2022 - 2023
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Newly Appointed Commissioners

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Joseph A. Ford

WISCONSIN
Tip McGuire
A Tuscaloosa native, Cynthia Almond attended Tuscaloosa City Schools and graduated from Central High School. She attended Vanderbilt University and The University of Alabama, receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama. Cynthia also received her law degree from The University of Alabama School of Law.

After graduating from law school, Cynthia had a diverse private practice before returning to The University of Alabama School of Law as the director of development. She later became the law school’s assistant dean for Advancement and assistant dean for Career Services.

She returned to private practice in 2006. Her current practice focuses mainly on estate planning, probate, real estate, and corporate and business law.
Nathan Bond graduated from the College of Law at Florida State University in 1988. After 11 years in private practice, he moved to a staff position with the Florida Legislature in 1999. He has advised leadership and members on many varied areas of law, and has worked on many of the uniform laws proposed for enactment by the Florida legislature over the past 24 years. He currently serves as a chief attorney for the Florida Senate.
Karen Boxx joined the University of Washington School of Law faculty in 1997. Professor Boxx teaches in the areas of trusts and estates, community property, property law, conflicts of laws, cannabis law and professional responsibility. She was co-reporter for the Fifth Edition of the *American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Commentaries on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct* and is reporter for the Sixth Edition of the *Commentaries*. She is past chair of the Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section and past chair of the WSBA Elder Law Section.

She has been active in legislative reform, including chairing a WSBA task force that drafted major revisions to Washington trust law enacted in 2011. She is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of its Professional Responsibility, Elder Law, and Legal Education Committees.

Professor Boxx holds a B.A. from the University of New Mexico and a J.D. from the University of Washington. She has run 17 marathons (so far).
Jennifer Carbee
Vermont

Jennifer Carbee is the director and chief counsel of the Office of Legislative Counsel for the Vermont General Assembly. She earned her J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law and her B.A. in Political Science and Theater from Middlebury College.
Edward DeLaney is Of Counsel at DeLaney and DeLaney LLC. He retired as partner with Barnes and Thornburg LLP. Ed has tried cases in Indiana, Delaware, Arizona, and Kentucky as well as in Europe. He represented the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in an arbitration under the Dayton Peace Records.

Ed is a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, District 86. He speaks Russian fluently.
Kyle Evans Gay represents the Fifth Senate District, which extends from Claymont to Talleyville and covers sections of Brandywine Hundred, including the Ardens.

Senator Gay began her professional career in the Delaware Department of Justice before clerking in the Delaware Superior Court. She now works for Connolly Gallagher LLP and practices pro bono representing children in foster care.

Senator Gay has served on Delaware’s Public Integrity Commission and is a past president of the Junior League of Wilmington. She is a founding member of the Spur Impact Association and serves on the board of the Delaware Bar Foundation.

She currently serves as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, vice chair of the Senate Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee, and a member of the Senate Education, Elections and Government Affairs, Rules and Ethics, and Veterans Affairs committees.

Senator Gay lives in North Wilmington with her husband Olin and their two daughters.
Gary P. Flower

**Florida**

Gary Flower is a Florida native and a county judge in Duval County. He was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in January of 2000. Judge Flower’s legal career began when he was appointed an assistant state attorney under then State Attorney Ed Austin in 1987. During his tenure at the State Attorney’s Office, Judge Flower was assigned to the Special Prosecution Division, the Repeat Offender Court, and completed his service as a division chief in Civil Forfeiture. After leaving the state, Judge Flower was a partner in a medium-sized firm where he practiced both civil and criminal law. While in private practice, Judge Flower received an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell.

