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2026 Summit

November 12 – 15, 2026
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Join us for the nation's premier appellate educational event! The Summit will feature 20+ panel discussions on emerging trends, challenges, and legal issues affecting appellate practitioners and the judiciary.

Speakers include:

- **Hon. Linda M. Bell,** Justice, Nevada Supreme Court
- **Hon. Renée Cohn Jubelirer**, President Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
- **Hon. Matthew J. Fader,** Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Maryland
- **Hon. Andrew M. Jacobs,** Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One
- **Hon. Cheryl Ann Krause**, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- **Hon. Laurie McKinnon,** Justice, Montana Supreme Court
- **Hon. M. Margaret McKeown**, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- **Hon. Matthew Miller**, Former Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two
- **Hon. Richard J. Sullivan**, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- **Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton**, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- **Hon. Samuel A. Thumma**, Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One
- **Hon. David N. Wecht,** Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- **Hon. David D. Weinzweig,** Vice Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One
- **Hon. Diane P. Wood**, Director, The American Law Institute
- **Dean Erwin Chemerinsky**, Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California Berkeley School of Law
- **Prof. Akhil Reed Amar**, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science, Yale University
- **Prof. Siobhan Mukerji Barco,** Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School
- **Prof. Orin Kerr,** Stella W. & Ira S. Lillick Professor, Stanford Law School and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
- **Prof. Christina D. Ponsa-Kraus**, George Welwood Murray Professor of Legal History, Columbia School of Law
- **Prof. Seth Kreimer**, Kenneth W. Gemmill Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
- **Prof. Jeffrey Rosen**, CEO Emeritus, National Constitution Center; Professor of Law, George Washington University School of Law
- **Prof. Stephen I. Vladeck**, Agnes Williams Sesquicentennial Professor of Federal Courts, Georgetown University Law Center
- **Eleanor Barrett,** Deputy Director, The American Law Institute
- **Kelly H. Dove,** Partner, Snell & Wilmer LLP
- **Matthew Friedlander,** Partner, Webb Daniel Friedlander, LLP
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- **Douglas R. Richmond**, Senior Vice President, Lockton Companies
- **Neil Weare,** Co-founder and Co-Director, Right to Democracy

Registration includes: all educational sessions; the opening night reception; Saturday dinner and entertainment; and three continental breakfasts.

Early bird rates ($100 discount) are valid through October 9, 2026.
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Typically attracting nearly 300 attendees, the Summit offers:

- More than 20 educational sessions led by distinguished judges, leading academics, and experienced appellate advocates.
- Timely discussions on emerging legal issues, evolving jurisprudence, and developments shaping appellate courts nationwide.
- Practical insights into judicial ethics, appellate advocacy, legal writing, constitutional law, and judicial decision-making.
- Valuable opportunities to exchange ideas and build connections with colleagues from across the country.

The Summit is presented by the National Judicial College & the American Bar Association Judicial Division with participation from the American Bar Association Judicial Division's Appellate Judges Conference, the Council of Appellate Lawyers, and the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys.

Registration Options: Choose from the full Summit experience (Thursday–Sunday) or, for the first time, a Saturday/Sunday weekend registration option.

Programming begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, and concludes at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15.

Topics include:

- Keynote talk on The Pursuit of Liberty
- Supreme Court Review: Civil and Criminal
- Not Just for Historians: Learning from Infamous Gilded Age Decisions
- The Power of We: the Declaration Uncoded
- A Philadelphia Story: The Restatements in Appellate Advocacy and Decision-making
- Does the Constitution Follow the Flag? (Re) examining the Insular Cases
- Oral Argument Exhibition: A Real Case in Real Time
- A Question of Ethics: Should the Judge Sit This One Out?
- Elegant and Persuasive Legal Writing
- Appellate Ethics for Lawyers and Judges
- Under Threat: Protecting the Bench, the Bar, and the Rule of Law
- The Boundaries of Free Speech and Political Retaliation
- The Law Between the Lines: Dicta and Emergency Orders
- Professional Excellence: Defining and Creating It
- Deepfakes: Seeing, Believing, and Sometimes Deceiving
- Before You Start Talking: Preparing for Appellate Oral Argument
- Under the Hood: Internal Operations of Appellate Courts
- All That Rizz: Bridging the Gap in a Multi-Generational Workplace
- The Digital Fourth Amendment
- Personal Jurisdiction and Social Media

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