



NAME OF EVENT: ACS San Diego U.S. Constitution and Justice 250: In-Depth Dialogue on the Ninth Circuit with Judge John B. Owens

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: September 25, 2026 | 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM PDT | Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 701 B Street, Room 228, San Diego, CA 92101

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Please join the ACS San Diego Lawyer Chapter and the San Diego Bar Association in welcoming Judge Owens for an in-depth dialogue on the Ninth Circuit, the best practices for appearing before the court, judicial philosophy, and a conversation on upholding the U.S. Constitution. Attendees will gain insight into the continuing relevance of the nation's founding principles in constitutional interpretation.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

- **Hon. John B. Owens, US Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**
Prior to becoming a federal judge in 2014, he was a partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (where he focused on white collar investigations and appellate matters), and a federal prosecutor for more than 11 years in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and San Diego. He served as the Chief of the Criminal Division in the U.S Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California and received two Director's Awards for his work there. The television show American Greed featured two of his prosecutions, and he obtained the longest sentence for a white-collar defendant in the history of Southern District of California in *United States v. Cao*. Judge Owens graduated first in his class from Stanford Law School in 1996, where he was an Executive Editor on the Stanford Law Review. After graduation, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the Supreme Court of the United States. His written work has appeared in the California Law Review, the UCLA Law Review, the Northwestern Law Review, and other law reviews. Over the years, Judge Owens has served on many court committees, including the Space and Facilities, Jury Instructions, Opportunity and Equality, and Executive Committees. He also served as Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference from 2020-22, where he helped navigate the Court through COVID. He was recently elected as the Ninth Circuit representative for the Federal Judges Association. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Francis Parker School in San Diego and is the Chair of the Board for the Harker School. He previously served as the President of the National Junior Basketball chapter for Scripps Ranch. Judge Owens and his family live in San Diego.

Agenda of Panel: 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM PDT (1.0 hour of CLE)

- Doors Open (15 min)
- Presentation (50 min)
- Q&A (10 min)
- Debrief (10 min)



Materials for Panel:

- Christian Andreu-von Euw and Allison Westfahl Kong, [A Conversation with Ninth Circuit Judge John B. Owens, California Lawyers Association](#) (March 9, 2022)
- [The Appeal Process](#), United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (September 17, 2026)
- [Researching Your Appeal](#), United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (September 17, 2026)
- [Library Services to the Public](#), United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (September 16, 2026)