Judge Flower earned a bachelors degree from Jacksonville University and a law degree from Stetson University College of Law. He has served as president of the Alumni Board of Governors at Jacksonville University as well as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Judge Flower is also active with the Florida Bar. He is the immediate past chair of the Constitutional Judiciary Committee and also serves on the Florida Bar’s Criminal Rules Committee. He has authored two chapters in the Florida Bar CLE Manual, Adoption, Paternity, and Other Florida Family Practice since 1998. He is the immediate past chair of the Mentoring Committee of the Jacksonville Bar Associates, and past chair of the Professional Committee. He chaired the 4th Judicial Professionalism Panel where he is still a member.

Judge Flower has served as president of the Conference of County Court Judges as well as chair of Education for the Conference, department head for the Advanced Colleges of Judicial Studies, and serves on the faculty of the Florida Judicial College where he teaches ethics and professionalism, disqualification and recusal, and trial skills. Judge Flower is a member of Florida’s Judicial Qualification Commission.

Judge Flower is a founding member, past president, and master in the Florida Family Law Inn of Court and a master in the Chester Bedell Inn of Court.

Judge Flower is a graduate of Leadership Florida where he served as the chair of the Statewide Selection Committee, the Statewide Recruitment chair as well as the Northeast Regional chair. Judge Flower is also a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville where he has served as a Program Day chair and as a member of both the Adult and Youth Selection Committees.

Judge Flower serves his community in part by memberships on the Mayor’s Victim’s Assistance Advisory Council, the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Historical Society Board and he co-chairs the 4th Circuits Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team. He is a member of the Board of North Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was a former Assistant Scout Master for Troop 277, where his twin sons earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
A third-generation lawyer in the Mountain State, Jay Ford is a member of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC, practicing out of the firm’s Charleston, West Virginia office. While versed in a wide-variety of civil litigation, Jay’s primary areas of practice include commercial and business litigation, products liability, and healthcare litigation. Jay has also been appointed to the leadership team at Spilman, serving as vice chair of the Associate Program, as well as co-chair of the E-Discovery Practice Group.

In addition to his law practice, Jay represents Kanawha County on the Young Lawyer Board of the West Virginia State Bar and is chairperson of the Young Lawyer Division of the West Virginia Bar Association. Additionally, he is active in the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association, serving as newsletter editor of the Products Liability Committee and as co-chair of the Expert Witness Subcommittee of the Commercial & Business Litigation Committee.

Originally from Lewisburg, West Virginia, Jay now calls Charleston home, where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth.
Education
B.S. Auburn University (Finance), 1989
J.D. University of Alabama, 1994 (cum laude)

Practice Areas:
Real Estate Law
Real Estate Litigation (Eminent Domain)
Corporate Law

Professional Profile:
Vice president and member of the law firm of Wilmer & Lee, P.A.
Handles commercial real estate transactions and development projects
Represents the City of Huntsville in real estate, eminent domain, and economic development matters
Presented multiple continuing education programs for The University of Alabama CLE Program, DLTA Title School, and Realtor® and Builder groups

Member:
Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association (Treasurer, 1997-98); Alabama State Bar.

Biography:
Alabama State Senate, District 7 (2018-current); Senior Vice Chairman, Alabama Republican Party (2017-2019); Chairman, Madison County Republican Executive Committee (2014-2018); Member, Transition Team for Governor Elect Robert J. Bentley (2010-2011); Alabama Association of Habitat for Humanity Affiliates, Director (2007-2012), Vice President (2011-2012), Secretary (2010); Huntsville Madison County Builders Association; Barrister (2016-2018), Local Life Director, State Director (2009-2010), Associate of the Year (2005), Associates Council Chairman (2005), 2nd Vice President (2004), Secretary (2003); Habitat for Humanity of Madison County, President (2003-2005), Legal Advisor (1999-2003), Director (1999-2005); American Heart Association, Heart Ball Executive Leadership Team Member (2008-2013); Member, Huntsville Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow).
Ian Jones
Mississippi

Ian Jones is director of the Legislative Services Office for the Mississippi Senate. Born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Baylor University, where he was in Phi Beta Kappa, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as an editor of the Journal of Law & Politics.

