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**Ronald S. Flagg**  
President, Legal Services Corporation

Ron Flagg was appointed President of Legal Services Corporation effective February 20, 2020, and previously served as Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel since 2013. He previously practiced commercial and administrative litigation at Sidley Austin LLP for 31 years, 27 years as a partner. He chaired the firm's Committee on Pro Bono and Public Interest Law for more than a decade.

Ron served as president of the District of Columbia Bar in 2010-2011 and currently serves as President of the Board of the DC Bar Foundation. He previously also served as Chair of the Board of the National Veterans Legal Services Program, Chair of the District of Columbia Bar Pro Bono Center, Chair of the Bar's Pro Bono Task Force, Chair of the Board of the AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly, and as a member of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, the Board of the Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission.

Ron graduated with honors from the University of Chicago and cum laude from Harvard Law School. He began his career as a law clerk to Judge Myron L. Gordon, U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Wisconsin and as attorney-advisor in the United States Department of Justice, Office of Intelligence Policy.

## Tom Fritzsche

Executive Director, Pine Tree Legal  
Assistance



Tom Fritzsche has served as Pine Tree Legal Assistance's Executive Director since 2022. Pine Tree Legal Assistance is Maine's largest and oldest provider of free civil legal services to people with low incomes. Through direct legal advocacy, community legal education, and accessible legal information and self-help tools, Pine Tree protects people's access to stable housing, income, health care, education and employment, upholds consumer rights and protections from abuse and violence, and improves equal access to justice for all the people of Maine. In 2025 alone, Pine Tree Legal Assistance directly represented over 18,000 people statewide. Tom has contributed to the organization's recent growth in staff and budget, navigation of post-pandemic transitions, and response to emerging local and regional needs, including for increased access to justice in Maine's most rural communities.

Tom brought a wide range of experience working for justice with low-income rural communities. He previously served as the Milk with Dignity Standards Council's first Executive Director. MDSC uses a collaborative model known as Worker-Driven Social Responsibility to ensure dairy farms' compliance with standards protecting farmworkers' human rights. Under Tom's leadership, MDSC worked together with hundreds of farmworkers and farm owners to ensure groundbreaking concrete improvements in working and housing conditions on farms participating in the Milk with Dignity Program.

Tom has also served as a teaching fellow in the Cardozo School of Law's Immigration Justice Clinic, as a Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney in the Southern Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Justice Project, and as a medical interpreter, pesticide safety trainer, and health outreach worker with the Maine Migrant Health Program. Tom was born and raised in Maine and is a proud graduate of Kennebunk High School, Amherst College, and NYU School of Law.

## Will A. Gunn

Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation



Will A. Gunn is the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). In 2009, he was appointed by President Barack Obama as the General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a position in which he served for five years. Subsequently, he was an attorney with a solo law practice, assisting military members facing adverse actions.

In 1980, he graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with military honors and in 1986 he graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he served as President of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. He also holds an LL.M in environmental law from George Washington University, a Masters in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University, and a Masters in Ministry (with a focus on Leadership) from Lancaster Bible College. Will served as an active-duty Air Force officer and in 2002, he was promoted to the rank of colonel.

In 2003, he was selected as the first-ever Chief Defense Counsel for the DoD Office of Military Commissions. In that role, he established an office that defends detainees brought before military commissions at the Guantanamo Prison Camp. He is a former White House Fellow and after retiring from the Air Force in 2005, he served as President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, DC. He has chaired the American Bar Association (ABA) 2021 National Law Day commemoration, the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity and the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk. He has served on several boards, is a deacon in his local church, and has received numerous awards including an honorary doctorate from Nova Southeastern University and the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau's Outstanding Alumni Award.



## Nick Hasenfus

Partner, Holland and Knight LLP

Nick Hasenfus is a Partner at Holland & Knight in Boston where he concentrates his practice on technology transactions, intellectual property (IP) licensing, electric vehicle (EV) charging systems, transportation, information technology (IT) and data privacy and security.

Nick brings a distinguished record of military service, legal experience, and commitment to veterans' advocacy to his practice. Before beginning his undergraduate studies, he served four years in the United States Marine Corps, including service as a sergeant in Afghanistan and Iraq.

After earning his undergraduate degree from Bridgewater State University, Nick received his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School. During law school, he interned with the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General and clerked for Berluti McLaughlin & Kutchin. He also participated in Suffolk's Juvenile Defender Clinic, representing indigent juveniles in delinquency matters in Boston Municipal Court.

Following graduation, Nick served as a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph A. Trainor of the Massachusetts Appeals Court from 2015 to 2016. He joined Holland & Knight as an Associate in 2016 and was promoted to Partner in 2024. Since joining the firm, he has been an active member of Holland & Knight's Veterans Group, serving as Co-Vice Chair and later as Co-Chair and Pro Bono Chair.

