




SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

Human Potential: A State of Mind

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Ed Hubbard, President-Positive Vectors, Inc.

The presentation will relate the valuable lessons learned in captivity to the real World where we must live and work. Through examples of physical and mental achievements under harsh conditions, with no resources, will demonstrate the true human potential.

Security-In the Courts and Elsewhere

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Honorable Samuel D. Ozburn, Superior Court Alcovy Circuit and T.J. BeMent, 10th Judicial District Court Administrator

An overview of security for judges and court staff at home, at work and in the community with an emphasis on court security planning and working with your local Sheriff.

Break the Mold: Making Bold Decisions to Enhance Access to Justice

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Honorable Kristina Blum, Chief Magistrate Judge of Gwinnett County

This one-hour presentation is designed to inspire court administrators to adopt a mindset of innovation, encouraging them to try new approaches to court and case management. The session will emphasize the transformational power of taking action and learning from experiences and fostering a culture of continuous improvement with the court system. In this presentation, we will look at the fear of failure, the power of action, creating a culture of experimentation, learning from setbacks, and encouraging collaboration and feedback. By the end of this presentation, court administrators will be equipped with the mindset and tools to embrace innovation, take action, and view setbacks as steppingstones to success. The first step to success is being willing to break the mold in case management.

Chair Yoga

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Lasheika Kassa, Director of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives - DeKalb County

This session will help professionals who find themselves spending long amounts of time sitting idle at their desks. Chair yoga will help with daily stretching, mindfulness, the correct way to breathe, as well as being able to stay in the here and now. Taking mini breaks to include stretching throughout the day, helps to clear the mind and allow our bodies to realign in a healthy way.

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Meetings Worth Holding and Attending!



2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

Dr. Tim Hedeon, Professor - Kennesaw State University

“This could have been an email.” “This was a waste of time.” “The minutes were kept, but the hours were lost.” Have you ever heard (or said) these about a meeting? If so, read on. Grounded in a fundamental respect for people and their time, this session will present insights on designing and conducting effective and efficient meetings.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

Lean On Me: All We Have Is Each Other



9:00 am - 10:00 am

Quay Boddie, Author & Speaker

In any company or organization, we must realize that “together” so many things can be accomplished. Through the good, the bad, the ugly, we must uplift each other at all times. You will leave this session encouraged and learning how to support your staff.

Georgia Courts: Past, Present, and Future



10:30 am - 11:30 am

Jorge Basto, Chief Information Officer - Cherokee County Superior Court

As we think about where our courts are going with technology and constituent services, it's always good to look back and see how we got to where we are. Join us for a 20-year journey of the Georgia Court System and be part of the conversation on where the courts will be 20 years for now.

Getting Down to Business: The work of the Georgia Statewide Business Court



1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Angie Davis, Clerk of Court - Georgia Business Court, Lynette Jimenez, Senior Staff Attorney - Georgia Business Court, Tynesha Manuel, Senior Deputy Clerk - Georgia Business Court

Join the Georgia State-Wide Business Court Team to learn more about Georgia's first new statewide court in 114 years! The Business Court joins specialized commercial courts and related pilot programs in twenty-four other states across the country. The presentation will cover the following topics: A Brief History of the Development of Business Courts in the United States, Jurisdiction of the Georgia State-Wide Business Court, Benefits of Litigating in the Georgia State-Wide Business Court, Procedures of the Georgia State-Wide Business Court, Types of Cases Litigated in the Georgia State-Wide Business Court, Transfers and Trials: The Business Court's Interaction with Trial Courts Throughout the State, and Facts & Figures: The Court's Footprint in Georgia and the Work of the Court.

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The State of Accountability Courts: CACJ, Fiscal Year 2023, and Beyond

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Taylor Jones, Executive Director-Council of Accountability Court Judges & Josh Becker, Assistant Director-Council of Accountability Court Judges

This session will outline the structure and purpose of the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) and discuss the state of Georgia's accountability courts. Presenters will review the fiscal year 2023 annual report and discuss future initiatives.

Troup County Accountability Courts: A Success Story

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Lindsay Mobley, Court Services Director-Troup County, Leslie Stanley, Secretary-Accountability Troup, Inc.

This session will provide a brief overview of the Accountability courts in Troup County, including some graduation data and overall general information, and introduction of Leslie Stanley, a graduate with a remarkable story, who has continued a strong involvement of our programs through our local non-profit that supports our programs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

Judicial Workload

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Honorable Robert D. Leonard, Superior Court of Cobb County

An overview of the work of the Judicial Workload Assessment Committee and why it matters to your court.

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