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Schedule

November 13 – 16, 2025

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Moderator*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)	Room
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Check-in and registration		Winter Garden Foyer
1 – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome & Presentation of Colors	Hon. Robert J. Torres Jr. Hon. J. Michelle Childs	Depot Pavilion
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Plenary 1: The Death of the Chevron Doctrine: The Future of Regulatory Power & Litigation	Hon. Elizabeth Prelogar Hon. J. Michelle Childs* Roman Martinez	
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break		
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Plenary 2: Suter on Souter: A Justice Remembered	Hon. Robert J. Torres Jr.* William “Bill” K. Suter Boris Bershteyn	
3:45 – 4 p.m.	Break		
4 - 5 p.m.	Plenary 3: R.E.S.P.E.C.T – LGBTQ Inclusion in the Courtroom and Workplace	Hon. Margaret H. Chutich (Ret.) Hon. Briana Zamora* Ellen Krug Adrien Lawyer	
6 – 8 p.m.	Opening Reception & Sandra Day O’Connor Award The Depot Minneapolis – Winter Garden Foyer & Depot Pavillion		

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)	Room
7 – 8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		Winter Garden Foyer
8 – 9:30 a.m.	Plenary 4: Writing Like the Greats in the 21st Century: An Advanced Appellate Writing Workshop	Prof. Joe Regalia Gretchen Harris Sperry*	Depot Pavilion
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Plenary 5: Life of an Appeal in the Age of AI: From Trial Court to Appellate Decision	Hon. Robert J. Torres, Jr.* Hon. Leanna Weissmann Dr. Ryan Walker Damien Riehl	
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break		
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Plenary 6: Restoring Public Confidence in the Courts in a Highly Politicized Environment	Prof. Jeremy Fogel* Prof. Susan Stokes Prof. Steve Vladeck	
11:45 – Noon	Break		
Noon – 1 p.m.	Breakout 1: Originalism, Separation of Powers, and the Roberts Court	Prof. Eric Segall Prof. Lorianne Updike Schulzke Prof. Alan Rozenshtein Prof. Ilan Wurman Hon. Christopher J. McFadden*	
Noon – 1 p.m.	Breakout 2: Embracing Neurodiversity: Understanding, Accommodating, & Thriving in the Legal Profession	Sierra Grandy	Great Hall
1 - 6 p.m.	Free Time — Optional Organized or Self-Guided Tours See page 5-6 for details.		
6 - 7 p.m.	Council of Appellate Lawyers (CAL) Meet & Greet (All AJEI attendees invited - details on page 6)		Winter Garden Foyer
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	CAL Dine-Around for Lawyers & Judges (Optional – Self-pay - details on page 7)		Various Locations
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	CASA Dinner & T-Shirt Exchange (Registration and pre-pay required – details on page 6)		Black Sheep Coal Fired Pizza



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)	Room
7 – 8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Optional CAL Roundtable Discussions (Roundtable topics on page 7)		Depot Pavilion
8 – 9 a.m.	Plenary 7: Do Something! Ethical Responses to Judicial and Lawyer Misconduct	Hon. Lucy Inman * Mary Andreoni Hal R. Lieberman Tim O’Brien	
9 – 9:15 a.m.	Break		
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Breakout 3: To Defer or Not to Defer: Evolving Standards of Review in the Digital Age	Hon. Ramon Paul L. Hernando Hon. Jack M. Sabatino Hon. Samuel A. Thumma* Prof. Mary D. Fan	Great Hall
	Breakout 4: The Ethical and Practical Challenges of Amicus Participation	Prof. Allison Orr Larsen Prof. David R. Cleveland Hon. Theodora Gaitas*	
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break		
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary 8: A Legacy of Leadership: From Football to the Law and Social Justice	Hon. Alan Page (Ret.) Kamie Page	Depot Pavilion
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Break		
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Breakout 5: Concur and Dissent: When Great Minds Don’t Think Alike	Hon. Theodora Gaitas Hon. Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Hon. Linda Bell* Mark Bradford	
	Breakout 6: Advanced Legal Writing and Linguistics: Understanding “Any”	Prof. Jill Anderson Margaret Bullard* Prof. Elizabeth Coppock	Great Hall
12:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch Break		Winter Garden Foyer & Depot Pavilion
	CAL Business Meeting – Charles Frost CASA Business Meeting – Quinn		
2:15 – 3:45 p.m.	Plenary 9: Supreme Court Review: Civil and Criminal	Dean Erwin Chemerinsky	Depot Pavilion
3:45 – 4 p.m.	Break		