Ian was a law clerk for Judge Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming in Cheyenne, after which he returned to Jackson. Prior to accepting a position as an attorney for the Mississippi Senate, Ian worked in private practice, focusing mainly on business litigation, mass torts, education, and employment law.
George Levesque is a shareholder in Gray Robinson’s Tallahassee office. He focuses his practice on civil litigation, appellate and government matters.

George began his career working in private practice focusing primarily on civil litigation defense. He then served as special counsel and policy advisor to the Florida speaker of the house, representing that chamber in successful gaming compact negotiations on behalf of the State of Florida, among other achievements. He also served as general counsel for the Florida House of Representatives, and most recently, as general counsel to the Florida Senate.

In those capacities, he advised and represented both chambers of the legislature on legislation and litigation involving redistricting and challenges to the adequacy of Florida’s public education system. As a policy advisor to presiding officers in both the Florida House and Senate, he has advised on subject matter areas that included the criminal and civil justice systems and the courts, regulated industries and professions, health care, insurance and taxation. In addition, during his time in the senate, George served as a senate special master and oversaw the senate special master and claim bill processes.

- J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2001
  - Dean’s List
  - Multiple Book Award Recipient
  - Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity
  - The Federalist Society, FSU College of Law Chapter, President
- Florida State University School of Public Administration, 1999
- B.S., Bob Jones University, financial management, 1992
  - Dean’s List
  - University Debate Association
  - Delta Theta Pi Literary Society, President
Peter J. Maassen was appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court in August 2012 and became chief justice in February 2023. Born and raised in Michigan, Maassen received a B.A. from Hope College and a J.D. from the University of Michigan. Other than a two-year stint in Washington, D.C., where he worked in the General Counsel’s Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce and then for a private firm with a federal administrative practice, Maassen spent most of his 30-year career in private practice in Anchorage. For six years he served as editor-in-chief of the Alaska Bar Rag, the official publication of the Alaska Bar Association. He received the Bar’s Professionalism Award in 2006 and served on its board of governors from 2009–2012. He served for ten years on the board of the Anchorage Youth Court, an alternative, peer-driven justice system for young offenders. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and has chaired various committees focused on such issues as judicial education, access to justice, and court security. With his wife Kay, he enjoys the Alaska outdoors both summer and winter.
Tip McGuire is a Wisconsin state representative for the 64th Assembly District. His current committees are Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Finance, Sporting Heritage, and Joint Committee on Finance.

Tip was born in Somers, Wisconsin and graduated from St. Catherine’s High School in Racine. He has a B.A. from Marquette University and a J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School.

Tip is a former legislative aide to Representative Peter Barca; Kenosha County special prosecutor; and Milwaukee County assistant district attorney.

He is a former member of the Kenosha Public Library Foundation Board (president of board of directors) and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Kenosha County (board member).
Lynn Patton

Lynn Patton is general counsel of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker’s Office of Management and Budget. In that role, she assists in the development of the State of Illinois’ budget and drafts necessary legislation for the implementation thereof.

Prior to joining the Governor’s staff, Ms. Patton served as an assistant Illinois attorney general for over 31 years. She joined the Attorney General’s Opinions Bureau out of law school and held several positions throughout her career with the office, including chief of the Public Access and Opinions Division and administrative counsel at the time of her departure. In that capacity, she advised state officers and state agencies on matters related to their official duties, as well as on issues involving state and local government law, government transparency, ethics, conflicts of interest, and elections.

Ms. Patton is an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association, where she has served as chair of the Standing Committee on Government Lawyers, the Committee on Bar Services and Activities, and the Local Government Law Section Council. In addition, she served as co-editor of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Government Lawyers newsletter, The Public Servant, for over 15 years, and received the Austin Fleming Newsletter Editor Award in recognition of her efforts.

