

2023 American Judges Association 62nd Annual Conference



Innovative Courts for a Modern Judiciary

Honolulu, Hawaii

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

September 9-14, 2023

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Casual attire acceptable for the entire conference



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Saturday, September 9

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	AJA Budget Committee Meeting
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Nominations Committee Meeting
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	AJA Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	New Member and Welcome Reception



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Sunday, September 10

10:00 AM – 4:15 PM	Registration
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	American Judges Foundation Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Welcome Remarks Chief Judge Yvette Mansfield Alexander, <i>AJA President, Baton Rouge City Court, Louisiana</i> Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, <i>Hawaii Supreme Court</i> Olei Aloha Chant
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	United States Supreme Court Case Review Dean Erwin Chemerinsky <i>Berkeley Law, University of California</i> Dean Chemerinsky will review the major United States Supreme Court cases from the term that ended in June 2023. He will highlight the voting blocs by the Justices in each case and offer his analysis and commentary regarding the Court's jurisprudence in various areas of the law. Participants will gain a better understanding of how the U.S. Supreme Court functions as a decision-making institution and be up to date with current trends of the Court.



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3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Posting Can Be Perilous for Judges: Just be NICE

Moderator: Judge Karelia Stewart, *1st Judicial District Court Shreveport, LA*

Judge Phyllis Kotey (Ret.), *Senior Judge and Clinical Professor of Law Florida International University College of Law*

The ubiquitous use of social media or social networking has changed the blueprint for legal and social networking for lawyers and judges. A single post, on a single subject, from a single place can obfuscate the demarcation between personal and professional networking. In this session, participants will understand how the use of social media may be perilous to professionalism; identify ways in which the use of social media can threaten the practice of intentional justice; and distinguish between ethically appropriate and improper social media use, including surfing, posting and tweeting.

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Social Mixer with Guest of Honor Dean Erwin Chemerinsky

Join your colleagues for networking and collegiality.



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Monday, September 11

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration/Information Desk

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

AJA Committee Meetings

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Better Judging in Cases Involving Intimate Partner and Family Violence

Moderator: Chief Judge Bernadette D’Souza, *Orleans Civil District Court, Louisiana*

Panel members:

Chief Judge Berryl Anderson, *DeKalb County Magistrate Court, Georgia*

Judge Lisa Woodruff-White (ret.), *East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, Louisiana*

Judge Rosemary Collins (ret.), *Illinois 17th Circuit Court, Illinois*

Judge Matthew Viola, *O’ahu First Circuit Court, Hawaii*

Judge Cynthia Devine, *Provincial Court of Manitoba; Manitoba*

Judge Elizabeth Hines (ret.), *15th District Court, Michigan*

Judges often struggle with the complex issues unique to intimate partner and family violence in civil and criminal cases. In this session, a panel of experienced judges will highlight innovations and practices proven to lead to better outcomes for victims and defendants in civil and criminal cases. Attendees will be exposed to multiple, practical techniques, tips and tools they may replicate in their home courts to maximize safety and yield better outcomes for all parties.



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9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Law and Literature Session

Kawai Strong Washburn, author of *Sharks in the Time of Saviors*

Mr. Washburn's award winning, debut novel, inspired by his childhood experiences growing up in Hawaii, tells the story of the Flores family, set in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Seven-year-old Nainoa's rescue by a shark is treated as a sign of favor from ancient Hawaiian gods, and seems destined to answer the needs of his family, struggling from the collapse of the sugar cane industry. Difficulties ensue, and subsequent supernatural events -tragic this time- require everyone to assess the meaning of family, heritage and survival.

**Please note that registered guests of conference attendees are welcome to attend this session.*

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Law and Film

Judge Betty Thomas Moore, *General Sessions Court, Tennessee*
Stuart Teicher, Esq., *Professional Legal Educator and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown Law*

Whether it is fictional lawyers in film or real lawyers who represent celebrities, many of these characters have committed ethical violations that are noteworthy. Join Professor Stuart Teicher as he explores the misdeeds of real and fake lawyers of our time, often engaged in outrageous behavior as explored through film, reels and clips.



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12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Awards Luncheon

2023 Annual AJA awards will be presented.

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Technology-Based Solutions and Other Tools for Improving Access to Justice and Linking Litigants to Services

Judge Joseph E. Cardoza (ret.), *Chair, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission*

Angela Kuo Min, *Special Assistant to the Administrative Director of the Courts, The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

This panel will discuss the use of tools that are designed to direct unrepresented litigants to resources, services, and navigators that enhance access to justice. The presentation will include a discussion of an internet-based navigator program, a legal navigator that utilizes artificial intelligence, online dispute resolution, same-day remote access mediation, a trial clinic to help unrepresented litigants prepare for trial, and e-reminders. There will also be a discussion of language access services for both in-court and ancillary services.



