



37th WILEY A. BRANTON ANNUAL ISSUES SYMPOSIUM

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VOTE!
Your Life Depends On It!

OCTOBER 15-17, 2026

ATLANTA, GA

Dear Esteemed Members, Colleagues, and Friends of the National Bar Association,

On behalf of the National Bar Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Atlanta for the **37th Annual Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium**, convened under the timely and urgent theme, **“Vote! Your Life Depends On It!”**

More than six decades ago, Wiley A. Branton came to Atlanta to lead the Voter Education Project, helping to register hundreds of thousands of Black voters across the South. He understood that the ballot was not simply a fundamental right, but the foundation upon which opportunity, equality, and justice are built. His extraordinary legacy reminds us that progress is neither inevitable nor permanent. It must be protected, strengthened, and advanced by each generation.

This year's theme is more than a call to participate in our democracy. It is a declaration of the urgency of this moment and a reminder of our collective responsibility as legal professionals to defend the rights and freedoms that generations before us fought to secure.

The National Bar Association has long recognized that the pursuit of justice extends beyond the courtroom. Voting rights, economic opportunity, fair employment practices, and the ability to build and preserve generational wealth are deeply interconnected. It is in this spirit that we convene this symposium alongside our Labor & Employment and Real Property, Trust & Estate Conferences, bringing together leaders from across the legal profession to confront today's challenges and advance meaningful solutions.

Over these three days, we will examine evolving threats to democratic participation, explore the forces shaping economic opportunity, and identify actionable strategies to protect and empower our communities. Our discussions must do more than inform; they must inspire collaboration, strengthen our resolve, and translate into meaningful action.

This work reflects our enduring commitment to **“Meeting the Moment: A Continuing Legacy of Social Engineering and Empowerment.”** Our responsibility is not merely to respond to the challenges of today, but to help shape a more just and equitable tomorrow.

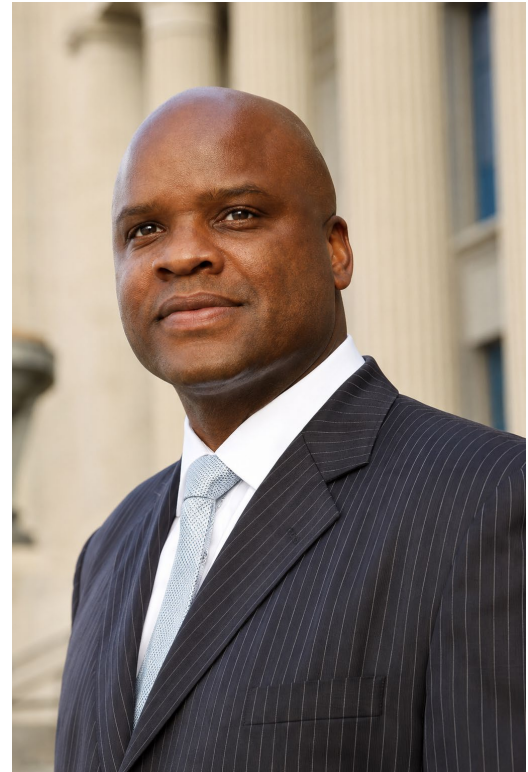
I extend my sincere appreciation to the leadership of the Labor & Employment Section and the Real Property, Trust & Estate Section; our Wiley A. Branton Symposium Co-Chairs, Alicia Hughes and Elizabeth Winfield; and the entire Planning Committee for their dedication and leadership in bringing this convening to life. I also thank our speakers, panelists, sponsors, staff, and volunteers for their invaluable contributions and congratulate this year's Wiley A. Branton Award recipients, whose distinguished service exemplifies the principles we gather to uphold.

As we engage in these important conversations, let us remember the **legacy of Wiley A. Branton calls us not simply to remember history, but to make it.**

Together, we will meet this moment, protect the progress of generations past, and help secure the promise of generations yet to come.

In service,

James J. Carter, Esq.
84th President
National Bar Association



Message from the Chair of the Labor & Employment Section

Welcome to the 2026 Annual Conference of the Labor & Employment Section of the National Bar Association!