Ms. Patton received her undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and her law degree from the University of Illinois. She married Chuck Gunnarson, a law school classmate who now serves as chief legal counsel for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. They have been married for over 30 years and reside in Chatham, Illinois, just outside of Springfield, the Illinois state capital. When not working, Lynn enjoys rooting for the Fighting Illini and the SIU Salukis and scouring the internet and flea markets for vintage lunch boxes and PEZ dispensers to add to her collections.
Cheryl Plaxico
Oklahoma – reappointed

Cheryl Plaxico is the managing member of Plaxico Law PLLC in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Her law practice primarily involves commercial litigation, commercial real estate development, entity formations and general business issue, contract negotiations, business purchases and sales, financing with debt and equity components, and workplace and employment related issues. Cheryl graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1979 with a B.S. in Business Administration and received her J.D. in 1982 from the University of Oklahoma.

At OSU she was on the varsity cross country and track and field teams her freshman year. She left varsity athletics her sophomore year to work part-time for the Freshman Programs & Services division of OSU where she worked through graduation from OSU. Also while attending OSU she was named Top Ten Freshman Women, Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Mortar Board and was a Top Ten Senior in the College of Business. She was elected to several positions in her social sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, including president.

While attending law school at the University of Oklahoma, Cheryl served as president of Phi Delta Phi, was an editor of the Oklahoma Law Review, taught legal research and writing, and received the Student Bar Association Service Award as the outstanding member of the graduating class of 1982.

Since graduating from law school, Cheryl has practiced law on a full-time basis. She has also been very active in state and county bar association activities having served the Oklahoma County Bar Association as president of the Young Lawyers Division; chairman of the Law Day, Judicial Evaluation and Bench and Bar Committees and vice-chairman of the Constitutional Bicentennial Committee. In 1993 she was elected vice president of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. Her Oklahoma Bar Association service includes editor and chairman of the Financial Institutions and Commercial Law Section and a board member of the Young Lawyers Section.

Cheryl is a master in the Luther Bohanon American Inn of Court XXIII and serves on the Executive Board, member of the Central Oklahoma Federalist Society, member of the University of Oklahoma College of Law Board of Visitors and has authored scholarly articles including Net Gifts: Let the Donor Beware, @34 Oklahoma Law Review 887, Issue 4, 1981 and The Use of EDI, @ Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report 268, Volume 50, No. 3, along with speaking at continuing legal education seminars and business workshops. She is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma courts, Texas courts, United States District Court for the Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma and the Eastern and Northern Districts of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits and the United States Supreme Court.

In 1997, Cheryl was appointed by Governor Keating to serve as chairman of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System Board until May of 2000 when she was appointed by the governor and unanimously confirmed by the senate as a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. She also served as a commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. She previously served as a member of the Governor’s Commission on Government Performance in 1994 and 1995.

Cheryl is the proud mother of two sons and grandmother to two grandsons.
Donald J. Rubottom was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis effective March 27, 2023 as chair of the Public Employees Relations Commission. Chair Rubottom brings with him a wealth of government and legislative experience. A Tulsa native, he served as an Oklahoma state senator for two elective terms (1988-1996), before moving his family to Florida. For more than twenty-five years, Chair Rubottom worked in a variety of staff roles for the Florida House of Representatives, providing constitutional, legal, and policy counsel to House leaders. Chair Rubottom served the House in lead committee staff roles, gaining extensive experience with House Rules, the Ethics Code, and oversight of public integrity and agency rulemaking. Chair Rubottom earned a B.S. from Southern Methodist University and his J.D., with honors, from the University of Tulsa.
Ethan Samsel is an attorney with the Legislative Services Office in the Mississippi Senate. He serves as counsel for a number of Senate committees encompassing a broad range of subject matters. His areas of expertise include appropriations, criminal and civil law and procedure, and drug policy. Ethan provides legal research and drafting to senators, staffs several standing committees during session, and drafts amendments both in committee and on the Senate floor. He also serves as Senate counsel to the Joint Legislative Committee on Compilation, Revision, and Publication of Legislation.

