

2021 AJEI Summit | November 11–14, 2021

Hyatt Regency Austin, TX

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Check-in and Registration (Zilker Foyer)	
1:00 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Presentation of Colors and Welcome Honoring Our Veterans (Zilker Ballroom)	
1:25 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Opening Session: Hail to the Chiefs (Zilker Ballroom)	Hon. James Lockemy* Hon. Maureen O'Connor Hon. Priscilla Owen Hon. Loretta H. Rush
2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Presentation of NJC's Inaugural Sandra Day O'Connor Award (Zilker Ballroom)	
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Managing Stress and Strengthening Resiliency: Practical Strategies for Judges and Lawyers (Zilker Ballroom)	Hon. Jeremy D. Fogel (ret.)* Hon. Phyllis Hamilton Prof. Terry A. Maroney
3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Page-turners: How Judges Read in an E-filing Era (Zilker 1 & 2)	Hon. J. Brett Busby Bradley R. Kutrow* Hon. Martha C. Warner Hon. Rhonda K. Wood
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	The Ethics of Building and Growing an Appellate Practice (Zilker 3 & 4)	Jay L.T. Breakstone Hon. Albert Diaz* Matthew Nis Leerberg Robert A. Mandel Hon. Elizabeth Lang Miers
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Opening Reception – Bullock Museum (Transportation Provided – See Event Information document.)	

*session moderator

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)
6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.	Yoga with Hon. Patricia O'Connell Alvarez (Texas Ballroom V & VI)	
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Buffet in Texas Ballroom Foyer. Eat in Texas Ballroom or through Skywalk to open air Zilker Terrace)	
7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.	The Great Digital Accelerator (Zilker Ballroom)	Tom Leighton Hon. Samuel A. Thumma
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Supreme Court Preview (Zilker Ballroom)	Robert S. Peck Jaime A. Santos Jason P. Steed* Kannon K. Shanmugam
9:00 - 9:15	Break	
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Clients in the Courtroom: How In-House Counsel View Appeals & Appellate Courts (Zilker 1 & 2)	Hon. Diane M. Johnsen* Heather Bailey New Kimberly R. Phillips
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Hidden Cause, Visible Effect: Understanding the Supreme Court's Shadow Docket (Zilker 3 & 4)	Hon. J. Brett Busby* Beth S. Brinkmann Don Cruse John P. Elwood Stephen I. Vladeck
10:15 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Writing from the Reader's Perspective: How the English Language Really Works (Zilker Ballroom)	Prof. George D. Gopen
11:45 - 12:00	Break	
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, How Do We Dismantle Our Bias After All? (Zilker Ballroom)	Prof. Gloria J. Browne-Marshall
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Free Time — Optional Tours (See Event Information document)	
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Council of Appellate Lawyers (CAL) Meet and Greet (All AJEI attendees invited) – Zilker Terrace	
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	CAL Dine-Around for Lawyers and Judges (Self-pay)	
7:30 p.m.	CASA Dinner & T-Shirt Exchange for Staff Attorneys	

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)
6:00 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk with Hon. Steven David & Hon. Beth Walker (Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:00 a.m.)	
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Optional CAL Roundtable Discussions (Buffet in Texas Ballroom Foyer. Eat in Texas Ballroom or through Skywalk to open air Zilker Terrace)	
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	United States Supreme Court Civil Update (Zilker Ballroom)	Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Curse or Blessing: How to Thrive Online Using Social Media in Today’s Legal World (Zilker 1 & 2)	Hon. Bridget Mary McCormack Raffi Melkonian* Hon. Roy Ferguson
10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.	United States Supreme Court Criminal Update (Zilker 3 & 4)	Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
11:15 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Storytelling for Advocates and Judges: How and Why We Should Incorporate Storytelling Techniques and Themes into our Work (Zilker 1 & 2)	Hon. Jane Bland* Kenneth D. Chestek Hon. David W. Ellis M.C. Sungaila
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	War Crimes – From the Battlefield to the Courtroom (Zilker 3 & 4)	Hon. Benes Z. Aldana* James Durant, III Melissa Mills Richard Rosen
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch and CAL/CASA Business Meetings (Buffet in Texas Ballroom Foyer. Eat in Texas Ballroom or through Skywalk to open air Zilker Terrace. CAL Business Meeting in Texas 7. CASA Business Meeting in Texas 6.)	
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Preventing Wrongful Convictions by Ensuring the Reliability of Forensic Evidence (Zilker Ballroom)	Lynn Garcia Hon. David B. Lewis* Barry Scheck Russell Wilson
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	What Do Courts Do When Works of Faith Cross Works of Government (Zilker 1 & 2)	Hon. Jimmy Blacklock Steven T. Collis Hon. Maureen Lally-Green D. Alicia Hickok*

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, CONTINUED

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Top Tips for Top-Notch Oral Argument Answers (Zilker 3 & 4)	Joshua B. Carpenter Hon. James Earl Graves, Jr. Allyson N. Ho Hon. Beth Watkins*
6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Saturday Night Reception, Dinner, Entertainment (Texas Ballroom)	

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Yoga with Hon. Patricia O’Connell Alvarez (Texas Ballroom V & VI)	
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast (Buffet in Texas Ballroom Foyer. Eat in Texas Ballroom or through Skywalk to open air Zilker Terrace)	
8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Courage: The Seminal Virtue in Advocacy and Judging (Zilker Ballroom)	Hon. Elizabeth T. Clement Hon. Steven H. David Hon. Marsha Ternus Hon. Samuel A. Thumma*
9:45 -10:00	Break	
10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Canons of Construction: What is Their Role, if Any, in Modern Jurisprudence? (Zilker 1 & 2)	Kirsten Castañeda* Hon. Steve Leben Eric J. Segall Hon. David Schenck
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Certified Check or Erie Guess? (Zilker 3 & 4)	Hon. Consuelo Maria Callahan Bennett Evan Cooper Hon. Nathan Hecht Dana Livingston*
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Legal Ethics 2.0: How Emerging Technologies Are Creating Novel Ethical Dilemmas (Zilker Ballroom)	Prof. Gary E. Marchant Hon. Robert Torres*
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Conclusion and Preview of 2022 Summit (Scottsdale, AZ)	

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