4 - 5 p.m.	Breakout 7: Standing: Who can Sue These Days? (And are State Courts More – or Less – Receptive?)	Hon. Laurie McKinnon* Dana Berliner Michael A. Scodro Kasia Szymborski Wolfkot	Depot Pavilion
	Breakout 8: Cutting Edge Scientific Knowledge or Junk Science?	Jessica Gabel Cino Barbara Llewellyn, Ph.D. J.D. Schmid Heather Wood*	Great Hall
6 - 9:30 p.m.	Summit Reception (6 - 7 p.m.) Summit Dinner & Entertainment		Winter Garden Foyer & Depot Pavilion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Time	Session Name	Speaker(s)	Room
7 – 7:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		Winter Garden Foyer
7:45 – 8 a.m.	Honoring Our Veterans	Hon. James E. Lockemy	Depot Pavilion
8 – 9 a.m.	Plenary 10: Military Criminal Justice: What You Should Know	Hon. Kurt Brubaker* Hon. M. Tia Johnson Col. Iain Pedden Col. Pilar G. Wennrich Ms. Jenn Fraser	
9 – 9:10 a.m.	Break		
9:10 – 10:25 a.m.	Plenary 11: What about US? The Role of State Constitutional Rights Following Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions	Hon. Shannon Bacon Hon. David Stras Hon. David K. Thomson* Prof. Miriam Seifter Julie Murray	
10:25 – 10:35 a.m.	Break		
10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Plenary 12: Stories in Courage: Fredrick McGhee and Civil Rights Advocacy in Minnesota	Prof. Duchess Harris, Ph.D.* Paul Nelson	
11:35 – 11:45 a.m.	Conclusion and Preview of 2026 Summit		

Please make sure to complete, sign & drop your **CLE Attendance Confirmation** form in the box at registration **after** you have attended your final session. We encourage you to take a photo with your phone for your personal copy.

Instructions to Access Materials



Summit attendees can access all summit materials in an online classroom. Follow the instructions below to access the materials. You will have access to materials for one calendar year from the Summit start date.

- Go to golearn.judges.org or use the QR Code
- Click the red “Sign In” button at the top-right of your browser
- Enter your username and password
 - Your username and password will be the same as the email address and password used to register for the Summit and the email address to which you have received Summit updates.
 - If you forgot your password, enter your email address and click “forgot password” to reset. You will be sent an email with instructions.
- Click on “Sign In”
- There should be a block that says “AJEI 2025 Summit” located on the right side of the dashboard. Click on “AJEI 2025 Summit” to access materials.

If you need any assistance accessing the materials, please email sheena@judges.org.

Optional Organized Excursions & Events

Note: Transportation will not be arranged by AJEI. Participants are responsible for getting to and from any off-site locations.

Friday Optional Tours Visit judges.org/ajei-tours2 to register.

A Man of Quiet Bravery: A Re-Enactment of the Fred Korematsu Arguments

Fri., Nov. 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, 300 South 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN
This re-enactment involves the oral arguments before the U. S. Supreme Court and the coram nobis. Dr. Karen Korematsu, daughter of Fred Korematsu and founder of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute, will speak after the reenactment.

Guthrie Theatre Private Backstage Tour

Fri., Nov. 14, 2:30 – 3:45 p.m., 818 South 2nd Street Minneapolis, MN
Explore the history and heart of the Guthrie. Go behind the scenes to explore the Guthrie's stages, scene shop, costume shop, prop shop and rehearsal rooms. Plus, learn about the building's noteworthy architectural features. Limited to 20.

Midtown Global Market and Cooking Demo with Manny's Tortas

Fri., Nov. 14, 2 – 3:45 p.m., 818 South 2nd Street Minneapolis, MN
Midtown Global Market is an internationally-themed public marketplace offering fresh and prepared foods, restaurants, and unique gifts. It is a dynamic community gathering place that highlights the talent, ambition, and cultural assets that characterize its neighborhood. Limited to 20. \$15, bring cash or Venmo/Zelle

Upstairs Circus Makers Happy Hour

Fri., Nov. 14, 3 – 5:30 p.m., 135 Washington Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN
Gather for this unique hands-on event to make your own piece of functional or wearable object d'arte. Choose from the 25+ options from the DIY project menu, watch a short tutorial to learn how to create your project, and then get to work making your own project over cocktails/mocktails and conversation. Limited to 15. Project kits start at \$35; attendees get 20% discount on select kits.

