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National Family Drug Court  
Training and Technical Assistance Program

# Passing the Baton: Why Judicial Leadership and Succession Planning Matter in FDC

Wednesday, August 28, 2013  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific Time)

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| <b>11:00 – 11:10 am</b> | <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Alexis Balkey, Program Associate</i>                              |
| <b>11:10 – 11:40am</b>  | <b>Reflections on Effective Judicial Leadership and Future of FDCs</b><br><i>Honorable Kyle B. Haskins</i> |
| <b>11:40 – 12:10 pm</b> | <b>Key Considerations for Judicial Succession Planning</b><br><i>Honorable Erica Yew</i>                   |
| <b>12:10 – 12:25 pm</b> | <b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>  |
| <b>12:25 – 12:35 pm</b> | <b>Next Steps &amp; Resources</b><br><i>Alexis Balkey, Program Associate</i>                               |



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## Presenters

### Honorable Kyle B. Haskins



Judge Kyle B. Haskins is a graduate of Enid High School, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Tulsa College of Law. He is a former partner in the Tulsa law firm of Crawford, Crowe, Bainbridge & Haskins, PC. He was selected as a Juvenile Court Referee in 1997 and as a Special Judge in 1999 for the 14th Judicial District. Judge Haskins is currently assigned to Juvenile Court proceedings (Deprived & Delinquent), and the Family Drug Court Docket. Judge Haskins has previously been assigned to the Traffic & Misdemeanor Docket, Felony Preliminary Hearing Docket, the Guardianship/Adoption & Probate Docket, and the Family Relations Docket. Judge Haskins has also presided over youthful drunk driving and misdemeanor drug cases in middle schools and high schools before thousands of Oklahoma's students in a program called "Courts Raising Awareness of Students in High Schools" (CRASH's Court). CRASH's Court has received nationwide recognition. Judge Haskins has also presided over the Child Support Enforcement Docket, also known as the "Rocket Docket" where child support cases were brought to conclusion within thirty (30) days of filing. The Rocket Docket was responsible for collection of child support arrearages exceeding \$5 million per year.

Judge Haskins has also served as a member of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission and as a Justice with the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court. Judge Haskins also previously served as an Adjunct Professor at the University Center at Tulsa for Northeastern State University and as an Adjunct Law Professor for the University of Tulsa College of Law. Most importantly, Judge Haskins is a proud husband to Lori and father to Cole, who graduated from Dartmouth in June 2013 and is now attending the University of Iowa's Carver Medical School MD/PhD Program.

### Honorable Erica Yew



Judge Erica Yew was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in October 2001 as the first Asian American female to sit on that court. In 2007, Santa Clara County (which is the largest court system in Northern California) received a grant to open a dependency drug treatment court for infants and toddlers. Along with the Family Wellness Court team and community partners, Judge Yew founded that Court and presided over it until 2011. Family Wellness Court won a Unity in Diversity Award in 2010 from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. In May 2011, Judge Yew testified before the California Assembly Committee on Human Services about Family Wellness Court which was recognized as an exemplary court collaboration.

In addition to serving on the bench, Yew serves on the California Commission on Judicial Performance to which she was unanimously appointed by the California Supreme Court in December 2010. Yew serves as Vice Chair and is one of three judicial members on this eleven person state agency that is responsible for investigating complaints of judicial misconduct and disciplining bench officers. From 2009 to 2012, Yew was a member of the California Judicial Council, which is the policymaking body of the California Courts, the largest court system in the

United States. She also served on the ABA Advisory Committee regarding Language Access. That subcommittee's recommendations for improving access for LEP (Limited English proficiency) litigants were adopted by the ABA in February 2012 and are being implemented across the country.

Judge Yew has been the recipient of a number of awards, including a Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the Juliette Gordon Low award from the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County, an Opening Doors to Justice Award from the Public Interest Clearinghouse (now known as One Justice), and an Access to Justice Award from the Pro Bono Project for her work in the area of domestic violence.

### **Alexis Balkey, BA, RAS**



Ms. Balkey currently serves as a Program Associate with the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare at Children and Family Futures (CFF). In this capacity, she facilitates technical assistance regarding child welfare and substance abuse related issues for multiple projects. Previous to her employment with CFF, Alexis Balkey was the Program Manager for Riverside County Family Preservation Court, located in Indio, Ca. Ms. Balkey successfully managed a Family Drug Court with multiple funding streams including the most recent SAMHSA Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) federal grant. Ms. Balkey has been part of the implementation and development of the CAM project for the Riverside Family Drug Courts with emphasis in data analysis and collaboration between the key partners. Ms. Balkey is an active instructor for the William R. Mead Academy located in San Diego, Ca with a teaching emphasis on Case Management, Criminal Justice, Ethics, Gender Studies and Co-Occurring as well as a certified Pro-Act trainer.

Ms. Balkey has a B.A. in Psychology and a B.A. in Criminal Justice, both from Temple University. Ms. Balkey is also a certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor by the Breining Institute, College for the Advances Study of Addictive Disorders.