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PLAC 2021 Fall Conference

The Broadmoor – Colorado Springs, CO

Wednesday, September 29

Noon – 5:00pm
Registration

3:30pm – 4:30pm
Future Leaders Panel

4:00pm – 5:00pm
Case Selection Committee Business Meeting

5:00pm – 6:00pm
Women's Networking Reception

5:30pm – 7:00pm
Welcome Reception

7:00pm
Dine-Arounds *(reservation times vary – sign up required)*

Thursday, September 30

7:30am – 5:00pm
Registration

7:30am – 8:30am
Continental Breakfast

8:30am – 8:40am
Welcome & Annual Meeting

8:40am – 9:30am

SCOTUS Update and Preview of the 2021-2022 Term

Thomas H. Dupree, Jr., Esq. - *Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP*
Allyson N. Ho, Esq. - *Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP*

9:30am – 11:00pm

Juries – Mock Trial

Jury consultants Drs. Rick Fuentes and Mathilee Pathak will lead an interactive mock jury demonstration focused on today's jurors and their assessment of defense attorney styles, science, and problematic evidence.

Richard R. Fuentes, Ph.D. – *R&D Strategic Solutions*
Kevin E. Hexstall, Esq. – *Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin*
Rachel M. Lary, Esq. – *Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC*
Maithilee K. Pathak, Ph.D., J.D. – *R&D Strategic Solutions*

11:00am – 11:10am

Break

11:00am – 12:30pm

Juries – Mock Trial (cont.)

12:30pm – 1:45pm

Lunch

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Lessons From the Trenches: Civil Jury Trials During COVID & Beyond

Hear from attorneys who have been trying jury trials since the pandemic began, and benefit from their insights for future trials.

Baxter D. Drennon, Esq. – *Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP*
Darin J. Lang, Esq. – *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP*
David J. O'Connell, Esq. – *Goldberg Segalla LLP*
Moderator – **Gary A. Wolensky, Esq.** – *Buchalter*

2:45pm – 3:30pm

Legal Traps & Tricks

Legal traps to be prepared for as you head back to trial, and tricks to help you succeed.

Paul A. Alarcón, Esq. – *Buchalter*
Amanda E. Heitz, Esq. – *Bowman and Brooke LLP*

3:30pm – 3:45pm

Break

3:45pm – 4:45pm

CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE

A moderated discussion addressing crucial issues in-house legal teams are currently facing, and what they want outside counsel to know.

Jacob W. Everhart, Esq. – *Deere & Company*
Sarah McAfee, Esq. – *General Motors LLC*
Nancy Tayui, Esq. – *Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.*
Thomas N. Vanderford, Jr., Esq. – *Hyundai Motor America*
Moderator – **Michael Williams, Esq. –** *Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP*

4:45pm – 5:00pm

DON'T SAY *DAUBERT*!

A discussion of the proposed amendment to Federal Rule of Evidence 702 that would clarify the long-misinterpreted standards for expert evidence admissibility, and what Lawyers for Civil Justice, PLAC, and other defense bar organizations are doing to support this effort.

Rita McConnell, Esq. – *PLAC*
Lee Mickus, Esq. – *Evans Fears & Schuttert LLP*

6:00pm – 7:00pm

RECEPTION

Hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee

7:00pm

WELCOME BACK DINNER

Friday, October 1

8:00am – Noon

REGISTRATION

8:00am – 9:00am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00am – 8:45am

PROGRAM COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING

9:00am – 10:00am

A View From The Bench – How the Pandemic Has Permanently Changed Jury Trials

The Honorable J. Rodney Gilstrap, Chief District Judge – *U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas*
The Honorable Lisa T. Munyon, Chief Judge – *Ninth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida*
Moderator – José A. Isasi, II, Esq. – *Jones Day*

10:00am – 10:10am

Break

10:10am – Noon

Juries – Final Analysis

Drs. Fuentes and Pathak will discuss the results of their interviews with the mock jury, offer final thoughts, and lead a Q&A session with the audience.

Richard R. Fuentes, Ph.D. – *R&D Strategic Solutions*
Kevin E. Hexstall, Esq. – *Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin*
Maithilee K. Pathak, Ph.D., J.D. – *R&D Strategic Solutions*

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