



*Alaska Bar Association*

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# ANNUAL CONVENTION

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May 8-10, 2019

Westmark Fairbanks Hotel



# TUESDAY, MAY 7

## PRE-CONVENTION EVENT

4:00 p.m.

### Hoodoo Brewery Tour and Outing

Board buses at hotel and enjoy an entertaining, educational brewery tour that offers two beers along with round-trip transportation. Be a part of the fun while networking with convention attendees.



6:30 p.m.

**Return to hotel**

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:30 a.m.

**Registration and Exhibits Open – Breakfast**

8:15 a.m.

### Opening Remarks by Brent Bennett, President

8:30 a.m.

### U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update

*Dean Erwin Chemerinsky and Professor Laurie Levenson*

#### **Erwin Chemerinsky**

Erwin Chemerinsky became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law.



Chemerinsky

#### **Laurie L. Levenson**

Levenson is Professor of Law and David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy. She joined the Loyola faculty in 1989 and served as Loyola's associate dean for academic affairs from 1996-99. She has been a visiting professor at UCLA School of Law and a D&L Straus distinguished visiting professor at Pepperdine University School of Law.



Levenson

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m.

### U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update, continued

12:00 p.m.

### Law Day Luncheon: *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society*

1:30 p.m.

### Alaska Appellate Law Update

*Dean Erwin Chemerinsky*

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m.

### Illumination of Bias: Practical Strategies for Recognizing and Reducing Implicit Bias in the Practice of Law

*Michael Kahn, Real Time CLE*

One of the most significant aspects of doing business is the challenge of sustained interaction between people who are different from us in various ways. Even the simplest of encounters can often leave all parties, including clients and customers, feeling confused, frustrated, offended, or (worst of all) seriously hurt—even when everyone involved began with the best of intentions. Specifically in the legal realm, the adoption and promotion of rules which address harassment and discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, etc., make it imperative that lawyers and paralegals learn to identify their blind spots in this tricky area.

**Michael Kahn** holds a J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law, and practiced law with the Attorney General's Office for the State of New Jersey for 6 years. Although he left the practice of law in 1991, his work thereafter has kept him involved in the lives of lawyers in various capacities. Following a stint as Assistant Director of Career Services with the Tulane University School of Law, Michael obtained his M. Ed. in Counseling from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 1994, and shortly thereafter became a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of North Carolina. Michael's areas of focus in his psychotherapy practice have included anxiety, depression, grief/loss, career satisfaction, and men's issues.



Kahn

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

5:30 p.m.

**Board buses at hotel entrance for Welcome Reception**

6:00 p.m.

### Welcome Reception

Join us at the newly-built Aurora Pointe Activity Center where you'll find views of rolling hills and an ever-changing forest. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

8:30 p.m.

**Return to hotel from reception.**  
**Hospitality Suite, Westmark Hotel**

# THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:30 a.m.

**Registration and Exhibits Open – Breakfast**  
**Local Bar Presidents' Breakfast** (invitation only)

8:15 a.m.

**Opening Remarks by Brent Bennett, President**

8:30 a.m.

## ■ **Working with High-Conflict Clients**

*Megan Hunter, MBA, High-Conflict Institute*

High-conflict people appear to be increasing in society and in legal disputes. Yet their conflicts can generally be managed by understanding high-conflict behavior and using skills to manage them that are often different from ordinary conflict resolution methods. We will focus on understanding and managing clients who exhibit high conflict behaviors, including advanced professional skills that are not obvious and natural.

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m.

## ■ **Dealing with High-Conflict Opposing Counsel**

*Megan Hunter, MBA, High-Conflict Institute*

Attorneys need to understand the brain research on how emotions are contagious; how we get emotionally hooked by high-conflict professionals. Understanding these dynamics can help us avoid getting emotionally hooked. Emotions often run high in many legal cases, usually with one or more high-conflict clients, but the challenge increases with an attorney who feeds the fire and carries the torch for a high-conflict client.

These litigation-prone attorneys focus on finding and eliminating their adversaries, often by any means necessary. It's more than zealous representation – it's incivility in its highest form.

### **Megan L. Hunter, MBA**

Megan Hunter, MBA, is an expert on high-conflict disputes, an author and speaker. She is CEO and co-founder of the High Conflict Institute with Bill Eddy, LCSW, Esq. who developed the high conflict personality theory. She is also the founder and publisher at Unhooked Media, a media company focused on complicated relationships.



