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## **73<sup>rd</sup> JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

On behalf of Chief Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr., and the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference Planning Committee, I am pleased to invite you to register for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Conference of the Sixth Circuit to be held in Detroit, Michigan. We are excited about this year's program and are continuing efforts to streamline and facilitate Conference registration through our automated systems.

The Conference's headquarters will be the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center with lodging accommodations at the same location. An opening reception for all conferees will be held Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Henry Ford Museum from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., and transportation will be provided to the location from the hotel's motor lobby until 6:30 P.M. Conferees arriving by air after 4:30 P.M. may proceed directly to the venue and be conveyed to the Marriott by bus after the reception.

The Conference will open at 8:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday's program includes a plenary session on Detroit's municipal bankruptcy, breakout sessions, a luncheon for conferees featuring Professor Thomas Ginsburg as speaker, and district breakout sessions. The Life Members of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference will host their reception in the evening at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Thursday's program will open with a plenary session presented by Professor Bryan Stevenson, breakout sessions, a luncheon for conferees featuring Professor Noah Feldman, and another flight of breakout sessions. The day will conclude with a reception and banquet for conferees at Cobo Center, located about a quarter mile from the Renaissance Center. The evening will include a presentation of the American Inns of Court Award and remarks from Associate Justice Elena Kagan.

Friday morning's program features Dean Erwin Chemerinsky's review of the Supreme Court's term. The Conference will conclude by 11:30 A.M.

Summary information about all Conference sessions and presentations is available on the Sixth Circuit's internet website [www.ca6.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov), as well as the following:

- A link for hotel reservations is available from the website, which is the Marriott's preferred method for accessing group reservations. In the alternative, reservations may be made by telephone, but reference must be made to the following group code: CJA.

- You may use the internet site to access the registration system and pay for events selected. When authorizing payment, please note that charges will not be submitted for posting to your credit card before April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please also note that changes to online registration may be made until April 30, 2015. Thereafter, any change must be made on-site at the Conference.
- Conference attendees who elect to pay by check must select the “printable registration form,” found on the internet site, complete all information required, and return the form along with a check covering all expenses to the circuit executive’s office by mail. Do not fax or email the form, as it cannot be processed without payment.

Finally, for our planning purposes please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, but not later than April 15<sup>th</sup> to insure availability of our group rate. We likewise request that you register for the Conference and activities not later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. After that date, new registrations will only be available at the Conference site on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you in Detroit.

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