

COURT TECHNOLOGY AND EFFECTIVE LEGAL WRITING FOR JUDGES

November 5-10, 2017

Holiday Inn Express Historic District

Savannah, Georgia

Instructors: Judge Jason Ashford & Judge Robert Lopez Cepero

AGENDA

Sunday, November 5

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Social Hour**

Monday, November 6

Orders, the Media and the Heater Case: Judge Robert Lopez Cepero

8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Class & Clinic:** Drafting Orders: The Art Above the Mechanics

10:00 am -- 10:15 am **Break**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **LUNCH** (provided for attendees)

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Class:** The Opinion Beyond the Appellate Courts
A. Audiences: Who's reading these opinions?
B. The "Heater" Case Opinion: What the Media Sees
C. Discussion from the Media vs. the Court
D. Clinic: Drafting the Heater Order
E. Challenge: Drafting the Opinion for the Public

Tuesday, November 7

The Written Opinion: Judge Robert Lopez Cepero

8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Class**
A. Questions: Creating a Precise Narrative
Don't ask the right, precise question and you don't get the right, responsive answer. Lessons from outside the courtroom.
B. Define or "Punt". Lawyers argue definitions; judges decide definitions.
C. Painting the picture. When and at what point do we consider painting a picture in our opinion?

10:00 am -- 10:15 am **Break**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **LUNCH** (provided for attendees)

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Class**
A. What comes first? The outcome or the facts? A case analysis of 21st century trends and a thoughtful discussion to follow.
B. Returns on the Order & Opinion Drafting Sessions

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 am – 10:00 am Introduction of Participants & Course Overview Terminology,
Technology Introduction
E-Discovery
Effective PowerPoint (and alternatives) &
Digital Evidence Presentation
Judge Jason Ashford

10:00 am -- 10:15 am ***Break***

10:15 am – 12:00 pm Tech Hardware Inside and Outside Court
The Electronic Courtroom
Judge Jason Ashford

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## Thursday, November 9

8:00 am – 10:00 am Technology Problems and Solutions  
Software Makes the World Go Round  
**Judge Jason Ashford**

10:00 am – 10:15 am ***Break***

10:15 am – 12:00 pm The Future of Technology  
**Judge Jason Ashford**

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Friday, November 10

8:00 am – 9:45 am Electronic Communication for Judges and Social Media
Government Regulation of Technology
Judge Jason Ashford

9:45 am - 10:00 am ***Break***

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Ethics/Professional Responsibility
Judge Jason Ashford