Before joining the Legislative Services Office, he clerked with both the Mississippi Court of Appeals and the Mississippi Supreme Court. Ethan earned his undergraduate degree from Belhaven University and his law degree from Mississippi College School of Law.

Ethan is married to Krista Samsel and resides in Clinton, Mississippi. They have three boys: Paul (6), Ezra (5), and Henry (1).
Gregory G. Schwab most recently served as the general counsel of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Governor Wolf appointed him to this position effective October 19, 2019. In this position, Greg led the Governor’s Office of General Counsel (OGC), a public sector law firm of over 500 attorneys, and oversaw the provision of legal services to the Governor, his senior staff, and dozens of executive branch and independent agencies.

Prior to this appointment, Greg served as “First” deputy general counsel with OGC and as chief counsel to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Before joining the Commonwealth, Greg practiced in the litigation department of Saul Ewing LLP in that firm’s Philadelphia office. Greg represented clients in litigation matters in federal and state courts and other forums, and he focused his practice on representing higher education institutions and other entities in government investigations and enforcement proceedings.

Greg has long been active in community service, including devoting significant time to pro bono matters when in private practice.

Greg received his undergraduate degree summa cum laude from The Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC, and his Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law, in Baltimore, Maryland. He served on the editorial staff of the Maryland Law Review and worked as a law clerk to the Hon. Susan K. Gauvey (Ret.) in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

In 2019, The Legal Intelligencer recognized Greg as a “Lawyer on the Fast Track.”

In 2022, Greg was recognized in “The 2022 Law Power 100 - City & State Pennsylvania.”

Greg currently serves as a commissioner of the Delaware River Port Authority.
A tenured professor at the South Dakota School of Law, Tom Simmons concentrates on trusts, estate administration, and the estate tax. Prior to joining the legal academy, he was a partner with the Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore firm and clerked for the Honorable Andrew Bogue, senior federal district court judge.

He has taught at every educational level from pre-K (Head Start), elementary (fourth grade), secondary (junior high school in Miki-shi, Japan), and undergraduate (in a paralegal program) to graduate (i.e., law school).

Tom is an active member of trust and elder law reform. He serves on the South Dakota State Bar’s Ethics Committee, Elder Law Committee (founder/past chair), Indian Law Committee, and Lawyer’s Committee on Diversity of Inclusion. He is a member of the South Dakota Bar Association’s Section of Real Property Probate and Trust (twice past chair). Tom created and managed the first qualifying “(d)(4)(C)” pooled trust for individuals with disabilities in South Dakota (the “PATI Trust”). Tom is a gubernatorial appointee to the Governor’s Task Force on Trust Administration Review and Reform, State Chair for the American College of Trust and Estates Counsel (ACTEC) and for the American Bar Foundation. He serves as a member and whip of the South Dakota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He regularly serves as a consultant and expert in litigation involving the federal estate tax, legal malpractice, and fiduciary administration.

But for a few years in Canada and Nebraska (and one in Japan), he is a lifelong South Dakotan.
Marc Snyder is the member of the Colorado House of Representatives from the 18th district in El Paso and Teller Counties.

Marc lives in Manitou, Colorado. His has worked as a private practice attorney and has volunteered as a Restorative Justice Representative for the Peak Military Care Network in Colorado Springs, an organization that connects military service members, veterans, and their families to the highest quality community resources.

Marc earned his law degree from Emory University.
State Senator Thomas J. Umberg is the chair of the Senate’s Judiciary Committee. He is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, former federal criminal prosecutor, four-term state legislator, small business owner, and was the deputy drug czar for President Clinton.

Senator Umberg began his military service at the Korean DMZ and was deployed overseas for three tours over five years. In addition to his overseas deployments, Colonel Umberg was assigned as a paratrooper with the Army Special Operations Command and the XVIII Airborne Corps.

As a federal and military prosecutor, Senator Umberg prosecuted numerous white collar, civil rights, murder, and sexual assault crimes. He successfully tried over 100 cases to verdict or judgment.

