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2023 Annual Bar Convention

September 20-22, 2023

Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Conference Center, Fairbanks

Wednesday, September 20

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration Open
Westmark Gold Room

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Opening Welcome Reception
Venue (519 1st Ave.)

Sponsored by: Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP

8:00 p.m.

Hospitality Suite opens
Westmark Hotel Suite 108
Sponsored by: Tanana Valley Bar Association

Thursday, September 21

*** All events in Westmark Gold Room unless noted***

7:30 – 8:20 a.m.

**Registration/Breakfast
Exhibits Open**
Westmark Yukon Room

8:20 - 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Address
Diana Wildland
President, Board of Governors

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update (1.5 General)
Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
University of California Berkeley Law School

Professor Laurie Levenson
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

A comprehensive review of recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

Sponsored by: Thompson Law Group

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Break/Exhibits Open

Westmark Yukon Room

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update (Con't)

(1.5 General)

Dean Chemerinsky and Professor Levenson

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Own

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Alaska Appellate Law Update (1.5 General)

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky

University of California Berkeley Law School

A comprehensive review of recent decisions of the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Appellate Courts.

Sponsored by: 49th State Law, LLC

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Break/Exhibits Open

Westmark Yukon Room

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Federal & State Courts Update (.5 General)

Chief Justice Peter Maassen

Alaska Supreme Court

Senior U.S. District Judge Ralph R. Beistline

US District Court; District of Alaska

Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court Peter Maaseen and Senior U.S. District Judge Ralph Beistline of the U.S.D.C. for the District of Alaska will report on current issues, successes, and happenings in both the state and federal courts of Alaska.

Sponsored by: Shaftel Delman, LLC

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker:

ICWA/ *Haaland v Brackeen* Update (1.5 General)

Erin Dougherty Lynch

Managing Attorney, Anchorage Office

Native American Rights Fund

Erin Dougherty Lynch leads NARF's Indian child welfare work and is heavily involved in national efforts to protect the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). With co-counsel she has authored tribal amicus briefs in all three of the federal court challenges to ICWA, including, most recently *Haaland v. Brackeen*, where she is counsel of record on the tribal amicus brief representing 497 federally recognized tribes and 62 tribal and Indian organizations.

Sponsored by: Stoel Rives, LLC

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Awards Reception

Westmark Gold/Rampart

Light appetizers, cash bar and a live band "Petty Crimes" while we celebrate the 2023 award winners:

- 2023 Bryan P. Timbers Pro Bono Awards
- Judge Nora Guinn Award
- Rabinowitz Public Service Award
- 25, 50, 60 Year Membership Recognition

Sponsored by: Clio

8:00 p.m.

Hospitality Suite opens

Westmark Hotel Suite 108

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Friday , September 22

*** All events in Westmark Gold Room unless noted***

7:30 – 8:20 a.m.

Registration/Breakfast

Exhibits Open

Westmark Yukon Room

Local Bar President/Section Chair Breakfast

Westmark Rampart Room

8:20 - 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Address

Diana Wildland

President, Board of Governors

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Keynote (1.5 Ethics)***Makin' Cake****Dasha Kelly Hamilton*

2020-2022 Poet Laureate for the State of Wisconsin.

National Rubinger Fellow and a National Laureate Fellow with the American Academy of Poets.

Touring nationally, Makin' Cake is a spoken word performance that slices into American history exploring race, culture and class. The show serves up an experience and a conversation about equity in America. Part history lesson, part social science revelation, "Makin' Cake" is a short story about America's sweet tooth and pathway to salvation.

Sponsored by: ALPS

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Break/Exhibits Open

Westmark Yukon Room

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Legal Landscape for Alaska's Alcoholic Beverage and Marijuana Licensees: The Top Challenges for 2023. (1.5 General)*Joan Wilson*

Executive Director

Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

This session will address statutory and regulatory changes impacting these two important Alaska industries, including implementation of the Title 4 Rewrite (licensing of all alcoholic beverage licensees), transitioning marijuana regulation from the fear of federal shutdown to supporting economic development, and to responding to threats to the marijuana industry due to stagnant tax rates, intoxicating hemp products, and impending national legalization. This primer will prepare you to best represent your clients well into 2024.

Sponsored by: Carlson Law Group, LLC

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Own

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Embracing Cultural Differences – Working with Tribal Courts and Alaska Native Clients (1.5 Ethics)

Evelyn Dolchok, Chief Tribal Judge, Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Jennifer Wells, Superior Court Judge (ret), Third Judicial District, Kenai

Nikole Schick, Attorney GAL, Supervising Attorney, Office of Public Advocacy

Rachel Espejo, Attorney, Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Moderator

Savannah Fletcher, Attorney, Northern Justice Project

Sponsored by: Rogers Law Group LLC

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Break/Exhibits Open
Westmark Yukon Room

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Annual Bar Meeting/Passing of Gavel

Recognition of outgoing board members

Presentation of the 2023 Board of Governors' Awards

- Distinguished Service Award
- Alaska Bar Professionalism Award
- Robert K. Hickerson Public Service Award
- Layperson Public Service Award

4:30 p.m.

Convention ends

The 2023 Alaska Bar Convention provides a total of 8.0 General CLE credits and 3.0 Ethics credits.

** The 2023 Alaska Bar Convention agenda is subject to change.**