Hunter

Megan trains legal, mental health, business, leadership groups, universities and other professionals across the United States, Canada, South Africa, Israel and Australia in the area of “complicated relationships” and “high-conflict” legal and business disputes. She has strong policy and judicial training experience during her tenure at the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, and five years' service to the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners. She is author of *Bait & Switch: Saving Your Relationship When Incredible Romance Turns Into Exhausting Chaos* (2015) and co-author of the 2017 title *Dating Radar: Why Your Brain Says Yes to “The One” Who Will Make Your Life Hell*.

12:00 p.m.

■ **Luncheon, Keynote: Willy Hensley,**  
*Distinguished Visiting Professor, UAA*



Hensley

1:30 p.m.

## ■ **Lawyer Strong: Your Blueprint for Resilience in Law**

*Paula Davis Laack, Stress and Resilience Institute*  
Change, complexity, and uncertainty are ever-present factors in today's global legal profession. Busy lawyers are maxed out and law firms and organizations are looking for new strategies to attract and retain top talent. Resilience (aka the science of adaptability) has been shown to be an effective strategy to help law firms and lawyers successfully adapt to this change and the resulting stress. In addition, resilience has become an integral set of skills for leaders to possess and plays a main role in the development of collaborative teams and relationships. In this program, you will learn 3-4 skills that will enhance your resilience and well-being, along with 3-4 shorter STRONG (STress Resilience ON the Go) strategies, all of which you'll be able to start using immediately.

### **Paula Davis Laack**

Paula Davis-Laack, JD, MAPP, is a former practicing lawyer, speaker, consultant, media contributor, and a stress and resilience expert who has designed and taught resilience workshops to thousands of professionals around the world.



Laack

Paula left her law practice after seven years and earned a master's degree in applied positive psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. As part of her post-graduate training, Paula was selected to be part of the University of Pennsylvania faculty teaching and training resilience skills to soldiers as part of the Army's Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program. The Penn team trained resilience skills to more than 30,000 soldiers and their family members.

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m.

■ **Lawyer Strong, continued**

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:00 p.m.

■ **Reception and Dinner – Keynote: Mark Godsey, The Innocence Revolution and the Psychology of Wrongful Convictions**

### Mark Godsey

Mark Godsey is a leading attorney and activist in the Innocence Movement. He co-founded the Ohio Innocence Project, which has freed 27 wrongfully convicted Ohioans who collectively served more than 500 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Since 2017 he has served on the board of the European Innocence Network. Mark frequently appears in national media as an expert on wrongful convictions, and in 2017 his career was profiled in Time. He is the author of Blind Injustice: A Former Prosecutor Exposes the Psychology and Politics of Wrongful Convictions. A musical based on the book will premiere in July 2019, and the a television docuseries based on the book is currently in production.



Godsey

9:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite opens**

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:30 a.m.

**Registration and Exhibits Open**

8:15 a.m.

■ **Opening Remarks by Brent Bennett, President**

8:30 a.m.

■ **A 360 View of Wrongful Convictions**

Professor Mark Godsey, along with two wrongfully convicted clients, Laurese Glover and Chris Miller, will explore the problem of wrongful convictions from a 360 degree view of the problem. Godsey will discuss the causes of wrongful conviction, and both the psychology and politics behind the cases. Chris Miller

and Laurese Glover will provide personal testimony of being wrongfully convicted and how they maintained their humanity after being sent to prison for crimes they didn't commit. Bill Oberly, director of the Alaska Innocence Project, will provide a view of the issue in Alaska.

### Bill Oberly

Bill Oberly is the Executive Director of the Alaska Innocence Project. As the only full-time person at AKIP, Bill handles all aspects of the innocence work done by the Project including case work, education and legal reform. Bill also serves on a number of national committees dealing with innocence work. Prior to AKIP, Bill was a solo practitioner for eighteen years, with a general civil and criminal defense practice, handling cases at all levels of the Alaska Court System and all over the State of Alaska. Prior to that Bill was a founding member of the law firm of Gorton & Oberly. He is a former President of the Alaska Trial Lawyers Association and has been involved in numerous civil and criminal trials where forensic science issues have played a part. Bill is a graduate of Hastings College of the Law and the University of California, Irvine.



Oberly

**Chris Miller** - exoneree, spent 17 years in prison for a rape he didn't commit, released June 2018



**Laurese Glover** -

exoneree, spent 20 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit, arrested at age 16



Miller

Glover

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m.

■ **Panel, continued**

12:00 p.m.

