



# PHOENIX

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS**  
2018 SPRING MEETING MARCH 1-4, ARIZONA BILTMORE





## *greetings from the president*

Betty and I are delighted to invite you to escape from winter and join us for the 2018 Spring Meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers at the beautiful Arizona Biltmore, a Waldorf Astoria Resort, from Thursday, March 1 through Sunday, March 4.

President-Elect Jeffrey S. Leon has planned an exciting program of distinguished speakers addressing current and thought-provoking topics. Fellows and spouses or guests are sure to be entertained, educated, and enlightened by these speakers.

As always, our evening social events will provide an opportunity to greet treasured friends and make new ones. The traditional highlight of our meeting will be the Saturday night induction of new Fellows and Black Tie Banquet, followed by dancing and the time-honored "Sing Along."

Tours and unique activities offered on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons promise to provide opportunities to explore the area and discover all that the desert has to offer.

We encourage you to register early in anticipation of another tremendous meeting. You will receive confirmation of your registration immediately by registering online through the College's website, at [actl.com](http://actl.com). You may also register by fax or mail using the registration form included with this brochure. Please contact the National Office staff at (949) 752-1801 or [actlmeetings@actl.com](mailto:actlmeetings@actl.com) if you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix.

Sincerely,



Samuel H. Franklin  
President

## general information

*Painted skys, scenic landscapes,  
and historic arts and crafts  
architecture await as you  
head "out west" to the  
luxury of Waldorf Astoria  
at the Arizona Biltmore.*



### PLAN TO STAY

#### ARIZONA BILTMORE

##### a Waldorf Astoria Resort

2400 East Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

(602) 955-6600

[www.arizonabiltmore.com](http://www.arizonabiltmore.com)

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Your meeting registration confirmation email from the ACTL Meetings Department will include the group booking code needed to make your hotel reservation. Please register early in order to secure your accommodations at the ACTL group rate.

#### ACTL GROUP RATES

By registering online at [actl.com](http://actl.com), you will receive immediate access to ACTL's group room reservation webpage via the link in your meeting confirmation.

**\$329 + tax per night**

#### **\$28 Daily Resort Fee for ACTL has been waived.**

**Resort fee amenities include:** complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms, access to the Biltmore Spa and Fitness Center and use of the putting course.

**Valet Parking:** Discounted to \$15/night.

**Group Rate Deadline:** January 22, 2018, or until ACTL block is sold out, whichever comes first.

**Government Rates:** A limited number is available on a first-come, first-served basis as registration forms are received by our eligible Fellows. Please contact the National Office for additional information or to request a government-rate room. Room types may vary.

### PLAN TO PLAY

#### GOLF

At the Arizona Biltmore, both the Adobe and the Links golf courses offer bold challenges and enjoyable play to even the most demanding golfer. The younger of the courses, the par 71, 6,300 yard Links Course, boasts rolling fairways lined with luscious pines, shimmering lakes, and desert ravines, and meanders through some of the most stunning homes in Phoenix. The Adobe Course is stately and grand, treating golfers to generous, sprawling fairways, while challenging them with numerous bunkers and water hazards. Call (602) 955-9655 and mention you are with ACTL to receive a 10% discount on tee times. Join Fellows and spouses or guests at the College's tournament on Friday, after General Session.

#### TENNIS

Warm evenings, lighted tennis courts, private lessons, and championship shots. Arizona Biltmore tennis is a timeless classic that has played host to a number of celebrity and professional matches. Private lessons, racquet rentals, or court reservations can be booked by calling (602)-381-7684. The College's round robin tournament will take place on Friday, after General Session.

#### WALDORF ASTORIA SPA

The award-winning Spa Biltmore is a calming destination that will invigorate your spirit and elevate your senses. Bring balance to mind, body, and spirit through authentic, modern, and traditional spa therapies and beauty treatments. The Spa is a tranquil haven where experienced spa and beauty therapists relax and rejuvenate you with specialty massages, facials, stone therapies, scrubs, and much more. Spa Biltmore features a sauna, steam room, and whirlpool to offer an unforgettably indulgent experience. For reservations, (602) 381-7656, and mention ACTL to receive a 10% discount.

