“History of the Juvenile Court Judges of California”,

“CASA”,

“Interim Reviews”,

“It’s Time to Open Our Juvenile Courts”,

“Intake,”
“Psychotropic Medications,”
“Starting a CASA Program in Israel,”
“Reasonable Efforts,”
“Placing Children with Relatives,”
“How to Tackle the Problems Involved When a Case Moves from Juvenile to Family Court,”
“Representation of Parents and Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases.”
“Establishing Paternity Promptly in Juvenile Dependency Court.”
“Domestic Violence and Reasonable Efforts”
“Suspensions and Expulsions in Schools: It’s Time for a Change”
“Are Children Simply Small Adults?”
“Working with Your Director of Children’s Services”
“Parental Visitation in Child Protection Cases”
“Ethical Problems Involving Judicial Fundraising”
“Reasonable Efforts to Prevent Removal: An Important New Case”
“Mental Health Issues in Dependency Court”
“Improving State Court-Tribal Court Relations”
“‘Active Efforts’ and ‘Reasonable Efforts’: Do They Mean the Same Thing?”
“Juvenile Record Sealing Doesn’t Work: Here’s How to Fix”
“Drug-Exposed Infants: Perplexing Social and Legal Issues”
“Congregate Care for Children”
“Placement with a Non-Custodial Father”
“Should Judges Ask Questions? The Enquiring Magistrate”
“How to Improve Outcomes for Abused and Neglected Children: Engaging Relatives Early”
“One Caring Adult”
“The History of Beyond the Bench”
“Juvenile Justice Exchange: China and the United States”
“An Instructive Dependency Case Involving Reasonable Efforts”

“Reasonable Efforts and Timely Adoptions”
“Arranging Your Courtroom to be a More Effective Judge”
“Children of Incarcerated Parents”
“An Update on The Case Of *Katie A V Bonta*: Services For Children With Mental Health Challenges And Suggestions How Judges Can Assist The Service Delivery Process”

Various Articles on the Judge’s Page: National CASA Association, found at *NationalCasa.org* -

“Judicial Leadership and CASA/GAL Programs” Spring, (2016)

“Court Improvement: An Overview” (2011)

“Engaging Fathers in the Child Protection Process,” (September, 2009)

“Effective Child Protection Mediation and Domestic Violence,” (with Steve Baron), (October 2008)

“Family Finding from a Judicial Perspective,” (October, 2008).

“Achieving Timely Permanency by Frontloading the Child Protection System”, (July, 2008):

“Reasonable Efforts: A Judicial Perspective,” (Oct. 2007):

“Strengthening Your CASA/GAL Program: A Judge’s Perspective,” (Oct. 2006):

“Pro Bono Help Offered to Judicial Officers by the Office of Child Development & Mental Health,” (February 2006);

“CASA Volunteers and the Education of Foster Children,” (June, 2005);

“Court Improvement: An Overview,” (July, 2004);

Various Articles in *The Chronicle*, the publication of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates.

Various Articles in *The Guardian*, a publication of the National Association of Counsel for Children.

“Aging Out of Foster Care...And Into College,” *Juvenile and Family Justice Today*, NCJFCJ, Reno, Spring, 2008, at pp. 21-22.

“The Impact of Judicial Behavior in Juvenile Court Proceedings,” *Juvenile and Family Justice Today*, NCJFCJ, Reno, Winter 2008, at p. 29.

“Achieving Timely Permanency in Child Protection Courts: The Importance of Frontloading the Court Process,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 58, No. 2, Spring 2007, at pp 1-37.

“Comments on the Miller Commission Report: A California Perspective,” *Pace Law Review*, Vol. 27, Summer, 2007, No. 4, at pp 101-152,

“The Transition to Group Decision Making in Child Protection Cases: Obtaining Better Results for Children and Families,” (With Dean Inger Sagatun-Edwards), *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 58, No. 1, (2007) at pp 116.

“The Mediation Miracle,” *California Courts Review*, Administrative Office of the Courts, San Francisco, Spring, 2006 at pp 16-21.

“Judicial Perspectives on Family Drug Treatment Courts,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, (Vol. 56, No.3, Summer, 2005, pp. 1-27). Co-author with Judge James A. Ray.

“Confidentiality and the Juvenile and Family Courts” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, (Winter, 2004, pp. 1-24).

“Remarks of Judge Leonard P. Edwards at the Presentation of the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence,” *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts*, (Volume 5, 2004, pp 169-180); *Juvenile and*

Family Court Journal, (Vol. 56, No. 1, Winter 2005, pp 4551); *Family Court Review*, Vol. 43, No. 4, October, 2005, at pp 544-553.

“The Role of the Juvenile Court Judge Revisited,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, (Vol. 56, No. 1, Winter 2005, pp 33-40).

“The Judicial Role in Creating and Supporting CASA/GAL Programs,” *TODAY, Juvenile and Family Justice*, Spring 2005, pp 16-19 (with co-authors).

“Mediation in Child Protection Cases,” *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts*, (Volume 5, 2004, pp 57-70).

“Judicial Oversight of Parental Visitation in Family Reunification Cases,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 54, No.3, Summer 2003, 1-24.

“Perspectives on Juvenile Dependency Court Mediation,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 53, No. 4, Fall 2002 (co-author)

“Juvenile Mental Health Court Rationale and Protocols,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 52, No. 4, Fall 2001, 1-19 (co-author).