Walker Museum Tour with 1-hour Guided Tour of Dyani White Hawk: Love Language Native American Art Exhibit

Fri., Nov. 14, 3 – 4 p.m., 725 Vineland Place, Minneapolis, MN
The Walker Art Center is one of the nation's most visited modern and contemporary art museums—and for good reason. With a dynamic lineup of exhibitions, there's always something new to discover. Limited to 20. \$18 museum entrance fee – paid on-site.

Weisman Art Museum with 1-hour Guided Tour of Ebb/Flow Ceramics Exhibit

Fri., Nov. 14, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., 333 East River Road, Minneapolis, MN
Visit the world class art museum at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus, known for its extensive American modernism collection. Limited to 20. Free.

Thursday Evening Reception

Opening Reception & Sandra Day O'Connor Award

Thu., Nov 13, 6– 8 p.m., Winter Garden Foyer & Pavilion
The opening reception will feature the Sandra Day O'Connor Award presentation to Hon. Mary R. Russell of the Supreme Court of Missouri. This event is included in Summit registration fees, but additional guests require a ticket. **If you purchased a ticket for a guest, pick up a name badge for your guest at registration.**

Friday Evening Happenings

CAL Meet & Greet Reception Fri., Nov. 14, 6 – 7 p.m., Winter Garden Foyer, The Depot

CASA Dinner & T-Shirt Exchange

Fri., Nov. 14, 7:30 pm – 9:30 p.m., Black Sheep Coal Fired Pizza
Join the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys (CASA) for their annual dinner and T-shirt exchange! Member of CASA or not, all AJEI attendees and their guests are invited to gather for this casual dinner and social get-together. We hope you can join us! All attendees must sign up and pay before the event (limited to 40): tinyurl.com/r4ahx3mr

CAL Dine-Around

Fri., Nov. 14, 7:30 pm – 9:30 p.m., Various locations throughout Minneapolis

CAL has reserved tables for 10-12 (or two tables for 5-6) for conference attendees to eat at some of best restaurants in Minneapolis. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other attendees or get together with old friends. At each restaurant there will be at least one member of CAL. Use the link to view the list of restaurants and hosts as well as the registration link: judges.org/dinearound

Saturday Happenings

CAL Roundtables Sat, Nov. 15, 2025, 7 – 8 a.m., Pavillion

1. What can/should you put in an appellate brief? Video clips, links, cartoons, photos, diagrams?
2. When Justice Fails – threats to an independent judiciary and to public trust in the system
3. Appellate Lawyers' Roles during and before trial
4. When and how to supplement appellate briefs
5. Arbitration on appeal – in the courts, and/or in arbitration
6. Using regulations and agency positions in briefs and arguments post-*Chevron*
7. Religious/conscience-based objections to civil rights
8. How to use – or not use – AI
9. Presidential Authorities vs. State Authorities – Where is the Line?
10. Seinfeld – the Table about Nothing

Reception, Dinner & Entertainment Sat., Nov. 15, 6 – 9:30 p.m., Winter Garden Foyer & Pavillion

We have arranged for a video appearance by **Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar** and for **The Reasonable Doubts**, a nine-judge rock band, to perform during and after dinner. **If you purchased a ticket for a guest, pick up a name badge for your guest at registration.**

The Reasonable Doubts:

Judge Luis Bartolomei Hennepin County (Minneapolis)

Judge John Bowen Wright County (Buffalo)

Judge Amy Brosnahan Isanti County (Senior Judge—retired but still “on call” when needed)

Justice Margaret Chutich Twin Cities Metro (retired MN Supreme Court)

Judge Dale Harris St. Louis County Duluth (Senior Judge—retired but still “on call” when needed)

Justice Sarah Hennesy She lives in St. Cloud but works in St. Paul (Twin Cities Metro)

Judge Mark Herzing Mille Lacs County (Milaca)

Judge Mark Ireland Ramsey County (St. Paul)

Justice Anne McKeig Twin Cities Metro (St. Paul) but she's originally from Federal Dam



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