



American Judges Association / American Judges Foundation

48th Annual Educational Conference

September 7-12, 2008

The Westin Maui
Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii



“e Komo Mai” Welcome



I invite you to join the American Judges Association as we gather for our 2008 Annual Educational Conference. The conference will be held September 7-12 at the luxurious Westin Maui. Every year I look forward to the AJA conference, and this year is no exception. Not only do I get a chance to attend fascinating educational sessions on a

variety of topics of interest to me as a judge, but also to see dear friends I have made over the years and to make new ones. The contacts I have made through AJA have provided me with an invaluable network across the United States and Canada — I can send an e-mail or pick up the phone and get ideas on how to address many of the judicial concerns we all face on the bench. Please take a few minutes to read this brochure, and then register as soon as possible for this great conference!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Olds", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eileen A. Olds
President

- PRESIDENT Eileen A. Olds, *Virginia*
- PRESIDENT-ELECT Tam Nomoto Schumann, *California*
- VICE PRESIDENT James McKay, *Louisiana*
- SECRETARY Mary A. Celeste, *Colorado*
- TREASURER Harold V. Froehlich, *Wisconsin*
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Steve Leben, *Kansas*





The beautiful island of Maui welcomes the American Judges Association. Come, bring your family, and experience an island paradise, as well as the education and collegiality of an AJA conference.

You will have the opportunity to meet colleagues from across the United States and Canada, share ideas with them, and attend interesting and informative educational sessions. The Education Committee has planned a fantastic program, including sessions on equal access to underserved litigants, permanency planning, jury management, judicial ethics, and evidence-based sentencing. Attendees also will have the opportunity to enjoy the ever-popular review of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2006-2007 term by University of Southern California Law Professor Charles Whitebread. The schedule found later in this brochure provides more details on the education program.

The scheduled social events will be outstanding also, including a welcome reception on Sunday evening and concluding with a fabulous President's Reception and Luau on Thursday.

REGISTRATION

The conference 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 guests and spouses is \$200, with an "early bird special" of \$175 for registrations postmarked by July 1. The judge registration fee includes the welcome reception, two lunches, coffee breaks, the president's reception and luau, and all conference materials. The spouse registration fee includes the welcome reception, two lunches, and the final reception and luau. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; all cancellations will incur a \$50.00 processing fee

(\$25.00 for guest/spouse fees). Children may attend by paying for the individual functions in which they participate — a breakdown of costs will be available later.

VENDORS

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 major days of the conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the latest technology and ideas available to assist judges and their courts.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Westin Maui is located on a spectacular stretch of Ka'anapali Beach on the west side of the island. Complete information is available at www.westinmaui.com or by calling (808) 667-2525. The resort features an 87,000 square foot aquatic playground with five free-form swimming pools, two championship golf courses, The Spa at the Westin Maui, and several dining options.

A special rate of \$200.00 single or double plus taxes has been arranged for AJA. Reservations must be received by **August 11, 2008**. Please contact the hotel at (866) 716-8112 to make reservations. You must request the group rate and identify that you are with AJA. You also may make reservations online by going to <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0801257724&key=82E74>. **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 AJA rate will apply from September 2 through and including September 17, with rooms outside the AJA room block (September 5-14) subject to availability.

The AJA rate is for garden/mountain view rooms. If you prefer an ocean view room, the Westin is offering a special rate of \$260.00 plus tax, subject to availability.

All rooms are subject to a resort fee of \$9.00 per room, per day. The fee includes complimentary admission to the fitness center, two bottles of water in room replenished daily, welcome lei greeting, shuttle service to tennis and golf facilities, unlimited high-speed Internet access in guest rooms, coffee maker with coffee and tea replenished daily, Westin Maui souvenir shopping bag, and daily newspaper delivery.

TRANSPORTATION

Maui is easily connected to all major North American cities by most airlines. Kahului Airport (OGG) is about 45 minutes from the Westin and is serviced by most major airlines. Taxi service to the hotel is available at a cost of about \$87.00 one way. You may wish to rent a car, and numerous companies have offices at the airport.

ATTIRE

Casual attire is acceptable at AJA educational programs. The welcome reception, president's reception, and luau are a little more formal, with dressier resort wear appropriate.

WEATHER

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

ACTIVITIES /ATTRACTIONS

The resort is located next to Whalers Village with over 60 shops and restaurants. Just a few minutes down the road you'll find the village of Lahaina, with even more shops and restaurants, and where you can sign up for parasailing, catamaran dinner cruises, deep-sea fishing, submarine tours to see marine life around Maui, and even adventure rafting.

OPTIONAL TOURS /ACTIVITIES

AJA has arranged for several optional tours and activities through DeSilva 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 54 bridges) and incredible views, including lush, tropical scenery; a wonderful black-sand beach; beautiful waterfalls; and, past Hana, the lovely Seven Sacred Pools. You can sign up for this trip, and for a wide variety of other activities, including trips to the top of Haleakala (Maui's dormant volcano), helicopter tours, a trip to nearby Lanai, a rainforest hike, and even a once-in-a-lifetime chance to ride a zipline over the gulches and through the trees along the slopes of Haleakala. Please use the enclosed form to register for these activities, and submit it directly to the address, e-mail address, or fax number shown.

