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- Cheryl Dalby; Minnesota State Bar Association; Minneapolis
- Angela Bullard Davis; Minnesota CLE; Minneapolis

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Tuesday & Wednesday, June 23-24, 2026
Minnesota CLE Conference Center
600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Third Floor City Center, Minneapolis

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Wednesday & Thursday, July 22-23, 2026
View online at www.minncle.org
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\$45 law students
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JUNE 23-24, 2026

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THE 2026 MSBA CONVENTION

FEATURED NATIONAL SPEAKERS

Guardians of the Promise –
Why the Legal Profession Must
Protect the Rule of Law



Judge Jeremy D. Fogel &
Judge Shira A. Scheindlin

The Relationship Between
Disinformation and the Erosion
of Trust in the Rule of Law



Mark Albert

PLUS:

- Presentations by Chief Justice Natalie Hudson and Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon
- Essential Federal and State Case Law Updates
- Interactive Open Forums by MSBA Sections
- Roundtable Discussions on AI and Practice Management
- President's Reception at The Oceanaire

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250 Years of
Liberty & Justice!

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

President's Welcome & Presentation of Awards

– *Thomas R. Pack*

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Guardians of the Promise – Why the Legal Profession Must Protect the Rule of Law

– *Judge Jeremy D. Fogel*

– *Judge Shira A. Scheindlin*

9:45 – 9:55 a.m.

BREAK

9:55 – 10:25 a.m.

ED TALKS

• Brainstorms and Brushstrokes – Translating Inspiration to Canvas

– *Kyle R. Kroll*

• Making History as the Oldest Winter Olympic Competitor

– *Richard A. Ruohonen*

10:25 – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

2026 U.S. Supreme Court Update and Insights

– *Aaron D. Van Oort*

11:00 – 11:05 a.m.

BREAK

11:05 – 11:35 a.m.

The Relationship Between Disinformation and the Erosion of Trust in the Rule of Law

– *Mark Albert*

11:35 – 11:45 a.m.

BREAK

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

State of the Judiciary Address

– *Chief Justice Natalie E. Hudson*

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (provided)

Enjoy delightful lunch selections, connect with colleagues, and visit with vendors in the comfort and convenience of the Minnesota CLE center, café, and atrium.

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1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION A

101 |

Pro Bono Under Pressure – A Critical Conversation About Legal Demand and Access to Justice

– *Muria Kruger*
– *Milo Mumgaard*
– *Micaela Schuneman*
– *Veronica S. Newcomer (moderator)*

102 |

Criminal Law Section Open Forum – Your Criminal Law Questions Answered!

– *Daniel S. Adkins*
– *Anthony W. Bushnell*
– *Max A. Keller*

103 |

Practitioners Roundtable – Managing the Extraordinary Benefits of AI

– *Annika C. Misurya*
– *Todd C. Scott*

1:45 – 1:55 p.m.

BREAK

1:55 – 2:40 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION B

201 |

Justice Under Attack – A Critical Conversation About Protecting Public Officials

– *Marshall Eddie M. Frizelle*
– *Chief Judge Patrick J. Schiltz*
– *Judge Todd R. Schoffelman*
– *Robin M. Wolpert*

202 |

Probate, Trusts, and Estates Section Open Forum – Your Probate, Trusts, and Estates Questions Answered!

– *Joel A. Sommers*

203 |

Practitioners Roundtable – Innovating, Adapting, and Practicing Your Best

– *Emily K. Cooper*
– *Wesley J. Cornwell*
– *Sarah Soucie Eyberg*

2:40 – 3:00 p.m.

Chill, Chat, and Connect – The 2026 MSBA Ice Cream Social

Enjoy classic treats and new creations while catching up with colleagues.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

ED TALKS

• Trusting Your Entrepreneurial Spirit – Starting Our Own Firm

– *Harry M. Jacobs*
– *Joseph H. Thompson*

• Keeping Perspective as a New Lawyer

– *Allison E. Cole*

3:30 – 3:35 p.m.

BREAK

3:35 – 4:05 p.m.

What Passed and What Didn't Pass – The 2026 MSBA Legislative Update

– *Bryan Lake*

4:05 – 4:35 p.m.

Lawyers Leading – How the Minnesota State Bar Association Became a National Model for Protecting the Rule of Law

– *Thomas R. Pack*
– *Norman Pentelovitch*

4:35 – 5:05 p.m.

ED TALKS

• Banding Together for Resilience and Restoration – The Story of “Reasonable Doubts”

– *Justice Anne K. McKeig*

• Making History by Recording History – Writing *The Black Lawyer in Minnesota (1973-2023)*

– *Jeffrey A. Hassan*

5:05 – 6:30 p.m.

