

# NAALJ 2023 Midyear Webinar

## Strengthening Our Commitment to Administrative Justice



**May 12, 2023**

(Times below are all Eastern Time. Webinar runs from 1 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. Eastern Time, Noon to 3:40 p.m. Central Time, and 11:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Mountain Time)

**1 p.m. to 1:05 p.m. (EDT) - *Welcome***

- 1. 1:05 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. (EDT) - *Fostering Accessibility and Inclusion in the Courtroom for People with Disabilities***

**Melissa Kubit Angelides**, Associate Director of Student Services and Adjunct Professor, St. John's University School of Law **1 hour CLE**

- 2. 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (EDT) - *All Cases Matter: Mitigating Bias in the Administrative Law Judiciary***

**Dr. Cherron Payne**, Chief Human Right Referee (Administrative Law Judge), Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities **1 hour Ethics CLE**

- 3. 3:25 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. (EDT) - *The Roberts Court on Administrative Law: Major Questions, Chevron Deference, and Pretext***

**John M. Barkett**, Partner Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P **1.25 hours CLE**

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## Presenters Biographies

### Melissa Kubit Angelides

Melissa Kubit Angelides, Esq., who has been profoundly deaf since birth, spent over a decade litigating cases in the New York and New Jersey courts. Since 2017, she has worked at St. John's University School of Law, first as an Assistant Director of Career Services, and now as the Associate Director of Student Services. She also teaches Professional Responsibility, Drafting: New York Civil Practice, and Deposition Practice.

Ms. Angelides received her B.A. from Muhlenberg College summa cum laude and her J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law, with a concentration in Litigation and Dispute Resolution. In law school, she was Managing Editor of the Boston University Public Interest Law Journal.

Among other volunteer activities in the field, Ms. Angelides serves on the American Association of Law Schools' Student Services Section Executive Committee. She is also a member of the New York City Bar Association's Lawyer Assistance Program Committee and Disability Law Committee.

As a passionate advocate for people with disabilities, Ms. Angelides researches, writes, and presents in the areas of disability inclusion, universal design practices, and accessibility in law schools and the legal profession. She is a member of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bar Association and joined 11 other member attorneys as they were admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in January 2018.

### Dr. Cherron Payne

Dr. Cherron Payne is the Chief Human Rights Referee (Administrative Law Judge) for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in Hartford, Connecticut. Prior to serving in the administrative law judiciary, she worked for nine years as a magistrate and was the owner and managing attorney of ACP Law Firm, LLC. She also worked as a sponsored program specialist in clinical research at the University of Connecticut Health Center, intersecting her background in science and law. Prior to attending law school, Dr. Payne earned an apprenticeship to conduct biological research at the former Medical College of Ohio and was a research associate in microbiology at Bowling Green State University.

Dr. Payne is a Fulbright recipient and the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary's 2022 national fellowship winner for her paper *All Cases Matter: Mitigating Bias in the Administrative Law Judiciary*. In 2016, she was appointed by then-Governor Dannel Malloy to serve as a state commissioner and as the commission's chair. She has authored several publications, worked as a lecturer at Northwestern Connecticut Community College, and served as the president of the Connecticut Magistrates Association for six years.

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Payne earned a B.S. from Ohio University and graduated summa cum laude from its honors college. She earned a master's degree in the history of science from Harvard University, where she was awarded the Graduate Prize Fellowship, and earned an advanced diploma from Oxford University. Dr. Payne received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University, where she was the lead notes editor of the law journal and received her doctorate in policy and law from Northeastern University, where she received top university honors.

## **John M. Barkett**

John Barkett is a partner at the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. in its Miami office. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (B.A. Government, 1972, summa cum laude) and the Yale Law School (J.D. 1975) and served as a law clerk to the Honorable David W. Dyer on the old Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law. He was a member of the Advisory Committee for Civil Rules of the Federal Judicial Conference from 2012-18, and served on the Discovery Subcommittee that developed the December 1, 2015 amendments to the rules, the Rule 23 Subcommittee that developed the 2018 amendments to Rule 23, and the Rule 30(b)(6) and MDL subcommittees. He served as a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility from 2014-2015 and 2016-2019. He is also a member of the American Law Institute. He is a fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators (CCA), the American College of Civil Trial Mediators, and the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He has also just completed service as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the CCA. In 2019, Mr. Barkett was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Miami Daily Business Review. He is also Board Certified in International Litigation and Arbitration by the Florida Bar.

Mr. Barkett is a commercial (contract, corporate, and banking disputes, employment, trademark, and antitrust) and environmental lawyer (CERCLA, RCRA, and toxic tort) having handled scores of complex and simple litigation matters in Federal and state courts or before an arbitration tribunal.

Mr. Barkett is also a problem solver, serving as an arbitrator, mediator, facilitator, or allocator in a variety of commercial, environmental, and reinsurance contexts. He is a certified mediator under the rules of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida and a member of the London Court of International Arbitration and the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, and serves on the AAA and ICDR roster of neutrals, and the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution's "Panel of Distinguished Neutrals." He has served or is serving as a neutral in scores of matters involving in the aggregate more than \$4 billion. He has conducted or is conducting commercial domestic and international arbitrations under AAA, ICC, LCIA, ICDR, UNCITRAL, and CPR rules and has conducted ad hoc arbitrations.

Mr. Barkett chaired the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS) Task Force on Issues Related to Expedited Arbitration in connection with the UNCITRAL Rules being considered by UNCITRAL Working Group II. He wrote the Report of the Task Force that was submitted to UNCITRAL for consideration by Working Group II. He drafted a proposed Appendix on Expedited Procedures under the UNCITRAL Rules for consideration by Working II at its 70th Session in Vienna, Austria in September 2019 and updated reports commenting on proposed Expedited Procedure rules for consideration by the Working Group at its 71st Session in New York, NY in February 2020, its 72nd Session in Vienna, Austria in September 2020, and its 73rd Session in New York in April 2021.

In November 2003, Mr. Barkett was appointed by the presiding judge to serve as the Special Master to oversee the implementation and enforcement of the 1992 Consent Decree between the United States and the State of Florida relating to the multi-billion-dollar restoration of the Florida Everglades. He has also served as a Special Master for judges on the Southern District of Florida and the Miami-Dade County Circuit Court to address a wide variety of discovery and e-discovery issues in complex litigation. He also consults with major corporations on the evaluation of legal strategy and risk in commercial disputes and conducts independent investigations where such services are needed. He also is consulted by other lawyers on questions of legal ethics.

Mr. Barkett is a recipient of the Burton Award for Legal Achievement, which honors lawyers for distinguished legal writing. He has published two books, *E-Discovery: Twenty Questions and Answers* (Chicago: First Chair Press, 2008) and *The Ethics of E-Discovery* (Chicago: First Chair Press, 2009). At the University of Miami Law School, Mr. Barkett teaches "E-Discovery," and in the past has taught a course entitled, "Environmental Litigation." He has also prepared analyses of the Roberts Court since John Roberts became Chief Justice, in addition to a number of other articles on a variety of topics.