It is my honor to welcome you to Atlanta as we gather with our colleagues participating in the Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium and the Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section. This conference provides a unique opportunity for legal professionals from across the country to come together to learn, connect, and engage in thoughtful discussions on issues impacting our profession, our clients, and our communities.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support and partnership. Your commitment to the work of this Section helps make programs such as this possible and strengthens our ability to serve our members throughout the year.

I also want to thank the members of our Executive Committee for their dedication, leadership, and countless contributions. The success of our Section is a direct reflection of your commitment to excellence and service.

A special thank you is owed to our Immediate Past Chair, Kevin Reese, whose leadership, wisdom, and unwavering dedication have helped position the Labor & Employment Section for continued growth and impact. I am deeply grateful for his guidance, mentorship, and steadfast support.

As you participate in this conference, I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities before you. Engage with our distinguished speakers, share ideas with colleagues, build meaningful professional relationships, and invest in your continued growth as leaders in the labor and employment law community.

I hope you leave this conference with new knowledge, renewed inspiration, and lasting connections. And while you are here, I encourage you to enjoy all that Atlanta has to offer, from its rich history and culture to its renowned hospitality.

Thank you for your commitment to the National Bar Association and to the Labor & Employment Section. I am honored to serve as your Chair and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

Warm regards,

Angelina Evans, Esq.

Chair, Labor & Employment Section
National Bar Association



Message from the Chair of the Real Property, Trust & Estates Section

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for the 37th Annual Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium and the Real Property, Trusts & Estates Conference. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this outstanding gathering of attorneys, thought leaders, and professionals dedicated to strengthening communities through advocacy, education, and service.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our sponsors, partners, and supporters whose generosity and commitment help make this conference possible.

This year, we are especially excited to present an inaugural two-day estates and trusts training program for attorneys, designed to provide practical tools, proven strategies, and real-world insights for practitioners at every stage of their careers. Whether you are new to estate planning or a seasoned attorney looking to sharpen your skills, this training is designed to help you better serve clients, families, businesses, and organizations.

Through engaging CLE sessions, participants will gain hands-on knowledge and practical guidance in estate planning, probate administration, wealth preservation, and succession planning. Organized around two focused learning tracks, Build and Preserve, the program will help attorneys develop stronger practices, expand their knowledge, and confidently guide clients through some of life's most important decisions.

As we gather under this year's Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium theme, "Vote! Your Life Depends On It!", we are reminded that civic engagement, economic opportunity, property ownership, and generational wealth are closely connected. As real property, trust, and estate practitioners, we play an important role in helping individuals and families protect what they have built and create lasting legacies for future generations.

Thank you for being part of this special event. We hope you leave with new knowledge, practical skills, valuable connections, and renewed inspiration for the important work you do every day.

Warm regards,

Terrence Quinn, Esq.

Chair, Real Property, Trusts & Estates Section
National Bar Association



REAL PROPERTY, TRUST &
ESTATE LAW CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Time	Session / Event
6:00 PM	Welcome Reception Labor & Employment Conference <i>Off Site – Promenade Tower</i>

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time	Session / Event	Speakers / Panelists
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration All Attendees <i>Marquis Registration Booth</i>	
9:00 AM – 9:55 AM	When Workplace Investigations Go Wrong Labor & Employment Conference <i>Marquis Salon D</i> Workplace investigations are a critical first line of defense, but missteps can escalate routine complaints into litigation, regulatory scrutiny, or reputational harm. This panel examines common failures such as unclear scope, inadequate documentation, confidentiality lapses, and perceived bias, and how they are used to challenge the integrity of the process. Panelists will provide guidance on structuring defensible investigations, preserving privilege, and coordinating legal, HR, and communications teams to mitigate risk.	• Moderator: Jessica Thomas, Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins • Paul Garrison, Mediator/Arbitrator, JAMS – Panelist • Sherry Williams, Managing Member, Integrity Alliance, LLC – Panelist • Tiaundra Gordon-Foster, Senior Managing Associate, Dentons – Panelist • Nahomi Carlisle, Bunker Hill Community College, Associate Vice President, Chief Compliance Office
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Election Protection/Voter Registration Community Event All Attendees <i>The African American Hall of Fame</i> <i>Located Directly Above the Martin L. King Jr. Chapel</i> <i>Morehouse College Atlanta, Georgia</i>	
10:00 AM – 10:55 AM	Reasonable or Risky? Navigating the Surge in Workplace Accommodations Labor & Employment Conference <i>Marquis Salon D</i> This panel explores the growing complexity of accommodation requests under the ADA, PWFA, Title VII, and evolving state laws. It addresses key issues such as religious accommodations, mental health, pregnancy, and workplace speech, and how these can lead to claims. Panelists will offer frameworks for consistent decision-making, documentation practices, and strategies to manage enforcement risk and litigation exposure.	• Moderator: Eddie Clopton, Verizon • Heather Horn, Associate, Seyfarth Shaw LLP – Panelist • Stephanie Currington, Labor & Employment Counsel, Department of Agriculture – Panelist • Hon. Gail Tusan (Ret.), Mediator/Arbitrator, JAMS – Panelist

