

Biographies for Love Is Love celebration on May 17, 2024

U.S. Circuit Court Judge Michael McShane

In 2012, when he was being vetted for a presidential nomination to the federal court, White House counsel asked Judge McShane what he would do if he were assigned a case having to do with gay marriage. Judge McShane's response was ironically un-prophetic: "that will never happen in my lifetime." Three months after becoming an Article III judge, he was assigned the case that would ultimately allow same gender couples the right to marry in Oregon.

Judge McShane grew up in rural Eastern Washington and has spent most of his life in the Pacific Northwest. He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, where he obtained his degree in English Literature. In 1983 he joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and was sent to work with homeless parolees in Portland, OR. After obtaining his JD from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1988, he went to work at the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office in Portland, where (in addition to representing the getaway driver in the Tonya Harding case) he served as the senior supervising attorney.

Prior to serving on the federal court, Judge McShane was a Multnomah County Judge for fifteen years, presiding over a variety of criminal and civil cases. He was appointed to the county's death penalty panel in 2003 and handled over 25 capital cases. He teaches extensively on trial practice, advocacy, and evidence and he focuses much of his time off the bench working with at-risk youth. He sits on the boards of The Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest.

Judge McShane lives in Eugene, Oregon, with his husband and two children. He enjoys playing "Name that Broadway Musical" with his clerks (his clerks have yet to correctly name a Broadway musical), traveling, fishing, rafting, and writing.

Lane County Circuit Court Judge Kamala H. Shugar

Judge Kamala Shugar was appointed to the Lane County Circuit Court in June 2019, and elected by the people of Lane County in November 2020. She has served the public for her whole career — as a prosecutor, child advocacy lawyer, law school instructor, and Special Counsel to the Oregon Attorney General. In that last role, she worked closely with the Governor's office and Oregon's nine federally recognized Native American Tribes and coordinated multistate litigation to protect states from federal overreach with Attorneys General across the nation.

A Lane County resident since the age of five, Judge Shugar grew up on a family farm in Pleasant Hill, attending public school K-12. She is a double Duck, having graduated with her Bachelors and Law Degrees both from the University of Oregon. During her tenure on the Lane County Circuit Court, Judge Shugar has handled all manner of cases, including criminal jury trials, civil litigation, settlement conferences, family law, protective orders, and the mental health treatment court. Judge Shugar currently serves on the Executive Committee for Oregon Women Lawyers, and has volunteered her time in many capacities to support the work of the Campaign for Equal Justice, ensuring access to justice for low income Oregonians throughout our state.

She lives in Eugene with her husband, an architect, with whom she has two grown children.

Calvin Orlando Smith

Calvin Orlando Smith made his Broadway debut at the Lunt-Fontanne Theater as Cecco in Peter Pan starring Cathy Rigby and Oscar winner JK Simmons as 'Hook', after Peter Pan received two Tony Award nominations for Best Actress (Cathy Rigby) and Best Revival. Calvin returned to Broadway's Minskoff Theater to complete the run, around the nation and internationally with the hit musical. Other credits include: Colonel in the Broadway international tour of Evita starring Valerie Perri, Donna Marie Asbury and John Herrera, Steward in the national tour of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes starring Morgan Fairchild, Debbie Shapiro & John O'Hurley, My Fair Lady starring Victoria Mallory, The Venticello in The Alliance Theater's Amadeus, costarring as Oliver Hix in Theater of The Stars' productions of Music Man with John Davidson & Christine Andreas, Big Moe in Five Guys Named Moe, 'Horse' in The Full Monty, Old Deuteronomy in Cats, Zoser in Aida, Roger Debris in The Producers, Miles Glorious in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way To The Forum", 'Doc' in The Most Happy Fella, Buffalo Bill Cody In ANNIE GET YOUR GUN and The Purple Snail in the world premiere of Pinocchio, and J.P. Williamson in the world premiere of Duke Ellington's Saturday's Laughter at Atlanta's Fox Theater; The Today Show with Jane Pauley, R.E.M.'s video 'The Finest Work Song' directed by Michael Stipe, The Disney Channel's "Coming On" directed by Ian Bernard, and The United Cerebral Palsy Telethon starring Dennis James, Ben Vereen and Florence Henderson and The New Kids on the Block at The Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City. Heart Strings: A Revival, starring Oscar winner Isaac Hayes and Ruth Buzzi at Atlanta's Fox theater, and Theater of The Stars' National tour of My Fair Lady starring Marla Schaffel, direct from Broadway's Jane Eyre.

Calvin holds a Master of Philosophy Degree in History of Art & Architecture from Hughes Hall, Cambridge University and is a graduate of the University of Georgia, completing his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History of Art at Keble College, Oxford University, England. Recently, Mr. Smith sung back up for Garth Brooks and made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2022 in Brahms Requiem. In 2023 Mr. Smith introduced B52s at their last tour show in

Athens, Georgia, and this past April, Calvin had the honor to sing for both diplomat Deputies from the Ukraine and Norway for the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kampala, Uganda. In 2023, Calvin celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a member of The Actor's Equity Association.

Sean Downing

Sean Downing is a third-year law student at the University of Oregon and graduating this spring. During law school, he was the editor in chief of the *Oregon Review of International Law* and a board member of the law school's queer student organization: OUTLaws. After the Bar, he will start as an associate attorney at the Portland office of Bullivant Houser Bailey.