

National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks

53rd Annual Meeting · August 2 - 6, 2026 · Austin, TX

Saturday, August 1, 2026

	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting & Breakfast
	2:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration
	2:45 – 5:00	Duck Boat Tour - Optional

Sunday, August 2, 2026

	9:30 AM. – 12:30 PM	Registration
	12:30 – 1:00 PM	New Members and First Time Attendees Orientation
	12:30 – 1:00 PM	Family and Guest Orientation
	1:15 – 3:00 PM	Roll Call of the States and Business Meeting (Session I) (MEMBERS ONLY)
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES	
60	3:15 – 4:15 PM	Austin to ATX: An Introduction to Texas' Coolest, Hottest (for this week at least) City – Joe Nick Patoski
	BREAK: 45 MINUTES	
	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Reception – File Serve Express Sponsoring
	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Education Fund Auction & Morgan Thomas Slideshow
	8:00 – 9:00 PM	Dessert & Bat Watching
	9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room Opening Night

Monday, August 3, 2026

	7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast (MEMBERS ONLY)
	8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements
90	8:30 – 10:00 AM	*OPPERMAN SPEAKER* - <i>The People Priority Talk every Leader Needs to Hear</i> – Learning to <i>LEAN IN</i> - Julie Schniers
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES	
75	10:15 – 11:30 AM	(MEMBERS ONLY) Ask the Experts – Panel – Tim Gudas, Greg Hilton, and Jenny Kitchings
	11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH

90	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	<i>A Clerk's Conscience and the Impeachment of a Chief Justice</i> - Joe Steinfield ***Ethics***
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES	
90	3:00 – 4:30 PM	US Supreme Court – Scott Harris
	BREAK: 90 MINUTES	
	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Thomson Reuters – Bob Bullock Museum
	9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

	7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast (MEMBERS ONLY)
	7:00 – 8:50 AM	Past President's Breakfast
	8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements
75	8:30 – 9:45 AM	Crisis Management – Mark Weaver
	BREAK: 10 MINUTES	
60	9:55 – 10:55 AM	Webpage Design – Jason Bobertz/John Yee
	BREAK: 5 MINUTES	
20	11:00 – 11:20 AM	Vendor Introductions & Opening of Vendor Show
	BREAK: 10 MINUTES	
30	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Vendor Showcase
	12:00 – 1:20 PM	Vendor Box Lunch
	12:20 – 1:20 PM	C-Track Users Group Meeting
30	1:20 – 1:50 PM	Vendor Showcase
30	2:00 – 2:30 PM	Vendor Showcase
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES	
90	2:45 – 4:15 PM	AI & The Justice System: Shaping Tomorrow's Legal Landscape – Hon. Scott U. Schlegel, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
	6:30 – 9:30 PM	LexisNexis – Circuit of the Americas
	9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

	7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast (MEMBERS ONLY)
	8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements
75	8:30 – 9:45 AM	Preparing for Success: Appellate Courts, Self-Represented Litigants, and the AI Transition – Katherine Alteneder Mills & Zoe Dolan
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES	
75	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	Arizona Avatar – Alberto Rodriguez
	12:00 – 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon
	3:00 – 7:00 PM	On your own – Free afternoon
	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Game Night
	9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room

Thursday, August 6, 2026

	6:30 – 7:30 AM	Fun Run/Walk
	7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast (MEMBERS ONLY)
	8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements
75	8:30 – 9:45 AM	Court Statistical Reporting – NCSC Morgan Novitt
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES	
	10:00 -11: AM	(MEMBERS ONLY) What's Bugging You
	11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Business Meeting (Session II) (MEMBERS ONLY)
		
60	2:30 – 3:30 PM	Critique Session

The NCACC annual conference is paid for with NCACC funds, most of which are derived from non-vendor sources, such as dues, registration fees, member contributions to the Education Fund, and a grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI). All the educational sessions are supported entirely by non-vendor funds. Some conference events, particularly social activities, are paid for, directly or indirectly, by vendors who do business with courts. Programs and events that are supported, in whole or in part, with vendor funds are clearly identified on the conference schedule.

Members are urged to review the ethics rules of their jurisdictions to determine whether they may participate in the events supported by vendors. An advisory opinion prepared by the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Codes of Conduct, Advisory Opinion No. 91, Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds from Persons Doing Business with the Courts, June 2009, discusses some of the issues related to the use of vendor funds for conferences involving federal court personnel.

A “buy-out” option has been implemented which may enable members who would otherwise be ethically unable to participate in a vendor-sponsored event to do so. Members have the option of paying for a vendor-supported activity themselves.

Educational Session
 Business Session
 Vendor Show
 Vendor Supported or Sponsored

Members who wish to exercise this option should contact the conference host about the cost of the event and the procedure for payment