



# 2024 Conference of Chief Justices & State Court Administrators

August 4 – August 8, 2024

## Conference Schedule

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Conference of  
**CHIEF JUSTICES**



## Sunday, August 4, 2024

**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Language Access Committee Meeting**

*Landmark I*

*(Great Hall Building)*

**12:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Registration and Host State Desk**

*Homestead Gallery*

*(Homestead Building)*

**12:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**CLEAR Committee Meeting**

*Abbot I/II*

*(Sunriver Lodge)*

**5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

**Law & Literature Program**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

Co-hosted by the Judicial Family Institute and the Oregon Judicial Department, this year's selection for Law and Literature is "*Rajneeshpuram: Inside the Cult of Bhagwan and Its Failed American Utopia*", by Russell King.

In 1981, ambitious young Ma Anand Sheela transported the Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to the United States to fulfill his dream of creating a utopia for his thousands of disciples. Four years later, the incendiary Rajneeshpuram commune in Oregon collapsed under the weight of audacious criminal conspiracies hatched in its inner sanctum, including the largest bioterrorism attack in US history, an unprecedented election fraud scheme, and multiple attempted murders.

Rajneeshpuram explores how this extraordinary spiritual community, featured in the Netflix docuseries *Wild Wild Country*, went so wrong. Drawing from extensive interviews with former disciples and an exhaustive review of commune records, government and police files, and archival materials, author Russell King probes the charismatic power that Bhagwan (later known as Osho) and Sheela exercised over the community and the turbulent legal and political environment that left commune leaders ready to deceive, poison, and even murder to preserve their home and their master.

Rajneeshpuram is a fresh examination of the Rajneesh story, using newly available information and interviews with high-ranking disciples who have never before shared their stories.

## Monday, August 5, 2024

**7:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

### **Registration and Host State Desks**

*Homestead Gallery  
(Homestead Building)*

**7:30 AM to 9:00 AM**

### **Breakfast**

*Great Hall  
(Great Hall Building)*

**7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**

### **CCJ/COSCA New Member Orientation Breakfast**

*Landmark I  
(Great Hall Building)*

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

### **CCJ Board of Directors Meeting**

*Abbot I  
(Sunriver Lodge)*

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

### **COSCA Board of Directors Meeting**

*Abbot II  
(Sunriver Lodge)*

**9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**

### **JFI Meeting and Presentation**

*Landmark II  
(Great Hall Building)*

**10:15 AM to 1:30 PM**

### **Big Eddy Thriller Whitewater Rafting**

10:30 AM Depart Sunriver Resort

11:00 AM Arrive at the launch site. Once you have arrived at the put-in, your guide will go through safety protocols, paddling techniques, and the best practices for maneuvering through swift water. Then it's time to throw on your life jacket and helmet, grab a paddle, and hit the water in your guided raft!

Your float begins on a gentle stretch of river with a mix of calming flat water and playful ripples through class 1 & 2 rapids. This section provides the perfect opportunity to take in the quintessential Central Oregon landscape of lava flows, towering Ponderosa pines, Junipers, and Osprey nests as your guide shares their knowledge of the region's natural history.

1:30 PM Return to Sunriver for lunch

## **10:45 AM to 3:00 PM**

### **Volcano Tour**

11:00 AM Depart Sunriver Resort

11:30 AM Arrive at Newberry Caldera. Here you are standing in the bottom of a volcano where many short hikes await! Whether Paulina Peak, and its 8,000-foot summit, a walk on a mountain of black glass to learn how Native Americans traded this valuable obsidian around the continent or hiking along the shores of sparkling Paulina Lake to traverse an old growth hemlock forest, we will be immersed in the natural and cultural history of this incredible National Monument. A sweet deli-style lunch spread will be served along the way.