### PLAN AHEAD

#### AIRPORT ARRIVAL & TRANSPORTATION

The Arizona Biltmore is located approximately 10 miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). Estimated taxi fare is approximately \$40, and Uber and Lyft are readily available.

#### WEATHER

February and March in Phoenix are sunny and warm with average temperatures ranging from the 70's to 80's.

#### SPECIAL MEALS & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Alternate meal choices are available at all College meal functions. If you have individual dietary allergies or concerns, please indicate during the registration process.

#### BANQUET SEATING

Fellows registered by February 9 for Saturday night's Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be assigned to tables with Fellows from their state/province or region. **After February 9, seats will be assigned as space is available and individual requests may not be honored.**







**MARK BOWDEN**  
AUTHOR

Mark Bowden is a best-selling author and journalist who has written over the years on everything from Abe Lincoln to pro football, to his failure to raise a respectable flock of guinea fowl. He is best known as the author of "Black Hawk Down," which was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2000, and was made into an Academy-Award-winning film. He has written thirteen books, the most recent of which, "Hue, 1968," spent numerous weeks on the New York Times bestseller list on its release. Bowden's books and articles have won numerous awards and have been translated into over a dozen foreign languages. Mr. Bowden teaches part-time at The University of Delaware, where he was The Distinguished Writer in Residence from 2011-2017, which he says is about as good a gig as you can pull off without breaking the law. He is a national correspondent for *The Atlantic* and a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*, as well as a reporter and columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* for more than 30 years.

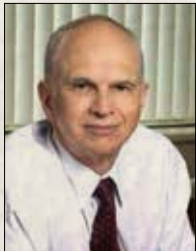


**MICHELE BRATCHER GOODWIN**  
CHANCELLOR'S PROFESSOR  
DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY  
& GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor Goodwin holds the Chancellor's Professorship at the University of California, Irvine with appointments at the School of Law, School of Public Health, Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies and Department of Criminology, Law, and Society. She is the founder and director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy and its internationally praised Reproductive Justice Initiative — and is an elected member of the American Law Institute and an American Bar Foundation Fellow. Professor Goodwin is the author of numerous articles and several highly acclaimed books, including the much anticipated, *Policing The Womb*, which chronicles how women's reproduction has become the political scapegoat in Congress and legislatures across the United States. Professor Goodwin frequently lectures world-wide on issues involving constitutional law, human rights, reproductive justice, bioethics, and health law. She served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Chicago and as a Visiting Scholar at the University of California-Berkeley and Columbia University Law School.

**HONORABLE DIANE J. HUMETWEA**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The Honorable Diane J. Humetewa was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 14, 2014, as a United States District Judge for the United States District Court in the District of Arizona. In addition to her judicial responsibilities on the bench, Judge Humetewa serves on multiple court committees at the district and circuit levels regarding pro se litigants, sentencing guidelines, attorney/client pretrial visitation, and rehabilitation & reentry of offenders. Prior to her judicial confirmation, she served as Special Advisor to the President and Special Counsel in the Office of General Counsel at Arizona State University. She also served as a Professor of Practice at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Judge Humetewa was formerly Of Counsel with the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, representing tribal government clients as a federal Indian law and natural resources law attorney. She served in the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Arizona, where she was Senior Litigation Counsel, prosecuting a wide variety of federal crimes, including violent crimes in Indian Country, Native American cultural crimes, and archeological resource crimes -- and later the United States Attorney for the district. During her tenure in the United States Attorney's Office, Judge Humetewa served as Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General and as Deputy Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Judge Humetewa is a member of the Hopi Tribe and has served as an Appellate Court Judge for the Hopi Tribe Appellate Court.