11:00 AM – 11:55 AM

The Privacy Tightrope: Balancing Employee Data and Legal Risk

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

As organizations and their employees increasingly adopt artificial intelligence, employers and attorneys must navigate a rapidly evolving landscape of legal risk. While employee and candidate privacy remain important considerations, organizations must also address emerging regulations of AI in hiring and workforce management, enterprise AI governance, and other risks associated with workplace use of generative AI tools. This panel explores practical strategies for balancing innovation with compliance, including managing confidentiality, privilege, work product protections, and data governance obligations. Panelists will also discuss recent legal developments, ethics guidance, and litigation trends shaping the responsible use of AI in the workplace and the practice of law.

- Moderator: Kimberly Duplechain, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson
- Shawndra Jones, Partner, Ford Harrison – Panelist
- Charlotte Borroughs, Assistant General Counsel, Privacy, Product & Cybersecurity, The - Home Depot – Panelist
- Michael Morrison II, Senior Corporate Counsel, Labor & Employment, MCIS
- Brianna Herman, Associate, Ogletree Deakins – Panelist

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

Labor & Employment Law Conference Attendees only

Marquis Salon D

1:05 PM – 2:00 PM

Pay Equity, Transparency, and Litigation Risk

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This panel examines expanding pay transparency laws and pay equity trends. It focuses on pay equity laws, and privileged audits, and provides practical guidance on building defensible compensation frameworks and reducing litigation exposure.

- Moderator: Harold R. Jones, Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins
- Sharde Skahan, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP – Panelist
- Julie Hunter-Anderson, Labor & Employment Counsel, Newell Brands – Panelist
- Kira Fonteneau, Founder, Partner, The Workers' Firm – Panelist

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

NBA Board of Governors Meeting

A601 & A602

2:05 PM – 3:00 PM

Class, Collective, and Representative Actions After Arbitration Disruption

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This panel addresses procedural strategies in large-scale employment litigation following mass arbitration trends. It focuses on certification strategy, arbitration provisions, and discovery sequencing to manage risk and cost from pleading through resolution.

- Moderator: Brittney Willis, Associate, Seyfarth Shaw LLP
- Erin Johnson, Partner, Fox Rothschild – Panelist
- Kevin Reese, Principal, Jackson Lewis P.C., Immediate Past Chair – Panelist
- Sabine Jean, Plaintiff's Side Attorney – Panelist

3:05 PM – 4:00 PM

Assessing Value, Proving Damages: A Dual Perspective on Employment Litigation

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This session brings together defense and plaintiff perspectives on evaluating and monetizing cases, including back pay, front pay, emotional distress, and statutory penalties. It provides insights into aligning case narrative and evidence to drive outcomes in litigation and mediation.

- Moderator: Janea Hawkins, Counsel, Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Hon. Denise Langford (Ret.), JAMS – Panelist
- Winter Wheeler, Mediator/Arbitrator – Miles Mediation & Arbitration – Panelist
- Alexandria Jean-Pierre, Senior Associate - Mizrahi Kroub LLP – Panelist

4:05 PM – 5:00 PM

Trying the Case: Modern Trial Strategy in Labor & Employment Litigation

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This session focuses on trial strategy, including theme development, voir dire, and examination of witnesses. It highlights evidentiary decisions, use of demonstratives, and aligning trial strategy with earlier case evaluation and discovery.

