

2014 District Court of New Jersey **Professionalism Day Program**

PANELISTS

Hon. Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney

Paul J. Fishman was nominated by President Barack Obama as the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey and was sworn in on October 14, 2009. In his capacity as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Fishman was appointed by Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. as the Vice-Chair and then Chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys ("AGAC"), where he served from 2009-2013.

Mr. Fishman has spent much of his professional career in public service. After graduating from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He was an Assistant United States Attorney from 1983 to 1994, serving as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, Chief of Narcotics, Chief of the Criminal Division, and First Assistant U.S. Attorney. From 1994 to 1997, he was a senior adviser to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General of the United States on a variety of law enforcement, policy, legislative, national security, and international matters, as well as on specific investigations and prosecutions.

In addition to his public service, from 1998 - 2009 Mr. Fishman was a partner in the law firm of Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman, where he headed the firm's white collar practice and also handled complex civil litigation. He graduated magna cum laude in 1978 from Princeton University and cum laude in 1982 from Harvard Law School, where he was the Managing Editor of the Harvard Law Review. In 2011, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law by Seton Hall University Law School.

John Jay Hoffman, Attorney General, State of New Jersey

John Jay Hoffman has served as Acting Attorney General since June 10, 2013. He previously served as Executive Assistant Attorney General under former Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa, where he oversaw the operations of numerous divisions, focusing primarily on complex civil, administrative, and regulatory matters in areas of commercial disputes, healthcare, securities, tax, consumer protection, environmental litigation, and other complex multi-party and multi-state enforcement matters. Before joining the Attorney General's executive staff, he served as Director of the Division of Investigations for the State Comptroller's Office, where he led the investigation and reporting on fraud, abuse, waste and corruption within state and municipal government, resulting in the issuance of multiple reports and guidance letters.

Prior to 2012, Hoffman served for six years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. In his role as a federal prosecutor, Hoffman focused primarily on economic and white collar criminal prosecutions. From 1996 through 2004, he served as Trial Attorney for the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He also worked in private practice for the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld in Washington, D.C.

Hoffman received his undergraduate degree in 1987 from Colgate University and his law degree in 1992 from the Duke University School of Law. In 1992-93 he served as a Post-Doctoral Fellow on the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo in Japan, and from 1993-94, he served as judicial clerk for the Honorable Al Engel on the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit.

Hon. Michael A. Shipp

Judge Michael A. Shipp was appointed to the federal bench as a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Trenton, in July 2012. As a District Judge, he is responsible for conducting proceedings in both civil and criminal cases, including trials and preliminary injunction hearings. Judge Shipp is also responsible for deciding dispositive motions. Prior to his elevation to the District Court, Judge Shipp served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey, Newark, from October 2007 through July 2012. As a Magistrate Judge, he conducted preliminary proceedings in both civil and criminal cases.

Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Shipp served in several different capacities in both government and private practice. Judge Shipp began his legal career with a clerkship for the Hon. James H. Coleman, Jr., Supreme Court of New Jersey. Thereafter, Judge Shipp spent eight years with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. At Skadden, Judge Shipp handled complex commercial litigation, labor and employment, products liability, and contract disputes.

In September 2003, Judge Shipp joined the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety (“Department”) as the Assistant Attorney General in-charge-of the State’s Consumer Protection Practice Group. As an Assistant Attorney General, he managed and assisted counsel in the litigation of large institutional investor class actions and individual lawsuits, served as the primary point person on Consumer Protection enforcement issues, and reviewed and commented on proposed legislation and policy issues. He was promoted in 2006 and became the key liaison between the Attorney General and directors of the various divisions within the Department. In February 2007, Judge Shipp was named Counsel to the Attorney General, where he served as a top advisor on a variety of sensitive legal issues relating to ethics, appointments and other matters requiring personal involvement by the Attorney General. He also assisted in managing day-to-day issues as they arose within the Department and advised and strategized with attorneys, directors, commissioners and other government officials on significant litigation matters.

Judge Shipp is an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Seton Hall University School of Law.

Hon. Lois H. Goodman, U.S.M.J.

