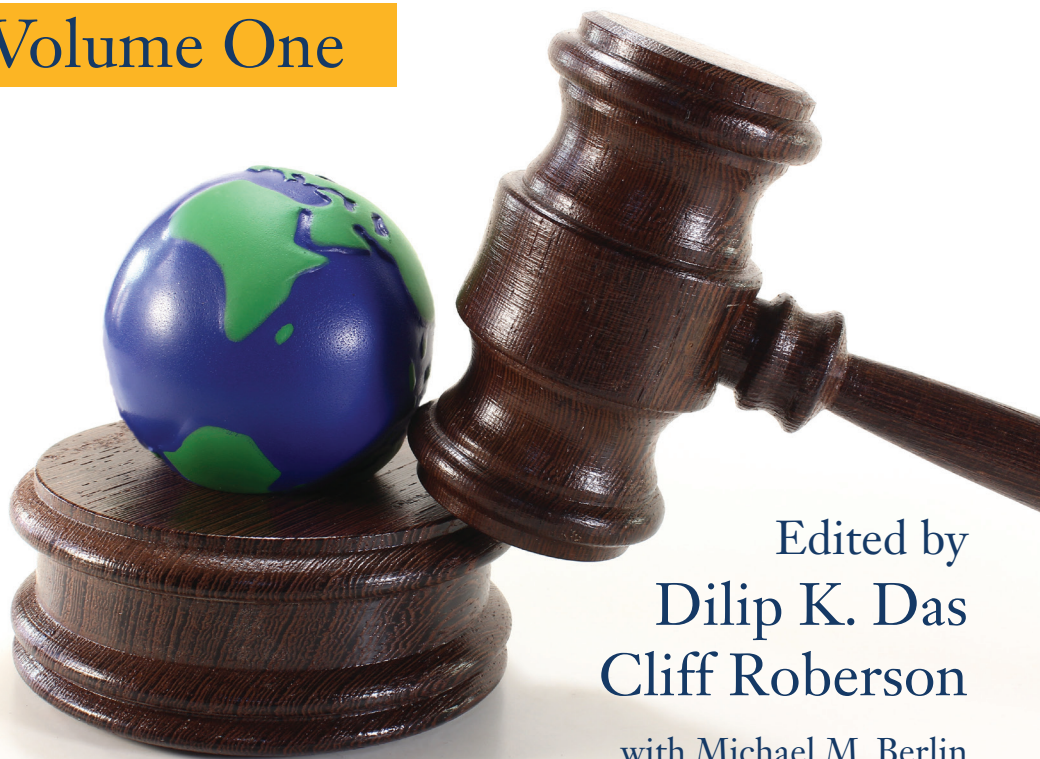


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Series Editor's Preface

The International Police Executive Symposium, in collaboration with CRC Press of the Taylor & Francis Group Publishing, has launched a series entitled, *Interviews with Global Leaders in Policing, Courts, and Corrections*. The objective is to produce high-quality books aimed at bringing the voice of the leading criminal justice practitioners to the forefront of scholarship and research. These books, based on interviews with leaders in Criminal Justice, are intended to present the perspectives of high-ranking officials throughout the world by examining their careers, insights, vision, experiences, challenges, perceived future of the field, and the related issues of interest.

True, the literature is replete with scholarship and research that provide the academic interpretation of the field, its practices, and future. However, these publications are often found in difficult to access journals and are written from the perspective of the academic, with little interpretation or feasible action items for those professionals working in the field. A comprehensive literature discussing the on-the-ground, day-to-day understanding of how police, courts, and prison systems work, do not work, and need to be improved is lacking. This series provides “inside” information about the systems as told to respected scholars and researchers by seasoned professionals. In this series, the dialogue between scholar/researcher and practitioner is opened as a guided, yet candid, discussion between the two professionals, which provides the opportunity for academics to learn from practitioners, while practitioners also learn from an outlet for the expression of their experiences, challenges, skills, and knowledge.

Throughout the world, the criminal justice field is in juxtaposition and the time is ripe for change and improvements. Many countries throughout the world have long-standing policies that have been successful for their culture and political climate, or are in need of serious revamping due to budgetary concerns or corruption. Other countries are at a precipice and are beginning to establish new systems. In all of these situations, the international criminal justice field stands to benefit from an accessible, engaging, and enlightening series of frank discussions of the leaders’ personal views and experiences in the field.

