

# Winthrop Women's Coalition

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## WOMEN AND THE LAW A PANEL DISCUSSION



Monday, March 4, 2024, 7 p.m.  
*DINA'S PLACE, DIGIORGIO CAMPUS CENTER*

### FEATURING



#### **DeAndrea Gist Benjamin '94**

*Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit*

The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin serves as a United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Confirmed to the court in February 2023, Judge Benjamin is the second African American woman and the first person of color from South Carolina to serve on the Fourth Circuit. Judge Benjamin was born in Columbia, South Carolina in 1972. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in political science from Winthrop University in 1994 and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1997. Judge Benjamin served as a law clerk for the Honorable L. Casey Manning in Columbia, South Carolina. Following her clerkship, she served as an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office and as lead Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prosecutor for the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General. She has received numerous awards, including the National Judicial College Making the World a More Just Place Award.



#### **Susan Barber Hackett '00**

*South Carolina Court of Appeals*

Susan Barber Hackett is the chief staff attorney at the South Carolina Court of Appeals. She is a former Appellate Defender with the Office of Appellate Defense and has worked with the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense. She won the President's Award from the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2022, the Gold Compleat Award from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2020, and the Martha Browning Dicus Award from the Public Defender Association for demonstrating remarkable competence, zeal, and adherence to the ideals of the legal profession in 2018. She also served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson in the Ninth Circuit. Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history from Winthrop University in 2000 and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2003.



#### **Casey N. Ferri '09**

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Casey Ferri is licensed to practice law in both North Carolina and South Carolina. She is the current president-elect of the Winthrop University Alumni Executive Board and a former chair of the Elder & Special Needs Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. Casey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature & language, with a minor in political science, from Winthrop University in 2009. She earned a Juris Doctor and certificate of concentration in elder law from Stetson University College of Law. Her practice areas have included estate planning, elder law, probate/estate administration, guardianships, asset protection, and estate & fiduciary litigation.