



# DISTRICT OF ARIZONA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

**8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

The Westin La Paloma Resort, Tucson, Arizona

3800 E Sunrise Dr., Tucson, Arizona

*Featuring 5 hours of CLE, including ethics*

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8:00 AM     **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

## **GENERAL SESSION** *Grand Ballroom*

8:30 AM     **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Sivan Korn and Joe Kroeger, Co-Chairs of the Arizona Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit

8:35 AM     **Every Case Tells a Story: Using Narrative to Move Juries and Judges**

- Ann marie Houghtailing, Story Imprinting

9:35 AM     Break

9:45 AM     **Navigating First Amendment Litigation & Policy**

- Moderated by Joe Kroeger (Snell & Wilmer), with Ronnie London, General Counsel, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE)

10:45 AM   **Roundtable discussion**

11:00 AM   Break

11:15 AM   **Authenticity and Accountability: Evidence and Ethics in a Synthetic World**

- Moderated by Hon. Madeleine Wanslee, with Professor Nancy Rapoport (UNLV Distinguished Law Professor) and Kristen Brook (Axon)

12:15 PM **Lunch Break**

12:30 PM **Lunch Program**

- ***State of the District***
  - Hon. Jennifer Zipps, Chief District Judge
- ***Presentation of the 2026 John Roll Award***
  - Recognizing Hon. Jacqueline Rateau and Hon. Bruce Macdonald
- ***Pro Bono Awards***
  - Hon. Lynnette Kimmins presenting

2:15 PM **Thomas Jefferson on the Modern Judiciary**

- Author and historian Clay Jenkinson in character

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **CIVIL *Grand Ballroom***

3:30 PM **Computer Forensic Challenges in Civil Litigation**

- Moderated by John Gray (Perkins Coie), with forensics expert Andrew Crain (BRG)

### **CRIMINAL *Verbena Room***

3:30 PM **The Role of Emerging Technology in Eyewitness Identification of Criminal Suspects**

- University of Arizona Professor Bryan Schwartz and University of Birmingham Professor Heather Flowe

### **BANKRUPTCY *Indigo Room***

3:30 PM **Bankruptcy at a Crossroads: Reforming for the 21st Century Debtor**

- Panelists: Warren Stapleton (Osborn Maledon), Karen Bentley (Guidant Law Firm), Bryce Suzuki (Snell & Wilmer), and Lisa Thompson (Thompson Law Group PC)

## **RECEPTION**

4:30 PM **Reception Hosted by the Tucson and Phoenix Chapters of the Federal Bar Association – *Terrace Patio and Foyer***