The current volume, *Trends in the Judiciary: Interviews with Judges Across the Globe*, sets the stage to enhance readers’ understanding of the judiciary and judicial systems throughout the world from an insider’s perspective. The judges

interviewed in this volume represent a variety of cultures, political environments, and economic systems. Judicial officials from Australia, Austria, Canada, Bosnia-Herzegovina, India, Slovenia, and the United States federal courts (U.S. District Court for Eastern Missouri) and U.S. state courts (Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Maryland) are interviewed. The Introduction familiarizes the reader with the judiciary of many nations and judicial issues from the perspective of noted judges. Each chapter is based on an interview of a member of the judiciary conducted by a scholar or researcher. A brief portrait of the national judicial system and court in which each judge serves is provided as well. The Conclusion at the end of the book is a reflection on the interviews and summary of common themes evident throughout the book.

Thus, *Trends in Judiciary: Interviews with Judges Across the Globe* continues the work of the International Police Executive Symposium (IPES) and CRC Press series, *Interviews with Global Leaders in Policing, Courts, and Prisons* by advancing knowledge about the judiciary, examining comparative judicial systems from the perspective of judicial leaders in a variety of countries, and opening a dialogue between scholars/researchers and practitioners. It is anticipated that this addition to the series will facilitate discussions within and between countries' judicial systems to add value to their current operations and future directions. It is hoped that this series also will bridge the gap in knowledge that exists between scholars and researchers in academia and practitioners in the field. I invite judicial scholars, researchers, and practitioners around the world to join in this venture.

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Foreword

This is a fascinating set of documents. I am not aware of another book like it. It is the latest in an innovative and highly original series edited by Dr. Dilip Das with a variety of other distinguished academics and practitioners. Each volume has comprised interviews with leaders across the world in the fields of policing and corrections. Now we have this one on judicial and court leaders. The ambitious plan is to produce similar volumes annually.

The interviews in this volume are based on a common questionnaire, though, in reality, there is a certain amount of deviation from the common core, depending on the particular expertise and experience of the interviewee. Topics cover the interviewees' background, education, and career; their judicial role; the major changes and challenges they have experienced; and the relationship between theory and practice. The interviews present us with rich insights into the thinking of, and problems facing, a diverse array of judicial figures who vary in age, ethnicity, education, background, and seniority. They represent a variety of contexts, from cities to rural areas, developed, and developing countries, from emerging democracies to Western jurisdictions. The end product is a set of resources of great value to anyone who is interested in judicial backgrounds, philosophies, and leadership challenges. Students, academics, and policy makers should all find something of interest here.

The methodology used in the book is one way of studying elites—in this case, in the legal world. The study of elites is always difficult. It is all the more difficult when done on an international scale, as with these volumes. Thus, this book, along with the rest in the series, is a major contribution to the study and practice of judging around the world.

We must, however, remember that any one piece of research—or, in the case of this series, any one way of doing research—is limited. Robert Reiner, the eminent criminologist, quoted the British political scientist Professor Ivor Crewe, in his preface to one of the policing volumes in this series:

Elites need to be interviewed. The best way of finding out about people is by talking to them. It cannot guarantee the truth, especially from people well practiced in the arts of discretion. But, it is superior to any alternative way of discovering what they believe and do.

I am not sure that I agree that interviews are the best way of finding out about people. They are certainly not the best way of finding out about what people do. However, they are one way of finding things out, and, like every

other research method, they enable us to discover some things that other methods of investigation fail to discover. As Reiner observes, interviews are unlikely to reveal wrongdoing or errors, but these are notoriously difficult to discover anyway. We simply need to remember that these interviews add to our knowledge and understanding of judicial leaders without being the last word. If we do that, they will help us to interpret and evaluate insights drawn from other methods and help us to build up a fuller picture of the realities of judicial work.

Comparing these interviews (seeing the similarities as well as the differences) is very instructive. Each interview gives insights about different countries that are new to me, at any rate, particularly as the interviewees seem to be very frank. Therefore, there are some surprises. For example, Stephen Limbaugh, a U.S. judge, is critical of drug courts. He says that the cases that go to drug courts are “cherry picked” and are the ones that will usually make it through the system anyway, giving a false impression of their effectiveness. He draws attention to the lack of probation officers, hindering rehabilitation of the more “everyday” offenders with drug and alcohol problems.

Lack of resources is a common theme. Judge Manmohan Singh, of the Delhi High Court, India, says that the greatest problem facing the Indian criminal courts is the plethora of pending cases because there are too few courts and judges. He worries that, with cases pending for years, thousands of innocent people wait behind bars for their cases to be heard.

Perhaps more surprising, for those who think that the worlds of “real” lawyers and academics are far apart, are the views of many judges about the potential role of research. Gregory Benn, a magistrate in Western Australia, for example, talks about a conference where he learned that sex offenders don’t necessarily need to take personal responsibility to achieve rehabilitation because sometimes what they have done is too awful for them to face. It doesn’t necessarily mean that they cannot engage in counseling to help rehabilitation. Yet, magistrates regularly have presentence reports saying “these persons don’t take responsibility for their actions; they minimize their involvement.”