- Moderator: April Madison-Ramsey, Founder & Principal Neutral, Madison Legal Solutions
- Shayla Wright, Partner, Parker Poe – Panelist
- Kevin Reese, Principal, Jackson Lewis P.C., Immediate Past Chair – Panelist
- Chambord Benton-Hayes, Benton Employment Law, PC – Panelist

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Opening Reception

All Attendees

Criminal and Civil Justice Institute

John Marshall Law School

Marquis One Tower, Floors 18

Friday, October 16, 2026

Time	Session / Event	Speakers / Panelists
7:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration All Attendees <i>Marquis Registration Booth</i>	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast All Attendees <i>Marquis Salon A</i>	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Presidential Showcase: The New Frontier: Revolutionizing our Civil Rights Agenda! All Attendees <i>Marquis Salon B</i> The civil rights landscape is shifting quickly, and the strategies that secured hard-won rights may not be enough to protect them. This forward-looking conversation examines the legal and policy challenges shaping the next generation of civil rights advocacy, from algorithmic discrimination and new barriers to the ballot to the persistent racial wealth gap and shifting legal	• Moderator: James J. Carter, President, National Bar Association • Damon Hewitt, President & Executive Director, Lawyers Committee • Tanya Clay House, CEO and Co-Founder of ClayHouse Consulting Inc • Helen Butler, President GA Coalition for The People's Agenda

precedent. Speakers will explore how these developments test existing civil rights protections and how lawyers and leaders can rethink their tools and tactics, in the courts, in legislatures, and in their communities, to meet this moment. Attendees will leave with a clearer understanding of these emerging legal issues and practical strategies for building a more just and equitable future.

10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

The New Discrimination Landscape: DEI, Backlash, Political Speech in the Workplace and Legal Risk
Labor & Employment Conference
Marquis Salon D

This panel analyzes evolving enforcement trends related to discrimination, harassment, retaliation, political speech in the workplace and DEI initiatives. It covers reverse discrimination claims, shifting agency priorities, and the legal and reputational risks of DEI programs in a politically charged environment.

- Moderator: Kimberly Dobson, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Ward Richards, Mediator/Arbitrator – Miles Mediation & Arbitration – Panelist
- Maurice Robinson, Labor and Employment Counsel, NY/NJ Transit – Panelist
- Sharon Jones, CEO, Workforce Transformation Strategies – Panelist

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Voting in the Digital Age: AI, Disinformation, and the Integrity of Elections
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This forward-looking session will address the new and emerging threats that artificial intelligence poses to our elections. Panelists will examine how AI can be used to spread disinformation, create deepfakes, and undermine public trust in the electoral process. They will discuss the limitations of current federal and state laws in addressing these threats, the legal considerations that arise when regulating election-related speech, and proposed legal and regulatory frameworks to protect the integrity of elections in the digital age. Attendees will gain a practical understanding of this evolving legal landscape and the role lawyers can play in safeguarding elections and protecting voters from deception.

- Moderator: Leah Frazier, Director, Digital Justice Initiative, The Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights –Under Law
- Anthony P. Ashton, NAACP Senior Associate Counsel
- Elimu Kajunju, Partner, Rimon Law

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Fundamentals of Building an Estate Planning Practice
Real Property, Trust and Estate Conference
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Practice model, pricing, ethics, technology, drafting platforms, intake, marketing, workflows, staffing, and client experience.

