

James A. (Jim) Chance

Recipient, 2025 FMJA **Founders Award** for “*lasting and meaningful contributions to the judiciary*”

(* Previous recipients include two U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justices.)

EXPERIENCE

Senior Judicial Education Attorney / Education Specialist / Consultant

Federal Judicial Center (FJC), Washington, DC (September 2010—March 2026)

- Designed and delivered curricula to assist federal judges, U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers, and U.S. Courts staff, and executives in attaining knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for successful performance of their job responsibilities
- Designed and delivered educational programs for judges, law enforcement officers and citizens in the U.S. and abroad, including *Supreme Court Decisions, American Government, Free Speech, Civil Liberties, Leadership Skills, Law & Policy, Digital Search and Surveillance, Mediation, Dispute Resolution, Mindfulness for Judges*, etc.
- Oversight of design and delivery of training for newly appointed federal judges in *The Art of Judging, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law & Procedure, Civil Law & Procedure, Communication Skills, The Art of Judging, Presentation Skills*, etc.
- Instructed stakeholders and outside organizations in subjects inside and outside the U.S. government, including visitors to the **Federal Judicial Center, International Law Institute**, the **National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA)**, and international judicial academies and organizations (including those listed below)
- Worked with U.S. District and Circuit Court judges (but *not* the *Supreme Court*) and other experts on delivery of *Judicial Ethics* and *Workplace Conduct* programs
- Designed and delivered programming on adult education, teaching pedagogy, and law for educators at state and national academies abroad, including:
 - Academia de Intercambio y Estudios Judiciales, **Helsinki, Finland** (2026)
 - CEELI Institute, **Prague, Czech Republic** (2023)
 - Judicial Teaching and Research Institute, **Lucknow, India** (2023)
 - Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, **Chennai, India** (2022)
 - School of Judges, Supreme Judicial Council, **Tashkent, Uzbekistan** (2019)
 - Academia de Intercambio y Estudios Judiciales, **Buenos Aires, Argentina** (2017)
- Welcomed international delegations of judges/ and educators to Washington and offered instruction in U.S. government and our federal judiciary. (I have made more than 30 presentations to delegations of judges and educators from other nations including: **Bangladesh, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, ECOWAS** [the Economic Community of 15 West African States], **Japan, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Uganda**, et al.)

TEACHING and PRACTICE

College/University/Academy— Law, Government, Communication, Theatre, Film (1988-present)

Teaching at universities, colleges, academies, organizations in the U.S. and abroad, including:

- Academia de Intercambio y Estudios Judiciales (*Helsinki, Finland*) (2026)
- CEELI Institute, Prague, Czech Republic (*Teaching Rule of Law educators*) (2023)
- International Law Institute, Washington, DC (*Teaching judges*) (2016-2022)
- Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD (*Teaching undergraduates*) (2002-16)
- Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California (*Teaching online*) (2008)
- Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, Maryland (*Teaching undergraduates; successfully wrote & administered grants; elected faculty representative to College Council*) (1997-2001)
- Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (2000)
- Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland (USAID—Summer Terms)
(*Teaching English-speaking graduate students*) (1986-1987)

Attorney and Counselor at Law

(Law practice—1983-2025)

- Served as trial and appellate counsel in litigation in state and federal courts, mediations, dispute resolution, and administrative proceedings
- Researched, developed, and drafted legislation and regulations for local governments
- Advised local governments in First Amendment and civil liberties questions
- Drafted *Comprehensive Plans* for rural and suburban government executives (*Comprehensive Plans forecast future population growth, planned development, infrastructure needs—for the decade after adoption—to assist in planning and zoning*)
- Served as Planning, Legislative, and Land Use Counsel to local governments

Bar Admissions - U.S. Supreme Court (1987); Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (1984); State of Maryland Bar (1983)

EDUCATION

The Queen's College, Oxford University (U.K.) (1982)

Postdoctoral study in **Constitutional Laws** with Professor David C.M. Yardley (C.B.E.)

University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. (1982)

The Catholic University of America M.F.A., Theatre (1990)

University of Maryland—College Park B.A., Government and Politics (1979)

MEDIA ~ (Video and Print)

On-Camera / Educational:

- Co-host, FJC **Supreme Court Term in Review & Term Talk** programs (2011-2025)
(Annual video programs ranging from minutes to hours—available on **YouTube**. (E.g., [Term Talk \(2021-2022\): U.S. v. Zubaydah, F.B.I. v. Fazaga](#); [Supreme Court: The Term in Review \(2016–2017\) Part 1 of 2](#))
 - Separate *Performance resume* available on request (*for television/film/ theatre credits*)
- Member, SAG-AFTRA, Actors Equity Association (*Professional stage and screen actor unions*)

Print / Author: ARTICLE, “*ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE UNITED STATES: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN*”
ResearchGate (with Jason Cantone, Ph.D.)

WHITE PAPER, “*Visceral Education: Art, Technology, and the Power of Yes!*”
presented at program on “*Disruptive Education*” University of North Carolina—
Wilmington, NC

CERTIFICATES and CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (2018-19)
Pepperdine University, Malibu, California
Mediation Skills for Federal Judges (*Faculty*)
Mediating the Litigated Case, and Mediating in the Heat of Conflict (*Certificate*)
- The Center for Understanding in Conflict— Certificate (2016)
Garrison Institute, Garrison, New York
Certified Mediator
- The Center for Excellence in Public Leadership— Certificate (2011)
George Washington University, Washington, DC
Leadership (Emerging Leaders Workshop—*Certificate*)

HONORS and AWARDS (Additional information about each available upon request.)

- Recipient, 2025 *Founders Award*, U.S. Federal Magistrate Judges Association
- Recipient, County Executive’s Award of Excellence (for comprehensive revision of County Land Use, Subdivision and Zoning Laws), Anne Arundel County, Maryland
- Recipient, Chesapeake College Dean’s Award for Faculty Excellence
- Appointed Associate Justice, University of Maryland Appellate Student Judicial Board
- Elected Chief Justice, University of Maryland Appellate Student Judicial Board
- Selected to Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society
- Recipient, YMCA *Service to Youth* Award, YMCA of Maryland
- Member, National Society of Youth Governors, YMCA of America
- Elected Youth Governor of Maryland, YMCA Youth and Government Program
- Recipient, Certificate of Recognition for Leadership from Talbot County, Maryland
- Recipient, Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Easton, Maryland
- Appointed to Maryland Governor’s Youth Advisory Council