Senator Umberg served as deputy drug czar for President Bill Clinton where he was responsible for foreign drug interdiction, counter-drug intelligence, and international drug policy. Umberg has a deep understanding of the strategies and resources we need to stop the current opioid epidemic and to put an end to senseless gun violence in our communities.

Senator Umberg also served three terms in the State Assembly, representing central Orange County. During this time, he worked across party lines, authored 76 laws, and brought more than $563 million in funds to Orange County.

Senator Umberg founded and built a successful veteran-owned small business in Orange County, recognized as one of California’s preeminent boutique law firms by Best Lawyers and The Daily Journal. Senator Umberg knows how to run a business and is a strong advocate for local business owners helping them to cut red tape and streamline unnecessary regulation.

Senator Umberg and his wife, Brigadier General (retired) Robin Umberg, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Education:
University of California, Los Angeles – Bachelor of Arts
University of California, College of Law, San Francisco – Juris Doctor
US Army War College – Master of Strategic Studies

Committees:
- Chair of Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary
- Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
- Senate Housing Committee
- Senate Transportation Committee
- Joint Committee on Rules
Dawn R. Watson
*Louisiana*

Dawn Watson is executive director of Senate Legislative Services for Louisiana.

Dawn has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a J.D. from LSU Law School.
Joseph Whitfield is a district court judge in the 18th Judicial District in Colorado. There he oversees a variety of case types including civil, criminal, domestic relations, juvenile, and others. Prior to his appointment to the bench he served as a deputy district attorney for the Office of the District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District. Prior to joining the district attorney’s office, Judge Whitfield had a career in business and technology. He would later clerk for the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, handling a variety of cases including human trafficking, intellectual property, organized crime, and public corruption.

Judge Whitfield has served in a variety of leadership positions including as a committee chair for the NAACP Aurora Colorado Chapter, president of the Sam Cary Bar Association of Colorado, vice president of the board for Highline Academy Charter Schools, and as an instructor with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Judge Whitfield received both his J.D. and LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Technology Law from the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis.
Nadine Jean Wichern has served as chief of the Civil Appeals Division in the Illinois Attorney General’s Office since 2015. As chief, she leads 24 attorneys who handle all civil appeals for the State, its officials, and its employees.

Nadine first joined that Office in 2001 as an assistant attorney general, after a clerkship with Judge William J. Bauer on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In 2005, she completed a United States Supreme Court Fellowship with the National Association of Attorneys General in Washington, D.C. She was an assistant corporation counsel in the Appeals Division of the City of Chicago’s Department of Law between 2005 and 2011, before returning to the Illinois Attorney General Office’s Civil Appeals Division as a supervisor in 2011.

Nadine also taught legal writing courses for 11 years, including at Loyola University School of Law, DePaul University College of Law, and University of Illinois Chicago School of Law. She has presented at several continuing legal education programs on appellate issues. And she has authored chapters in *Illinois Civil Appeals: State and Federal* (IICLE) since 2015.

Nadine is a director of the Appellate Lawyers Association, on the DePaul Moot Court Alumni Board, and is a co-chair of the Law and Debate Club of the Chicago Bar Association, co-chair of the Mentorship Committee of the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois, and a mentor to law students through the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois, Chicago Bar Association, and The Appellate Project. Besides the Women’s Bar Association and Chicago Bar Association, she is a member of the Appellate Lawyers Association, Seventh Circuit Bar Association, American Bar Association (Council of Appellate Lawyers), Illinois State Bar Association, and Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers. In 2021, she was on the Illinois Supreme Court’s Judicial Redistricting Task Force.

Nadine earned a B.A. in political science and history, with a minor in English, from Indiana University in 1997. While in college, she played trombone in the marching and basketball bands. She graduated at the top of her class from DePaul University College of Law in 2000.

Nadine was born and raised in Anaheim, California, near Disneyland. She now lives in Chicago, near Wrigley Field, with her husband, Ryan O’Malley.