- Panelists: Jennifer Norton, Löan Shillinger, Tyechia White

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| 11:00 AM – 11:55 AM | <p>Blurred Lines: Joint Employment, Independent Contractors, and Liability
 Labor & Employment Conference
 <i>Marquis Salon D</i></p> <p>This panel examines joint employment and independent contractor issues across business models and multi-entity relationships. It provides guidance on compliance, drafting agreements, and managing litigation risks in complex employment structures.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dean Burrell, Mediator/Arbitrator, Burrell Dispute Resolution • Leonard V. Jones, Associate, Jackson Lewis P.C. – Panelist • Sabine Jean, Plaintiff's Side Attorney – Panelist • Kim L. Carter, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson P.C. – Panelist |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | <p>The New Poll Tax: How Modern Restrictions Disproportionately Burden the Vote
 Wiley A Branton Issues Symposium
 <i>Marquis Salon C</i></p> <p>Building on the historical fight against poll taxes, this session will examine modern barriers to voting that have a similar discriminatory effect. Panelists will focus on strict voter ID laws, the purging of voter rolls, and restrictions on mail-in voting, and will analyze their disproportionate impact on communities of color, seniors, and low-income voters. The discussion will explore the legal framework governing these restrictions and the challenges advocates face in contesting them. The panel will then develop legal and advocacy strategies to combat these modern-day “poll taxes” and help ensure that every eligible voter has fair and equal access to the ballot.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Courtney Scrubbs, General Counsel, LGC Diagnostics & Genomics • Chris Bruce – Deputy Director ACLU Georgia • Aklima Khondoker – Voting Rights and Election Protection Expert • Jace Gatewood – Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | <p>Estate Planning 101
 Real Property, Trust and Estate Conference
 <i>M301</i></p> <p>Core documents, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, beneficiary designations, asset titling, guardianship, and probate avoidance. Election protection: Heirs' property and election protections are intertwined with generational wealth and legislation that affects property rights.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelists: Lamont Bailey, Dione Duckett, Lourdes Mars |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | <p>Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Keynote
 All Attendees
 <i>Marquis Salon B</i></p> | |

1:10 PM – 2:05 PM

Beyond the Company: Executive and Manager Liability in Employment Litigation

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This panel examines personal liability risks for executives, supervisors, and HR professionals. It covers indemnification, insurance, and defense strategies, as well as how individual exposure shapes investigations and litigation dynamic.

- Moderator: April Madison Ramsey, Mediator/Arbitrator, Madison Legal Solutions
- Joy White, Interim Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Labor and Employment Law, Option Care Health – Panelist
- Derede McAlpin, Crisis Counselor, Mitchell Minter – Panelist
- Jennifer Ervin Hooker, General Counsel & Asst. Corporate Secretary, Clark Atlanta University – Panelist
- Rebekah Ratliffe, Mediator/Arbitrator, JAMS – Panelist

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The Ballot and the Badge: How Election Outcomes Can Reduce Police Brutality

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This panel examines the often-overlooked connection between the ballot box and the enforcement of justice in local communities. From sheriffs and district attorneys who are directly elected, to mayors, county executives, and other officials who appoint police chiefs, prosecutors, and other key law enforcement leaders, the outcome of an election can quietly, but decisively, determine how justice is administered in a community. Panelists will explore how voter turnout, candidate selection, and civic engagement influence policing priorities, prosecutorial discretion, use-of-force policies, and community-police relations, and how appointment powers can either advance or undermine accountability and reform. The discussion will also address why local elections carry outsized influence over day-to-day law enforcement and share strategies for increasing voter education around their criminal justice implications.

- Moderator: Lawanda Hodges, Managing Partner, The Law Firm of Lawanda Hodges
- Terry Wiley, Inspector General, Office of Sheriff's Inspector General
- Mina Malik, CEO & Executive Partner, The Cochran Firm New York
- Ngozi Ndulue, Professor, University of District of Columbia
- Paul Henderson, Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Accountability

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Case Study: From Consultation to Signed Estate Plan

Real Property, Trust and Estate Conference

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A complete sample client journey covering intake, issue spotting, plan design, drafting decisions, review, signing, funding, and maintenance.

- Panelists: Shanise Evans, Lön Shillinger, Tyechia White

2:15 PM – 3:10 PM

Trade Secrets in Flux: Federal and State Developments Shaping Enforcement

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This panel explores developments under the Defend Trade Secrets Act and evolving state laws, including issues related to damages, injunctions, and restrictive covenants. It addresses protecting confidential information in a mobile and digital workforce.

- Moderator: Tamika Hardy, Partner, Rivkin Radler LLP
- Darius Walker, Jr., Of Counsel, Ogletree Deakins – Panelist
- Caleb Green, Partner, Howard & Howard – Panelist
- Valeria Obi, Senior Counsel, Labor & Employment, Coca-Cola - Panelist

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Trial Playbook: Fighting Police Brutality in Court

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When police misconduct causes serious harm, the courtroom can be one of the most powerful places to seek justice and accountability. This practical session takes a trial-focused look at litigating police misconduct cases, from case evaluation and pretrial strategy through verdict. Panelists will discuss the legal framework for civil rights claims of excessive force, the challenges posed by defenses such as qualified immunity, and effective approaches to discovery, expert witnesses, and body-worn camera and other video evidence. The discussion will also cover building a compelling trial narrative and overcoming the deference jurors often give to law enforcement testimony. Attendees will leave with concrete strategies for building, presenting, and trying police brutality cases on behalf of their clients and communities.

