AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

2026 Leadership Workshop

Agenda

November 12-13, 2026

Business Casual Attire for all events

Thursday, November 12

Camby Ballroom 1-2

1:30-1:35 **General Welcome Remarks** *President Forbes*

1:35-3:15 **STATE AND PROVINCE COMMITTEE SESSION**
Identification, Investigation, and Selection of Future Fellows at the State and Province Committee Level *President Forbes*

1. Qualifications for fellowship generally
    a. Years of practice and how they are calculated
    b. The three-legged stool
    c. Untrue myths about qualifications
2. Identification of candidates
    a. General best practices
    b. Identification of those from historically underrepresented backgrounds and practices *Regent Ellen Epstein Cohen*
3. Investigation of candidates and documentation of the investigation
    a. How an investigation begins
    b. Guide to Successful Nominations
    c. Documentation of investigation *Geri Frankenstein*
4. Confidentiality Policy and Document Retention
    a. Policy
    b. Speaking points
    c. National Office records
    d. Committee investigation materials
5. Selection process
    a. Preliminary vote on whether investigation should go forward
    b. Periodic updates on investigations
    c. Final vote on a fully investigated candidate
        i. Rules of voting
        ii. Documentation of voting
    d. Polling process
    e. Regent's role during investigation and after polling
    f. Support for Public Service Fellows
6. *Guides* Series *Immediate Past President Day*
    a. *Guide to Leading a State and Province Committee*
    b. *Guide to Onboarding Inductees*
    c. *Guide to Organizing a Fellows Dinner*

i. *Guide to Organizing a Regional Meeting*
ii. *Guide to Hosting a State or Province Retreat*
d. *Guide to Giving State and Province Committee Awards*

3:15-3:30 **Break**

3:30-3:35 **Leadership Workshop Welcome Remarks** *President Forbes*

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Why we gather College leaders for a Workshop
3. Goals for this meeting
    a. Education
    b. Inspiration and invigoration

3:35-4:00 **Organizational Structure of the College**

1. Officers, Executive Committee, and the Board of Regents *Immediate Past President Day*
    a. Role of the Executive Committee, introduction of officers
    b. Officers Nominating Committee and selection process
    c. Board of Regents
        i. Role of the Board of Regents
            1. Policy setting and oversight
            2. Selection of Fellows
            3. Review committee work
        ii. Role of the Regent
            1. Introduction of Regents
            2. Regents Nominating Committee
    d. Role of the Past Presidents
2. Committees *President-Elect Recker*
    a. State and Province Committees
    b. General Committees
    c. Committee leader and member selection
    d. Role of the committees
    e. Role of the Regent Liaison

4:00-4:20 **General Committee Reports**
Access to Justice and Legal Services, Adjunct Fellowship, Admission to Fellowship, Public Defenders

4:20-4:45 **Strategic Plan Update –** *President Forbes and President-Elect Recker*

4:45-5:00 **Wrap Up Day 1** *President Forbes*

Revelry Rooftop (Pool)
6:00-7:00 **Reception**

Revelry Rooftop
7:00-9:00 **Dinner**

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Friday, November 14

Camby Ballroom 3

8:30-9:15 **Breakfast**
Seating assigned

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9:30-9:35 **Opening Remarks** *President Forbes*

9:35-10:00 **General Committee Reports**
Communications, Complex Litigation, Federal Civil Procedure, Federal Criminal Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, Heritage

10:00-10:10 **Foundation Reports**
U.S. Foundation *Foundation President Harriman*
Canadian Foundation *College President Forbes*

10:10-10:40 **Best Practices for Committee Efficiency and Effectiveness** *Secretary Keane*

1. Committee structure and operation
    a. The need for regular meetings
    b. The need for delegation
2. Development of new projects
    a. Approval process for funding projects
    b. Steps to Publishing a White Paper
    c. Organizing a live webinar (lunch and learn)

10:40-10:50 **Break**

10:50-11:30 **Mock Board of Regents Meeting** *President Forbes and Regent Mascherin*

1. Explanation of information available to the Board on each candidate
2. Mock meeting with three candidates
3. Q&A

11:30-12:00 **General Committee Reports**
Arbitration, Canada – United States, Emil Gumpert Award, Griffin Bell Award for Courageous Advocacy, Rule of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor Jurist Award, Special Problems in the Administration of Justice (U.S.)

Revelry Rooftop

12:00-1:00 **Lunch -** Strategic Seating
General Committee leaders: This is an opportunity to explore collaboration with other leaders. Please sit at one of the designated tables for General Committee leaders.
State and Province Committee leaders and Regents: Please sit at the table assigned to you based on the size of your chapter.

1:10-1:50 **Local Outreach – Responsibility of the State and Province Committees, Supported by the General Committees** *Treasurer Stone*

1. Outreach to the Bar and Revenue Generation
    a. CLE programs – *Alabama, Pennsylvania, New Jersey*
2. Outreach to the Bench
    a. CLE programs *Judiciary Chair John Conti*
    b. Receptions
3. Outreach to the community
    a. National Constitution Center Peer-to-Peer Scholar Exchange Program *Outreach Chair Byars*
    b. Reputation Project *Immediate Past President Day*
    c. Judging at regional trial and moot competitions
        i. National Moot Court Competition *Chair Rasch Brown*
        ii. National Trial Competition *Chair Sally Ferguson*
    d. *Mentoring Chair Missy Wright*
    e. *Podcast Chair Amy Gunn*

1:50-2:10 **Legal Ethics Video Vignettes Series**
Chair Mark Hinderks

2:10-2:30 **College Resources Available to Support Your Work** *Amy/Sarah*

1. Staff roles
2. Website General Overview
    a. Find a Fellow
    b. Fellow profile area
    c. Blog
    d. General Committees – ways to inform the Fellows and the public about your work
3. Listservs
4. Committee Toolkit
5. State and Province Chapter pages – ways to inform the Fellows about your local events and activities, news

2:30-2:45 **Break**

2:45-3:00 **General Committee Reports**
Honorary Fellowship, International, Journal, Mental Health Awareness

3:00-4:00 **Topical Breakout Sessions: Choose a topic you would like to explore further**

Savvy I
1. Revenue-Sharing Projects
Explore ways to generate revenue for your chapter. Facilitated by Treasurer Stone and Executive Director Maggi.

Savvy II
2. Outreach – Reputation Project, NCC partnership, Legal Ethics vignettes

Delve further into the College's various outreach programs, including how to encourage your local Fellows to get involved. Facilitated by Immediate Past President Day and Senior Strategic Initiatives Manager Mrugalski.

Savvy III

3. Successful candidate identification and investigation

Get answers to your lingering questions about the candidate nomination and investigation process. Facilitated by Secretary Keane and Senior Manager, Membership Geri Frankenstein

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4. Sharing Your Work

Learn how you can increase the reach of your committee's work, via white papers, virtual learning programs, College blog posts, etc. Facilitated by President-Elect Recker and Senior Communications Manager Stokes.

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4:00-5:00 **President in the Hot Seat** *President Forbes*

1. Questions
2. Call for new ideas
3. Conclusion

Bee's Knees (Lobby Level)

6:00-7:00 **Reception**

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7:00-9:00 **Dinner**

Featuring Past President Richard H. Deane, Jr.