

A Judicial Studies Programme (JSP) seminar

Honorable Judge Allyson K. Duncan

Judge for the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit



Following unanimous Senate confirmation, Judge Allyson Kay Duncan was sworn into office as a Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on August 15, 2003, becoming the first African American woman to sit on that Court. She was also the first African American woman to sit on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the first African American to serve as the President of the North Carolina Bar Association.

The bulk of Judge Duncan's career has been in public service. After graduating from Hampton University and Duke University School of Law, she served as a law clerk to Judge Julia Cooper Mack of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. From there she joined the Appellate Division of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, arguing employment discrimination cases in federal courts of appeals around the country, ultimately rising to serve as the agency's Legal Counsel.

Judge Duncan is former Associate Professor of Law at North Carolina Central University, served briefly on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and was partner in a national law firm representing telecom and energy clients, until appointment to the Fourth Circuit. Judge Duncan is the current President of the U. S. Federal Judges Association. She is a member of Duke University's Board of Trustees and Chairs the Academic Affairs Committee. On October 1, 2015, appointed by Supreme Court Chief Justice, John G. Roberts, Jr., she became the Chair of the U. S. Judicial Conference Committee on International Judicial Relations.

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Thursday, 28th April, 2016
Academic Conference Room,
11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower,
Centennial Campus,
The University of Hong Kong

15:30 – 16:30 **The Heart of Legal Education Today: Experiential Learning and the US Journey**

Judge Duncan will talk to law students about changes in U.S. legal education over the past few years, as it has evolved from a Socratic model to one with greater focus on experiential learning and clinical education as a way to better train law students to become effective practicing lawyers. She will discuss internships and clerkships as ways for young litigators and transactional lawyers to learn and grow, enhance employment opportunities, and cultivate mentorships.



Please click [here](#) for online registration.

18:00 – 19:30 **Gender Inclusivity on the Bench: Implications for the Rule of Law**

Judge Duncan will speak on inclusiveness in the judiciary and the connection between gender inclusiveness and rule of law. She will address why women are well represented in law schools and entry level positions, but do not necessarily progress up the ladder, and how addressing gender issues generally does not necessarily capture concerns involving minority women.



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