



## **Drown Award Recipient: Marjorie Slabach, JD, CFLS**

Marjorie Slabach, JD, is a Certified Family Law Specialist and retired Superior Court Commissioner in the San Francisco Unified Family Court. She is now a Private Judge focusing on case management and settlement conferences, although she also presides over evidentiary hearings where necessary. Prior to her tenure on the bench she worked with teenagers as an English teacher for many years. She then chose to become a lawyer to represent parents and children. She is a frequent lecturer and panel member educating attorneys and judges in the area of family law. She is a former board member of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts where she headed a task force to explore alternative models for serving families in the court system. She is the President of the Board of Directors of the non-profit agency Overcoming Barriers, an education and service program that intervenes with high conflict families where a child is at risk of losing a relationship with a parent. She is the founding member and Vice President of the Center for Separating and Divorcing Families a non-profit center for assisting unrepresented parties through the reorganization of their families outside of the court. She was named the 2010 Judicial Officer of the Year by the Family Law Section of the State Bar of California and the 2008 Judicial Officer of the Year by the Northern California Chapter of the AAML.

Marjorie describes herself as a political progressive and member of the Pantsuit Nation, and she would like to rebuild the family court from the ground up and outside the Civil and Criminal mind set of wrong-doing and punishment. Her further resume is available at [www.mslabach.com](http://www.mslabach.com).