



Angela C. Robinson

CHIEF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY OFFICER

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Angela C. Robinson, Connecticut Superior Court Judge (Ret.), is the Chief Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Officer (CIDEO) at Wiggin and Dana.

In her capacity as CIDEO and leader of the Diversity Practice, she draws upon her years of experience with Diversity and Inclusion. Beginning as a new lawyer in the late 1980s, through her time as a national leader of the Minority Caucus and Women's Caucus of the AAJ in the nineties, continuing as a Superior Court Judge, Robinson has led initiatives, events and activities to increase diversity within the legal profession. She has also spoken, written about and advised legal professionals on ways to be more inclusive and equitable.

Applying her acquired understanding of cross-cultural and culture conscious dynamics in work environments, she assists the firm and corporate clients in navigating the challenges in order to leverage the opportunities in the Diversity and Inclusion arena.

In her role as the firm's CIDEO, Robinson provides, among other things:

- Diversity Consultations with employment law expertise
- Assistance in evaluating and assessing work culture and climate
- Assistance in setting priorities and devising appropriate benchmarks
- Assistance in developing Diversity and Inclusion programming, activities and initiatives
- Designing and delivering education and training programming related to Diversity and Inclusion
- Consultation for firm leaders to identify opportunities offered related to Diversity and Inclusion
- Coaching, individually or in a group related to Diversity and Inclusion
- Culture Competency Training

- Assistance in establishing pipeline initiatives and programming

As a retired Superior Court Judge, with 20 years of distinguished judicial experience, Robinson offers a unique perspective which uses her extensive experience in the Alternate Dispute Resolution field. Though seemingly disparate areas, Robinson applies ADR principles in achieving Diversity, Inclusion and Equity goals.

Robinson is a member of the Board of Governors of the Connecticut Bar Association; and a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. She serves on the Boards of the Greater New Haven Arts Council and the New Haven Legal Assistance. She is the Partridge Fellow at Quinnipiac Law School, where she teaches Evidence, Remedies and Critical Race Theory and she teaches trial practice at Yale Law School.

Among her many awards and recognitions, she was the recipient of the Connecticut Law Tribune's Distinguished Leader Award in 2019; the Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award from the Lawyers' Collaborative for Diversity in 2017; the Judicial Award from the Connecticut Trial Lawyers' Association; and the Diversity Award in 2014, presented by the Young Lawyers' Section of the Connecticut Bar Association.

Education

- Yale Law School (J.D., 1989)
- Rutgers University, Douglass College (B.A., 1986)
 - cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court (District of Connecticut)

Memberships and Affiliations

- LAW Camp for Teens
 - Co-organizer
- rKids
 - Board

- Greater New Haven Arts Council
 - Board
- New Haven Legal Assistance
 - Board

Publications

March 15, 2019

The Story of Three "First" Black Women Judges in the Unites States: Judges Bolin, Stout and Motley