- Sam Starks, Founder, Starks Law Firm & Executive Director, Criminal and Civil Justice Institute, John Marshall Law School
- Shean Williams, Managing Attorney, The Cochran Firm, Atlanta
- Emily C.R. Early, Associate Director, Center for Constitutional Rights
- Miguel Dominguez, Managing Partner, Dominguez Law Firm

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Introduction to Advanced Branches of Estate Planning

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Rapid introductions to special needs planning, elder law, Medicaid planning, tax planning, high-net-worth planning, charitable planning, asset protection, trust administration, and international planning.

- Panelists: Aquanetta Betts, Dione Duckett, Jennifer Norton

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM

Immigration Enforcement in the Workplace: Raids, Audits, and Compliance Risks

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This panel focuses on workplace immigration enforcement, including I-9 inspections, audits, and raids. It provides guidance on employer obligations, compliance strategies, and managing workforce and litigation impacts.

- Moderator: Sonica Dixon, Founder, Dixon Law Firm
- Lalitha Alladi, Founder, Alladi Law – Panelist
- Marquita Capers, Associate, Ogletree Deakins – Panelist
- Mia Batista, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP – Panelist
- Scott Decker, Partner, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer P.A. – Panelist

4:20 PM – 5:15 PM

Union Activity & Labor Law: Organizing, the NLRB, and Employer Risk

Labor & Employment Conference

Marquis Salon D

This panel examines renewed union activity and evolving NLRB developments, including organizing trends, election procedures, and recent appellate decisions affecting employer compliance and strategy

- Moderator: Tony Torain, II Partner, McDermott Will & Schulte LLP
- Aaron Agenbroad, Partner, Jones Day – Panelist
- Shareef Valentine, Interim Sr. Director, Employee and Labor Relations, HR Compliance - Stanford Health Care – Panelist
- Kelvin A. Adefehinti, Of Counsel, Ogletree Deakins – Panelist

6:00 PM

Networking Reception

All Attendees

John Marshall Law School, Marquis One Tower, Lower Lobby

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time	Session / Event	Speakers / Panelists
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Presidential Showcase: Sabotage: The Fight to Protect Election Results All Attendees <i>Marquis Salon B</i> What happens when the integrity of an election is challenged after the ballots are cast? This timely conversation examines the legal, institutional, and public challenges that can arise when election results are disputed or when efforts are made to undermine confidence in their legitimacy. Panelists will explore the legal and institutional safeguards that protect the certification process, how lawyers and election officials can respond to interference and intimidation, and the professional responsibilities of attorneys involved in post-election disputes. The conversation will close with a discussion of the role the legal profession must play in preserving public trust in the outcome of every election.	• Moderator: James J. Carter, President, National Bar Association • Fani Willis, District Attorney of Fulton County • Barbara Arnwine, Founder and President at Transformative Justice Coalition
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Voting Rights and Democracy in State Courts Wiley A Branton Issues Symposium <i>Marquis Salon C</i> This panel will provide a detailed analysis of how state constitutional law is becoming a critical battleground for voting rights. It will examine how legal advocates are using state courts to challenge restrictive voting laws, with a focus on state constitutional provisions that protect the right to vote. Panelists will discuss recent litigation strategies, the future of	• Moderator: Alicia Hughes, Atlanta John Marshall Law School's Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Former NBA Chief Policy Advisor • Barbara Arnwine, Founder and President at Transformative Justice Coalition

redistricting fights, and how state-level advocacy differs from federal litigation, including differences in legal standards, available remedies, and strategic considerations. Attendees will come away with a deeper understanding of the role state courts play in protecting voting rights and practical insight into how state constitutional claims can be developed and advanced.

- Senator Royce Duplessis, Louisiana State Senator for District 5
- J. Wyndal Gordon, Principal, Law Office of J. Wyndal Gordon and Commissioner, Maryland Commission on African Affairs
- Robert Brown, Professor of Law, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Succession Planning for Churches and Business Owners: The New Civil Rights Era
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A signature advanced session on leadership transition, governance, business continuity, preserving community institutions, and preventing the loss of generational enterprise.

