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Dana Leigh Marks has been an Immigration Judge in San Francisco since January of 1987. She is currently serving her sixth, two-year term as President of the National Association of Immigration Judges, the recognized collective bargaining unit for the approximately 250 member corps of immigration judges nationwide. In that capacity, she has published numerous articles and testified before Congress regarding the need to restructure our nation's immigration courts in order to safeguard judicial independence. She has also published articles discussing the job related burnout and secondary traumatic stress suffered by immigration judges working in the current system. Judge Marks taught Immigration Law for over a decade, and has lectured extensively on immigration law to judges and attorneys at seminars sponsored by continuing legal education groups, both locally and nationally throughout her career. While in private practice, Judge Marks served as lead counsel and successfully orally argued the landmark asylum case of *INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca*, 480 U.S. 421 (1987), which established that persons applying for asylum need only prove a reasonable possibility of future persecution instead of the higher standard of clear probability advocated by the INS.