Nick has demonstrated a sustained commitment to legal assistance for veterans and service members. Since 2019, he has served on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Suffolk University Veteran Alumni Committee. He was recognized as a Holland & Knight Public and Charitable Service Pro Bono All-Star from 2017 through 2020.

In addition to his firm leadership and professional service, Nick volunteers as a mentor to veterans participating in treatment at the Boston Veterans Treatment Court and provides pro bono representation to service members, veterans, and their families before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and in state courts. He serves as a Board Member of Veterans Legal Services and previously served on LSC's Veterans Task Force. Additionally, he is a member of LSC's Leaders Council.

## John G. Levi

Chairman, Legal Services Corporation  
Senior Counsel, Sidley Austin LLP



John G. Levi was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation by President Barack Obama on August 6, 2009, and his nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 19, 2010. He was elected Chairman of the LSC Board by his fellow Board members on April 7, 2010, and his re-nomination was confirmed by the Senate in December 2014.

John is a senior counsel in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin, LLP. His practice focuses on employment litigation, executive compensation matters, and labor-management relations. He represents corporate clients before numerous courts, agencies, and arbitration forums. He also gives guidance on internal employment policies and governance.

John is the past chair of Sidley's Law School Recruiting Committee and heads the firm's committee overseeing its adopt-a-school programs. He has been involved in issues regarding juvenile justice and access to justice for many years, serving on the Board of the Cook County Justice for Children. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the Northwestern University Law School Center on Wrongful Convictions.

John was President and a longtime Trustee of the Francis W. Parker School in Chicago and in 2014, was honored by being made a Life Trustee of the School. He received the 2004 Abraham Lincoln Marovitz "Lend A Hand" volunteer award and was awarded an Honorary Diploma by the Parker School in 2003. John received the inaugural Mikva Challenge Corporate Citizenship Award for civic leadership to improve the lives of Chicago youth in 2011. He was elected in 2013 as a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and was recognized in the 2014 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in Labor Law Management and the Legal 500 U.S. 2013 for Labor and Employment.

John received his B.A. with honors from the University of Rochester in 1969 and earned his J.D. in 1972 and LL.M. in 1973 from Harvard Law School.

**Mytrang Nguyen**  
Senior Program Counsel, Legal Services  
Corporation



Mytrang Nguyen (she/her) is Senior Program Counsel for Pro Bono Innovation at the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in Washington, D.C. Where she helps manage LSC's Pro Bono Innovation Fund, a \$4.75 million annual grant program that supports innovative pro bono models serving low-income communities. Since its inception, the Pro Bono Innovation Fund has invested nearly \$50 million in effective pro bono initiatives nationwide.

She previously held leadership roles at Equal Justice Works and the Pro Bono Institute. Earlier in her career, she worked at Greater Boston Legal Services and served in the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, where she was also the Asian Pacific American Community Liaison and a member of the Governor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence.

She has maintained a longstanding commitment to public service through volunteer work in immigrant communities and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Synetic Theater. A native Washingtonian and the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants, she resides in Northern Virginia with her husband and their two daughters. Outside of her professional responsibilities, she is an avid marathon runner, participant in live storytelling events, and amateur chef.



**Michael Pickett**  
Chief of Police, Birmingham Police Department,  
Alabama

Chief Michael Pickett is a seasoned law enforcement leader with a distinguished career in public safety, special operations, and crime reduction. He was officially appointed Chief of Police for the Birmingham Police Department on April 1, 2025, after serving as Interim Chief of Police since November 20, 2024. Under his leadership, he has implemented an 8-Point Crime Reduction Plan, relaunched the Police Athletic Teams, and led initiatives that have resulted in a 47% reduction in the city's violent crime rate.

Prior to his current role, Pickett served as Deputy Chief of the Special Operations Bureau, where he was instrumental in planning and executing high-profile security operations. His leadership was pivotal during The World Games 2022 (TWG), where he served as the Law Enforcement Branch Director, successfully overseeing Alabama's one and only SEAR 1-rated event. In early 2024, he launched a bureau-wide community service initiative with the A.G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club, encouraging officers to participate in mentorship and positive interactions with Birmingham's youth.

His strategic and innovative crime-fighting initiatives include Operation Knight Rider - a groundbreaking response to the rise in exhibition driving, which was a nationwide issue with no clear solutions. He enhanced his expertise by becoming a 2024 graduate of the FBI National Academy. Chief Michael Pickett remains committed to enhancing the safety and well-being of Birmingham's residents while fostering stronger partnerships between law enforcement and the community.

**Dan Sullivan**  
Alaska Senator



Dan Sullivan was sworn in as Alaska's eighth United States Senator on January 6, 2015. He serves on the Senate Committees on Commerce, Science and Transportation; Armed Services; Environment and Public Works; and Veterans' Affairs, and currently serves as Chairman of the International Republican Institute.

