

Bios:

Rona G. Rothenberg, FAIA is a Senior Manager for the statewide Design and Construction Team for the Judicial Council of California-Administrative Office of the Courts' Office of Court Construction and Management. A founding member of the \$6.5 Billion capital building program for the California courts, Ms. Rothenberg has been with the AOC since early 2002 and has been a leader in development of the court building program. Rona is a licensed architect who holds a bachelor's of science. degree from the Pennsylvania State University magna cum laude and a master of architecture degree from U.C. Berkeley, and she is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. She has served as a leader in design and construction projects for large institutions, as a client, for the past 25 years, during which time she has led teams for over 100 capital projects. In addition to her current senior management role serving the California courts, her long-term work in institutional project management has included senior staff positions with the School of Medicine at Stanford University, as the senior project manager for Allianz AG/Fireman's Fund's North American Real Estate Operations, and with Kaiser Permanente's Northern California team. A long-time resident of the San Francisco bay area, she has also been involved in pro-bono design projects for local nonprofit organizations since 1985. Rona is passionate about design, construction and management of beautiful, sustainable and lasting institutional buildings "from the inside out," from within institutions, and she writes and lectures frequently on this subject. She is the mother of two adult children, Sarah, a science teacher in Oakland, and David, an art and wine dealer who is attending business school in NYC. She has been married to Yehuda Ben-Israel, a Vietnam veteran, for 32 years, and enjoys gardening, music, cooking and Tevi, her pedigreed English Springer Spaniel.

S. Pearl Freeman, AIA, is a Senior Project Manager with the Design and Construction Team. She is a licensed architect in the State of California who holds a Master of Architecture degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to joining the AOC in 2005, Pearl worked for several architectural firms in the San Francisco Bay Area, taught in undergraduate design studios at UC Berkeley's Department of Architecture and then for 25 five years, was principal architect of The Colyer Freeman Group LLP in San Francisco. Her professional career has focused on the integration of design excellence, building technology and sustainable design for new construction and renovation of public buildings including projects designed for sustainability and LEED. At the AOC, Pearl has been a project manager for major new courthouses in the state and leader in the development of project management procedures and the division's sustainable design focus for the capital project program. Committed to the judicial branch's mission to provide "access to justice" and to build new and renovated courthouses throughout the state, she believes that public buildings represent our democracy by providing the portals through which we, the people, access and interface with our government.