

**FEDERAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
2015 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Charleston, South Carolina
September 10-13, 2015**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 10, 2015

- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting - Laurens
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration - Upper Lobby
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Opening Reception - Marion Square across the street from the Francis Marion Hotel
Welcome by The Honorable Solomon Blatt, Jr., Senior District Court Judge,
District of South Carolina

Friday, September 11, 2015

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Colonial
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration - Upper Lobby
- All Meetings will take place in Colonial*
- 8:30 - 8:40 a.m. Welcoming Remarks from the Conference Committee and FJAA President,
Stephanie Lawley, Judicial Assistant to District Judge Timothy M. Burgess,
Alaska District Court
- 8:40 - 8:50 a.m. Welcome to Charleston, SC - The Honorable Patrick Michael Duffy, Senior
District Court Judge, District of South Carolina
- 8:50 - 9:00 a.m. Director James C. Duff, AO
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Leadership - Dr. Michael E. Siegel, FJC Senior Education Specialist
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Travel to Charleston Federal Courthouse for Judge Gergel's presentation
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The Honorable Waties Waring and *Plessy v. Ferguson* - The Honorable Richard Mark Gergel,
District Court Judge, District of South Carolina
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Retirement - John L. McGrath, Jr., AO HR Specialist
- 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Security Issues - Chuck Banghart, United States Marshal Service
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. CM/ECF NextGen/TDY - Karen Hillebrand, Judicial Assistant to
District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds, Michigan Eastern District Court
- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. OSCAR - Laura W. Simon, AO OSCAR Program Manager
- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Optional Event - Dinner Cruise aboard the Spirit of Carolina

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Colonial
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. FJAA General Membership Meeting
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Chamber Software Tips and Tricks - Cathy B. Gray, Judicial Assistant to District Judge Sheryl H. Lipman, Tennessee Western District Court
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Border/Customs - Patrick Brennan McDavid, ICE Homeland Security Investigations, Resident Agent in Charge, Charleston, South Carolina
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dealing with the Six Parts of Personality - Lou T. Gil, IT Specialist (Texas)
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. BRIDGE Drug Court Program - The Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks, District Court Judge, District of South Carolina
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Update on Open Doors to Federal Court - Rebecca L. Baertsch, Judicial Assistant to District Judge Donovan W. Frank, Minnesota District Court
- 3:45 - 4:05 p.m. ADR - Janet E. Curry, Judicial Assistant to District Judge John T. Curtin, New York Western District Court
- 4:05 - 4:15 p.m. JSAG Update - Acting Chief Ellen Fritz, JSAG Coordinator Administrative Office of the United States Courts
- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Banquet - Gold Ballroom

Sunday, September 13, 2015

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Colonial

General Business Meeting was held on Saturday morning.
Attendees can have the day to sightsee or travel.

**Please note that topics and speakers are subject to
change due to circumstances beyond FJAA's control.**

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The District of South Carolina proudly welcomes you to the 2015 FJAA Annual Educational Conference in Charleston, South Carolina on September 10-13, 2015. Our beautiful city was rated the #1 U.S. city by Conde Nast Traveler in 2014, and we are excited to share all the wonderful things Charleston has to offer. We are especially thrilled to be hosting the conference following a two-year hiatus. The Conference Committee has planned an informative and engaging agenda, as well as some unique opportunities to see the city. Our hope is to provide you not only with valuable information that you can use in your chambers, but also an enjoyable stay in our fabulous city.

Charleston, The Holy City

As the oldest city in South Carolina, Charleston has a rich cultural history that is alive and vibrant today. You will find that Charleston is a seamless integration of old and new: historic buildings that house popular restaurants and stores, centuries-old homes within walking distance of a thriving downtown area. There are so many ways to experience this history: take a walking tour or a carriage ride around downtown; catch the ferry out to Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began; visit White Point Gardens, where the Ashley and Cooper rivers meet. The conference is being held in The Francis Marion hotel, located in the heart of downtown so that you can take advantage of all the wonderful attractions Charleston has to offer, everything from tours to shopping to fine and casual dining. Here are a few ideas to consider:

1. **Charleston City Market:** One of the oldest public markets in the United States, this open-air market houses vendors selling everything from paintings and crafts, to clothing and accessories, to Charleston souvenirs. Be sure to visit the Market Hall, a Greek Revival-style building built in 1841 that was recently renovated.



2. **Shopping on King Street:** Everything a shopper could ever want on one street! King Street is divided into three areas: Upper King with design and dining, Middle King with fashion, and Lower King with antiques. Discover local flavor at its best with shops nestled in with well-known retailers. Find delicious southern food by nationally acclaimed chefs. Enjoy the beautiful weather by taking a break in Marion Square.
3. **Carriage Rides:** One of the best ways to see the city is by a horse-drawn carriage. The tours cover both business and residential areas of downtown Charleston, and the guides are known for their interesting and witty stories!



Be sure to check out other fun attractions by visiting the Charleston Visitors' Bureau (<http://www.charlestoncvb.com/>).

But wait – there's more: as the Friday night optional event, we'll hop aboard the Spirit of Carolina and enjoy a "Live & Local" Dinner Cruise! Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Charleston harbor, as well as local, delicious Lowcountry cuisine. It is a unique way to see the city of Charleston, and we are very excited to offer this wonderful experience.

Within the newsletter, you will find the registration form for the conference as well as other important information. Registration will be a little different this year – you must register for the conference prior to making your hotel reservation. Once your registration form and check have been submitted, you will receive a code via email that you will use when making your hotel reservation. This code is mandatory. If anyone has questions about using the code when making their hotel reservation, please contact Cindi Hubbard (cindi_hubbard@scd.uscourts.gov) or Lisa Richberg (lisa_richberg@scd.uscourts.gov).

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September!