

# 2017 US District Court Conference

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*RIO HOTEL – LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – MAY 11, 2017*

## Conference Program

**8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks:**

Judge Andrew P. Gordon, Conference Chairperson

Chief Judge Gloria M. Navarro, U.S. District Court

Chief Judge Bruce Beesley, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Supreme Court Review:**

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, University of California, Irvine School of Law.

Dean Chemerinsky will survey cases pending before the Court and discuss the cases already decided this term. He will review not only the high-profile cases, but the cases most likely to affect federal courts and practitioners.

**10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wikileaks, National Security, and the First Amendment:**

David E. McCraw, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for The New York Times Company; John Carlin, former Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Department of Justice; Stephen Bates, Associate Professor, Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies, UNLV.

Can leaks that further public debate and reform ever outweigh the danger to national security? Under what circumstances can the government constitutionally punish those who leak information or those disseminating it? This informative round-table discussion will provide varied answers to these questions by examining some of the most relevant topics in this important national debate.

**11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Transition to lunch**

**11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Lunch: Overcoming Generational Differences:**

Dr. Arin N. Reeves, President, Nextions.

Understanding, negotiating and managing generational differences (and similarities) is critical to developing the full range of experiences and insights you need in order to practice law, service clients, and effectively manage relationships with colleagues and clients in today's legal workplaces and courtrooms. In this interactive dialogue, Dr. Reeves will explore research, best practices and practical advice on how to recognize and address generational differences in the workplace and in courtrooms. Whether seeking to give/get better feedback, serve/develop relationships across all generations, or build networks that strengthen individual careers as well as organizational strength, you will develop skills to bridge generational differences and drive more effective interactions and relationships. Topics will include exploration of the impact of five different generations working together in today's workplaces, the sources of generational differences, and the key communication breakdowns that occur in workplace and courtroom interactions. The presentation will also cover strategies and practical solutions to bridge these generational gaps in interpersonal interactions, organizational effectiveness, and external communications.

**1:45p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Break**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession – How Family Members, Loved Ones, and Associates Can Assist in Recovery:**

Hon. Cedric Kerns, Las Vegas Municipal Court; Hortensia DeJesus, Family Services and Outpatient Manager, Las Vegas Recovery Center; Dr. Daniel Shiode, Clinical Director of Las Vegas Recovery Center.

Studies suggest lawyers may be more likely to become addicted to drugs or alcohol than those in other professions. This session will examine some of the reasons for this with a focus on various paths to recovery. Emphasis will be placed on the role of others in the recovery process.

**3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Break**

**3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Open Forum Discussion:**

The traditional breakout sessions with federal judges and lawyer representatives for civil, criminal, and bankruptcy practitioners will continue this year. Historically, this is one of the most popular sessions as members of the bar have an open dialogue with members of the federal bench.

**4:45 p.m. Adjournment**