As you can see there will be a lot to do on Maui, in addition to a fantastic education program, when you come to the AJA's 48th Annual Conference. Sign up today!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m. — Noon
Budget Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Nominations Committee Meeting
- 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.
Registration
- 2:00 — 5:00 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting
- 3:30 — 5:00 p.m.
Education Committee Meeting
- 5:30 — 6:00 p.m.
Reception for new members and first-time attendees
- 6:00 — 7:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception with traditional Hawaiian flavor

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 7:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Vendor area open
- 7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Registration
- 8:15 — 9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremonies and Ole
PRESIDING: Hon. Eileen A. Olds, President, AJA
GREETINGS: Hon. Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawaii (invited)
Aviam Soifer, Dean, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 9:00 — 9:30 a.m.
Ice Breaker
- 9:30 — 10:35 a.m.
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *And Liberty and Justice for All: Best Practices to Provide Equal Access to Underserved Litigants, Part I*
MODERATOR: Hon. Ronald T. Y. Moon, Chief Justice of Hawaii
PANELISTS: TBD
- 10:35 — 10:50 a.m.
Break
- 10:50 a.m. — Noon
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *Best Practices to Provide Equal Access to Underserved Litigants, Part II*
MODERATOR: TBD
- Noon — 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon
- 1:30 — 2:55 p.m.
Concurrent Education Sessions
- Track A
TOPIC: *Achieving Equity and Fairness in Foster Care*
MODERATOR: Nancy B. Miller, Director, Permanency Planning for Children Dept., National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
PANELISTS: Hon. Patricia M. Martin, Presiding Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Child Protection Division, Chicago, Illinois
Hon. Louis A Trosch, Jr., 26th Judicial District, Charlotte, North Carolina
Hon. Bode A. Uale, First Circuit, Family Court, Honolulu, Hawaii

Track B
TOPIC: *Judicial Leadership: Managing Your Work with Juries, Part I*
MODERATOR: Hon. Gregory E. Mize (ret.), Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts
PANELISTS: TBD

3:05 — 4:30 PM
Concurrent Education Sessions

Track A
TOPIC: *Permanency Planning: Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative*
SPEAKERS: Hon. Jerrauld C. Jones, Judge, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Norfolk, Virginia
Hon. Frank Orlando, Judge (ret.), Director, Center for Youth Policy, Nova Southeastern University Law Center

Track B
TOPIC: *Judicial Leadership: Managing Your Work with Juries, Part II*
MODERATOR: Hon. Gregory E. Mize (ret.), Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts
PANELISTS: TBD

Free Evening

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 7:30 — 8:00 a.m.
Optional Activity
- Stretch Against Stress*
In this half-hour session, you will be introduced to yoga-based stretches and breathing techniques to help you in the battle against judicial stress. Stretches that can be easily done in chambers at recess will be emphasized. Guests are also invited to attend.
- 7:30 — 8:30 a.m.
House of Delegates Meeting
- 7:30 — 9:00 a.m.
AJF Officers & Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Vendor area open
- 9:00 — 11:00 a.m.
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *The Relationship Between Case Management and Fair and Equal Access*
SPEAKER(S): National Judicial College
- 11:00 a.m. — Noon
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *Will Understanding Violence Make Judges More Effective*
SPEAKER(S): TBD
- Noon — 1:30 p.m.
AJA Awards / AJF Luncheon
- 1:30 — 4:30 p.m.
Concurrent Education Sessions
- Track A
TOPIC: *Evidence-Based Sentencing Practices*
SPEAKER: Hon. Roger Warren, President Emeritus, National Center for State Courts
- Track B
TOPIC: *Differentiating Domestic Violence from the Bench*
Presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.
AJF Fund-Raiser Reception

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 7:30 — 8:00 a.m.
Optional Activity
- Stretch Against Stress*
Repeated
- 8:00 — 10:00 a.m.
Committee Meetings
- 8:00 a.m. — Noon
Vendor area open
- 8:15 — 9:45 a.m.
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *Demonstrating Procedural Fairness When Ruling from the Bench*
SPEAKERS: David B. Rottman, Principal Court Research Consultant, National Center for State Courts
Hon. Robert Alsdorff
Prof. Alan Tomkins, University of Nebraska
- 10:00 a.m. — Noon
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *Recent Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court*
SPEAKER: Charles H. Whitebread II, Professor, University of Southern California School of Law
- Lunch on your own
- 1:30 — 2:55 p.m.
Plenary Education Session
TOPIC: *Judicial Ethics*
SPEAKERS: Hon. Richard B. Kayne, Medical Lake Municipal Court, Washington
Hon. David S. Gorbaty, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, New Orleans, Louisiana
Hon. Larry Willis, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, Chesapeake, Virginia
- 2:55 — 3:05 p.m.
Break
- 3:05 — 4:30 p.m.
Concurrent Education Sessions
- Track A
TOPIC: *Gifts from Hawaii: A Special Presentation of Unique Hawaiian Initiatives of Interest to Mainland Judges*
SPEAKER(S): TBD
- Track B
TOPIC: *Suppression Matters*
SPEAKER: Hon. Kimberly Frankel, Multnomah County (Oregon) Circuit Court

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:00 — 10:00 a.m.
General Assembly Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. — Noon
Board of Governors Meeting
- 6:00 — 7:00 p.m.
President's Reception
- 7:00 — 11:00 p.m.
Luau-style Dinner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 — 11:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting



American Judges Association / American Judges Foundation

48th Annual Educational Conference

September 7-12, 2008

The Westin Maui, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Richmond, VA
Permit No. 750

AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION
c/o National Center for State Courts
300 Newport Avenue
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4147

