

AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION/AMERICAN JUDGES FOUNDATION

2020 Midyear Meeting

Napa Marriott ***** April 23-25, 2020 ***** Napa, California

SCHEDULE

Pre-Trial Proceedings and Reform

Thursday, April 23

Registration

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Welcome Reception

(cash bar, light hors d'oeuvres)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Casual attire

Friday, April 24

Registration

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

AJF Trustees Meeting

7:15 – 8:45 AM

Committee Meetings

7:30 – 8:45 AM

(see schedule in your packet and attend any in which you are interested)

Welcome Remarks

8:15 – 8:30 AM

Pete Sferrazza, AJA President

Tam Nomoto Schumann, President, California Judges Association

Education Session

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Topic: *Pre-Trial Reform in Nevada*

Speaker: James W. Hardesty, Justice, Supreme Court of Nevada

Education Session

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Topic: *Bail Reform*

Speakers: George A. Grasso, Judge, New York City Criminal Court

Jessica Smith, W. R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

This session will provide an update on the progress of various bail reform efforts in the United States.

Break

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Education Session

10:45 AM – Noon

Topic: *Pre-Trial Release & Assessment Tools*

Speakers: Tara Casanova-Powell, Executive Director, Association of Traffic Safety Information Professionals

Robyn Robertson, Traffic Injury Research Foundation

This presentation focuses on how pre-trial services fits within the larger DWI system and defines the various pretrial programs currently implemented across the United States (U.S.) along with addressing challenges, barriers, best practices and make recommendations for improvements. The presentation will also share research regarding what is known about risk factors and impaired driving and will describe the reliability and validity of various risk assessment tools and discuss important limitations of them as well as implementation issues.

Luncheon

Noon – 1:15 PM

Speaker: Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of California

Topic: *Pretrial Reform in California*

Education Session

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Topic: *Juvenile Pre-Trial Reform*

Speakers: John A. Tuell, Executive Director, RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice

This session will provide a comprehensive yet succinct overview of the key best practices in the field of juvenile justice in order to promote awareness and change at all levels of the policy, practice and service continuum.

Break

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Education Session

3:15 – 4:45 PM

Topic: *Weapons of Mass Distraction: Strategies for Countering the Paper Terrorism of Sovereign Citizens*

Speaker: **Terri March**, Court Administrator for North Las Vegas Justice Court

Sovereign citizens and other anti-government groups affect the judicial system through a tactic known as “paper terrorism,” clogging the courts with nonsensical, voluminous filings, phony lawsuits, and false liens against public officials as a form of harassment and intimidation. This behavior is sometimes a precursor to violence. This presentation examines legislative measures in various jurisdictions to thwart paper terrorism, particularly directed against the courts and judicial officials. An exploration of the origins of the movement’s history, tactics, violent tendencies, and ideology provides an understanding of the mindset behind this behavior, which in turn informs recommendations for prevention and deterrence. No single solution is completely effective; this presentation concludes with suggestions for multiple levels.

**AJF Fundraiser at Quail Creek Vineyards
(featuring Caymus wines)**

6:30 – 8:30 PM

(Additional fee and registration required.)

Saturday, April 25

AJA Office

7:30 AM – Noon

Committee Meetings

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Board of Governors Meeting

9:00 AM – Noon

Meeting adjourns

Noon

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