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**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, September 11**

**DEMONSTRATION:**

**Monday, September 12**

**Wednesday, September 14**

**Thursday, September 15**

**Friday, September 16**
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
REGISTRATION
9:00am – 5:00pm

NOON - CONCURRENT MEETINGS

MODERATOR: Judge Antonia J. Madriles, Superior Court, California
SPEAKERS: Judge Maureen O'Conner, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio; Russell Otter, President, American Judges Association
TOPIC: Judges as Champions of the Constitutional Right to Counsel

JUDICIAL FAMILY NETWORK PRESENTATION
12:00pm – 1:30pm
SPEAKER: Cherise Fanno Burdeen, Chief Executive Officer, Pretrial Justice Institute
TOPIC: Pretrial Justice: What is it, why is it important, and how do we improve it?

AJA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00pm – 10:00pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
REGISTRATION
9:00am – 5:00pm

NOON - CONCURRENT MEETINGS

MODERATOR: Judge Anita Laster Mays, Eighth Appellate District, Ohio
SPEAKERS: Judge James D. Carr, Ohio Supreme Court; Judge Donald R. Stenberg, South Dakota Supreme Court; Judges Isabel Taylor and Bernadine Øland, Minnesota Supreme Court; Judge D. Kent Opland, South Dakota Supreme Court
TOPIC: Judges in the 21st Century: Navigating the 21st Century Challenges

LUNCHEON RECEPTION
4:00pm – 6:00pm

10:00am – 11:15am
SPEAKER: Erwin Chemerinsky, Founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law
TOPIC: The Constitution in 2017: The Supreme Court

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LUNCH

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