**MICHAEL KOSKOFF, FACTL**  
KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC

Michael Koskoff's practice includes medical malpractice, aviation, drug product liability, anti-trust, civil rights and class actions, but at the beginning of his legal career, he and his father — the legendary Ted Koskoff — defended the Black Panthers in a historic New Haven trial. In the seventies and eighties Michael worked with black police and fire organizations to increase the representation of minorities in public safety services. As a frequent lecturer throughout the nation, Michael has published several articles about trial technique. Mr. Koskoff has served on the faculty of programs for The American Association for Justice, National College of Advocacy, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and other bar associations. He has served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Quinnipiac College School of Law and for many years was appointed by the United States District Court in Connecticut as co-chair of the Special Masters Program. In 2008, he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work by the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and is the recipient of the Dedicated Service Award of the National Association of Black Patrolmen, the Waverly Jones Freedom Award of the Greater Bridgeport NAACP, and the Dedicated Service Award of the Afro-American Educators Association. Mr. Koskoff also sponsors an annual lecture series at the Quinnipiac College School of Law. In addition to his legal training Mr. Koskoff has received formal training as an actor, from the American Shakespeare Academy.

## Arizona and Water: The Past, Present and Future

Water storage and delivery in the state of Arizona and seven competing states, as well as the impact on Native American tribes and Mexico, all converge into an interesting/ dynamic conversation on the current state of the Colorado river and the water shortage's impact. Arizona's key players, Tom Buschatzke and Dave Roberts, will provide insight and detail into how the Arizona water storage projects have enabled the state to continue to grow.



**David C. Roberts**  
Senior Director, Water Resources  
at the Salt River Project



**Thomas Buschatzke**  
Director, Arizona Department  
of Water Resources



# invited speakers



**HONORABLE BARBARA J. PARIENTE**  
**FLORIDA SUPREME COURT**  
**RECIPIENT OF THE SANDRA DAY**  
**O'CONNOR JURIST AWARD**

Justice Pariente's legal and judicial career spans over 44 years. She has been a Justice of the Florida Supreme Court for 20 years and served as the Chief Justice from 2004-2006. She graduated at the top of her class from the George Washington University Law School, and her legal career began with a two year federal district court clerkship. In September 1993, Justice Pariente was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal, where she served until her appointment to the state's highest court. After an organized attack in 2012 against Justice Pariente, and two of her colleagues up for merit retention, Justice Pariente became involved with the National Association of Women Judges Informed Voters Project ([ivp.nawj.org](http://ivp.nawj.org)), a non-partisan voter education project designed to educate voters about the importance of a fair and impartial judiciary. Justice Pariente's most recent publication is an article she co-authored in the University of Florida Law Review, *A New Era for Judicial Retention Elections: The Rise of and Defense Against Unfair Political Attacks*. Justice Pariente is married to the Honorable Frederick A. Hazouri, who retired as a judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal and now serves as a mediator.



**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MALCOLM ROWE**  
**SUPREME COURT OF CANADA**  
**RECEIVING HONORARY FELLOWSHIP**

Justice Rowe hails from Newfoundland and Labrador and earned his LL.B from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1978, when he was called to the Bar of Newfoundland and Labrador. He became a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1986. While in private practice the Ottawa office of Gowling and Henderson, he worked on disputes over the determination of Canada's Atlantic maritime boundaries, and was involved in the negotiation of a new United Nations convention on high seas fisheries. Justice Rowe was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992, and in 1996, he became Clerk of the Executive Council and Secretary to Cabinet in the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Justice Rowe was appointed to the Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court, Trial Division in 1999 and was elevated to the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2001. From 2002 to 2016, he was involved with Action Canada, a youth leadership development program, as an advisor, mentor and member of the National Selection Committee before being appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on October 28, 2016.



**HONORABLE GREG STANTON**  
**MAYOR, CITY OF PHOENIX**

Since taking office in 2012, Mayor Greg Stanton has worked to build a modern economy by leading the way to create an innovation-based, export-driven economy built to last. Stanton is committed to making Phoenix a more welcoming and open place. Under his leadership, Phoenix became the first U.S. city to end chronic homelessness among veterans. Phoenix also earned national recognition as a leader on LGBTQ issues, and became the first Arizona city to earn a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign's municipal equality index. Stanton attended Marquette University on the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, and earned a law degree from the University of Michigan. Before he was elected to his first term as mayor in 2011, he served nine years on the City Council and as Arizona's Deputy Attorney General. In 2015, Stanton won reelection and successfully led one of the most ambitious transportation initiatives in the country — a plan that is now working to triple Phoenix's light rail system, expand bus service and build 1,000 miles of new bike lanes over the next 35 years.



**HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER WRAY**  
**DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Christopher Wray became the eighth Director of the FBI on August 2, 2017. He graduated from Yale University and earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 1992 — after which, he clerked for Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Mr. Wray began his Department of Justice career in 1997 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, where he prosecuted cases ranging from public corruption to gun trafficking and financial fraud. In 2001, he joined the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, where he served as Associate Deputy Attorney General and then Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, with oversight responsibilities spanning the full Department. In 2003, Mr. Wray was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division. In addition to overseeing criminal matters, Mr. Wray played a key role in the evolving national security mission of the Department. He also served on the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force and supervised the Enron Task Force and other major national and international fraud investigations. At the conclusion of his tenure, Mr. Wray was awarded the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department of Justice's highest award for leadership and public service.





**PANEL OF  
DISTINGUISHED  
FELLOWS**

**JOSEPH C. CRAWFORD**

Vice Chair, National Trial  
Competition Committee

**SUSAN J. HARRIMAN**

Regent

**WILLIAM J. MURPHY**

Regent

**PAUL MARK SANDLER**

Chair, Teaching of  
Trial and Appellate  
Advocacy Committee

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**GUEST  
PANELIST**

**JO-ELLAN DIMITRIUS, PH.D.**

Nationally Renowned  
Jury Consultant at  
Dimitrius & Associates LLC

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*2 ethics credit hours*

**“Mock Pre-Trial Hearing on Counsel’s  
Request to Use Social Media Searches of  
Jurors Before, During, and After Trial”**

This program will explore and expound on the ethical and legal issues of counsel’s use of social media to investigate jurors. After the mock hearing and ruling by the Court, a panel discussion among judges, lawyers, a former juror, and jury consultant will debate the many aspects of this important subject.

**Thursday, March 1: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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## *friday event preview*

LOCATED IN THE SHADOWS OF  
SOUTH MOUNTAIN, CORONA  
RANCH, ARIZONA'S ONLY PRIVATE  
RODEO GROUNDS, WILL PLAY HOST  
TO THE COLLEGE'S EVENING  
UNDER THE DESERT STARS.

The Ranch's lush grounds, Spanish tiles, history-laden carved wood pieces, flowing fountains, and open patios provide the perfect backdrop for dinner and a custom Rodeo Show.

Experience the excitement of an action-packed authentic, Western-style rodeo followed by dancing to a live Country Western band. Whether you swing your partner, hum along to familiar tunes, join in and learn how to line-dance, or sit back and enjoy the evening, a festive night awaits!





## optional tours

### PANORAMIC PADDLING \$250 THURSDAY: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM SATURDAY: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Indulge in the majestic beauty of the Sonoran Desert, where water meets the desert's edge, as you leisurely drift down one of Arizona's tame rivers in the Tonto National Forest. Experienced guides bring the landscape to life with interesting history and intrigue about earlier inhabitants and the native plants and wildlife that may be encountered along the way. Box lunch provided. (Note: 45 minute bus ride to the river.)

### SPRING TRAINING \$110 FRIDAY 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Arizona is a Mecca for baseball's Spring Training fans! Experience the thrill of the San Francisco Giants vs. Cincinnati Reds game at the Scottsdale Stadium in reserved grandstand seats, located behind the Giant's dug-out. After your bus arrives to the field, grab your hot dogs and cracker jacks for an afternoon of fun and excitement in the Arizona sunshine.

