

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA'S COURT PROGRAMS*

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I. INTRODUCTION

AMANDA GOODMAN: Good afternoon. My name is Amanda Goodman. I am the Editor-in-Chief of the Southwestern Journal of International Law. I served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Andrew J. Wistrich at the Central District of California, as well as the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

My time at this Federal District Court and Court of Appeals allowed me to appreciate the essential work done by these courts, which we are honoring today. With more than 16,500 cases filed each year, the Central District handles the highest caseload of any federal court within the United States, and serves about 18.6 million people, nearly half of the population of California.

On behalf of the Southwestern Journal of International Law and Southwestern Law School, I would like to thank the past and present judges of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as our esteemed panelists for their presentations today. I am particularly grateful that many of our academic panelists will be submitting their presentations as articles to be published in the Southwestern Journal of International Law.

* The following is an annotated and edited transcript of the live remarks made during the lunchtime reception at Southwestern Journal of International Law's symposium, "The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, 1966-2016: International Context," on March 18, 2016. An article adaptation of Judge M. Margaret McKeown's remarks appears immediately following this transcript.

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