



2025 AK Bar Convention
April 23-25, 2025
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage
(updated 2/20/2025)

Wednesday, April 23

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration Open
Sheraton, 2nd Floor Lobby

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Opening Reception
Sheraton, The Summit, 15th Floor

Join us for the Opening Reception, where you can connect with colleagues in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy light appetizers and great conversation. A cash bar will be available.

8:00 p.m.

Hospitality Suite opens
Sheraton, Suite 1315
Hosted by Anchorage Bar Association

Thursday, April 24

All events hosted on the 2nd floor unless noted

7:30 – 8:20 a.m.

Registration & Exhibits Open
Light Breakfast

- 8:20 - 8:30 a.m. **Welcome Address**
Jeffrey Robinson
President, Board of Governors
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update (1.5 credits)**

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

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
University of California Berkeley Law School

Professor Laurie Levenson
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- 10:00 – 10:25 a.m. **Networking Break/Exhibits Open**
- 10:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update (Con't)**
(1.5 credits)

Dean Chemerinsky and Professor Levenson
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch: Federal & State Courts Update (1.0 credits)**

A report on current issues, successes, and happenings in both the state and federal courts of Alaska.

Chief Justice Sue Carney
Alaska Supreme Court

TBA
US District Court; District of Alaska
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Alaska Appellate Law Update (1.5 credits)**

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

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
University of California Berkeley Law School

3:00 – 3:25 p.m. **Networking Break/Exhibits Open**

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Ethics: Succession Planning**
(1.5 Ethics credits)

Join Mark and a panel of Alaska Bar members for an insightful discussion on succession planning. Whether you're a solo or small firm attorney, a government lawyer, or in private practice, planning for retirement and a smooth transition is essential. Learn how to identify the right successor, transfer your clients seamlessly, and wrap up loose ends effectively. Gain valuable best practices and expert advice to ensure a successful transition.

Mark Bassingthwaighe, Esq.
Risk Manager, ALPS

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Awards Reception**

Light appetizers and cash bar while we celebrate the 2024 & 2025 award winners:

- Bryan P. Timbers Pro Bono Awards
- Judge Nora Guinn Award
- Rabinowitz Public Service Award
- Board of Governors Awards
- 25, 50, 60 Year Membership Recognition
- In memoriam

7:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite opens**
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Friday, April 25

All events hosted on the 2nd floor unless noted

7:30 – 8:20 a.m. **Registration & Exhibits Open**
Light Breakfast

- 8:20 - 8:30 a.m. **Welcome Address**
Jeffrey Robinson
President, Board of Governors
- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Keynote Address - The Modern Supreme Court and the Rule of Law (1.5 credits)**

Neal Katyal
Lawyer, Professor, Former Acting Solicitor General & Author
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Networking Break/Exhibits Open**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Ethics: Thinking Ethically About AI (1.5 Ethics credits)**

Are you aware of the Rules of Professional Conduct that apply to AI use in legal practice? Join us to explore the ethical implications, ensure compliance, and navigate this evolving AI landscape—both for yourself and opposing counsel.

Jason Brandeis
Senior Counsel, Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot

Phil Shanahan
Bar Counsel, Alaska Bar Association
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch: AK Bar Update & Annual Bar Meeting/Passing of Gavel (0.5 credits)**
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **How to Make Pro Bono a Part of Your Practice (1.5 credits)**

Join our keynote speaker and a panel of Alaska Bar members for an engaging discussion on integrating pro bono work into your practice. Learn practical strategies, hear real-world experiences, and discover how giving back can enhance your career while serving the community. Whether you're in private practice, government, or a firm, find ways to make pro bono a meaningful and sustainable part of your work.

Moderated by Lea McKenna
Pro Bono Director, Alaska Bar Association

Panelists:

- Neal Katyal, Keynote speaker
- Ben Hofmeister, Attorney General's Office
- Chelsea Riekkola, Foley & Pearson
- Leslie Need, Landye Bennett Blumstein

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break/Exhibits Open

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - TBA (1.25 credits)

4:30 p.m.

Convention ends

The 2025 Alaska Bar Convention provides a total of 13.25 CLE credits of which 3.0 credits are Ethics credits.

The 2025 Alaska Bar Convention agenda is subject to change.