

Panelist Biographies

Policies of Discipline:

Brian Marvel, President of Peace Officers Research Association of California



Brian Marvel joined the San Diego Police Department in 1999. He served ten years in patrol operations at several divisions. His last assignment was in the Wellness Unit and as the Military Liaison officer for the department. He is a veteran and an adjunct professor at the San Diego Regional Police Academy.

Marvel was elected in 2009 to the first of five two-year terms as president of the SDPOA (San Diego Police Officers Association), representing 1,850 plus members. He was originally elected to the board in 2007 as a director. He was the longest serving President in the 108-year history of the SDPOA.

Marvel was overwhelmingly elected president of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) in November 2017 and officially took his seat in January 2018. PORAC represents over 75,000 public safety members in over 920 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation. Brian is the fourth PORAC President from the SDPOA. Brian was re-elected (unopposed) for his second two-year term starting in 2020.

Marvel is the former president of Californians Against Slavery (CAS). He is a former treasurer for the CCLEA (CA Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations). Marvel is a contributing author to the book, 'Law Enforcement, Police Unions, and the Future.' Published a white paper on, 'Police Body-Worn Cameras; Background, Benefits, and Issues.' He also consulted on the development of the University of San Diego (USD) Master of Science in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Leadership program and USD Law Enforcement Association Leadership Symposium. He speaks at a variety of seminars on police union leadership issues.

Eric Núñez, President of CA Police Chiefs Association



Eric R. Nuñez was appointed Chief of Police of the Los Alamitos Police Department after a competitive recruitment process and began service on January 25th, 2016. Chief Nuñez brings a wealth of leadership experience and police futuring interests, which will be instrumental in propelling this organization into the future.

Chief Eric R. Nuñez had been with the La Palma Police Department for nearly 25 years. He graduated from Golden West College Police Academy in May of 1991 as the Most Inspirational Recruit, Class President, and second in his class overall. He rose through the ranks from police officer to his appointment to Chief of Police in La Palma in December of 2010. During his career there, Chief Nuñez worked as a Police Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Administrative Services Bureau Sergeant, Services Division Captain and Operations Division Captain. He worked every special assignment that the

department had to offer as an officer and/or as a supervisor. In 1994, he received the La Palma Police Department's Life Saving Award and was selected as the Officer of the Year that same year. He has subsequently been awarded a number of commendations and recognition for his performance and leadership.

He is on the Board of Directors for California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) and serves on the Finance, Legislative and Political Action Committees for CPCA. Chief Nuñez also serves as the President of the Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs Association (OCCPSA). He is the Chair on the Integrated Law and Justice Agency of Orange County (ILJAO), Vice-Chair of the Orange County Remote Access Network (OCRAN) Board,

a 10-year member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and has been a California Peace Officer Association (CPOA) member for 20 years.

He earned an Executive Master of Leadership (EML) degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of La Verne in Public Administration and is a recent graduate of the POST Command College (Class 57). During Command College, he wrote an article titled, "Recruiting for Emotional-Social Intelligence (ESI): Enhancing Leadership, Performance, Community Trust, and Savings Lives", which was recently published in the Journal of California Law Enforcement, September 2015 issue. Chief Nunez is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisor Leadership Institute, West Point Leadership Program and holds a POST Executive Certificate.

He is also an adjunct staff instructor at the Criminal Justice Training Center of Golden West College since 2001, a facilitator for the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance since 1998, a trained facilitator for the Josephson Institute of Ethics, and facilitates Covey's 7 Habits for Highly Effective Law Enforcement Professionals for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of Berkeley Law



Erwin Chemerinsky became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law.

Prior to assuming this position, from 2008-2017, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. Before that he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-2008, and from 1983-2004 was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. He also has taught at DePaul College of Law and UCLA Law School.

He is the author of twelve books, including leading casebooks and treatises about constitutional law, criminal procedure, and federal jurisdiction. His most recent books are *The Religion Clauses: The Case for Separating Church and State* (with Howard Gillman) (Oxford University Press 2020), and *We the People: A Progressive Reading of the Constitution for the Twenty-First Century* (Picador Macmillan 2018).

