

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUDGES OF THE  
STATE COURTS OF APPEAL**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
October 23-27, 2011  
Miami, Florida**

**SOCIAL PROGRAM**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**Noon to 8:00PM**

***Registration***

Association Services Office  
*Neptune, Third Level, Loews Hotel*

**6:30PM to 8:00PM**

***Welcome Reception***

*Americana Lawn, Loews Hotel*  
Participants, spouses and guests  
*Casual attire*

Welcome to Miami! Enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones as participants gather on the Loews Hotel Americana Lawn for food, refreshments and conversation.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**7:30AM to 9:30AM**

***Breakfast***

*Poinciana 1&2, Second Level, Loews Hotel*  
Participants, spouses and guests

**7:30AM to 5:00PM**

***Registration (continued)***

Association Services Office  
*Neptune, Third Level, Loews Hotel*

**8:30AM to 9:30AM**

**Opening Ceremonies**

*Poinciana 3&4, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

***Posting of the Colors by the Miami Beach Color Guard***

***National Anthem Performed by Elisabeth “Babe” Root, Florida International University***

***Presiding and Welcoming Remarks***

Hon. Kate Ford Elliott, President Judge Emeritus, Superior Court of Pennsylvania;  
President, Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal

***Welcome and Introduction of Guest Speaker***

Hon. Juan Ramirez, Jr., Judge, Third District Court of Appeal, Florida

***Guest Speaker***

Hon. Matti Herrera Bower, Mayor of Miami Beach, Florida

**10:00AM to 3:30PM**

***Walking Tour of the Art Deco District, Lunch, and Shopping in Bal Harbour Village***

Spouses and guests

*Casual attire; comfortable walking shoes and a bottle of water!*

The Art Deco District is the largest collection of Art Deco architecture in the world and comprises hundreds of hotels, apartments and other structures erected between 1923 and 1943. In 1979, Miami Beach's Art Deco Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Learn about the history of Miami Beach including the founders and pioneers, the boom of Art Deco in South Beach, and how it differs from New York City and other areas, as well as the influence of oil barons and Miami vices in shaping the city's aesthetic landscape and economic growth. Lunch will be held at *Catch 10*, located in a historic coral rock building built in 1920.

*Meet in the hotel lobby at 9:30AM for a walking tour of the Art Deco District. Buses will depart after lunch from the Catch 10 Restaurant at 1:00PM for shopping in Bal Harbour and will return to the Loews at 3:30PM.*

As the Mayor of Bal Harbour, Jean Rosenfield, states, “*Bal Harbour Village* is known locally and internationally as a beautiful and safe place to live and visit. In less than a square mile, we have one of the world's best beaches, the world renowned Bal Harbour Shops, some of the country's most spectacular single and multi-family residences and oceanfront resorts that welcome visitors from all over the world...Bal Harbour Village is the envy of many, and sets an example for what can be accomplished with cooperation between government and its citizens.”

**Alternative Event:**

**12:15PM to 1:30PM**

**Luncheon with the Chief Judges**

*Poinciana 1&2, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

**Introduction**

Hon. William D. Palmer, Judge

Fifth District Court of Appeal, Florida

Speaker: Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte, Past President, American Bar Association

**1:30PM to 1:45PM**

**Break**

**1:45PM to 3:15PM**

**Education Session: “Ethical Issues for Appellate Judges and Their Families”**

*Poinciana 3&4, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

**Introduction and Moderator**

Hon. William D. Palmer, Judge

Fifth District Court of Appeal, Florida

**Speakers**

James J. Alfini, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law

Hon. M. Margaret McKeown, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

**Description:** Through this interactive session, Dean Jim Alfini and Judge Margaret McKeown will engage members in a discussion of topical ethical issues facing appellate judges and their families.

