NAALJ Annual Conference
Hosted by the New York Administrative Law Judges Association
October 8-10, 2017
Fordham University School of Law ~ Skadden Conference Center
New York, NY
PRELIMINARY AGENDA
[subject to change] as of September 7, 2017

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:00am – 12:30pm Optional Tours of New York
Planned events or on your own

10:00am – 5:00pm Registration

9:00am – 11:00am NAALJ Board Meeting

1:30pm – 1:45pm Conference Welcome
Hon. Catherine M. Bennett and Hon. Ray Kramer,
2017 Annual Conference Co-Chairs
Hon. Peter S. Loomis, NAALJ President
Introductory Welcome Speaker

1:45pm – 3:00pm Plenary Session 1

_Procedural Justice as an Approach to Case Management_
Speaker: Professor Tom R. Tyler
Macklin Fleming Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology at Yale
Law School and Founding Director of The Justice Collaboratory

3:00 – 3:15pm Refreshment Break
3:15pm – 4:30pm  
**Plenary Session 2**

*Forensic Linguistics*

Speaker: Professor Robert Leonard, Ph.D.  
Professor of Linguistics, Director of the Graduate Program in Forensic Linguistics and Director of the Institute for Forensic Linguistics, Threat Assessment and Strategic Analysis at Hofstra University

4:30pm – 6:30pm  
**Welcome Reception**

Monday, October 9, 2017

8:30am  
**Deluxe Continental Breakfast**

Moderator: Hon. Catherine M. Bennett  
*Publication of Administrative Law Decisions*

Speaker: Pierre-Paul Lemyre,  
Director of Business Development, Lexum

9:15am – 10:30am  
**Plenary Session 3**

*Online Dispute Resolution and Expanding Access to Justice*

Speaker: Colin Rule, Vice President of Online Dispute Resolution, Tyler Technologies

10:30am – 10:45am  
**Break**

10:45am – 12:00pm  
**Plenary Session 4**

*Access to Justice Panel Presentation*

Moderator: David Udell, Executive Director, National Center for Access to Justice  
Panel: Brian Hetherington, Chief Counsel, Empire Justice  
Hon. Fern Fisher, Former Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, NYC Courts and Director of the Access to Justice Program.

12:00pm – 1:30pm  
**Fellowship Luncheon**

Introduction: Hon. Larry Craddock  
Speaker: Hon. Malcom Rich  
Central Panel Study
1:30pm – 3:00pm  Breakout Session 1

*LGBTQ Panel Presentation*
Hon. Rosalyn Richter, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department (and Additional Panelists)

Breakout Session 2

*Inner Calm, Outer Impact: Mindfulness Practices and Their Relationship to Procedural Justice*
Introduction: Arthur Matthews, Mediator and COO, Matthews & Matthews
Speaker: Charles Colten, Director/Chief Instructor, Aikido in the Schools

Neuroscientific research has demonstrated that reducing stress can increase our productivity, creativity and general well-being. How can this help us in our work? Learn some very-brief exercises that you can immediately apply to more effectively manage stress and your workload. Drawing on material from modern neuroscience, ancient martial arts and positive psychology, this workshop is highly engaging, interactive, useful, and fun!

Breakout Session 3

*Implicit Bias*
Professor Rachel Godsil, Rutgers Law School
Director of Research and Co-Founder, Perception Institute

3:00pm – 3:15pm  Refreshment Break

3:15pm – 4:30pm  Plenary Session 5

*Immigration Panel Presentation*
Panel: Nisha Agarwal, Commissioner, Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Affairs (MOIA); Representatives from Immigration Defense Project; African Legal Services; Bronx Legal Services, Family and Immigration Law Unit.

Evening  Planned Group Event and Optional Evening Events
8:30am Deluxe Continental Breakfast

9:00am – 10:15am Plenary Session 6

Effective Communication Techniques for Insuring Due Process in Administrative Proceedings
Moderator: Ruth Kraft, Esq., Partner, Vigorito, Barker, Porter & Patterson, LLP
Panel: Melissa Kubit Angelides, Esq., Assistant Director of Career Development, St. John’s University School of Law; Bruce Gitlin, Esq. Center for Law & Justice; Hon. Victor Calise, Commissioner, Mayor’s Office of People with Disabilities; Deputy Commissioner/General Counsel Kleo King, Mayor’s Office of People with Disabilities

10:15am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – 11:45am Plenary Session 7

The Role of Administrative Law Tribunals in Criminal Justice Reform Initiatives: The NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) and the Criminal Justice Reform Act (CJRA)
Hon. John Burns, OATH First Deputy Commissioner & Supervising ALJ; Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, City Council, Center for Court Innovation

11:45am – 1:00pm Luncheon for All

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Challenge Grant Winners announced

1:00pm – 2:30pm Breakout Session 4

Effective Judicial Decision Writing
Hon. Gerald Lebovits, New York State Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County

Breakout Session 5

Developing Cultural Competencies and a Racial Justice Lens
Chaumtoli Huq, Esq., Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Law at the Margins; Nicole Salk, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, Brooklyn Legal Services
Breakout Session 6

*The Art and Science of Conflict Resolution, Settlement and Decision Making*
Daniel Weitz, Esq., Director of Professional and Court Services, New York State Unified Court System

Breakout Session 7

*The Puzzles of Memory: Memory Failures in the Courtroom*
Dr. Deryn Strange, Associate Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

2:30pm – 2:45pm  Afternoon Break

2:45pm – 3:45pm  Plenary Session 8

*Diversity and Leadership on the Bench*
Hon. Denny Chin, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

3:45pm-3:50pm  Closing Announcements

5:30pm – 7:30pm  Silent Auction & Reception

7:30pm  Annual Banquet
Installation of Officers

Wednesday, October 11,017

8:00am – 9:30am  NAALJ Board Meeting  Belleclaire Hotel