He also is the author of more than 250 law review articles. He is a contributing writer for the Opinion section of the Los Angeles Times, and writes regular columns for the Sacramento Bee, the ABA Journal and the Daily Journal, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court. In 2016, he was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2017, National Jurist magazine again named Dean Chemerinsky as the most influential person in legal education in the United States. Education: B.S., Northwestern University (1975); J.D., Harvard Law School (1978)

Paul Henderson, Esq., Executive Director at SF Department of Police Accountability



Paul Henderson has been serving as interim director of the Department of Police Accountability since July 2017. Prior to his appointment, Henderson served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Public Safety Liaison for Mayor Ed Lee. Henderson supported the Lee Administration and various City departments by advising the Mayor on the criminal justice system and encouraging greater cooperation between local, state and federal partners. Before joining the Mayor's Office, Henderson served as Chief of Administration under then-district Attorney Kamala Harris. Henderson has over a decade of prosecutorial experience, winning dozens of trials, and has handled every type of case from misdemeanors to serious felonies, including homicide.

As a well respected public intellectual and on-air personality, Paul Henderson has made over 400 on-air appearances as a legal and political expert for local and national audiences. Paul regularly contributes to CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, and many other television and radio news broadcasts. He is currently the on-air legal analyst for CBS News. Our nation's largest professional journal, California Lawyer recently named Paul one of the most astute legal minds in California, a distinction shared among only seven other "luminaries in the legal field". An undeniable strong communicator, Paul has been referenced as having one of the "finest political minds" on television. In addition to his televised appearances, Mr. Henderson remains a well respected lecturer and writer, including being a contributor to Politico.com.

Lt. Diane Goldstein (Ret.), Current Board Chair and Incoming Executive Director at Law Enforcement Action Partnership



Lt. Diane Goldstein (Ret.) was born in Mexico City and moved to the US as a child. She is a nationally recognized speaker, writer, and guest lecturer on criminal justice and drug policy reform.

In 1983, she joined the Redondo Beach Police Department in California as a patrol officer. She later served as a school resource officer, investigator, sergeant in the Special Investigations Unit, and became the first female lieutenant in the department while serving as a Division Commander in the Traffic Bureau and Community Policing and Patrol Divisions before retiring in 2004. As a lieutenant, she additionally supervised the South Bay Platoon, peer counselors, and the Crisis Negotiation Team.

Lt. Goldstein is a recognized leader in the area of crisis negotiations and critical

incident management. She helped develop national training guidelines and policies for use during critical incidents, including the California Police Officer Standards and Training guidelines for the Basic Crisis Negotiator Course as well as the Recommended Course Topics and Crisis Negotiations Core Competencies for negotiators and SWAT. Lt. Goldstein came to advocacy work through the tragic loss of a close family member who couldn't get the assistance he needed because the justice system is not equipped to provide people struggling with mental health and addiction the tools they need to be successful. Since that time, she has presented at a congressional briefing on civil asset forfeiture, testified in front of the New Mexico Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee, the California Senate and Assembly Public Safety Committees, and the California Joint Initiative Assembly and Senate Hearing on Marijuana Legalization.

In 2021, Goldstein will become the Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership. She holds a MA in criminology, law, and society and a BA in legal studies. She is a founding member of the California Association of Hostage Negotiators and recipient of the organization's Honorary Life Member Award. She was nominated for the Herman Goldstein Excellence in Problem Solving Team Award (Honorary Mention) from the Police Executive Research Foundation.

Lt. Goldstein's career achievements have been recognized for more than two decades. She is the recipient of the 1998 Redondo Beach Rotary Club's Peace Officer of the Year Award, the 2017 HB Spear Award for Achievement in the Field of Law Enforcement from the Drug Policy Alliance, and the 2017 Research in Excellence Award from the University of California, Irvine, for her thesis, "The Evolution of The Drug War: From crack to heroin, how does the distribution of power in society affect policing strategies?"

Litigation:

David E. Mastagni, Partner at Mastagni Holstedt, APC



David Emilio Mastagni is a partner with the law firm of Mastagni Holstedt, APC, who represents public safety unions and their members. His labor and employment law practice includes administrative hearings, trial court and class actions, and appellate litigation in California and the federal courts of the Ninth Circuit. David is an experienced panel attorney for the Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC) Legal Defense Fund and frequently lectures on police reforms, Constitutional rights, collective bargaining, and police discipline. He provided legal analysis and advice on behalf of law enforcement stakeholders during Legislative negotiations and hearings over AB 392, SB 230, and SB 1421. Since graduating from U.C. Berkeley School of Law in 1999, David has attained the highest Peer Review Rating of AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and was named to Super Lawyers Northern California Rising Stars from 2011-2014 and to Super Lawyers Northern California every year since 2015. He was named to the Best of Bar from 2013-2016 by the Sacramento Business Journal, and has been named Top Attorneys in Sacramento by Sacramento Magazine since 2015.

James R. Touchstone, Partner at Jones and Mayer; Legal Counsel, CA Police Chiefs Association



James Touchstone is a partner in Jones & Mayer. Mr. Touchstone is the Litigation Department Manager for the firm. His primary practice areas include litigation of civil rights actions, police representation, tort defense, business disputes, and employment/discrimination claims.

