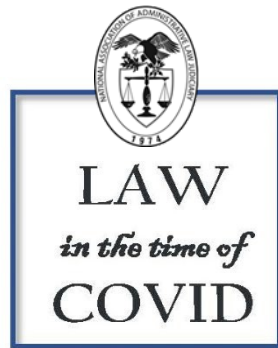


# 2021 NAALJ Annual Conference Program Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill

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Preliminary Schedule as of 08.24.2021 (all contents subject to change)

## Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:30am - 2:30pm	Washington DC Odyssey Brunch Cruise <i>with Hon. Gwenlynn D'Souza (ticketed event)</i>	Meet in hotel lobby
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Museum Visit: East Wing of the National Gallery of Art <i>with Hon. John Rooney (free event)</i> <i>(attendance limited to a group of 10)</i>	Meet in hotel lobby
3:00pm - 7:00pm	Conference Registration	Mezzanine Level Foyer
4:00pm – 5:30pm	NAALJ Board of Governors Meeting	Capitol Room
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Welcome Reception	Atrium Ballroom
6:30pm –	Dinner on Own	

## Monday, October 4, 2021

6:30am	Walk to the National Mall with Hon. Gwenlynn D'Souza	Meet in hotel lobby
7:00am	Fun Run on the Mall with Hon. Bennett Rushkoff	Meet in hotel lobby

**Monday, October 4, 2021 continued**

8:00am – 10:00am Registration continues **Atrium Ballroom Foyer**

8:00am Continental Breakfast **Mezzanine Level Foyer**

8:45am – 10:00am **Welcome** **Atrium Ballroom**  
*NAALJ President Hon. John Leidig, Executive Administrative Law Judge, Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings and Annual Conference Chair Hon. Jami Webster Hall, Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.*

**Plenary Session I: A Judicial Ethics Presentation**

*Hon. Christopher Costa, Administrative Law Judge, District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings; Erika Stillabower, Senior Legal Ethics Counsel, District of Columbia Bar; and Nakia Matthews, District of Columbia Bar.*

10:15am - 5:00pm **Harper’s Ferry & Jefferson County Courthouse Experience**

**Meet in hotel lobby**

*Your bus departs the hotel for a ride through scenic Washington, DC and into the States of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia. Historian Robert “Mac” Bryan will point out areas of interest along the way, while providing a history lesson of events that shaped the U.S. Constitution during the Civil War. First stop: Harpers Ferry, WV. You’ll visit the site of Frederick Douglass’s infamous speech, where John Brown raided the Harpers Ferry arsenal. You will then travel to the Jefferson County Courthouse, where Hon. David Hammer, Supervising Judge for the Jefferson County Court will provide a presentation on the events that occurred at the courthouse, including actual documents from John Brown’s trial as well as the site of the Miner’s Trial of 1922 where hundreds of miners were indicted and tried after a violent uprising of disgruntled miners led to over 100 deaths. Transportation, lectures, lunch & refreshments are provided, and included with your conference registration.*

7:00pm – 9:30pm **Dinner Theatre** **Atrium Ballroom**

**Frederick Douglass’s Last Day**

*A Play by Hon. Paul Handy followed by a panel discussion on the Civil Rights Amendment and Voting Rights Amendment and their Intersection with a panel discussion by the actors to follow.*

*Actors & Panelists:*

**Frederick Douglass** – Hon. Michael “Wes” Aniton, Administrative Law Judge, District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings

**Helen Douglass** – Hon. Beth Bergmann, Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

**Susan B. Anthony** – Hon. Jami Webster Hall, Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

8:30pm – 9:30pm **Panel Discussion on the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Amendments**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

6:30am	Walk to the National Mall <i>with Hon. Gwenlynn D'Souza</i>	<a href="#">Meet in hotel lobby</a>
7:00am	Fun Run on the Mall with Hon. Bennett Rushkoff	<a href="#">Meet in hotel lobby</a>
8:00am	Breakfast on your Own	
9:00am – 10:15am	<b>Plenary Session II: Deference</b> <i>Professor David Super, Georgetown University Law School</i>	<a href="#">Atrium Ballroom</a>
10:30am -11:30am	<b>Plenary Session III: The Central Panel Study</b> <i>Malcolm Rich, Esq. Executive Director, Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts</i>	<a href="#">Atrium Ballroom</a>
11:30am - 1:00pm	<b>NALJ Foundation Luncheon including the NAALJ Annual Business Meeting</b> <i>Hon. Leslie Birnbaum, 2020 Recipient of the NALJ Foundation Fellow Award will present to the audience</i>	<a href="#">Atrium Ballroom</a>
1:15pm – 2:15pm	<b>Breakout Session 1A: Judicial Education Without Walls</b> <i>National Building Museum Docent-Led Tour Of the Border Walls Exhibit and Speaker on Immigrations Adjudication (Pre-registration required. Deadline: August 15, 2021)</i>	<a href="#">Meet in hotel lobby</a>
	<b>Breakout Session 1B: Fines, Fees &amp; Justice in Administrative Adjudication</b> <i>Lisa Foster, Co-Director, Fines and Fees Justice Center</i>	<a href="#">Atrium Ballroom</a>
	<b>Breakout Session 1C: Trauma and Special Education</b> <i>Professor Nicole Tuchinda, University of the District of Columbia Law School</i>	<a href="#">Capitol Room</a>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	<b>Plenary Session IV:</b> <i>Keynote Speaker: District of Columbia District Attorney Karl Racine Introduction by Hon. Paul Handy</i>	<a href="#">Atrium Ballroom</a>
3:45pm – 4:45pm	<b>Breakout Session 2A: Best Practices in Conducting a Hearing and Writing a Decision</b> <i>Hon. Harriett Helfand, Administrative Law Judge, Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings and Hon. Latonya Dargan, Administrative Law Judge, Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings</i>	<a href="#">Atrium Ballroom</a>
	<b>Breakout Session 2B: The Federal Law and Its Requirements and the Impact of Language Choices</b> <i>Miriam Vincent, Acting Director, Legal Affairs and Policy Division, Office of the Federal Register</i>	<a href="#">Capitol Room</a>

