Agenda, reporters and panelists

2015 Reporters’ Workshop
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Oct. 12-13, 2015, Tallahassee
Supreme Court of Florida Judicial Meeting Room

Sunday, Oct. 11

5-6 p.m.
Meet & Greet: Doubletree Hotel, Jacob’s on the Plaza, 101 S. Adams St.

Monday, Oct. 12

7:30-8:15 a.m.
Breakfast: Eggs, hash browns, bacon, quiche, fruit, etc. Andrew’s, 228 S. Adams St.

8:15-8:30 a.m.
Group photo front steps Supreme Court of Florida, 500 South Duval St. (Photo by Danny Aller)

8:30-8:45 a.m.
Enter through the front doors of the Supreme Court, go through the security check-in and meet in the rotunda area. Then the entire group proceeds to the courtroom.

8:45-9:45 a.m.
Introduction to the Supreme Court of Florida and Courthouse Tour
  - Justice Ricky Polston, Supreme Court of Florida
  - Craig Waters, director of public information, Supreme Court of Florida

9:45-10 a.m. Break

10-11 a.m.
Effective Techniques of Reporting the High-Profile Case
  - Barry Richard, shareholder, Greenberg Traurig

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Judicial Fundraising and the First Amendment
How the Williams-Yulee case arose and how it fits into the bigger picture of money and politics. Seeking a diversity of views on judicial elections, elected vs. appointed judges, and whether this ruling is just a fig leaf covering the corrupting influence of money in politics.
  - Moderator: Tom Julin, Hunton & Williams, Miami
  - Barry Richard, represented The Florida Bar in the Williams-Yulee case
  - Josefina Tamayo, former judge in 2nd Circuit
  - Garrick Pursley, Florida State University law professor
12:15-12:30 p.m.  Break

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Box lunch: Wraps, chips, etc. (Inside the Judicial Meeting Room of the Supreme Court)
Topic: A Retrospective on Elections Past, Present and Future
  ▪ **Speaker:** Ion Sancho, Leon County Supervisor of Elections

1:30-1:45 Break

1:45-3 p.m.
Libel Law and Defamation
  ▪ **Moderator:** David Snyder
  ▪ Mike Glazer, attorney
  ▪ Dana McElroy, attorney
  ▪ Anne Arsenault, clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Tom McCoun

3-4 p.m.
Merit Retention in Florida:
  ▪ Justice Barbara Pariente, Supreme Court of Florida

4 p.m.
**Afternoon Intermission:** Reporter dismissal and time allotted for change of attire for:
Reception & Dinner with the Supreme Court Justices & 60th Annual Florida Bar Media Awards
22nd Floor, Florida Capitol
Coat & tie for men, professional attire for women

6-6:30 p.m. Reception with the Justices
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Welcome, by Florida Bar President Ramón “Ray” Abadin
Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, on access to civil justice
7:45 p.m. Media awards presentation, with emcee Neil Skene and Nadia Ahmad, chair of the Media and Communication Law Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 13
8 a.m.
Continental breakfast: Fruit, croissants, pastries, etc. Judicial Meeting Room

8:15-9:45 a.m.
Gay Marriage: A Continuing Debate
A look ahead at a high-profile legal story that affects many governmental entities and has broad geographic impact.
- **Moderator:** Neil Skene
- Nadine Smith: Equality Florida
- Michael B. Sheedy: Executive director, Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Jennifer Mansfield: Holland & Knight in Jacksonville

9:45-10 a.m. Break

10-11:15 a.m.
The Florida Bar and Lawyer Regulation
- **Moderator:** Francine Walker, director of Public Information & Bar Services
- Allison Sackett, Lawyer Regulation, The Florida Bar
- Annemarie Craft, Lawyer Regulation-ACAP, The Florida Bar
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.: Break

11:30-12:30 p.m. Hot lunch: Veggie lasagna, roasted turkey & dressing, salad, etc.

Changing the Path of Juvenile Justice in Florida
- Former Florida Bar President Hank M. Coxe will present his TEDx talk “When Will Your Child Be Eligible for Parole?” followed by a Q&A.

12:30-1:30 p.m.
Benchmarks – “Is It Reasonable: A Fourth Amendment Case Study”
- Annette Boyd Pitts, Florida Law Related Education Association

1:30-2:45 p.m.
Public records: How to get the records you need
- Moderator: Pat Gleason, attorney
- Mary Ellen Klas, Capital Bureau, Miami Herald/Tampa Bay Times
- Gary Fineout, The Associated Press
- Mike Vasilinda, Capitol News Service
- Sandra Chance, executive director, Brechner Center for Freedom of Information

2:45-3 p.m.: Break

3-3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks: A view from the bench
- Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

3:30 p.m. Conclusion