The Hon. Lois H. Goodman is a United States Magistrate Judge in Trenton, serving since March 2009. Before taking the bench, she was a partner in the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter from 2004 to 2009, and was associated with and then a partner of the firm of Carpenter, Bennett & Morrissey from 1987 to 2004. She formerly served as a law clerk to the Hon. Stewart G. Pollock of the New Jersey Supreme Court. She is a graduate of Rutgers College and the New York University School of Law.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Goodman was on the Board of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association and served as the Chair of the Franchise Law Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She was a co-founder of the Women’s Initiative at McElroy, Deutsch, and was also a member and Vice Chair of the Youth Services Board in the town in which she resides.

Hon. Christine Gravelle, U.S.B.J.

Hon. Christine M. Gravelle serves as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey and sits in the Trenton vicinage. Prior to joining the bench in 2013, Judge Gravelle was a partner at the law firm of Markowitz Gravelle, LLP in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, focusing on commercial litigation and bankruptcy.

She received her Juris Doctor as a magna cum laude graduate of Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA and her undergraduate degree magna cum laude, from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

Judge Gravelle served as President of the Mercer County Bar Association in 2011 after serving nine years as an officer and trustee for the Association. She was a member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee to the Board of Judges of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey from 2008-2013, chairing the committee in her last year of service. Judge Gravelle also served as a trustee of the Bankruptcy Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She served on the Board of Trustees of Central Jersey Legal Services as a member and officer.

Thomas R. Curtin, Esq.

Mr. Curtin is one of the founding members of Graham Curtin, A Professional Association. He is a member of the Litigation Group and chairs its Sports and Entertainment and ADR Groups, and is a member of the Appellate Practice Group and Class Action Group. He also advises athletes, coaches, sports teams and fashion designers on a variety of matters.

He is the Chair of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the United States District Court. From 2001 to 2011, he was the New Jersey State Delegate to the American Bar Association. He is a member of the ABA Board of Governors for District 3, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. He is the former President of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the former Chair of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. He is the Trustee of the Historical Society for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. He was the President of the Notre Dame Law Association and is a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council and is the former Chair of the Notre Dame Law School Order of St. Thomas More. He is Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a former Director of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, and a former member of the Martindale Hubbell Advisory Board. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Legal Services of New Jersey, Inc.

Denis F. McLaughlin, J.D., Professor of Law

Denis F. McLaughlin has been a professor at Seton Hall Law School since 1984, joining the full time faculty in 1987. In 2009, he was named the William E. Garland Fellow. He currently teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Lawyering Skills, and serves as the Director of the Judicial Externship Program. He has also taught Remedies, Professional Responsibility, New Jersey Practice, Civil Trial Practice, and in the Civil Litigation Clinic.

Professor McLaughlin has been honored as “Professor of the Year” by the Student Bar Association five times, most recently in 2012. In 2009, he was the recipient of the McQuaid Medal of Honor for distinguished service to the University, and in 2005, he was the recipient of the Miriam T. Rooney Award for distinguished service to the Law School.

Professor McLaughlin is a lecturer on New Jersey Civil Practice for the New Jersey Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute and the BAR/BRI bar review course, and a trainer for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. He is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on the Rules of Evidence, and also served on the Supreme Court Special Civil Part Practice Committee from 1996-2008.

Professor McLaughlin is the co-author of “Civil Procedure - Cases, Text, Notes, and Problems” (3rd ed. 2013), and is the author of the “Annual Review of New Jersey Civil Case Law,” published by the New Jersey Law Journal, reviewing 120 of the year’s Supreme Court and Appellate Division opinions. He has written numerous articles on civil practice and procedure, and his law review article on the federal supplemental jurisdiction statute has been cited in 46 judicial opinions, including 9 federal courts of appeals and two state supreme court opinions.

Professor McLaughlin received his B.A., magna cum laude, and his J.D., cum laude, Order of the Coif, from Villanova University where he was Case and Comment Editor of the Law Review and recipient of the Dougherty Fellowship. From 1973-1975, he was law clerk to the Honorable Donald W. Van Arsdale of the United States District Court for the E.D. PA, and from 1976-1986, he served as a staff and supervising attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Morris County, New Jersey.