The interviewers and editors are to be congratulated for producing this valuable and entertaining volume. I am sure that I am in good company in looking forward to further volumes in the series.

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Interviewees

Judge Robert M. Bell is the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland's highest court. Judge Bell's judicial career spans nearly 40 years and includes service on all four tiers of the Maryland state court system. Judge Bell graduated in 1966 from Morgan State College (now Morgan State University), a historically black college in Baltimore, Maryland. He entered Harvard Law School later that same year. After graduating in 1969, Judge Bell returned to Baltimore, where he became an associate at Piper and Marbury, a prominent law firm. Judge Bell remained at Piper until January 1975, when he was appointed as a judge of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City. He served on the District Court bench for five years until his appointment to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore (now the Circuit Court for Baltimore City) on January 22, 1980. He ran for office in the next election and served on the Supreme Bench until his appointment in 1984 to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. In 1991, Governor William Donald Schaefer appointed Judge Bell to the Maryland Court of Appeals. He was named Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals by Governor Parris Glendening on October 23, 1996. He retired at 70 on July 6, 2013.

Magistrate Gregory Andrew Benn, a regional magistrate in Kalgoorlie–Boulder, Western Australia, works in the city of Kalgoorlie–Boulder, a gold mining town 596 kilometers northeast of Perth. Magistrate Benn has represented Aboriginal people most of his working life. He spent the first couple of years following his admission to practice in a private law firm before taking a job with Legal Aid in Port Hedland, 1647 kilometers north of Perth. For 18 years, he worked for the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) in Western Australia (WA). Eleven of those years were spent travelling around WA doing Native Title work and managing the ALS Land and Heritage Unit. During the remaining seven years, he focused on criminal law while managing the Criminal Unit within the ALS. Following that, Magistrate Benn spent 12 months in the Solomon Islands working for their Legal Aid equivalent and representing people in what were essentially war crimes trials. He applied for the Kalgoorlie magistrate's job largely because it involved an innovative pilot project, the Kalgoorlie–Boulder Community Court, which is an Aboriginal sentencing court where the magistrate sits with two respected members of the Aboriginal community. He assumed his current position in Kalgoorlie in November 2007. As well as sitting in the Kalgoorlie Boulder

Community Court, Magistrate Benn is responsible for conducting work in both the criminal and civil jurisdictions of the Children's and Magistrates' Courts, work in the Warden's Court (which deals with mining matters), the Family Court, and as a coroner. He is based in Kalgoorlie with two other full-time magistrates who travel throughout the goldfields and Western Desert regions on a circuit as far south as Esperance on the southern coast and east to Warakurna near the South Australian border.

Judge Winston P. Bethel is a retired Chief Magistrate Judge of DeKalb County, Georgia, where he served as a judge for 25 years. Judge Bethel holds a bachelor of applied studies from Mercer University in Georgia, a master of arts in sociology from the University of West Georgia, a juris doctor from the John Marshall Law School, and a master of laws from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law. During his tenure on the bench, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of several innovative initiatives that were grounded in the philosophy of therapeutic jurisprudence. He has given over 20 professional presentations directly related to this judicial philosophy and served as a grant peer reviewer for several Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant applications on jail diversion and reentry.

Friedrich Forsthuber, president of the Criminal Court in Vienna, studied law between 1981 and 1985 at the Vienna University, Faculty of Law. In 1986, he served a year at the court (*Gerichtsjahr*, in German) and became an aspirant for the position of judge (*Richteramtsanwärter*) between 1987 and 1990. After passing the selection process, he became a judge at a civil district court at the District Court Döbling. He worked there from March 1990 to April 1991. On May 1, 1991, he became a judge at the Criminal Court in Vienna, where he was a judge from May 1, 1991 until August 31, 2005. He held different positions as an investigative judge, a judge in the presidential administration of the criminal court, a judge of the press agency of the criminal court, and a full-trial judge, responsible for general cases and media cases. From September 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009, he worked in the Upper Court, being responsible for internal revisions and he also worked in the Senate of Appeal. On January 1, 2010, he became president of the Criminal Court in Vienna.

Judge Aleksander Karakaš is a lawyer with a master of law degree. He completed primary and secondary school education in his hometown, Maribor, Slovenia, and, after military service in 1985, he continued studying at the Law Faculty, Ljubljana University. In 1990, he started work as an intern at the Maribor Higher Court. He passed the exam in May 1992 and was reemployed in the Maribor Higher Court. He continued working as a legal assistant in the Civil Judiciary Department. His primary tasks consisted of preparing reports for meetings of the Appeal Chambers, and writing drafts of court decisions. He was appointed a judge in the Criminal Court Department of the Local Court in Maribor. In 2003, he was appointed as

a judge to the Criminal Judiciary Department of Maribor District Court, until 2005, when he was appointed as a judge in the Criminal Judiciary Department in the Maribor Higher Court, where he still works today.

Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr. is a U.S. district judge working in the Eastern District of Missouri. His primary responsibility is to hear criminal and civil cases that fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal government. Judge Limbaugh started his law career working in private practice, but shortly thereafter was elected as a State Prosecuting Attorney of Cape Girardeau County in Missouri. After serving his four-year term, he returned to private practice for the next four and one half years. He was then appointed as a Circuit Judge in the 32nd Circuit of Missouri. He served in that capacity until he was appointed to the Missouri State Supreme Court five years later. He served 16 years on the Supreme Court of Missouri (including serving a two-year term as the Chief Justice) before he was appointed to U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Missouri. Judge Limbaugh was sworn in as a federal judge on August 1, 2008 (and occupied that position at the time of this interview). He earned an undergraduate degree in history and a Juris Doctorate, both from Southern Methodist University, Texas. In addition, he also earned a master of laws degree in judicial process from the University of Virginia.

Senior Judge Stephen McEwen practiced as a solicitor in Adelaide, Clare, and Port Pirie, Australia, from 1980 to 1988. He was a senior prosecutor at the Director of Public Prosecutions from 1988 to 2001, and was a barrister at the private bar from 2001 to 2005. Judge McEwen was appointed QC (Queens Council) in 2006. He also was appointed judge of the District Court and senior judge of the Youth Court the same year.

Senior Judge McEwen's extracurricular legal activities have included numerous presentations to training programs and community groups, training workshops for police and forensic scientists, presentations for universities and law society, advocacy training for law students, and moot judging. He also has chaired a number of Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games Selection Appeals.

Judge Wally Oppal attended the University of British Columbia Law School in the 1960s, graduating with a law degree. For over 12 years, he practiced law in the Vancouver area. Then, in the 1970s, he became a member of Crown Counsel, prosecuting cases for the government before being appointed to the Bench. In 1981, Wally Oppal was appointed to the County Court of Vancouver and, later, to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 1985. In 2003, he was appointed to the British Columbia Court of Appeal where he served until he resigned to seek election to the provincial government legislature. He is the second Indo-Canadian in the province to have held the title of Attorney General (AG) of British Columbia. Oppal served in the provincial cabinet as Attorney General of British Columbia and minister

responsible for multiculturalism. Shortly after the initial interview was conducted, Wally Oppal vacated his seat in government as a result of losing an election. He was soon appointed to head a public inquiry into a controversial and horrific serial killing spree that occurred in Vancouver between January 23, 1997, and February 5, 2002.

Judge Wilson Rambo currently serves as Chief Judge of the 4th Judicial District Court for Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes. He earned his BA in political science from Louisiana State University in 1979 and his Juris Doctor from the LSU–Paul M. Hébert Law Center in 1982. While working on his bachelor and juris doctor degrees, Rambo served on the staff with the state legislature. He also worked as staff with the Louisiana 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal as well as an assistant district attorney for the 4th Judicial District in that same state. While in private practice, Rambo served as in-house counsel for the City of Monroe’s Marshal’s Office and as local counsel for the Southern States Police Benevolent Association. He likewise worked as a public defender with the 4th Judicial District and served as a past president and founding member of the Louisiana Public Defender Association. Judge Rambo presently serves as a hearing officer for the Judiciary Commission, which deals with ethical violations relative to the conduct of judges and justices of the peace. He also delivers continuing education instruction regularly on behalf of the Louisiana State Bar Association and other professional organizations on a variety of topics including ethics and professionalism for both lawyers and judges. Among his community service activities are participation in the American Inns of Court as a past president and master of the Fred Fudicar local chapter, his service on the Access to Justice Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association, his membership on the steering committee of the Family Justice Center, his work as a trustee for Our House, his service as a CASA advocate, as well as his membership in various Chambers of Commerce in his jurisdiction.

Judge Manmohan Singh, Delhi High Court, India, lost his father when he was only one year old. His mother brought him up and it was her dream that he join the legal profession and, perhaps, one day become a judge. His maternal uncle, an intellectual property rights lawyer, had practiced in Peshawar, Pakistan, since 1940. He was Singh’s role model and guided him to become a trademark and patent lawyer. He started his career in 1980 under his uncle’s guidance in the High Court of Delhi. He practiced independently for 28 years in Delhi, Bombay (Mumbai), Calcutta (Kolkata), and Madras (Chennai), specializing in trademarks, copyrights, and patents. On April 11, 2008, he became a judge of the Delhi High Court.

Judge Eugene C. Turner graduated from the University of South Florida, attended law school at Stetson University and received his JD from the University of Baltimore in 1974. Judge Turner served as Assistant State Attorney in the 12th Judicial Circuit from 1974 to 1977. He then entered