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Robin Morris Collin began her teaching career in 1984 at Tulane Law School and has taught at Pepperdine University School of Law, McGeorge Law School at the University of the Pacific, and Washington and Lee Law School. Prior to teaching, she practiced administrative law at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C, criminal law as an assistant county attorney in the Maricopa County, Ariz., and private plaintiffs' antitrust law at Reed, Goldstein and Jenkins-Reed of Phoenix. She received her law degree from Arizona State University College of Law and is a member of the bar in both Oregon and Arizona. She also is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Morris Collin has won awards for teaching and service, including the Orland John Hollis award at the University of Oregon School of Law and the Hammer Award from Vice President Al Gore. In addition, she was awarded the David Brower Lifetime Achievement Award at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference in 2001 and the Judith Ramaley Award from the Oregon Campus Compact for civic engagement in sustainability in 2009. Morris Collin serves on the board of her family's Red River Shipping Company, the first and only African-American owned and operated vessel line.

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Professor Danné L. Johnson earned her BA degree in Afro-American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and her JD from The National Law Center at the George Washington University. After law school, Johnson worked for six years at the US Securities and Exchange Commission in the Division of Enforcement in New York City. She served as a staff attorney, senior counsel, and finally as a branch chief. In the latter role, she trained, supervised, and guided attorneys who were investigating possible violations of federal securities laws.

In 2000, she moved to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. While in the Mutual Fund Unit, she focused on the registration of the Met Series Fund and life products and mutual fund governance. She later moved to the Variable Products Unit and concentrated on the development and registration of variable annuity products. Meanwhile, she served on the New York Urban League's Manhattan Advisory Board of Directors and chaired the board of directors for The Miracle Makers, Inc., New York's largest day-care provider. Professor Johnson was an arbitrator with the

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Professor Johnson joined the Oklahoma City University School of Law faculty in 2003. Johnson teaches Civil Procedure, Securities Regulation, Securities Litigation and Enforcement, and American Legal History (from a race perspective). Her students and the community, for her dynamic service and leadership, esteem her. Johnson has traveled twice to Europe and once to China to teach, or to engage, in other scholarly activity. In 2012, Johnson was the chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Women in Legal Education. Professor Johnson has a scholarly interest in the intersection of race, class, and gender. Her scholarship is thought provoking and diverse in subject matter. Johnson is pleased to use her voice to agitate for greater societal equality.

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Since 1980, Professor Pollack has held executive, management, and policy-making positions in social welfare agencies in Maryland and Ohio, including deputy executive director for Maryland's Social Services Administration and principal advisor for health and human services to Ohio's governor. His experience includes liability of agencies and workers in child welfare, licensing of public and private facilities, record management, confidentiality, and ethics.

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Dr. Vest earned her Bachelors Degree in Physics at Hampshire College, her Masters Degree in History at Howard University and her PhD in Ethnic Studies and Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley. Following the receipt of her doctorate, she was awarded a two-year postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA at the Center for the Study of Women.

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