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Conversations with America



PREPARING FOR CONVERSATIONS
on Civic Trust, the Rule of Law, and an Informed Citizenry

June 19, 2026 | 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Atlanta, GA
Register: tinyurl.com/546228tx

A regional in-person program preparing judges for meaningful civic conversations during America's 250th anniversary

As part of the ***Judges Listening: Conversations with America*** initiative, this special regional program in Atlanta will help judges prepare for meaningful civic conversations surrounding the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

At a time when public confidence in institutions is being tested, judges have a unique opportunity to help communities better understand the role of courts, the Rule of Law, and the responsibilities of an independent judiciary.

Participants will engage in practical discussions on communication beyond the bench and bar, ethical considerations for public engagement, and leading thoughtful conversations on complex and sensitive civic topics.

Hosted by Justice Verda Colvin and Judge Kimberly M. Esmond Adams, this collaborative in-person program brings together judges, historians, and communication professionals to prepare participants for meaningful public conversations during this historic national milestone.

Registration is free and lunch is provided.
Participants are responsible for travel and lodging expenses.
This training may be eligible for up to 3.5 CLE/CJE.

FEATURED FACULTY

Hon. Verda Colvin
Georgia Supreme Court

Hon. Kimberly M. Esmond Adams
Fulton County Superior Court

Hon. Bernice Donald (Ret.)
6th Circuit Court of Appeals

Hon. Lisa Colbert
Chatham County Superior Court

Hon. Edward Wahl (Ret.)
Minnesota 4th Judicial District

Prof. Jake Ruddiman
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SESSIONS

- Judges in the Declaration of Independence
- The Ethics of Conversation & Controversy
- Communicating Beyond the Bench & Bar
- The Art of Conversation

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