



**THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION
ON PROFESSIONALISM PRESENTS:**

Professionalism and the Rule of Law Convocation CLE



Friday, October 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**State Bar of Georgia
Conference Center**

(with a virtual Zoom Option)

104 Marietta St., NW
Atlanta, GA 30303



4.5 GENERAL CLE HOURS

INCLUDING

2 PROFESSIONALISM HOURS

AGENDA

PROGRAM CHAIR:

Lauren Shubow, Founder, Shubow Law, LLC

ORGANIZED AND CONVENED BY:

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

Karlise Yvette Grier, Executive Director

TIME	TOPIC
9:15 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP
9:50 AM	WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING Karlise Yvette Grier, Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
9:55 AM	INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF JUSTICE NELS S.D. PETERSON Ms. Lauren Shubow, Founder, Shubow Law, LLC, Program Chair
10:00 – 10:20 AM	OPENING REMARKS Hon. Nels S. D. Peterson, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
10:20 AM	STRETCH BREAK AND PANEL CHANGE
10:25 – 11:30 AM	PROFESSIONALISM MISSION AND CALLING TO TASKS Moderator: Hon. Verda Colvin, Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia Panelists: Mr. Comer Yates , Executive Director, Atlanta Speech School and Former Commission Member Ms. Sally Lockwood , Former Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (<i>Retired</i>) Mr. Hulett H. "Bucky" Askew , Former Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (<i>Retired</i>)
11:30 AM	STRETCH AT SEAT AND PANEL CHANGE
11:30 – 12:35 PM	THE MEANING OF THE RULE OF LAW Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey M. Smith, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP Panelists: Hon. David E. Nahmias , Partner, Jones Day and Justice Supreme Court of Georgia (<i>Retired</i>) and Prof. Alexa Cameron-Windsor , Assistant Teaching Professor, Emory University School of Law and Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion
12:35 – 1:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK (Boxed Lunches)

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1:15 – 2:20 PM	JOHN ADAMS AND THE DEFENSE OF UNPOPULAR CAUSES OR CLIENTS Moderator: Hon. Christopher J. McFadden, Presiding Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia Panelists: Prof. Alexa Cameron-Windsor, Assistant Teaching Professor and Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University School of Law Mr. Peter Canfield, Founding Member, Canfield Law LLC Mr. Richard H. Deane, Jr., Former Partner-in-Charge, Atlanta Office, Jones Day Ms. Terrica Redfield Ganzy, Executive Director, Southern Center for Human Rights Mr. Michael Schwartz, Executive Director, Safety Valve Project
2:20 PM	STRETCH BREAK AND PANEL CHANGE
2:30 PM	FROM THE CONSTITUTION TO MODERN GOVERNMENT Moderator: Hon. Harold D. Melton, Special Advisor to the Dean for Institutional Engagement, Georgia State University College of Law and Justice Supreme Court of Georgia (<i>Retired</i>) Panelists: Prof. Randy Beck, Justice Thomas O. Marshall Chair of Constitutional Law, University of Georgia School of Law Hon. Stephen Louis A. Dillard, Presiding Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia Prof. Derrick A. Pope, Adjunct Professor and Instructor of Law, Emmet J. Bondurant Center for Constitutional Law, Practice, Georgia State University College of Law and Democracy, and Editor, Georgia Bar Journal Mr. Miles Skedsvold, Associate, Robbins Alloy Belinfante Littlefield LLC <i>*An additional presenter may be announced</i>
3:35 PM	STRETCH BREAK AND PANEL CHANGE
3:45 PM	CLOSING REMARKS Mr. Francys Johnson, Partner, Davis Bozeman Johnson Law P.C. and Former Commission Member, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
4:05 – 4:55 PM	RECEPTION



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EVENT DAY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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If you have any questions about this CLE, please feel free to contact Karlise Y. Grier, Executive Director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, directly via email at kygrier@cjcpga.org or via telephone at (404) 225-5040. All attendees must check in upon arrival and are requested to wear name tags. The Commission will provide only digital class materials.

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October 2, 2026 – October 18, 2026
(or until capacity is reached)

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October 19, 2026 – October 27, 2026

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October 28, 2026 – October 30, 2026

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