



2024 CCJ/COSCA Annual Meeting

Navigating the Judicial Needs of Vulnerable Populations

Education Program

Sunriver Resort
Sunriver, Oregon
August 4-7, 2024



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 7:00 PM

Law & Literature
Homestead
(Homestead Building)

Book: *Rajneeshpuram: Inside the Cult of Bhagwan and Its Failed American Utopia* by Russell King.

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*"

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)

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Lunch
Great Hall
(Great Hall Building)

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, Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, 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 2:00 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 9:30 AM

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.

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

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 10:30AM

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 Presentations

Great Hall

(Great Hall Building)

1:30 PM to 2:00 PM

CCJ/COSCA Group Photos

Mt. Bachelor Lawn

(Behind Great Hall Building)

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 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Besson Commons

REGISTRATION HOURS

Sunday, August 4	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 5	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6	7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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