

2022 MIDYEAR CONFERENCE ONLINE

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NAALJ invites you to register and attend our 6th Midyear Webinar, which will be held on May 13, 2022. We are excited about our program under the theme “Revisiting Core Judicial Functions.”

We have assembled a faculty of experts on a variety of topics that every member of the administrative law judiciary should find thought provoking and valuable.

Self-represented parties create special challenges for members of the administrative law judiciary. Our first presenter, Kelly Tait, is a communication consultant and adjunct professor of Communications Studies at the University of Nevada-Reno. She will provide tools and techniques to help judges overcome the challenges posed by parties who are unrepresented by attorneys and maintain the core judicial functions of access to justice and neutrality. She is one of the co-authors of the U.S. bench book “Handling Cases Involving Self-Represented Litigants: A National Bench Guide for Judges.”

Being considered a “true professional” is the highest compliment that a judge can receive and should be what we inspire to be every day. Our second presenter, Katherine Kwan MacDonald, is an assistant chief administrative law judge with the California Public Utilities Commission and teaches the ethics session in the National Judicial College’s Fair Hearing course. Judge MacDonald will help us to identify and resolve common ethical issues that we as judges are confronted with in our work to achieve the core judicial function of professionalism.

One essential judicial function that administrative adjudicators must carry out is determining the credibility of witnesses when faced with conflicting testimony and evidence. Our third presenter, Julia Simon-Kerr, is a professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law. She is a leading evidence scholar whose scholarship focuses on credibility and lying in the law. She will assess the role of demeanor in determining witness credibility, including the timely issue of determining the credibility of witnesses who are required to or choose to wear masks in the hearing room.

Registration is now open for the webinar. The registration fee for current NAALJ members is \$50 and for non-NAALJ members is \$150 (which includes membership in NAALJ through June 30, 2023). To register and for more information about the webinar click the link.

Regards,

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Hon. Raymond Kramer
Midyear Conference Co-Chair

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Hon. Steve Wise
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