

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023

AUGUST 14-15, 2023 / HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK, ANCHORAGE

Approved for 4.5 General CLE Credits & 2.0 Ethics CLE Credits by the Alaska Bar Association

August 14

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Welcome & Networking Reception

All members of the bench and bar, and all visitors, are invited to a welcome reception at the home of FBA President, Sarah Schirack, 1820 Westchester Cir. Hosted by the 2023 Board of the Federal Bar Association - Alaska Chapter:

- Sarah Schirack, FBA President - Counsel, Perkins Coie
- Jamie McGrady, FBA Treasurer - Director, Federal Defenders of Alaska
- Mike O'Brien, FBA President Emeritus - Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine
- Mark Cucci - Chief Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska
- Andrea Hattan - Attorney-Advisor, NOAA
- Brewster Jamieson - Shareholder, Lane Powell
- Lloyd Miller - Partner, Sonosky Chambers
- Michelle Nesbett - Senior Counsel, Birch Horton
- Danee Pontious - Owner, Pontious Law
- Anna Russell - Alaska Branch Librarian, US Courts Library

August 15

9:15am - 9:30am - Opening Remarks

9:30am - 10:45am - SCOTUS Indian Law Update + Expert Q&A

SCOTUS had a busy term for Indian Law. Learn about the recent *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* (trust responsibility) and *Brackeen* (ICWA) decisions and their implications, and get a chance to ask experts in the arena about their broader reach, how we got here, and anything else Indian Law. 1.25 General CLE credits

Lloyd Miller - Partner, Sonosky Chambers LLP

Erin Dougherty - Senior Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Primary amicus brief author in recent *Brackeen* SCOTUS case, representing 497 federally recognized tribes and 62 tribal and Indian organizations.

10:45am - 11:00am - Morning Break

11:00am - 12:15pm - A Discussion on Originalism, *Bruen*, and the Direction of SCOTUS

Join us for a discussion on originalism, focusing on the 2022 SCOTUS *Bruen* gun rights decision. Learn about the legal doctrine, how it has influenced recent court decisions, and how it may affect future SCOTUS and lower court decisions. Two legal scholars will parse the strengths and deficiencies of it, including the difficulties lower courts have highlighted in implementing *Bruen*'s historical constitutional interpretation method. 1.25 General CLE credits

Paul Haagen - Professor, Duke School of Law

Maimon Schwarzschild - Professor, Univ. of San Diego School of Law

Moderator: Susan Orlansky - Cooperating Counsel, ACLU

12:15pm - 1:15pm - Lunch Panel with Visiting Ninth Circuit Judges

Moderated by Sarah Schirack, Counsel, Perkins Coie LLP. 0.75 General CLE Credits

1:15pm - 3:15pm - The Law, Technology, and Ethics of AI

Learn about cutting edge AI issues that have practical import for litigators. The discussion will touch on what law firms and in-house counsels should be thinking about when using AI, ethical considerations, and how AI can be used to shrink the access-to-justice gap. 2 Ethics CLE credits.

Dr. Sonja Ebron - CEO, Courtroom5

Uses AI to provide people with the tools & resources needed to help settle civil cases, with or without a lawyer

Gwyn McAlpine - Dir. of Knowledge Management Services, Perkins Coie

Investigates & educates on how to use AI effectively & ethically in practice

Damien Riehl - VP, Solutions Champion, vLex

Helps integrate AI-backed technologies to improve legal workflows & power legal data analytics

3:15pm - 3:30pm - Afternoon Break

3:30pm - 4:45pm - What Juries Like and Dislike

An informative and entertaining discussion that is relevant to civil and criminal practitioners alike. 1.25 General CLE credits

Chief Judge Sharon Gleason - Chief Judge, USDC for D. Alaska

Jamie McGrady - Director, Federal Defenders for D. Alaska

4:45pm - 5:00pm - Closing Remarks

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