**3:15PM to 3:30PM**

**Break**

**3:30PM to 5:15PM**

**Education Session: “Picking Cotton: Eyewitness Identification and Innocence Issues”**

*Poinciana 3&4, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

**Introduction and Moderator**

Hon. Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux, Chief Judge

Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Louisiana

### **Speakers**

Jules Epstein, Associate Professor of Law, Widener University School of Law  
Jennifer Thompson, Co-author, "Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Justice and Redemption"

**Description:** Though many variables contribute to mistaken identification, mistakes occur with some frequency especially where a person tries to identify someone from a race different than their own. This session will provide an analysis of problems inherent in eyewitness identifications and their prominent role in exoneration cases. Author Jennifer Thompson will challenge us to improve our justice system as she candidly recounts the tragic day that subsequently led to a wrongful conviction, redemption and eventually forgiveness. Professor Jules Epstein will summarize some of the science behind eyewitness error and link that science to current issues in the law - the role of experts, jury instructions, and issues in suppression law.

**6:30PM to 10:00PM**

### **Party Boat Reception and Dinner on the Inland Waterways of Biscayne Bay**

Participants, spouses and guests

*Resort casual attire*

*Meet in the hotel lobby at 5:45PM. Buses will depart the Loews Hotel at 6:00PM for the Miami Beach Marina and will return to the Marina at 10:00PM.*

Enjoy an evening on the 100' Midnight Sun, a yacht that exudes unmistakable class and style, including good food, dancing and spectacular views.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**7:30AM to 9:00AM**

### **Breakfast**

*Poinciana 1&2, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

**8:35AM to 12:00 Noon**

### **Education Session: "Law, Justice, and the Holocaust: How the Courts Failed Germany"**

*Poinciana 3&4, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

### **Introduction**

Hon. Kate Ford Elliott, President Judge Emeritus, Superior Court of Pennsylvania  
President, Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal

### **Speaker**

Dr. William F. Meinecke, Jr., Education Historian, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

**Description:** Through interactive discussion, this program will delve into how the political system in Nazi Germany co-opted the legal structure which, in turn, guided the courts to reinterpret the law. A lesson for our times.

**10:00AM to 10:15AM**

**Break**

**1:30PM to 3:30PM**

**Tour of the Miami Holocaust Memorial**

**(After the tour, guests are encouraged to visit the Bass Museum or take a walk down Lincoln Road and Espanola Way in South Beach, both close by and a very pleasant walk. These optional tours are on your own.)**

Participants, spouses and guests

*Casual attire; comfortable walking shoes and bottle of water!*

A tour of the *Miami Holocaust Memorial* is an apt conclusion to the day's education program on *Law, Justice, and the Holocaust: How the Courts Failed Germany*.

[www.holocaustmmb.org/](http://www.holocaustmmb.org/).

*Meet in the hotel lobby at 1:15PM. Buses will depart the Loews Hotel at 1:30PM. Buses will return to the Loews Hotel at 3:30PM for those who do not wish to take advantage of the optional self-guided tours. If you take in the self-guided tours, you will be on your own regarding transportation back to the Loews. Everything is close by and will be nice walk back to the hotel.*

**Optional Self-Guided Event:** For those participants, spouses and guests who prefer a museum experience, a tour of the *Bass Art Museum* is available after the Holocaust Memorial Tour. The Bass Art Museum exhibitions present art in dynamic conversations spanning time, history and cultures. Education programs demonstrate that art is a catalyst for creativity and positive growth, especially in the area of early childhood education. The museum provides affordable resources for the teaching community, based on sound scholarship. The museum creates community through collaborative cultural programming at its unique Miami Beach location. [www.bassmuseum.org](http://www.bassmuseum.org).

**Optional Self-Guided Event:** *Lincoln Road* was envisioned to be the Miami Beach counterpart to Fifth Avenue in New York, or Rodeo Drive in Los Angeles. And indeed in the boom times of South Beach in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, it could match those upscale fashionable shopping districts. Today, Lincoln Road is a pedestrian mall. Unique stores offer items not typically found in malls, and restaurants and cafés are common. Most restaurants offer either indoor or outdoor seating, including in the middle of the

pedestrian mall area. [www.lincolnroad.org/](http://www.lincolnroad.org/).