### NATIVE FOOTSTEPS \$150 FRIDAY 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Embark on a naturalist-guided Sonoran Desert hike to experience Arizona's spectacular desert which will be just beginning the season's first bloom. Learn about the unique topography and its vast variety of plants and animals that have evolved to survive the desert climate. The excursion offers anyone with modest to active fitness levels the opportunity to enjoy the adventure at their own comfort level. Box lunch provided. (Note: 40 minute bus ride to the river.)

### BIKING IN THE DESERT \$225 FRIDAY 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Enjoy unobstructed views across the Sonoran Desert as you experience the natural tapestry of desert life on a high-performance mountain bike. All rider levels are welcome as professional guides provide biking basics and lead you along saguaro-studded paths as the unique landscape unfolds in front of you. Twisting, gravel trails and gradual inclines lead guests approximately 13 miles through the Sonoran Desert. For those who prefer a challenge, a second guide will be available to take those off on a more challenging path. Box lunch provided. (Note: 45 minute bus ride to the river.)

### ARCHITECTURE TOUR \$150 FRIDAY & SATURDAY 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Step into Frank Lloyd Wright's "Taliesin West", a desert masterpiece constructed by hand of natural desert elements that was once his favorite "camp retreat" and modern working school of architecture. This original "sustainable" and "green" architectural design will come to life through your private-guided docent tour as you learn how Mr. Wright embraced the desert environment in 1937 and over many years diligently handcrafted the camp into a world unto itself.

The story continues at another Historic Site, Cosanti. Established in 1956 as the residence and studio of Paolo Soleri, a former apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright's, this "Urban laboratory" is where he created distinctive designs of earth-formed concrete. This foundry produces his famous Soleri Windbells from molded bronze to produce one-of-a-kind artworks in shades of greens and aqua.

### RUGGED EXPEDITION \$270 SATURDAY 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Experience the desert through a new perspective. Sit back, enjoy, and relax as the experienced Hum Vee driver-guide takes you to places in the Sonoran Desert, inaccessible by any other vehicle, to share various points of interest natural to this part of the world. These all-terrain vehicles will conquer the rugged desert, river-beds and mountains effortlessly while keeping passengers' safety and comfort a priority as you learn about cacti and animal life native to the Arizona desert's history. (The Hum Vee picks up at the hotel for an approximately 30 minute ride to the desert trail.)



# schedule at a glance



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
**Registration, Information & Tour Desk**

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
**Board of Regents Reception and  
Dinner Honoring Former Regents  
and Current Chairs**  
By Invitation Only  
*Business Casual Attire*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 1

10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Optional Tour**

9:00 am – 7:00 pm  
**Registration, Information & Tour Desk**

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
**Hospitality**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Committee Meetings**

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
**CLE Professional Program**

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**President's Welcome Reception  
Outdoor Event**  
*Business Casual Attire*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Registration, Information & Tour Desk**

7:00 am – 8:30 am  
**Inductee Orientation Breakfast**  
Inductees Only  
*Business Casual Attire*

7:00 am – 8:15 am  
**Committee Breakfast Meetings**

7:30 am – 8:30 am  
**Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 11:30 am  
**General Session**  
*Business Casual Attire*

12:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
**Golf Tournament**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Tennis Tournament**

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Optional Tours and Activities**

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
**Reception, Dinner & Dancing  
Rodeo Event**  
*Casual Attire*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Registration, Information & Tour Desk**

7:00 am – 8:15 am  
**Committee Breakfast Meetings**

7:30 am – 8:30 am  
**Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 11:30 am  
**General Session**  
*Business Casual Attire*

11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
**Inductee Reception and Luncheon**  
By Invitation Only  
*Business Attire*

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Optional Tours and Activities**

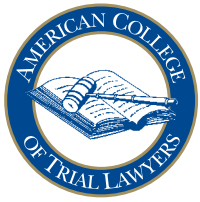
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm  
**Reception**  
*Black Tie Attire*

7:45 pm – 10:00 pm  
**Induction Ceremony followed  
by Spring Banquet**  
*Black Tie Attire*

10:00 pm – 12:00 am  
**Dancing and Sing-Along**  
*Black Tie Attire*







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*we're heading west — join us!*