3:00 PM Return to Sunriver

## **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

### **Lunch**

*Great Hall*

*(Great Hall Building)*

## **11:45 AM to 3:00 PM**

### **Big Eddy Thriller Whitewater Rafting**

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3:00 PM Return to Sunriver

## **12:45 PM to 1:15 PM**

### **Opening Ceremonies**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

### **Presentation of the Colors, National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Presiding:**

- Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals; President, Conference of Chief Justices
- Greg Sattizahn, State Court Administrator, South Dakota Unified Judicial System; President, Conference of State Court Administrators

## Welcoming Remarks

- Meagan A. Flynn, Chief Justice of Oregon; Host, Conference of Chief Justices
- Nancy J. Cozine, State Court Administrator, Oregon Office of the Court Administrator; Host, Conference of State Court Administrators

## 1:20 PM to 2:10 PM

### **Keynote Address: Guardianship and Conservatorship: A National Perspective on Protecting Vulnerable Individuals**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

**Description:** As a renowned elder law scholar, Nina Kohn will explore the intricacies of guardianship and conservatorship laws from a national standpoint. This session will delve into strategies for protecting the rights of vulnerable individuals, addressing legal challenges, and ensuring that guardianship and conservatorship are used only when less restrictive options are not available. Gain insights into best practices, current trends, and policy considerations for effective protection and advocacy.

**Speaker:** Nina A. Kohn, David M. Levy L'48 Professor of Law, Syracuse University College of Law

## 2:10 PM to 2:25 PM

### **BREAK**

## 2:25 PM to 3:40 PM

### **Education Session: Less Restrictive Alternatives to Guardianship**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

**Description:** Less restrictive alternatives to guardianship offer individuals with disabilities or incapacities greater autonomy and self-determination. These alternatives prioritize their rights and choices while ensuring support and protection. In this session, alternatives aimed to balance individual freedom with necessary safeguards, promote personal agency, and preserve dignity, while minimizing the need for full guardianship, will be discussed.

**Moderator:** Shannon Bacon, Justice, Supreme Court of New Mexico

### **Panel:**

- Kathleen N. Gomes, Judge, Probate Court Division 1, Tennessee
- Lauren S. Holland, Senior Judge, Lane County Circuit Court, Oregon
- Patrick L. Woodward, Chief Judge (Ret.), Appellate Court of Maryland

## 3:40 PM to 3:55 PM

### **BREAK**

**3:55 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Education Session: Practical Tools to Enhance Guardianship Monitoring**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

**Description:** Following appointment of a guardian or conservator, courts have an on-going responsibility to make certain that the respondent is receiving the services and care required, the estate is being managed appropriately, and the terms of the order remain consistent with the respondent's needs and condition. Practical tools can include monitoring protocols and technology-driven solutions, like online portals to access information and submit reports. Chief Justices and State Court Administrators will learn measures to strengthen accountability and ensure that guardians and conservators act in the best interests of those they serve.

**Moderator:** Diane Robinson, Principal Court Research Associate, National Center for State Courts

**Panel:**

- Lois E. Murphy, Judge, Montgomery County Orphan's Court, Pennsylvania
- Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator, Minnesota
- Katherine Stocks, State Court Administrator, Nevada

**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Welcome Reception at Sunriver**

*Great Hall*

*(Great Hall Building)*

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

**7:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Registration and Host State Desks**

*Homestead Gallery*

*(Homestead Building)*

**7:15 AM to 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

*Great Hall*

*(Great Hall Building)*

**Committee Meetings**

**8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**9:45 AM to 10:45 AM**

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Committee Meetings will be located in the Great Hall and Homestead Buildings. Check the conference app for locations.

**8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Canoeing the High Cascade Lakes**

8:15 AM Depart Sunriver Resort for a trip into the heart of the Cascade Mountain Range

8:45 AM Drop in our canoes on a high elevation mountain lake! Wanderlust guides will instruct everyone on canoeing techniques and share the natural and cultural history as they highlight the sweet spots on these stunning lakes. Watch for wildlife while you soak in the beauty of these lakes created by ancient volcanic eruptions. A swim for the hearty can happen on the shores of this snowmelt-fed lake! A sweet deli style lunch spread will be served while your guides pack up boats!

12:00 PM Return to Sunriver

**10:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**High Desert Museum**

10:15 AM Depart Sunriver Resort for the High Desert Museum

10:35 AM Arrive at the High Desert Museum where you will be provided with a cultural history of the High Desert through artful exhibits, alluring animals, engaging programs, and meaningful history. You may even see a baby fox! Enjoy walking around the 135-acre indoor and outdoor museum and finish your visit with lunch provided. (Wheelchair Accessible)

1:30 PM Return to Sunriver

**12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Canoeing the High Cascade Lakes**

12:15 PM Depart Sunriver Resort for a trip into the heart of the Cascade Mountain Range

12:45 PM Drop in our canoes on a high elevation mountain lake! Wanderlust guides will instruct everyone on canoeing techniques and share the natural and cultural history as they highlight the sweet spots on these stunning lakes. Watch for wildlife while you soak in the beauty of these lakes created by ancient volcanic eruptions. A swim for the hearty can happen on the shores of this snowmelt-fed lake! A re-energizing snack will be served while your guides pack up boats!