“Santa Clara County Dependency Drug Treatment Court,” *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, Vol. 33(4) Oct. - Dec. 2001.

“Attachment, Bonding and Reciprocal Connectedness: Limitations of Attachment Theory in the Juvenile and Family Court,” *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & The Courts*, Judicial Council of California, Vol. 2, 2000, 109-127 (co-author)

“Community Foundations & the Juvenile Court – A New Relationship,” (with co-authors), *Today: Juvenile and Family Justice*, NCJFCJ, Reno, Fall, 1999.

“Improving Juvenile Dependency Courts: Twenty-Three Steps,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 48, No. 4, (1997) at pp 1-24.

“Reviving the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC),” *TODAY, Juvenile and Family Justice*, Summer, 1997, (1997), 11.

“Dependency Court Mediation: The Role of the Judge,” *Conciliation Courts Review*, Vol. 35, No. 2, April, 1997 160-163.

“Corporal Punishment and the Legal System,” *Santa Clara Law Review*, Vol. 36, No.4, 1996, 983-1023.

“The Future of the Juvenile Court: Promising New Directions,” *The Future of Children: The Juvenile Court*, Center For the Future of Children, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Vol. 6, No. 3, Winter, 1996, 131-139.

“Alternatives to Contested Litigation in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases,” *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*, Vol. 33, No. 3, July 1994, 275-285 (co-author)

“Who Speaks For The Child,” *The University of Chicago Roundtable*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1995, 67-94 (co-author).

“Improving Implementation of the Federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 45, No. 3, 1994, 3-28,

“A Comprehensive Approach to the Representation of Children: The Child Advocacy Coordinating Council,” *Family Law Quarterly*, Vol. 27, No. 3, Fall 1993, 417-431.

“Reducing Family Violence: The Role of the Family Violence Council,” *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, Vol. 43, No. 3, 1992, 1-18.

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LEGISLATION/RULES OF COURT

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AB 160 and AB 129 (involving dual status children before the juvenile court).

Several bills involving the automatic sealing of juvenile records, and sealing of records at no cost (AB 1394 – 2019)

Other legislative proposals that have become law relate to juvenile records, the appointment of counsel for children in custody cases, the resolution of child welfare cases prior to filing petitions, guardianships in juvenile dependency court, family finding, and the payment of reporter’s and clerk’s transcript fees on appeal.

PRESENTATIONS (INVITED)

Have given invited presentations on over 600 occasions in over 48 states and 13 foreign countries (Norway, Brazil, Australia, Mexico, Israel, Japan, Poland, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, England, Morocco, People's Republic of China, and Canada) on issues relating to juvenile and family courts.

TEACHING

Faculty, NCSC, 2019. National Conference.

Faculty, Retired Judges Conference, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2014

Faculty, Juvenile Institute, CJER, 1985-2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019.

Faculty, Judicial College, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2003-4

Faculty, Child Abuse and Neglect College, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2003-4

Faculty, *Beyond the Bench*, 1988-Present

Faculty for various workshops and webinars, CJER, 2008 - present.

Faculty, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada, 1992

Faculty, Judicial College, California Judicial Council, 1984-1994

Visiting Professor, University of Santa Clara Law School, 1983-1998

Lecturer, Santa Clara Paralegal Program, 1980-1985.

Visiting Professor, Stanford Law School, 1986

Visiting Professor, University of Bergen, 1972-1974

Government Secondary School Teacher, Lawas, Sarawak, Malaysia, 1967-1968 (Peace Corps)

GRANTS:

Responsible for over \$3,000,000 in grants for the benefit of the Santa Clara County Superior Court from federal, state and private foundation grants.

VIDEO/DVD PRODUCTION:

Responsible for securing the funding and directing educational videos:

1. Legal Innovations: Dependency Drug Treatment Court
This video has been shown all over the world. More than 500 copies have been made and distributed.
2. Wraparound Services: This video describes a unique type of service delivery for youth with mental health and behavioral problems. More than 500 copies have been made and distributed.
3. Improving Outcomes...Role of the Child Advocate:
This DVD/Video describes the importance of child advocates (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in the juvenile dependency court. More than 2,000 copies have been made and distributed across the United States and in selected foreign countries.
4. Child Protection Mediation – this DVD was shot in the 1990's, but was re-edited in 2008 to a useful 13 minutes. The DVD is being distributed around the state and country to encourage court systems to utilize

mediation in child protection cases. The Courters shot this video as well as the others listed above.

5. Podcast entitled Family Finding and Relative Placement for Children Entering and in Foster Care available on website or on Judicial Council website.
6. Over 10 short videos regarding ethical issues facing juvenile court judges.
7. Podcast on relative placement.
8. Moderator for case law update for CJER, 2015-Present

Additionally, worked with judicial educators at CJER to create a number of DVD scenarios for educational purposes.

All of these videos plus several others are available at judgeleonardedwards.com

SIGNIFICANT CASES

In re Elaine E., 221 Cal.App.3d 809 (6th Dist., 1990).

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CONFERENCES

Founder of a number of conferences locally and statewide including Beyond the Bench, Statewide Domestic Violence Conference, Santa Clara County Beyond the Bench, Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Conference, Santa Clara County Infants Conference.