- Lamont Bailey, Aquanetta Betts, Shanise Evans
- Prudential Wealth Advisors: Jeffrey Hammond and Regina Walker, CFP®

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Who Is in Office Matters! The NBA Non-Partisan Political Institute
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Who is in office matters, and lawyers have a critical role to play in shaping the policies that impact our profession and our communities. This dynamic panel will explore the importance of civic engagement, political participation, and representation while reaffirming the NBA's commitment to nonpartisanship. Panelists will discuss pathways to elected and appointed public service, effective advocacy before policymakers, and how attorneys can use their voices and legal expertise to influence policy and strengthen democracy. The discussion will also address the professional and ethical considerations lawyers should keep in mind when engaging in political activity, seeking public office, or advocating on matters of public policy.

- Moderator: James J. Carter, President, National Bar Association
- Hon. Miniard Culpepper, Boston City Councilor for District 7 and Senior Pastor of the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church
- Charlyn Stanberry, Senior Corporate and Government Relations Consultant, Becker & Poliakoff, President-Elect National Bar Association
- Hon. Alicia Huges, former Alexandria (VA) City Councilor (citywide) and Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Probate Administration
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Opening an estate, fiduciary duties, creditor claims, asset collection, court compliance, distributions, closing, and how probate experience improves planning.

- Lourdes Mars, Tyechia White, Elizabeth Winfield

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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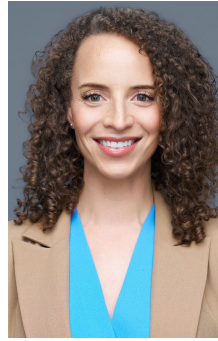
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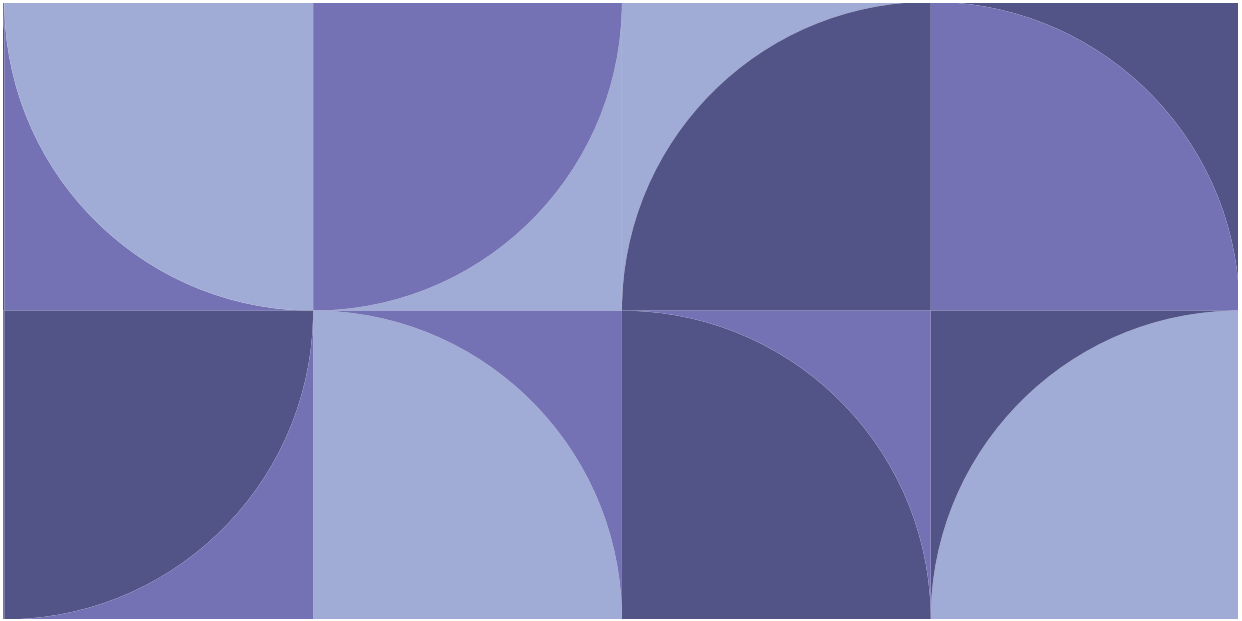
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