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#1 Original Daytime Court Show, *Hot Bench*, Introduces Two New Judges to the Bench

Judges Yodit Tewolde and Rachel Juarez will join Judge Michael Corriero in Season 9 of the beloved nationally syndicated series beginning October 31



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LOS ANGELES, CA - October 19, 2022 - Two new judges are joining the bench on the nationally syndicated, hit courtroom series, [Hot Bench](#).

Beginning October 31, **Judge Yodit Tewolde** and **Judge Rachel Juarez** will join respected veteran **Judge Michael Corriero**, bringing new voices and views to the popular three-judge format taking on real small claims cases from courthouses across the country.

"Judges Yodit Tewolde and Rachel Juarez bring an exciting new energy and a fresh, new dynamic to our series that viewers know and love," said David Theodosopoulos, Executive Producer of *Hot Bench*. "Their diverse backgrounds and experiences are a beautiful complement to Michael, and I'm thrilled to welcome these strong, accomplished women to the bench."



Tewolde is a nationally renowned criminal defense attorney, who was the founder and managing attorney of her own criminal defense firm, and a sought-after legal analyst who has hosted The Grio's "Making the Case," contributed to "America's Most Wanted" and served as an anchor for Court TV.

Juarez is an experienced litigator who handled complex civil cases for large corporate clients, before co-founding a family law practice specializing in the representation of high net worth and high-income individuals in complex divorce and other family law matters. She was also appointed to serve as a Temporary Judge by the Los Angeles County Superior Court Temporary Judge Program.

They join Corriero, a six-year veteran of *Hot Bench*, who served in the New York State Court for 28 years, and was instrumental in implementing programs that provide rehabilitation programs for young offenders.

Created by Judge Judy Sheindlin, Emmy-nominated ***Hot Bench*** is the first-ever three-judge bench on television, where plaintiffs and defendants seek justice from a panel of judges, who argue the merits of cases amongst themselves to come to a verdict. Additionally, viewers are treated to a bird's eye view of how the court functions, watching the judges hash out the facts and law during deliberations where ultimately majority rules.

Hot Bench is the #1 syndicated court show in original production, averaging nearly 2 million viewers. It ranks in the top 10 first-run shows in all of syndication, and delivers the 5th most loyal audience in syndication, with 28% of its audience watching the show at least 3 times a week.

About Judge Yodit Tewolde

Prior to joining ***Hot Bench***, Tewolde was the host of "Making the Case," a nightly criminal justice show on BNC, (now The Grio TV). She was also a host-contributor on "America's Most Wanted" and the morning anchor for "Court TV" where she covered major trials across the country. A nationally renowned criminal defense attorney, Tewolde was the founder and managing attorney of her own criminal defense firm.

Tewolde, who was an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Dallas in September 2018, has been a member of the Texas Bar since 2010. Since then, she has dedicated her entire legal career to the practice of criminal law. After graduating law school, she served as a law clerk in the 19th Judicial District Court. Soon thereafter, Tewolde began working as an Assistant District Attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, where she learned the intricacies of criminal prosecution while honing her skills as a trial lawyer. Following several years of prosecuting cases in both the adult and juvenile systems, Tewolde transitioned over to criminal defense work. It wasn't long before she was recognized as one of the nation's top lawyers under 40 by the National Bar Association.

With an established career as a trial attorney and staunch advocate for criminal justice reform, Tewolde's legal expertise has been featured on many of the top-rated cable networks. She frequently appears on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and HLN to provide legal analysis on high-profile cases and hot-button issues. Tewolde was also an Opinion Contributor for "The Hill."

Tewolde earned her juris doctorate from Southern University Law Center. While in law school, she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Race, Gender and Poverty. She holds a bachelor's degree in



English with a minor in Communications from Texas A&M University. While in undergrad, Tewolde pledged and became a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

About Judge Rachel Juarez

A Los Angeles native, Juarez is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School. Following graduation from Stanford Law School, Juarez joined litigation powerhouse Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, where she gained considerable experience in all aspects of complex civil litigation with a specific emphasis in trial work.

In the early years of her career, Juarez participated in several high-profile trials and other matters, representing clients such as Google, Samsung, Mattel, and Trust Company of the West (TCW). In 2016, Juarez co-founded a family law practice specializing in the representation of high net worth and high-income individuals in complex divorce and other family law matters. After several years of managing her own law firm, Juarez was appointed to serve as a Temporary Judge by the Los Angeles County Superior Court Temporary Judge Program.

Juarez's unique talent and passion for trial advocacy has led to significant success in the courtroom. As a business litigator, family law litigator, and volunteer prosecutor, Juarez has successfully first-chaired jury trials, non-jury trials, and arbitrations; her nuanced understanding of both trial strategy and trial procedure have enabled her to seamlessly integrate preparation for a possible trial into all aspects of her cases. Juarez has been named a Super Lawyers "Rising Star" each of the last six years. She is also a graduate of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's "Trial Advocacy Project" (TAP), making her eligible to serve as a volunteer prosecutor for prosecutorial agencies across the City of Los Angeles. Through the TAP program, Juarez spent considerable time working with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office to prosecute misdemeanor jury trials, gaining further experience in everything from jury selection through verdict.

Most recently, Juarez was appointed as a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's President's Advisory Committee on Women in the Legal Profession, where she works with other attorneys to support and promote the full participation of women lawyers in the legal profession.

About Hot Bench

Hot Bench is an Emmy-nominated syndicated court show, created by Judge Judy Sheindlin and executive produced by David Theodosopoulos. Belinda Jackson and James Glover are co-executive producers. Yodit Tewolde, Rachel Juarez and Michael Corriero comprise the three-judge panel. **Hot Bench** is produced by Big Ticket Pictures and Queen Bee Productions. It is distributed by CBS Media Ventures.

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