■ **Annual Meeting Luncheon**  
**Outgoing Board Members and Passing of the Gavel**

1:00 p.m. **Concludes**

## WE'RE GOING GREEN!

Registration includes free course material download.

## COVER ART

**Caribou Spring** by Iris Sutton

I am inspired by vibrant color and Alaska's landscape and wildlife. Over the past 9 years I have been combining them to create colorful art. "Caribou Spring" is one of the most popular pieces I have done. It depicts caribou foraging on the blooming summer tundra and was painted in the winter of 2015.



# TICKETED EVENTS

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

12:00 p.m.

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Robert Hickerson Partners in Justice Campaign  
Rabinowitz Public Service Award

5:30 p.m.

### **Board buses at hotel entrance for Welcome Reception**

6:00 p.m.

### **Welcome Reception** **\$39**

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## THURSDAY, MAY 9

12:00 p.m.

### **Luncheon, Keynote: Willy Hensley,** **\$29**

*Distinguished Visiting Professor, UAA*  
7th Annual Human Rights Award  
2019 Benjamin Walters Distinguished Service Award  
25, 50, 60 year Membership Recognition

6:00 p.m.

### **Reception and Dinner –** **\$69**

**Keynote: Mark Godsey**  
Court Community Outreach Award  
Pro Bono Awards  
Distinguished Service Award

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

12:00 p.m.

### **Annual Meeting Luncheon** **\$29**

Meeting is open to all members with optional lunch purchase.  
Outgoing Board Members; passing the gavel;  
Awards

Alaska Bar Professionalism Award  
Judge Nora Guinn Award  
Robert Hickerson Public Service Award  
Layperson Public Service Award

## Sponsorship Opportunities Available



- Denali
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- Forget-Me-Not
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- Other
- Wolf



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## General Information

### HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel, 813 Noble Street Fairbanks, AK 99701. Make your reservations by calling 1-800-544-0970 or online at [www.westmarkhotels.com](http://www.westmarkhotels.com) using group code: AKBAR2019. Rates are \$99 per night for a standard room. Make reservations by April 7, 2019 for discounted rate.

### MEETING SITE

Convention registration, CLE programs, luncheons and Thursday night's dinner will be held at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel.

Wednesday's Opening Reception will be held at the Aurora Pointe Activity Center at 639 Funk Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99412.

### AIR TRAVEL

Alaska Airlines has provided a 7% discount on all travel to Fairbanks. Make your reservation online at [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com) and provide discount code ECMC171.

### CAR RENTAL

Avis provides the Alaska Bar Association a discount rate. Contact Chris King at [cking@avisalaska.com](mailto:cking@avisalaska.com) or call 907-249-8271.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

There is a \$50 cancellation fee on your registration. No refund of registration fees can be made for cancellations after Friday, April 19. No exceptions.

### MCLE ALASKA

The 2019 Alaska Bar Convention provides a total of 15 CLE Credits including 6 Ethics CLE Credits. Attend all three days of the convention and fulfill ALL of your MCLE Rule mandatory ethics and voluntary hours of approved CLE for the 2019 reporting period.

### FREE CLE CERTIFICATES

Free CLE Certificates do not apply to the convention.

### COMPANION FARE

NEW!

New lawyers (admitted to the Alaska Bar five years or less) can pair with another new lawyer OR a more experienced lawyer to attend convention CLEs by paying a \$25 Companion Fare. Both members must register together under one login and payment must be made with one credit card.

### REGISTRATION FEES\*

\$350..... 3 Day access to all CLEs

\$250..... 1 Day access (Wed. or Thurs.)

\$50..... Hard copy of course materials

\*Ticketed events are not included in registration fees.

Add \$50 to registration fees after April 12.

### REGISTER ONLINE IN 3 EASY STEPS

1. Go to [www.AlaskaBar.com/2019Convention](http://www.AlaskaBar.com/2019Convention)

2. Click on REGISTER

Log in to your account.

IF YOU HAVEN'T LOGGED IN BEFORE:

Username: Bar# and last name, e.g. 9202545smith

Password: first three letters of last name & DOB

e.g. smi03171965

DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT

### QUESTIONS?

Call the Alaska Bar office at

907-272-7469/fax 907-272-2932

Or e-mail [cle@alaskabar.org](mailto:cle@alaskabar.org) for more information.

Check the Bar website at

[www.AlaskaBar.org/2019Convention](http://www.AlaskaBar.org/2019Convention)

### CHARGING STATION

Recharge your mobile device at the CLE Exhibitor table.

### BADGES

Please wear your name badge to all events.