



24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
*National Consortium on
Racial and Ethnic Fairness
in the Courts*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 - SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012
HILTON HOTEL - OMAHA, NEBRASKA

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION GUIDE

Hosted by the Nebraska Minority Justice Committee



NEBRASKA
State Bar Association



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The National Consortium for Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts has been working since 1988 with the highest courts of each state to create commissions and task forces to examine the treatment of minorities in those courts, and to provide technical assistance and expertise on the subject of racial and ethnic fairness in the courts. At its annual meeting each year, the National Consortium brings together thought leaders and delegates of state justice systems from around the country to share their collective knowledge about best practices within their court systems for achieving fairness and access to justice for all.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Recognizing the ever-changing landscape and the increasing challenges that face justice systems committed to achieving the promise of “equality before the law”, the 24th Annual Conference of the National Consortium invites conference attendees to promote the work of institutional change locally by applying the lessons learned and tools acquired through this national exchange of engaging ideas, practical strategies, and concrete solutions. The conference offers programs on a broad range of topics across four primary areas: addressing language barriers, enhancing diversity and cultural competence, addressing racial disparity, and building capacity to effect change.

CLE CREDIT INFORMATION

The Consortium has been approved for 13.5 ethics CLE/JBE credits for Nebraska attorneys and judges and 12.25 CEU credits for Nebraska law enforcement and Nebraska county attorneys. Accreditation in other states will be made upon request.

ABOUT THE REPORT OF THE STATES

With decades of experience in examining and addressing issues of racial and ethnic fairness in the courts, one of the greatest benefits to conference participants is the Consortium’s ability to connect participants with experts and information on current activities and reforms taking place across the country. In addition to attending the programs offered at the annual conference, each state is invited to take part in expanding this knowledge base by participating in the “Report of the States.” A delegate from each state is invited to submit a two page written report (to be disseminated to conference attendees) and provide a brief oral report regarding activity and pressing issues being addressed in their state so that conference participants can make connections across areas of common interest. Further instructions will be sent to those volunteering to serve as the presenting representative from their state. States are invited disseminate useful materials, reports, etc. at this time to conference attendees.

ABOUT THE CHIEF STANDING BEAR CELEBRATION ON MAY 12, 2012

This year’s conference takes place in conjunction with Nebraska’s 7th Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast. This annual event honors and celebrates Chief Standing Bear’s enduring message of “Equality Before the Law” on the 133rd Anniversary of the *Standing Bear v Crook* decision. The 2012 event will feature keynote speaker Larry Ecohawk, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. In addition to Native Art exhibits and cultural performances, the event will also recognize the 2012 recipients of the Humanitarian Award, Organizational Award, Scholarship Recipients, and winners of the McDonalds Chief Standing Bear Essay Contest.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference is being held at the Hilton Hotel in Omaha (1001 Cass Street), a four diamond luxury hotel located just blocks away from Omaha’s Old Market area. Participants must make their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms is being held at the conference rate of \$142 per night plus tax which includes complimentary internet access in guest-rooms for the duration of the conference (from Tuesday through Saturday). **To receive the conference rate, all reservations must be made by 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2012.** To make hotel reservations, call 1-4402-998-4294 and mention the NCREFC to secure the convention rate or register online at:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/O/OMACVHH-NCS-20120508/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

TRANSPORTATION

The Hilton offers a 24-hour complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport and to the Old Market, a premier arts and entertainment district.

CONFERENCE QUESTIONS? 402-475-7091, Nebraska Minority Justice Committee

ENTERTAINMENT

On May 11, 2012 there will be an evening reception at the Durham Museum. Originally designed as Omaha's "Union Station" in the 1930s, the Durham is one of finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the United States. The Museum offers a fascinating look at the history of the region and a broad-range of traveling exhibits. If you are thinking about flying in early or staying late in Omaha, or just want something to do in the evening after the meeting events, this website provide information about the events and attractions going on in the Old Market: Omaha's Art and Entertainment District: <http://www.oldmarket.com/>

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Justice**

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Preliminary Agenda**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

- 3:00 pm NCREFC Board Meeting
4:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

- 7:45 am Continental Breakfast
8:30 am Opening Ceremony
9:00 am Plenary Session
Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice - Joe Starita
10:30 am Breakout Sessions
A1 - Language Access Assessment and Planning - Department of Justice
A2 - Hot Spot Policing: How Law Enforcement Uses Data to Define Target Areas - Panel
A3 - Reviewing Applicants: Research on Bias and Assumptions - Eve Fine
12:00 pm Luncheon Speaker
Unfinished Business: Racial Equality and American History - Michael Klarman
2:15 pm Breakout Sessions
B1 - Coerced Confessions: Bilingual Police Interrogations - Susan Berk-Seligson
B2 - Strangers in a Strange Land: Immigration & the Law, Part 1 - Panel
B3 - Beyond Diversity into Inclusion - Arin Reeves
3:45 pm Breakout Sessions
C1 - Effectively Using Court Interpreters - Laura Garcia-Hein
C2 - Strangers in a Strange Land: Immigration & the Law, Part 2 - Panel
C3 - The Next IQ: Diversity & Leadership - Arin Reeves
5:00 pm Adjourn for the day

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

- 7:45 am Continental Breakfast and Annual NCREFC Business Meeting
9:00 am Plenary Session
Implicit Bias and the Justice System - Jeff Rachilinski
10:30 am Breakout Sessions
D1 - Task Force on Domestic Violence and Indian Women - Department of Justice
D2 - Navigating the Grant Writing Maze - Monica Miles-Steffens & Toni Ahrendt
D3 - Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Casey Foundation
D4 - Race and Reducing Failure to Appear - UN Public Policy Center
D5 - Equal Justice Initiative: Illegal Discrimination in Jury Selection - Brian Stevenson
12:00 pm Luncheon
American Swastika: Inside the White Power Movements Hidden Space of Hate - Pete Simi
2:15 pm Breakout Sessions
E1 - Refugee Populations and the Courts - Mary Willis & Anne Hobbs
E2 - Framing and Messaging Racial Justice Initiatives - Opportunity Agenda
E3 - ABA Racial Justice Improvement Project - Panel
E4 - Panel on Tribal and State Court Collaborations
3:45 pm Report of the States
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6:30 pm Reception & Tour of the Durham Museum

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

- 8:00 am Art and Cultural Exhibit Open for Chief Standing Bear Day
9:00 am Chief Standing Bear Breakfast
11:00 am Closing Ceremony
11:30 am NCREFC Board Meeting/Working Lunch



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Return the completed registration form to NSBA, PO Box 81809, Lincoln, NE 68501 or fax to 402-475-7098.

Registration is also available online at www.nebar.com

Name: _____

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Check here if you will be reporting in *The Report of the States* on behalf of your State.

	Regular (By April 18, 2012)	Late (After April 18, 2012)
Attorney & Judge Registration		
• Full Conference Attorney CLE (13.5 ethics hours)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
• Thursday, May 10th	<input type="checkbox"/> \$112.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125
• Friday, May 11th	<input type="checkbox"/> \$112.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125
Other Justice System Professionals		
• Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125
• Thursday, May 10th	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$62.50
• Friday, May 11th	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$62.50
Guest Meals/Social Events Only		
• Wednesday, May 9th Reception	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	
• Thursday, May 10th Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	
• Friday, May 11th Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	
• Friday, May 11th Reception/Tour of Durham Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	
• Saturday May 12th, Chief Standing Bear Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	

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Please help us with our planning efforts by marking which sessions you plan to attend.

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