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Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Executive Committee Outing
2:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration <i>Registration will be onsite at the William S. Boyd School of Law</i>
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Welcome Remarks Hon. Thomas Alevizos, Judge (ret.), AJA President Hon. Doug Herndon, Chief Judge, Nevada Supreme Court
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Weighing the Stakes: The Impact of Sentencing Sarah Rose, Esq., Chief Deputy District Attorney and Team Chief, Domestic Violence Unit
5:00 PM -6:00 PM	Q & A with Judges / Law Students re: Clerkships Hon. Linda Strite Murnane, Colonel, USAF, Ret. Hon. J. Joseph Rossi, Judge, 17 th Circuit Court, Kent County, MI Hon. Lynda Jones, Judge, Davidson County General Sessions Court, Div IX, Nashville, TN
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception <i>The Reception will be held at the William S. Boyd School of Law</i>



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Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:00 AM - 4:15 PM	Registration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Committee Meetings / American Judges Foundation Meeting
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	All in on Excellence: Best Practices in Trial Management Christian Morris, Esq., Christian Morris Trial Attorneys Keith Bremer, Esq., Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	The Game of Discovery: Managing the Table and Players Daniel Saeedi, Esq., Partner, Litigation, BLANKROME Rick Bold, Jr., Esq., Greenburg Traurig, LLP LeElle Slifer, Esq., Partner, King & Spalding
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch (Included in Registration) AJA Domestic Violence Committee will meet during lunch in Room 106
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Cards on the Table: Judicial Writing and AI Assistance Joseph Regalia, Associate Professor of Law, William S. Boyd School of Law
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	The House Shouldn't Win: Ensuring Fair & Access to Justice Hon. Rachel L. Bell, Judge (Ret.), Davidson County General Session Court, Nashville, TN. , Hon. William Voy, Judge, (Ret.), Director, Pro Bono Services, Senior Law Program, Alex Cherup, Esq., Executive Director, Nevada Legal Services, Katie Anderson, Esq., Team Lead, Guardian Advocacy Project
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Hospitality Suite at Planet Hollywood (Dinner on Your Own)



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Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Information Desk
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Committee Meetings
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Risk Management: Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls Hon. Patricia Lee, Nevada Supreme Court Justice Hon. Piper Griffin, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice
10:30 AM-10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Viva Las Wellness: Stacking the Deck for Judicial Resilience Hon. Betty Thomas Moore, Judge, General Sessions Civil Court Shelby County Hon. Gayle Williams-Byers, Judicial Fellow
11:45 AM	Closing Remarks and Education Conference Concludes
12: 00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch On Your Own
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Board of Governors Meeting (Lunch Provided for BOG)