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Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference to Convene in Spokane, Washington

SAN FRANCISCO – The 2019 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference will be held July 22-25 at the Spokane Convention Center in Spokane, Washington.

The conference, developed by a committee of judges and attorneys practicing in the federal courts, provides an exceptional educational program and supports circuit governance through various business and committee meetings. Participants include judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. district courts and U.S. bankruptcy courts of the circuit, along with lawyers practicing in these courts, court staff and special guests. Attendance is by invitation only.

This year’s conference theme is “The Third Branch: 1919, 2019, and Beyond.” General session programs will include topics such as leadership issues in the law; how media coverage of the federal courts is shifting; legislation requiring federal district chief judges to promote pro bono services as a way to empower survivors of domestic violence; student loan debt; and the upcoming 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.

Presenters and panelists at the conference include federal appellate, district, bankruptcy and magistrate judges from the Ninth Circuit and elsewhere; expert legal practitioners; members of academia; and leading scientists and researchers.

Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye of the Supreme Court of California is among the speakers scheduled to participate in one of the general session programs. The list of conference speakers also includes James C. Duff, director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Adam Liptak of The New York Times; Zoe Tillman of BuzzFeed News; Martin Wurm, Ph.D., of Moody’s Analytics; and Elaine Weiss, journalist and author of “The Woman’s Hour.”

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Authorized by law under 28 U.S.C. § 333, the Judicial Conference convenes “for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice within the circuit.”

The U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit consists of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the federal trial and bankruptcy courts and related court units in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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