

## Panel 2 Speaker Bios



### **STEWART JAY**

**Professor of Law**

**Pendleton Miller Chair in Law**

**University of Washington School of Law**

Professor Stewart Jay has taught at the University of Washington School of Law since 1980. From 2002 until his new appointment as the Pendleton Miller Endowed Chair in Law, he held the position of the William L. Dwyer Endowed Chair in Law. As a tenured faculty member, Professor Jay teaches Constitutional Law and Constitutional History.

Professor Jay earned his A.B. in 1973 from Georgetown University, and his J.D. in 1976 from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. After graduation, Professor Jay clerked for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court. He began his teaching career at the University of North Carolina School of Law. He has been a visiting professor of law at Georgetown University, the University of Texas, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and Vytauto Didūojo Universitetas (Kaunas, Lithuania).

Professor Jay is the author of *Most Humble Servants: The Advisory Role of Early Judges* (Yale 1997). More recently, Professor Jay is the author of *Origins of the Privileges and Immunities of State Citizenship under Article IV* (45 *Loyola Chi. L. Rev.* 1 (2013)). Professor Jay has been published in many peer reviewed journals and law reviews, including the *Harvard Law Review*, *Georgetown Law Journal*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and *American Journal of Legal History*, and *Connecticut Law Review*.

As an attorney and academic, Professor Jay has worked tirelessly to assure the reproductive rights of women, advocating in particular for access to safe and legal abortions. Professor Jay has presented on numerous panels discussing women's health care rights, including panels on partial-birth abortions. In addition to working on court cases, Professor Jay was the principal drafter of the Washington State Reproductive Privacy Act, which codified *Roe v. Wade* into state law and assured funding of abortions for low-income women. The law was enacted by the voters in 1991 and remains the basic law on reproductive rights in Washington.

Professor Jay has been recognized by the Washington State Bar Association for donating considerable professional time to non-profit organizations and individuals unable to afford a lawyer.

Professor Jay was a member of the Steering Committee for Pro-Choice Washington from 1989 to 1995. He has served as legal consultant on legislative matters for Planned Parenthood of Washington and NARAL-Washington. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the ACLU-Washington and has been active in various ACLU projects, particularly work on abortion-related and free speech issues. Currently he is on the board of Sunrise Ridge Health Services, a nonprofit providing health and well-being services to Vashon Island residents.

Professor Jay has spoken on numerous law-related subjects before hundreds of university and private groups. As a constitutional expert, he frequently is quoted in newspapers and appears in interviews on radio, TV and internet programs. He often has taught constitutional subjects to Seattle area high school students.

Since the beginnings of the health-care reform debate, Professor Jay has been in the public eye, writing and speaking about the constitutionality of that law. He published *On Slippery Constitutional Slopes and the Affordable Care Act* in the *Connecticut Law Review* as part of a conference on the ACA. In that article, he argued that the mandate could be justified under both the Commerce Clause and the General Welfare Clause. He also disputed opponents' claims that the Act either regulates or taxes inactivity and that allowing such a measure would give Congress limitless power to legislate.

In 1998, Professor Jay was a finalist for a Scribes Book Award for Most Humble Servants. In 2006, he was awarded the Helen Williams Award for Excellence in Collegiate Independent Study from the American Association for Collegiate Independent Study for the development and teaching of a masters' level class on constitutional issues in homeland security. He has been recognized as a Washington Law School Foundation Scholar for his sustained excellence in research, and as a Condon-Falknor Faculty Lecturer for outstanding research by a faculty member.

Professor Jay is consistently ranked as one of the top teachers at the UW School of Law by students and colleagues.

## Roberta Riley



Roberta Riley has worked tirelessly to empower women and secure a healthy future for our children and all future generations. In her former role as Legal Counsel for Planned Parenthood, she argued landmark federal court decisions that prompted American companies to cover prescription contraception in worker health plans. More recently, on behalf of Friends of UNFPA, she led the World at 7 Billion Project, a collaborative effort to emphasize the connection between women's health and dignity and sustainability.

She continues to advocate for health as a fundamental human right in her current role as Communication Director for Northwest Health Law Advocates, a non-profit dedicated to health care for all.

In recognition of her achievements on behalf of women, she has received several honors including a MS. Magazine Women of the Year Award. This spring, Huxley College of the Environment named Ms. Riley its 2014 Distinguished Alum.

## Janet Chung



**JANET CHUNG** is Legal & Legislative Counsel at Legal Voice. Founded in 1978 as the Northwest Women's Law Center, Legal Voice is a non-profit organization that fights to advance legal rights for women and girls in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Ms. Chung leads Legal Voice's work to advance reproductive health care and justice, expand economic justice for women, and combat gender discrimination in the workplace and in schools. Her health care policy advocacy covers a range of issues, including access to emergency contraception; religious and conscience-based refusals of health care; and insurance coverage for reproductive health care. Ms. Chung's recent successes include advocating for paid sick and safe days legislation; protecting an Idaho woman from criminal prosecution for obtaining a medication abortion; and safeguarding a state law requiring pharmacies to dispense lawfully prescribed medications, regardless of individual pharmacists' objections. She is a frequent speaker on women's workplace rights, gender equity on campus, and reproductive health care.

Prior to joining Legal Voice, Ms. Chung practiced employment law and business litigation in Washington, D.C. and Seattle and served as a law clerk to a federal judge. She has also taught legal writing, research, and advocacy at Seattle University School of Law and served as a Georgetown Women's Law & Public Policy Fellow at the National Partnership for Women and Families. Ms. Chung is a graduate of Yale College and earned her J.D. at Columbia University School of Law.