4:00 PM Return to Sunriver

**12:15 PM to 1:45 PM**

**Regional Meetings/Lunch**

*(Great Hall and Homestead Buildings)*

**5:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Dinner at the High Desert Museum**

5:30 PM Load buses in the large parking lot in front of the Sunriver Lodge.

5:45 PM Depart Sunriver Resort for the High Desert Museum.

Our Tuesday night dinner will be at The High Desert Museum, which sits in and shares the stories of the Indigenous Plateau. It is the homeland of Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute Tribes, known today as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The Museum opened in 1982, bringing regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of natural and cultural heritage of North America's high desert country. It sits on 135 acres of pine covered forest land. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is also a Smithsonian Affiliate institution. The dinner will offer not only some of Oregon's finest seasonal food and beverage offerings, but also views of the extensive and fascinating indoor exhibits! (Please note that outside exhibits can be seen during the daytime tours, so if you are interested in those, please reserve a space). We look forward to sharing with you a bit of the history of the region while we dine.

## Wednesday, August 7, 2024

**7:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Information and Host State Desk**

*Homestead Gallery  
(Homestead Building)*

**7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

*Great Hall  
(Great Hall Building)*

**8:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

**Education Session: Practical Tools to Enhance Conservatorship Estate Monitoring**

*Homestead  
(Homestead Building)*

**Description:** Financial monitoring involves thorough reviews of the conservator's financial records, transactions, and decisions to ensure they are acting in the best interests of the individual under their care. This session will discuss measures aimed at preventing financial exploitation or mismanagement and maintaining transparency, accountability, and safeguarding the assets and financial well-being of those unable to manage their own affairs.

**Moderator:** Diane Robinson, Principal Court Research Associate, National Center for State Courts

**Panel:**

- Shannon Bacon, Justice, Supreme Court of New Mexico



- Lauren S. Holland, Senior Judge, Lane County Circuit Court, Oregon
- Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator, Minnesota

**9:30 AM to 9:45 AM**

**BREAK**

**9:45 AM to 10:30 AM**

**Education Session: Strategic Planning: What Should Guardianship/Conservatorship Reform Look Like in Your State?**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

**Description:** Strategic planning for guardianship reform envisions a system that prioritizes the rights, dignity, and well-being of individuals under guardianship. The *4th National Guardianship Summit* developed recommendations for reform and improvement in using less-restrictive options, monitoring, and data collection. Through roundtable discussion, examples of state guardianship reform efforts will be shared. Questions such as what are your state's needs, what is your highest priority, and who can help the courts will be discussed.

**Facilitator:**

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice of Vermont

Debra Todd, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania

**10:30 AM to 10:45 AM**

**BREAK**

**10:45 AM to 12:00 PM**

**HOT TOPIC: AI in the Courts: Ethical, Legal, and Policy Challenges – A panel Discussion with the AI Rapid Response Team**

*Homestead*

*(Homestead Building)*

**Description:** This panel discussion with members of the AI RRT focuses on the potential impact of artificial intelligence (AI) in the judicial process and discusses ethical, legal, and policy issues that state courts are grappling with as they effectively balance the anticipated influx of AI generated material with long standing rules of law and procedure and points participants to key resources their courts can use while navigating this journey.

**Panel:**

- Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice of Georgia
- Matthew J. Fader, Chief Justice of Maryland
- Justin P Forkner, Chief Administrative Officer, Indiana
- Stacey Marz, Administrative Director, Alaska
- Sara B. Omundson, State Court Administrator, Idaho

- Elizabeth D. Walker, Justice, Supreme Court of West Virginia
- Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge, New York

**12:00 PM to 1:30 PM**

**Lunch and Award Presentation(s)**

*Great Hall*

*(Great Hall Building)*

**1:30 PM to 2:00 PM**

**CCJ/COSCA Group Photos**

**2:15 PM to 4:45 PM**

**CCJ General Business Meeting**

*Homestead II/III*

*(Homestead Building)*

**2:15 PM to 4:45 PM**

**COSCA General Business Meeting**

*Homestead I*

*(Homestead Building)*

**4:45 PM**

**Adjournment**

**6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**CCJ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner**

*Besson Commons*