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

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
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.