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 continued**

**Breakout Session 2C: Model Adjudication Rules for Administrative Procedure; Process for Updating and Revising Court Rules**

Senate Room

*Hon. Ana-Beatriz Kennedy, Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings and Matthew Wiener, Acting Chair, Executive Director, Administrative Conference of the United States*

6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Dinner at the Historic Army and Navy Club**

Meet in hotel lobby

*Hosted by Hon. Nicholas Cobbs*

*(ticketed event, reservation deadline August 15, 2021)*

6:30pm -

**Dinner on Own** for those not attending the ticketed event

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021**

7:00am

Fun Run on the Mall with Hon. Bennett Rushkoff

Meet in hotel lobby

8:00am – 10:00am

Registration continues

Atrium Ballroom Foyer

8:00am

Breakfast on your own

9:00am – 11:00am

**Plenary Session V: Implicit Bias: Trusting the Justice System in a Post-George Floyd Era**

Atrium Ballroom

Moderator: Professor Saleema Snow, Professor of Law, Director, Legal Writing Professor, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.

Panelists: Hon. Carmen Fahie, Senior Administrative Law Judge, Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules; Hon. Thomas J. Augustine, Administrative Law Judge II, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals; Hon. Kelly Higashi, District of Columbia Superior Court; Hon. Deborah Carroll, Administrative Law Judge, District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings; and Hon. Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

11:15am – 12:15pm

**Breakout Session 3A: Communication, Neuroscience and Procedural Justice: Implications for Legal Gatekeepers**

Atrium Ballroom

*Joseph Wszalek, JD, PhD, Director, Scientific Writing and Scholarship Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Amanda Pustilnik, Professor of Law, University of Maryland Law*

**Breakout Session 3B: The Fifth Amendment in Administrative Hearings**

Senate Room

*Hon. Sharon E. Goodie, Administrative Law Judge, District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings*

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021 continued**

12:15pm – 1:30pm Lunch on Own

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Plenary Session VI: Courtroom Security & Active Shooter Preparedness** Atrium Ballroom  
*Thomas Hedgepeth, Chief Security Officer, District of Columbia Courts; Richard Parris, Security Manager, District of Columbia Courts; and Mark Laux of the United States Marshals Service. This session focuses on courtroom security and the planning and successful implementation of scenario based active shooter drills. Preparedness is a key component to surviving in an active shooter event. Added focus on utilizing these skills in your everyday life.*

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Breakout Session 4A: Handling Cases with Litigants with Intellectual Disability Challenges** Capitol Room  
*Hon. Vytas Vergeer, District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings; Jennifer Berger, Assistant Attorney General, District of Columbia Attorney General's Office; and Natasha Walls Smith, University Legal Services for the District of Columbia Disability Challenged.*

**Breakout Session 4B: The After-Life: Retiring from Life as an ALJ** Atrium Ballroom  
*Moderator: Hon. Nicholas Cobbs*  
*Panelists: Hon. Miki McGovern, Retired Administrative Law Judge; Hon. Emily Chafa, Retired Unemployment Insurance Appeals Manager; and Hon. James Murray, Retired Administrative Law Judge*

**Breakout Session 4C: Innovations in Technology, It's Gifs and Curses** Senate Room  
*Hon. Thomas J. Augustine, Administrative Law Judge II, Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals and Hon. Michael Osborn, Administrative Law Judge, Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings*

5:00pm – 7:00pm **NAALJ Reception & Silent Auction** Capitol/Senate Room

7:00pm – 9:00pm **NAALJ Annual Banquet** Atrium Ballroom

**Thursday, October 7, 2021**

8:00am – 9:30am **NAALJ Board of Directors Meeting** Capitol Room

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