



# Spring Convention in St. George

**2024 Spring Convention in St. George  
March 14-16, 2024**

**Expanding our Lens and Growing our Capacity –  
Gathering in Southern Utah to Build Skills  
and Relationships to Sustain our Practice**

## Thursday, March 14

4:00-6:00 p.m.                      Opening Reception at the Dixie Center  
*Opening Reception sponsored by Kirton & McConkie*

## Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m.                              Registration and Continental Breakfast, Exhibitor Hall (Ballroom EF)  
Continental Breakfast sponsored by Snell & Wilmer

8:30 a.m.                              Opening Welcome to our Spring Convention in St. George  
**Ballroom ABCD**

8:45-9:45 a.m.                      **Morning Keynote Address:** Discussing the Work of Innocence and  
Wrongful Conviction with author, Justin Brooks, and exoneree, Kimberly  
Long

1 hour MCLE credit                      **Ballroom ABCD**  
*Morning Keynote Address sponsored by the Criminal Law Section*

- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Morning Break – Please visit Exhibitor Hall!
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Second Morning Plenary Session –**  
 A Female Majority on the Utah Supreme Court – Breaking Ceilings,  
 Making History, and Contributing to Justice in our Community
- A CLE panel discussion with Justices Paige Petersen, Diana Hagen  
 and Jill Pohlman, and Retired Justices Christine Durham (Senior Of  
 Counsel, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati) and Jill Parrish  
 (United States District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the  
 District of Utah), moderated by Presiding Judge Michele  
 Christiansen Forster, Utah Court of Appeals
- 1 hour prof/civ MCLE credit **Ballroom ABCD**  
*Morning Plenary Session sponsored by Hawkes Quam, Tangaro Law,  
 Tara Isaacson Law*
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Please visit Exhibitor Hall!
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Morning Breakout Sessions x4 CLE sessions (1 hour MCLE credit)
1. Improving Our Legal Writing in All Its Forms: AI and More  
 Panelists are: Simón Cantarero, General Counsel, Priority Dispatch; Hon.  
 James Gardner, Third District Court; Hon. Keith Kelly, Third District Court;  
 and Juliette White, Parsons Behle & Latimer, with Dan Steele, Moderator  
 Sponsored by the Litigation Section
  2. In-Depth: A Deeper Conversation with our Morning Keynote (Author, Justin  
 Brooks, and Exoneree, Kimberly Long) moderated by Jensie Anderson, SJ  
 Quinney College of Law  
 Sponsored by the Criminal Law Section
  3. Improving Our Outlook and Skills to Improve our Practice with YLD  
 Faculty to include Ashley Biehl, YLD President with Rebekah-Anne Duncan  
 Sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division // Sponsored by Filevine
  4. LPPs and Paralegals: Ethics and Strategy for Utilizing their Expertise  
 Panelists include: Melissa Parache (LPP); Jennifer Arganbright (LPP);  
 Christina Bird (LPP); and Jared S. Hyde (attorney) with Kirsten Shumway  
 (moderator) // 1 hour ethics CLE // Sponsored by the LPP and NLTP Office
- 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch Buffet Service in the Garden Room