Before his election to the Senate, Dan served as Alaska's Attorney General and Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. As Attorney General, he focused on protecting Alaskans' safety, rights, and economic well-being, and launched the statewide "Choose Respect" campaign to combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

Dan previously served in the administration of President George W. Bush as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and as a director on the National Security Council staff.

He also served for 30 years in the United States Marine Corps, retiring in 2024 as a Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve after assignments that included deployments in the Middle East, Central Asia, and Afghanistan.

Dan holds a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University and a J.D. and Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.



**Laura Tuggle**  
Executive Director, Southeast Louisiana Legal  
Services

Laura Tuggle is the Executive Director of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS). She has served as the executive director since May 2014 and began her career at SLLS in 1993 as a staff attorney. Previously, Laura managed SLLS' Housing Law Unit, right after Hurricane Katrina from 2005-2010.

Prior to joining SLLS, she served as General Counsel and Director of Client Services as part of a reform administration at the long-troubled Housing Authority of New Orleans from August 2010-April 2013. After the agency transitioned back to local control, Laura returned to SLLS.

Over her 25-year career in public interest, she has excelled in many areas, including direct services, systemic work, and policy advocacy. As a result, Laura increased access to housing for special populations, including the homeless, people living with disabilities, and disaster survivors. Additionally, her efforts in impact litigation resulted in significant legal victories for low-income tenants, including millions of dollars in federal relocation assistance and establishing a private right of action for voucher assisted tenants to challenge utility allowances.

Laura is an author of the Federally Subsidized Housing Program portion of the Louisiana Legal Services Desk Manual, as well as a coauthor of the housing portion of the Brookings Institute New Orleans Index at 5.

She has received national, state, and local awards for her work in the interest of housing justice. Laura graduated from LSU in 1984, receiving her Juris Doctorate degree from Tulane Law School in 1987.

She currently serves on the Board of the New Orleans Family Justice Center, Shared Housing, and as Co-Chair of the Legal Services Corporation's National Disaster Task Force Relationship-Building and Integration of Legal Services into the Nation's Emergency Management Infrastructure Committee. Laura is a member of the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission's Building Bridges Committee, currently serves on the Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice Committee, and serves on numerous task forces seeking to improve civil legal services and housing opportunities for vulnerable people.

**Alicia Williamson**  
Senior Director of Survivor Services,  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network



Alicia Williamson, DSW-C, MSW, LSW, is the Senior Director of Survivor Services at the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, where she oversees statewide housing, legal, relocation, and supportive service programs that strengthen safety and stability for survivors of domestic violence across Ohio.

Williamson brings nearly three decades of experience working at the intersection of poverty, legal systems, and survivor advocacy. She began her career in legal aid, supporting individuals and families experiencing poverty, particularly in family law matters that often intersect with domestic violence. She later served as the director of a domestic violence shelter and supervised visitation center, where she led community-based efforts to support survivors and their children.

Today, Williamson works at the statewide level to strengthen systems that improve access to safety, justice, and resources for survivors. Her work focuses on expanding housing access, strengthening legal advocacy, and supporting community programs that serve survivors across Ohio.

In addition to her professional experience, Williamson brings lived experience that informs her survivor-centered approach to advocacy and systems change. She is currently a Doctor of Social Work candidate at the University of Kentucky and also serves as adjunct faculty at Youngstown State University.

**Pye N. Young**  
Managing Attorney, Bay Area Legal Services



Pye N. Young, Esq. joined Bay Area Legal Services in 2019 and currently serves as Managing Attorney for the West Office in St. Petersburg, FL. In this role, she leads a multidisciplinary team that provides civil legal services to families facing eviction, veterans seeking benefits, and community members navigating crises. She also serves as Lead Attorney for the Bay Area/Bay Pines VA Medical Legal Partnership, which supports more than 700 veterans annually.

With nearly 20 years of legal experience, Atty. Young has built her career advocating for vulnerable populations and advancing equitable access to justice. She holds a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences from Florida State University and a J.D. from Stetson University College of Law. She plays an instrumental role in securing grants that fund innovative legal initiatives for veterans and seniors in her community.

Atty. Young represents Bay Area Legal Services on the Community Veterans Engagement Board, collaborating closely with Bay Pines VA leadership and staff. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Pinellas Opportunity Council Board of Directors and is an active member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association. A frequent presenter on Medical Legal Partnerships and their impact on veteran quality of life, she has presented at the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (2024), the Florida Coalition to End Homelessness (2025), and The Bob Woodruff Foundation Annual Summit (2025).

A respected community leader in the Tampa Bay area, Young is dedicated to service, building strong partnerships with community organizations, and promoting long-term resilience for the families she serves.