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A Message from the Minnesota Supreme Court
– Chief Justice Lorie Stégeman Gildea
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
My Trial Is Going South, What Do I Do Now
So I Can Turn Things Around on Appeal?
A panel of appellate and trial judges and attorneys will discuss preserving the record for appeal, motions for reconsideration and a new trial, identifying your best appellate arguments and what your best chance is at an interlocutory appeal.
– Judge Louise Derev Bjorkman
– Judge Edward T. Wahl
– Steven J. Webb
– Judge Francis J. Connolly, moderator

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Brief Writing: Where Most Appeals Are Won or Lost
The most important part of the appeal is condensing what might be years of litigation or weeks of trial into a tightly focused, persuasive and understandable brief for judges with no prior familiarity with the case. Learn from an appellate judge what makes for a good appellate brief and from civil and criminal appellate practitioners about their brief writing strategies and tips.
– Judge Tracy M. Smith
– Michael Closeur
– Timothy J. Droske
– Rachel Bond, moderator

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Oral Argument Strategies and Stories
This session will explore strategies for preparing and delivering effective oral arguments. Experienced civil and criminal practitioners will share their oral argument “war” stories and lessons to deal with hot or skeptical argument panels, as well as their ideas and best practices for delivering an impactful argument.
– Benjamin J. Butler
– Amy R. Laveler
– Eric J. Magnuson
– Katherine S. Barrett Wilk, moderator

12:15 – 11:55 p.m.
LUNCH (Bag lunches provided by Minnesota CLE)
Enjoy a complimentary lunch, the company of your colleagues, and an informal discussion about social media in appellate practice.

11:55 – 12 p.m.
A Fireside Chat with Justice McKeig
Hour reflections on appeals (and other matters, too) from the newest member of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Justice Anne K. McKeig, in a personal and informal setting.
– Justice Anne K. McKeig
– Katharine S. Barrett Wilk, moderator

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Behind the Scenes at the Court of Appeals: Initial Appeal Review and Motions
Look behind the curtain at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Learn from a sitting judge and the chief attorney for the Court about initial jurisdiction screening and common deficiencies. Understand how motions are handled: routed to a single signing judge, to the weekly special term panel or to the merits panel. Knowing when to bring motions and how they’ll be handled can make you a more effective appellate advocate.
– Judge Diane B. Bratvold
– Cynthia L. Lehr

1:15 – 1:25 p.m.
“How Can They Do That?”: Ethical Issues in Appeals
A panel of appellate lawyers and judges face unique ethical issues in the appeal process, including judicial notice via the internet of non-record facts, conduct of counsel in revealing contrary legal authority and filing of appeals for dilatory purposes. A panel of experienced lawyers and judges will discuss these issues and provide guidance on what can and cannot be done within the professional and ethical rules.
– Judge Ellen J. Maas
– Judge Thomas M. Spikins (Ret.)
– Bradford W. Colbert
– Charles E. Lundsberg
– Thomas J. Radio, moderator

2:15 – 2:25 p.m. BREAK

2:25 – 3:25 p.m.
SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

10:1 The Nuts and Bolts of an Appeal
A panel of appellate lawyers will examine the nuts and bolts of an appeal, focusing on procedural strategies (and pitfalls). The panel will discuss issues ranging from timely filing and serving the notice of appeal to preserving issues, merit briefs and the petition for review.
– Leah Casey O. Broomsma
– Erica A. Hölzer
– Andrew G. Jackson
– Jonathan P. Schmidt, moderator

10:2 Behind the Scenes at the Court of Appeals: Oral Arguments
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Appealing to Social Media: The Art of Using Twitter, Blogs, LinkedIn and Facebook to Enhance Your Practice
This session will provide an overview of the leading social media and web-based resources for appellate lawyers. Learn about new resources and get ideas for using social media to grow your appellate expertise and practice.
– Liz Kramer
– Mahsha Subbaraman

3:25 – 3:35 p.m. BREAK

3:30 – 4:35 p.m.
The Process of Appellate Decision Making
What happens to your briefs after they’re sent off to chambers? How do judges and their law clerks use the briefs to help them decide cases? What can you do to make your brief more helpful – and influential – in that process? What do judges hope to learn from oral argument and how can your presentation help them learn it? And what are the other behind-the-scenes mechanics of an appellate chamber? Jurists from each of Minnesota’s appellate courts will share their thoughts.
– Judge James B. Loken
– Judge Anne K. McKeig
– Judge Michelle A. Larkin
– Judge Carol Hooten
– Nicholas J. Nelson, moderator

4:35 – 4:45 p.m. BREAK

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5:00 p.m.
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