Mr. Touchstone's representation has included the defense of a number of civil rights lawsuits alleging a variety of claims ranging from excessive force claims arising from officer-involved-shootings to false arrest claims. He has significant trial experience in both State and Federal Court. In addition, he assists police agencies in drafting of policies and procedures to ensure compliance by these agencies with the most recent state and federal case law. Mr. Touchstone has also defended literally hundreds of Pitchess motions in both the trial and appellate courts. He also provides general legal advice to police agencies on a

variety of day-to-day issues that arise during the course of performing law enforcement duties. Finally, Mr. Touchstone provides representation to police agencies on civil forfeiture actions, which complement traditional law enforcement activities. He has also represented clients in civil appellate matters.

Mr. Touchstone has been practicing law since 1996, when he received his law degree from the University of California, Davis, School of Law (King Hall). While in law school, Mr. Touchstone served as editor for the Law Review from 1994 to 1996. He received the American Jurisprudence Award for bankruptcy. Mr. Touchstone received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Riverside, in 1990. He joined the law offices of Jones & Mayer in February 2009.

Mr. Touchstone is general counsel for California State Sheriff's Association, California Police Chiefs Association and the California Peace Officers' Association. He is also on the Board of Directors for Law Enforcement of Ontario ("LEO"), and a former member of the Board of Directors for the Scheu Family YMCA of Upland and the Board of Directors for the Chaffey College Foundation. In addition, Mr. Touchstone has served as a lecturer at the University of California, Riverside Extension Program, on the subject of civil procedure and a guest lecturer at Campbell University on the subject of police liability.

Geoffrey S. Sheldon, Partner and Chair of Public Safety Practice Group at Liebert Cassidy Whitmore



Geoff Sheldon is the Chair of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore's Public Safety Practice Group. As the Chair he oversees the firm's extensive public safety practice. In addition to help establishing best practices for service to the firm's public safety clients, Geoff routinely assists public agency clients and law enforcement and fire service executive associations with matters such as personnel management, investigation and discipline, unfair labor practices, grievances, medical and other types of leaves of absence, fitness for duty and disability accommodation, and public safety retirement issues.

Adante Pointer, Civil Rights Attorney – Partner at Pointer & Buelna, LLP



Adante Pointer is a civil rights litigator from Oakland, CA. He has represented hundreds of victims of police abuse throughout the State of California for the last 15 going on 16 years. He has successfully litigated police abuse cases in State Superior Courts as well as in Federal Court from tragedy, through trial and onto appeal. He has argued police abuse cases before the Court of Appeals on several occasions, establishing law and legal precedent in the process. In fact, the Ninth Circuit recently upheld a civil rights trial victory he obtained in Sacramento Federal Court in the summer of 2017. In that case, *Lam v City of Los Banos*, along with his co-trial counsel Melissa Nold, he successfully obtained a \$2.65m jury verdict on behalf of a father who witnessed his mentally ill son shot and killed by a police officer during a call for service. He continues to represent police abuse victims.

Further, he is often featured in the media educating the public concerning legal cases that are of public import, conducts "know your rights" workshops and leads continuing education classes teaching fellow lawyers how to litigate these high stakes cases.

Deborah Ramirez, Law Professor at Northeastern University



Professor Ramirez is a criminal justice expert. She teaches criminal justice for first year students, along with advanced courses in criminal procedure and post-9/11 civil rights vis-à-vis counter-terrorism. She also seeks to actively engage the student body in topics relating to criminal law in additional projects, including assistance to Northeastern's Criminal Justice Society, along with presentations on extradition in conjunction with Northeastern's first-year social justice projects in the [Legal Skills in Social Context](#) program. Beyond this, she works extensively with Northeastern's Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA). Professor Ramirez frequently works with academia, law enforcement, and community leaders in the US and Europe to

implement community-partnership based counter-terrorism programs. Her belief is that we will only truly be safe from terrorist attacks when law enforcement adopts a strategy focused on building trust and strengthening relationships with the American Muslim, Arab and Sikh communities. Her written work includes a "Promising Practices Guide" on how to develop partnerships between law enforcement and these communities.

Before joining the Northeastern faculty in 1989, Professor Ramirez was an associate with the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr and an assistant US attorney in Boston, where she was assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Task Force Unit. In that position, she was in charge of numerous investigations, trials and appeals.

Professor Ramirez is an elected director of the Harvard Alumni Association board and a member of the board of advisors for Harvard Law School's Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Law Review.