



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Appellate Advocacy Program

Billings, Montana

September 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Introduction and Overview

Overview of Court process and caseload, Resources, New and Pending Rule Changes – Susan Gelmis, Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Nuts and Bolts of Appellate Practice

Panel: Allison Taylor (Motions Attorney); Martha Sheehy (Civil Appellate Practitioner, Sheehy Law Firm); Daniel Donovan (Criminal Defense Attorney, Daniel Donovan PC)

Topics: Motions Practice, Extensions, Sealed filings, Excerpts of Record, Physical Exhibits, Pro Bono Program

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Mediation in the Ninth Circuit

Panel: Claudia Bernard, Chief Circuit Mediator; Leonard Feldman (Peterson Wampold Rosato Feldman Luna, Seattle, WA)

Topics: Mediation process, Selection and Referral of Cases, Types of cases most amenable, Practitioner considerations

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Writing Persuasive Appellate Briefs/Tips for Oral Argument

Panel: Hon. Sidney R. Thomas (Chief Judge, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals); Tony Gallagher (Federal Defender for the District of Montana); Kyle Gray (Holland & Hart)

Topics: Dos and Don'ts for Effective Brief Writing and Oral Argument, Amicus Briefs

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Question and Answer session with Chief Judge Thomas

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Petitions for Rehearing and En Banc Process

Panel: Paul Keller (Staff Attorney)

Topics: Post decision process from Decision to Mandate, Petition for Rehearing and En Banc Process

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Reception