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The scheduled social events will be outstanding also, including a welcome reception on Sunday evening and an outstanding social event later in the conference.

**REGISTRATION**

The registration fee is $450.00. However, those judges who postmark their registrations (accompanied by payment) no later than July 1, 2008 will pay only $400.00. The fee for guest is $200, with an “early bird” no later than July 1, 2008 will pay only $400.00. Please use the enclosed form to register for these activities, including trips to the top of Haleakala (Maui’s dormant volcano), helicopter tours, and several dining options. For more information, please contact the hotel at (866) 716-8112 or visit www.westinmaui.com or by calling (808) 667-2525. The resort features an 87,000 square foot spa and will be serviced by most major airlines. Taxi service is available right outside the hotel. High-speed internet access in guest rooms, coffee maker with complimentary coffee, lei greeting, shuttle service to tennis and golf facilities, unlimited use of the fitness center, two bottles of water in room replenished daily, welcome bag, and daily newspaper delivery.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Maui is easily connected to all major North American cities by most airlines. Kahului Airport (OGG) is about 15 minutes from the hotel and serviced by most major airlines. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the latest technology and ideas available to state judges and their courts.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Westin Maui is located on a spectacular stretch of Kaanapali Beach on the west side of the island. Complete information is available at www.westinmaui.com or by calling (808) 667-2235. The resort features an 87,000 square foot spa and golf course. The Spa at the Westin, and surrounding options.

A special rate of $200.00 single or double plus tax has been arranged for AJA. Reservations must be received by August 11, 2008. Please contact the hotel (808) 667-6112 to make reservations. You must request the group rate and state that you are with AJA. You also may make reservations online by going to http://www.westinmaui.com/ StarwoodVacationIndex.jsp?HotelId=4073&Market=0. Please be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible – it is easier to cancel a reservation than it is to get a room when nothing is available. The AJA rate will expire from September 2 through and including September 17, subject to availability.

The AJA rate is for garden/queen street view rooms. If you prefer an ocean view, the Westin is offering a special rate of $950.00. all rates are subject to availability. All rooms do not come to a request free of $430.00 per room, per day. The resort does not charge a mandatory resort fee.

**VENUES**

A wide variety of companies will be invited to display their products and services in a general vendor area that will be open during the entire duration of the conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the latest technology and ideas available to state judges and their courts.
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The conference registration fee is $450.00; however, those judges who postmark their registrations (by July 1, 2008) pay only $420.00. The fee for guests and spouses is $200, with an “early bird” registration fee of $175. Judges who postmark their registrations (by July 1, 2008) pay only $165. The conference registration fee includes the welcome reception, two lunches, and the final reception. All rooms are subject to a resort fee of $9.00 per room, per day. All rooms are subject to a resort fee of $90 per room, per day. The Westin Maui is offering a special rate of $260.00 per room, subject to availability.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 – 4:30 p.m. Vendor area open

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Session: AJA’s 48th Annual Conference. Sign up today!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Plenary Education Session: Best Practices to Provide Equal Access

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (cont.)

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Registration

3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Plenary Education Session: Suppression Matters

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Plenary Education Session: Mainstreaming

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 – 10:15 a.m. General Session: The President’s Address

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. General Session: Executive Committee Meeting

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Westin Maui is located on a spectacular stretch of Kihei Kapalua Beach on the west side of Maui. Complete contact information is available at www westin maui com or by calling 808 667 2255. The resort features an 18,000 square foot spa complex with private key access swimming pool, two championship golf courses, The Spa at Westin Maui, and stunning options.

A special rate of $200.00 single or double plus taxes has been arranged for AJA. Reservations must be received by August 15, 2008. Please contact the hotel at 871 8612 to make reservations. You must request the group rate and identify that you are with AJA. You may make reservations online by going to http://www.westinmaui.com/ StarwoodChoiceResorts/650-1553744562. Please be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible— it’s easier to cancel a reservation than it is to get a room when nothing is available. The All-inclusive rate will expire from September 2 through and including September 17, with rooms outside the All-inclusive block September 18 – 24 subject to availability.

The All-inclusive rate is for garden mountain view rooms. If you prefer an ocean view room, the Westin is offering a special rate of $895.00 per room, per day. All rooms are subject to a resort fee of $90 per room, per day. This includes complimentary wireless internet in all rooms, two bottles of water in room replenished daily, welcome lei greeting, shuttle service to tennis and golf facilities, unlimited Kea’au Spa treatments, and daily newspaper delivery.

TRANSPORTATION

Maui is easily connected to all major North American cities by most airlines. Kahului Airport (OGG) is about 15 minutes from the hotel and serviced by most major airlines. There is an excellent opportunity to see the latest technology and ideas available to assist judges and their courts.

ATTIRE

Casual attire is acceptable at AJA educational programs. The welcome reception and the president’s reception are casual and a little more formal. With dessert wear appropriate.

WEATHER

AJA will be on Maui at a great time of year. The weather will be warm with temperatures in the red to upper 80s during the day, and the 70s at night.

ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS

The resort is located next to Wailea Village with over 100 shops and restaurants. Just a few minutes drive down the road you’ll find the village of Lahaina, with even more shops and restaurants, and where you can sign-up for parasailing, water skiing, other chases, deep sea fishing, submarine tours to view marine life around Maui, and even adventuring rafting.

OPTIONAL TOURS/ACTIVITIES

AJA has arranged a day tour and optional tours and activities through DMC/Meeting Consultants. There will be a full-day pre-conference trip on Saturday. September 6 to the quaint town of Hana on the eastern side of the island. “The Road to Hana” is famous for its narrow, twisting road (over 600 curves and 56 bridges) and incredible views. The drive features the Evergreen Serena, a wonderful black sand beach; beautiful waterfalls; and the lovely Sacred Garden of the Sun, which you can sign-up for this trip, and for a wide variety of other activities, including trips to the top of Haleakula (Maui’s dormant volcano), helicopter tours, a trip to nearby Lanai, a raft trip down the West Maui river, and even a once-in-a-lifetime chance to ride a zipline over the ocean and through the lava along the slopes of Haleakula. Please use the enclosed form to register for these activities, and submit it to the address, your email address, or fax number shown.

As you can see there will be a lot to do on Maui. In addition to educational programming, we encourage you to join us at the AJA 48th Annual Conference. Sign up today!
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**TRANSPORTATION**

Maui is easily connected to all major North American cities by both air and sea. Honolulu (OGG) is about 45 minutes from the airport and serviced by most major carriers. There is an excellent opportunity to see the latest technology and ideas available to visiting judges and their courts.

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<td>Plenary Meeting – T his Judicial Leadership: Managing Your Time. lunch follows</td>
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<td>Welcome Reception with traditional Hawaiian flavor</td>
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<td>AJF Officers &amp; Trustees Meeting</td>
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<td>AJA Awards / AJF Luncheon</td>
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