**Optional Self-Guided Event:** Miami Beach's *Espanola Way* is a slice of history served with a touch of culture. What started out in early 1920s as a meeting place for the wealthy, a destination for dining and dancing in the streets, has come full circle, and along the way, Espanola Way has seen the sun rise and set over vastly different iterations of Miami Beach than the one that exists today. From legendary tales of gangsters running gambling organizations on the street to the '80s boom of the area as a popular backdrop for numerous films and TV shows like *Miami Vice*, the infamous stories of Espanola Way are as colorful as the area's Art Deco architecture.

[www.southbeach-usa.com/scene/scene1/espanolaway/espanola-way.htm](http://www.southbeach-usa.com/scene/scene1/espanolaway/espanola-way.htm)

## Free Afternoon and Evening

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

**7:30AM to 9:00AM**

#### **Breakfast**

*Poinciana 1&2, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

**9:30AM to 4:30PM**

#### **Bus Tour of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Lunch and Tour of the Bakehouse at the Design District (Wynwood)**

Spouses and guests

*Casual attire*

*Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden* is truly a unique place. Here you can walk garden paths surrounded by the wonders and beauty of nature, talk to experts in horticulture, conservation and science, view impressive art, see butterflies and birds at every turn and take classes on everything from photography to grafting. The Fairchild also houses the National Palm Collection as recognized by the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) and has the world's greatest living collection of palms and cycads. Spouses and guests will enjoy lunch at the Pavillion. <http://www.fairchildgarden.org>

*Buses will leave Fairchild Garden at 1:00PM for the Bakehouse and return to the Loews Hotel at 4:30PM.*

The *Bakehouse* currently comprises two galleries, a classroom, print room, photo lab, jewelry studio, ceramic kiln, woodworking and welding areas, and seventy individual artist studios. These extensive facility offerings allow artists to discover, crossover, or integrate other media into their work. From its inception, the Bakehouse Art Complex has provided emerging and mid-career artists with the opportunity to creatively explore and develop their artistic endeavors. The uniqueness of the Bakehouse is its ability to

provide an engaging environment to its artists by inspiring and encouraging each other, and informing and attracting new artists. As part of its long-term commitment to the art community, the BAC's educational programming is now focused on artist advancement and plans are now underway for the next stage of development. The Bakehouse has evolved, as has the professional level of the art community of Miami. The artists, who are juried-in tenants, come from many different states and countries bringing with them many different intellectual, social and artistic experiences. By attracting and involving new audiences into the contemporary and culturally enriching world of the visual arts, the BAC continues to be an accessible vital resource to the diverse and dynamic South Florida art community and its patrons. [bacfl.org/index.php?page=mission-history](http://bacfl.org/index.php?page=mission-history).

**6:30PM to 9:30PM**

**Reception and Dinner at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**

Participants, spouses and guests

*Semi-formal attire*

With its phenomenal human-made and natural resources, Vizcaya was built in the 1910s, a decade in which Gilded Age cultural standards were enlivened by the irreverent spirit of the dawning Jazz Age. It also introduces visitors to Miami's place in this history— a time when America's wealthiest industrialists created lavish homes inspired by the palaces of Europe. In addition, Vizcaya is a lens through which to learn about art, interior design, architecture, landscape design, horticulture, and the environment, as well as the role of internationalism in the history of the United States and Miami. Vizcaya Museum and Gardens is a Miami-Dade County facility that is accredited by the American Association of Museums and distinguished as a United States National Historic Landmark. For decades, Vizcaya has been a diplomatic seat of Miami-Dade County, having hosted some of the world's most renowned dignitaries – such as Queen Elizabeth II, Pope John Paul II, President Ronald Reagan, and King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain—and major international events—such as the Summit of the Americas, the signing of the Free Trade Agreement, and activities associated with Art Basel. [www.vizcayamuseum.org/](http://www.vizcayamuseum.org/).

*Buses depart the Loews Hotel at 6:00PM and return at 9:30PM and 10:30PM.*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**7:30AM to 9:00AM**

**Breakfast**

*Poinciana 1&2, Second Level, Loews Hotel*

Participants, spouses and guests

**Free Day for Spouses and Guests**