President's Reception and Passing of the Gavel Ceremony at The Oceanaire

Reception Melodies by *Musica Ipsa Loquitur*

– *Thomas R. Pack, MSBA President*
– *Kenya C. Bodden, Incoming MSBA President*

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PRIZE DRAWING

Register for a chance to win a “Twin Cities Staycation”

A \$650 gift certificate to The Shoreline Hotel on Lake Minnetonka

A prize drawing will take place at the reception on Tuesday, June 23. You must be present at the reception during the prize drawing to win. Any person may receive and submit an entry form on Tuesday, June 23 at the Convention registration desk until 5:00 p.m. Registration for the 2026 MSBA Convention is not required. The following individuals are not eligible to win: employees of Minnesota CLE and the Minnesota State Bar Association, as well as family members of those employees.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.

Announcements and Introductions

– *Kenya C. Bodden*

9:05 – 9:45 a.m.

2026 Minnesota Appellate Case Law Update

– *Justice Theodora K. Gaitas*
– *Justice Paul C. Thissen*
– *Judge JaPaul J. Harris*
– *Judge Elise L. Larson*

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION C

301 |

ED TALKS

• Being a Lawyer Dad with 3 Million Followers – The Story of @Dadchats

– *Dillon M. White*

• Aurora Rising – Writing the Playbook for Building a New Professional Sports Brand

– *Matthew W. Bergeron*

302 |

Family Law Section Open Forum – Your Family Law Questions Answered!

– *Shawn C. Reinke*
– *Nicole J. Tabbut*

303 |

Braver Angels – A 90-Minute Workshop for Lawyers Who Want to Bridge the Partisan Divide

– *Bruce A. MacKenzie*

10:40 – 10:50 a.m.

BREAK

10:50 – 11:30 a.m.

Preserving Public Trust in the Election Process

– *Secretary of State Steve Simon*

11:30 – 11:40 a.m.

BREAK

11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Best Summer Ever! Harnessing Minnesota's Great Outdoors to Prevent Burnout and Substance Misuse

1.0 mental health/substance use credit applied for

This session flips the script on traditional mental health CLEs by focusing on the biological benefits of nature-based recreation. We will identify the stressors lawyers face; discuss research on how outdoor immersion lowers cortisol levels and improves cognitive function; and explore how Minnesota's unique geography – from the Boundary Waters to the Chain of Lakes – can complement other resources in preventing lawyer burnout and substance misuse and be the key to your “best summer ever”!

– *Kathleen S. Bray*
– *Phillip M. Brodeen*
– *David M. Motzenbecker*
– *Jon Tynjala*

PRIZE DRAWING

Register for a chance to win a “Best Summer Ever” Getaway

A \$1,200 gift certificate to Bluefin Bay Family of Resorts in Tofte

The prize drawing will take place at the final session on Wednesday, June 24. You must be present at the final session during the prize drawing to win. Any person may receive and submit an entry form on Wednesday, June 24 at the Convention registration desk until the final session begins at 11:40 a.m. Registration for the 2026 MSBA Convention is not required. The following individuals are not eligible to win: employees of Minnesota CLE and the Minnesota State Bar Association, as well as family members of those employees.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

JUDGE JEREMY D. FOGEL

The Honorable Jeremy Fogel is the Executive Director of the Berkeley Judicial Institute, a center at Berkeley Law School whose mission is to build bridges between judges and academics and to promote an ethical, resilient, and independent judiciary. Prior to his appointment at Berkeley, he served as Director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, DC (2011-2018), as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California (1998-2011), and as a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior (1986-1998) and Municipal (1981-1986) Courts. He was the founding Directing Attorney of the Mental Health Advocacy Project from 1978 to 1981 and is a national leader in promoting access to justice for people with chronic mental health issues.

JUDGE SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN

The Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin served as a United States District Judge in the Southern District of New York for 22 years. Additionally, she sat by designation on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits. Earlier in her career, she served as Chief Administrative U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. She was also general counsel of the New York City Department of Investigations and a Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District. She is the Immediate Past Co-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and is currently Of Counsel at Boies Schiller Flexner.

MARK ALBERT

Mark Albert is the founder and CEO of Media Advisory Experts, a Washington, DC-based media training and crisis communications consultancy. He is a Peabody and EMMY award winner with a 25-year journalism career distinguished by investigative and political reporting and master storytelling. He has worked for CBS News and covered criminal justice issues while at KSTP-TV, Ch. 5 (ABC) in the Twin Cities from 2005-2013. He is the winner of the Wade H. McCree Award for Excellence in Legal Journalism and the Advancement of Justice.

CHIEF JUSTICE NATALIE E. HUDSON

The Honorable Natalie E. Hudson was appointed Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court in October 2023. She first joined the Supreme Court in 2015 after serving on the Minnesota Court of Appeals from 2002 to 2015. From 1994 until her appointment to the Court of Appeals, she was employed with the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General in the Criminal Appellate Division.

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE STEVE SIMON

The Honorable Steve Simon is Minnesota's 22nd Secretary of State. As Secretary of State, he partners with township, city, and county officials to organize elections on behalf of Minnesota's nearly four million eligible voters, and to ensure that the election system is fair. Before being elected Minnesota's Secretary of State, Simon served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for ten years. Earlier in his career he was an Assistant Minnesota Attorney General and an associate at Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi.

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