

## Federal Bar Association Liaisons

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar



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Rebecca Church has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California since 2015. She defends the United States, its agencies, and its employees in suits brought pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, *Bivens*, Title VII, and immigration law. Rebecca serves as an Ethics Advisor and Professional Responsibility Officer. She is also the FOIA Coordinator. She is an active member and the current Vice President of Legal Education for the San Diego Federal Bar Association, and recently was awarded the FBA Younger Federal Lawyer Award which was presented to four attorneys nationwide. She serves as a Lawyer Representative to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. She is also a member of Lawyers Club of San Diego, currently serving as Co-Chair of the Awards, Endorsements, and Nominations Committee, a member of the San Diego County Bar Association, and was an Associate in the Welsh Inn of Court from 2010 to 2013 and an Associate in the Wallace Inn of Court from 2008 to 2010.



Jenna Crawford serves as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Michael M. Anello of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. In this role, Jenna assists Judge Anello with adjudicating lawsuits filed in federal court by conducting legal research, drafting orders, and facilitating civil trials. Jenna graduated cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2016. During law school, Jenna was a member of San Diego Law Review, a national team competitor and member of the Appellate Moot Court Executive Board, and received the CALI Award for the highest grade in Complex Litigation.



Michelle Pettit is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California, where she has worked in the Criminal Division for 12 years, prosecuting a wide range of cases such as immigration offenses, drug trafficking, child exploitation, sexual assault, terrorism, and murder. She is currently the Deputy Chief of the Intake Section where she is responsible for the initial processing all reactive cases presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. Prior to law school, Mrs. Pettit was a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, and she completed two Persian Gulf Deployments on Navy Destroyers. She was selected as a Law Education Program Student and transferred to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps after law school, where she served six years practicing administrative law and military justice before leaving active duty as the senior Navy prosecutor for the Southwest Region. Subsequently, she transferred to the Navy Reserves, and she has been assigned as a Trial Counsel, an Appellate Defense Counsel, a Naval Justice School Instructor, an Executive Officer, and an Appellate Judge on the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. She currently serves as a Trial Judge and the Commanding Officer of the Navy Reserve Trial Judiciary. Mrs. Pettit is the President of the San Diego Chapter of the FBA, a member of the Ninth Circuit Conference Executive Committee, and the Treasurer and Executive Board Member of the Enright Inn of Court. In addition, she is an active member of the San Diego County Bar Association and the Lawyers Club of San Diego. She spends countless hours volunteering for the District Court's outreach programs and is a committee member and judge for the annual Ninth Circuit Civics Contest. She is an officer in the Seaside Chapter of the National Charity League, where she volunteers monthly at local charities with her daughter. She frequently lectures on national security and military justice topics. Mrs. Pettit received her Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy and her law degree from the Vanderbilt University Law School.



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