

**National Conference of Metropolitan Courts
2008 Annual Meeting
Golden Nugget Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Monday, February 18

1:00 – 6:00 PM

NCMC Conference Registration

Sawgrass Room

4:00-5:30 PM

Board of Directors, National Conference of Metropolitan Courts

Sawgrass Room

5:30-7:00 PM

Special Focus Group with Thomson-West

Sawgrass Room

(By Invitation Only)

Tuesday, February 19

ICM Seminar Registration

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
(Two different locations)

Trial Court Leadership Seminar
Pinehurst Room, Golden Nugget

Court Design Seminar
Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue

8:00 AM-4:30 PM
ICM Seminars Conducted

NCMC Conference Registration

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
(One location)

Sawgrass Room, Golden Nugget

5:30-7:00 PM

**Welcome Cocktail Reception Hosted by Thomson-West
ICM Seminar Participants & NCMC Registrants**

Sawgrass Room, Golden Nugget

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 AM – 11:45 AM
ICM Seminars Continued
(Two Different Locations)

8:00 AM – 12 Noon
NCMC Conference Registration
(Sawgrass Room, Golden Nugget)

Noon-1:30 PM

**Luncheon and Keynote Speaker ◦ Hosted by Lexis Nexis
“Trial Court Leadership”**

Mary McQueen, President, National Center for State Courts

Comments on Technology and Leadership
Victoria Cashman, Lexis Nexis
Augusta Room

1:45-3:15 PM

You're Not My Boss! Staying Alive through the Dangers of Leading Trial Judges

Socratic Panel ◦ Provocateur: William Dressel, President, National Judicial College

Pinehurst Room

3:30-4:30 PM

Should NCSC's Key Elements of a Rule on the Role of Presiding Trial Court Judges be Amended?

Group Discussion ◦ Facilitator: Mary McQueen, President, National Center for State Courts

Pinehurst Room

5:00-7:00 PM

Hosted Reception at the New Regional Judicial Center, 200 Lewis Avenue

Optional Tours of the Courthouse

Thursday, February 21

8:00-8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Sawgrass Room

8:30-9:30 AM

Plenary Session

Keeping Politics and Special Interests Out of Trial Courts and Courtrooms While Under Siege

Hon. Roger Warren, Chairman, Board of Directors, Justice at Stake Campaign

Pinehurst Room

9:30-10:30 AM

Small Group Sessions – Winning Strategies to Promote Strong, Fair, Impartial Courts

Stress the Right Values and Purposes of Courts

Remind People of Political Threats to Independent Courts

Talk about Court Accountability to the Law and Constitution

Avoid Arguing over Slogans or Specific Cases; Focus on Core Messages

Organize Support Groups, Publications and Messages for the Inevitable Public Debate

Pinehurst Room

10:30-10:45 AM

Break

Sawgrass Room

10:45-Noon

Two Optional Workshops

Workshop A

The Hidden Impact of Undocumented Immigrants on State Trial Courts

Defining Problems and Developing Solutions

Mary McQueen, President, National Center for State Courts

Dan Hall, Vice President, Court Consulting Services, National Center for State Courts

Gordon Griller, Executive Director, National Conference of Metropolitan Courts

Pinehurst Room

Workshop B

Avoiding a War of the Parts Against the Whole

Judicial Branch Governance Issues Among Supreme, General and Limited Jurisdictions

Interactive Panel Discussion ◦ Hon. Kathy Hardcastle; Chuck Short, Facilitators

Room to be determined

12:15-1:45 PM

Hosted Luncheon and Speaker

Judicial Activism and Accountability

Seth S. Andersen, Executive Director

American Judicature Society

Augusta Room

2:00-3:30 PM

Negotiating Skills for Court Leaders

Professor Peter Reilly, Associate Director, The Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution Studies
William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV
Pinehurst Room

3:30-4:00 PM

NCMC Meeting of All Members to Review Actions by the Board of Directors

Pinehurst Room

4:00-6:30 PM

Hosted Cocktail Reception in the Vendor Display Area

Sawgrass Room

7:00 PM

NCMC Annual Dinner

Augusta Room

Friday, February 22

8:00-8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Sawgrass Room

8:30-10:30 AM

***Leadership When the Court is the News: Investigative Reports, Notorious Trials, and Beyond
Practical Tips and Proven Approaches for Working with the Media***

Gary Hengstler, Director, The Reynolds Center on Media and the Courts, National Judicial College
Michael Sommermeyer, Communications Director, Eighth Judicial District, Las Vegas
Presentation; Followed by Plenary Discussion
Pinehurst Room

10:30-10:45 AM

Break

Sawgrass Room

10:45-Noon

The Mounting 2008 Budget Crises

Effectively Addressing Reduced Revenues, Hiring Freezes, and Budgetary Mandates

Alan Carlson, President, Justice Management Institute
Presentation; Followed by Plenary Discussion
Pinehurst Room

Noon-1:30 PM

Hosted Luncheon and Business Meeting

Board of Directors, National Conference of Metropolitan Courts

Augusta Room

1:30-4:30 PM

National Center for State Courts' Presiding Judges' Forum

Current and Future Directions Regarding Trial Court Leadership Education and Programs

(By Invitation Only)

Sawgrass Room

The Presiding Judges Forum is a special task force of chief judges, court administrators, academics, researchers and educators who have convened annual since 2005 at the request of the National Center President and Board of Directors to explore leadership education and improved organizational governance among the nation's trial courts.