- 12:30 p.m. Awards Presentation in the Garden Room
- Dorathy Merrill Brothers Award (Advancement of women in the profession)(to Justice Diana Hagen, Utah Supreme Court)
  - Raymond Uno Award (Advancement of minorities in the profession)(to Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson, Salt Lake Justice Court)
  - Judge of the Year Award 2023 (To Judge David O. Nuffer, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, Southern Division in St. George, Utah)
  - Distinguished Service Award 2023 (To Heather Tanana, SJ Quinney College of Law)
  - The Utah Legal Well-Being Impact Award (to Danielle “Dani” Hawkes, Hawkes Quam LLC)
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm. **CLE Lunch Keynote Presentation –**  
 The Value of Different Perspectives in the Legal Workforce  
 Panelists include: Bryan Benard (Partner with Holland& Hart); Rebecca Ryon (Director Americas Litigation, eBay, Inc.) and Magistrate Judge Cecilia Romero (United States District Court for the District of Utah); Panel moderator, Kim Cordova (Brass & Cordova /Utah State Bar Commission) // 1 hour CLE credit **Held in the Garden Room**
- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Break - Please visit Exhibitor Hall!
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Late Afternoon Breakout Sessions x4 CLE sessions (1 hour MCLE credit)
1. The Care and Feeding of Clients  
 Panelists are: Simón Cantarero, General Counsel, Priority Dispatch; Hon. James Gardner, Third District Court; Hon. Keith Kelly, Third District Court; and Juliette White, Parsons Behle & Latimer, with Jeremy Adamson, Moderator // Sponsored by the Litigation Section of the Utah State Bar
  2. AI and Ethics in Your Practice presented by Bennett Borden, Partner and Chief Data Scientist at DLA Piper 1 hour ethics CLE credit
  3. Sharing Authentic Experiences and Building Compassion in our Relationships  
 Panel to include Dani Hawkes, Tara Isaacson, Robert Cummings, and Maren Larsen // Sponsored by Lawyers Helping Lawyers // 1 hr prof/civ CLE // Sponsored by Filevine
  4. FLEC Presentation on Improving Family Law Practice & Lawyering Skills  
 Presentation from Kyle Witherspoon, Sorensen & Witherspoon // Sponsored by the Family Law Section
- End of CLE for the day – Turning Our Focus to Traditions & Networking***  
***We hope that you will plan to join us and renew relationships with colleagues and friends.***
- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Inaugural Pickleball Tournament**
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. **YLD Tradition – Hosting a Social Activity at BigShots St. George**

## Saturday, March 16

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Desk & Exhibitor Hall Opens (Ballroom EF)
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome to the Final Day of the Convention, 2025 Dates for Spring Convention  
**Garden Room of Dixie Center**
- 8:45-9:00 a.m. President-Elect speech(es) for 2024/2025 leadership of the Bar
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote Session Day Two –  
Should the Bar Examination Be the Only Path to Practice?:  
A Report from the Utah Supreme Court's Bar Admissions Working  
Group
- The Bar Admissions Working Group has recommended an alternative path to bar licensure that would exist alongside the bar examination. The Working Group will present its findings, answer questions, and solicit feedback about the alternative path.*
- Presentation will include Utah Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice John A. Pearce, Utah State Bar Admissions Counsel Emily Lee, and Law Professor Catherine Bramble BYU Law School 1 hour CLE credit  
**Garden Room of Dixie Center**
- PLATED BREAKFAST TO BE SERVED***
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Break – Please visit Exhibitor Hall!
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Mid-Morning Plenary Session Day Two –  
Reflecting on our Own Practice Experience: Our Incivility and How We  
Build Capacity & Well-Being (Presented by the Well-Being Committee for  
the Legal Profession) // Panelists?  
**Held in the Garden Room**  
1 hour professionalism/civility CLE credit

Saturday, March 16 continued

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.                      Second Morning Break – Please visit Exhibitor Hall!

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.                      Concluding Plenary Session –  
Practice Tips on Client Counseling, Discovery, & Trials - A Judicial Panel  
Discussion featuring distinguished faculty from our Utah State Courts and  
our U.S. District Court for the District of Utah // Discussion to be  
moderated by Erik Christiansen, Parsons Behle & Latimer, Utah State Bar  
President // 1 hour CLE credit                      **Held in the Garden Room**

12:30 pm                                      Convention Adjourned

1:00 p.m.                                      Richard Dibblee Annual Golf Tournament

**MCLE TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR FULL CONVENTION – Offering  
up to 8 hours MCLE credit (credit approved by the MCLE Board)**

**Spring 2024 – REGISTRATION BLOCK**

Registration on or before 3.1.24	\$300.00
Registration after 3.1.24	\$350.00
Guest to join and attend CLE	\$100.00
Registration for active/3 years or under/YLD On or before 3.1.24	\$250.00
Registration for active/3 years or under/YLD After 3.1.24	\$275.00
Pickleball Tournament on 3.15.24	\$50.00
Golf Tournament on 3.16.24	\$100.00