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1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Judicial Family Institute Breakout Session - Ethics and More for Judges and Their Families

Join Senator Mary Torres and Chief Justice Robert Torres of Guam for information and resources on topics of concern and importance to judicial households and their extended family members. They will explore the code of judicial conduct restrictions that affect a judge as a member of a family and the guidance the rules give to family members. Additional areas of interest to judicial families that will be discussed are home and travel security, judicial elections, mentoring and quality of life issues.

**Please note that this session is intended for family members of judges. Judges are also welcome to attend.*

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Break



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3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Courts Creating Change: How Diversity Can Improve Justice Outcomes

Justice Sabrina McKenna, *Hawaii Supreme Court*
Judge Kimberly M. Esmond Adams, *Chair, National Bar Association Judicial Council and Superior Court, Fulton County, Georgia*

This session will examine judicial diversity as a requirement of the rule of law, then examine steps courts can take to foster a culture that seeks out, welcomes, understands and encourages diverse backgrounds, experiences and viewpoints. The presenters will examine technologies that can lead to cultural and racial misidentification and cognitive biases, thereby, impacting justice outcomes. Presenters will also examine how courts reflect and embrace the rich diversity of this nation by their actions, staffing, policies and procedures.

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

American Judges Foundation Fundraiser

Sunset Cruise with dinner and "Polynesian Journey" show on the Star of Honolulu Cruise Ship

**This event requires separate registration and has a cost not included in the conference registration.*



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Tuesday, September 12

7:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Registration/Information Desk
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	AJA Committee Meetings
8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Virtual Currencies and Fraud <i>Moderator: Judge Lynda Jones, Presiding Judge, General Sessions Court, Nashville, Tennessee</i> <i>Siji Moore, Trial Attorney, Market Integrity & Major Frauds Unit at U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division</i> Siji Moore will provide a comprehensive overview of the foundations, evolutions and legal context of cryptocurrency and blockchain-based technologies and markets. Included in the presentation will be a discussion of how virtual currencies are used in the dark marketplace transactions. Throughout will be a discussion of the current legal landscape and challenges, from both law enforcement and regulatory perspectives.
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	General Assembly Meeting All AJA members should plan to attend this meeting as important issues will be discussed and elections will be held.
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break



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11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Tech Talk with the Chiefs

Join Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and Chief Justice Robert Torres of the Supreme Court of Guam for an informative and entertaining conversation about technology and the challenges and opportunities for judiciaries. The Chief Justices will share their insights and experiences, discuss the latest trends and innovations, such as artificial intelligence and digital courtrooms, and how these can be used to improve the delivery of justice and enhance access to legal services.

The session will also look at the challenges that judiciaries face in adopting and implementing new technologies, including issues related to privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity.

This session promises to be a thought-provoking and insightful discussion about the future of technology in the judicial system.

12:30 PM

Lunch on your own

1:00 PM

Optional tour or free afternoon

Optional Tour 1: Half-Island Tour \$105/person

Optional Tour 2: Pearl Harbor USS Missouri Battleship Tour \$140/person

**These tours require separate registration. The cost is not included in the conference registration. Limit 50 people/tour.*



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8:15 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	AJA Committee Meetings
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	AJA Board of Governors Meeting
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Web 3.0 and Metaverse Moderator: Judge Erika Green, <i>East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, Louisiana</i> Panelists: William T. Ramsey, Esq., <i>Neal & Harwell, PLC</i> Phillip Hampton, <i>President and Founder of LogicForce Consulting, LLC</i> The presenters will discuss the basics of blockchain and smart contracts. They will provide you with the basic knowledge to understand these technologies and the next big thing...the Metaverse and Web 3.0. They will share insights on the plans of Big Tech for the metaverse and legal technology and will showcase their favorite cutting-edge tech gadgets. They will present pros and cons of the newest concepts in technology and the boosters and barriers to their widespread adoption.



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2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wellness at Your Fingertips

Chief Judge Berryl Anderson, *Dekalb County Magistrate Court, Georgia*

Jen Donovan, *Wellness Specialist, RYT, RCYT, RPYT*

Join Chief Judge Anderson and Jen Donovan for a new and inspiring session with innovative ideas on how to bring self-care and wellness into your courtroom to include your entire staff. They have teamed up this past year to provide participants with wellness planning structure by teaching some of the practices that have been shared with the courtroom team and resulted in positive outcomes and experiences. Dress comfortably.

**Will take place outdoors, weather permitting*

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

AJA President's Reception, Banquet and Installation of Catherine Carlson as President of AJA

Join colleagues for a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing.

**Island attire preferred*



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Thursday, September 14

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Information Desk

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting