



Thursday, April 12

2:00 pm–5:00 pm	ACAM Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 pm–7:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Welcome Reception
7:30 pm–9:30 pm	Dinner for Board, Committee Chairs, Speakers, and Sponsors <i>(by invitation only)</i>

Friday, April 13

7:30 am–4:00 pm	Registration												
7:30 am–8:30 am	Continental Breakfast												
8:30 am–8:45 am	President's Welcome Edgar C. Gentle III, Esq. <i>Gentle, Turner, Sexton & Harbison LLC, Hoover, Alabama</i>												
8:45 am–9:15 am	Streamlined Case Start-Up: Avoid Spinning Your Wheels Gretchen Eoff <i>Assistant Vice President of Operations, Garden City Group</i>												
9:15 am–10:30 am	Special Masters in Social Justice and Social Reform Litigation In the quest for a just society, there are forces that move us forward and forces that move us backwards. Sometimes, the forces that move us backwards are challenged in the courts, and the courts find that the law compels reform, or a claims process that may spur reform. But the remedies in those cases generally require more than a simple court order. These cases tend to be daunting for courts to administer because they require substantial time, diplomacy, discernment, and discretion, and the parties' well-founded belief that the implementation details are being shaped by an honest broker who can consider the parties' constraints and the parties' input. This panel will briefly highlight four such cases from both the master's perspective and the court's perspective and will engage questions, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons Learned. What have these cases accomplished? What are the limitations on the role and function of special masters in institutional reform work? What are the greatest obstacles faced by special masters in reform work? What factors have helped the courts and the masters achieve success? • The Future. What types of cases may be on the horizon in which courts will be asked to play a critical role in social justice reform work? Might special masters be helpful to the courts in those cases? What skills/knowledge/ability will the courts seek in those special masters? <table> <tr> <td>PANELISTS</td> <td>MODERATOR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hon. Donovan W. Frank <i>United States District Court of Minnesota</i> <i>Senior District Judge, St. Paul, Minnesota</i></td> <td>Randi I. Roth, Esq. <i>Complex Settlements, P.C., Saint Paul, Minnesota</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hon. Paul L. Friedman <i>United States District Court of the District of Columbia</i> <i>Senior District Judge, Washington, D.C.</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hon. Amy M. Totenberg <i>United States District Court of Northern Georgia</i> <i>District Judge, Atlanta, Georgia</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Ferleger, Esq. <i>Office of David Ferleger, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carlos A. Gonzalez, Esq. <i>The Gonzalez Law Group, Atlanta, Georgia</i></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	PANELISTS	MODERATOR	Hon. Donovan W. Frank <i>United States District Court of Minnesota</i> <i>Senior District Judge, St. Paul, Minnesota</i>	Randi I. Roth, Esq. <i>Complex Settlements, P.C., Saint Paul, Minnesota</i>	Hon. Paul L. Friedman <i>United States District Court of the District of Columbia</i> <i>Senior District Judge, Washington, D.C.</i>		Hon. Amy M. Totenberg <i>United States District Court of Northern Georgia</i> <i>District Judge, Atlanta, Georgia</i>		David Ferleger, Esq. <i>Office of David Ferleger, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania</i>		Carlos A. Gonzalez, Esq. <i>The Gonzalez Law Group, Atlanta, Georgia</i>	
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Friday, April 13 (continued)

10:45 am–12:00 pm

Special Mastering in MDLs and Mass Tort Cases

This panel of distinguished judges, experienced litigators, and special masters will address the complexities facing special masters in MDL and mass tort litigation and the varied roles special masters play. The panel will address the use of special masters in areas such as discovery; the particular issues that arise with respect to the use or actions of special masters in the context of claims of personal injury as well as their role in mass tort and individual settlements, including acting as settlement master; designing and implementing claims resolution programs (including issues of interpretation of the settlement); addressing notification and transparency issues in implementing settlements; allocating a settlement fund and assisting in the informed consent process; and hearing appeals of treatment of claims in a settlement. The panel will discuss “best practices” and how special masters can enhance the management and resolution of matters, as well as “lessons learned” (including observations from the massive and contentious BP settlement) that can help litigants and special masters avoid costly mistakes and improve the efficiency of settlements. The panel will also address the mechanisms used to select and appoint special masters.

PANELISTS

Hon. R. David Proctor

*United States District Court of Northern Alabama
District Judge, Birmingham, Alabama*

Hon. Donovan W. Frank

*United States District Court of Minnesota
Senior District Judge, St. Paul, Minnesota*

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JAMS, San Francisco, California

Patrick A. Juneau, Esq.

Juneau David, APLC, Lafayette, Louisiana

MODERATOR

Deborah E. Greenspan, Esq.

Blank Rome LLP, Washington, D.C.

12:00 pm–1:15 pm

Lunch—Guest Presentation

There Is No Remedy: The Role of a Special Master in Shakespeare’s Measure for Measure

Kimberly R. West, Esq. (and a couple of actors)

Wallace, Jordan, Ratcliff & Brandt, LLC, Birmingham, Alabama

1:15 pm–2:30 pm

ACAM Fellows Special Master Experiences

Members have an opportunity to share an instructive master experience in this open forum. Cary Ichter and Merrill Hirsh, co-chair of the ABA Judicial Division Lawyer’s Conference, will discuss the Black Letter Project involving the appointment and use of masters by judges. You may share a successful or—what!—an unsuccessful effort in one of your recent cases.

PANELISTS

Cary Ichter, Esq.

Ichter Davis, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia

Merril Hirsh, Esq.

Troutman Sanders, LLP, Washington, D.C.

Peter S. Vogel, Esq.

Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP, Dallas, Texas

MODERATOR

Roger S. Haydock, Esq.

National Arbitration Forum, Minneapolis, Minnesota



Friday, April 13 (continued)

2:30 pm–2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm–4:00 pm

Special Master Ethics, Immunity, and Insurance Issues

This panel will discuss (1) ethical issues faced by neutrals, including required disclosure of potential conflict issues, appropriate restrictions on ex parte contacts with judges and parties, and dealing with unrepresented or inadequately represented mediation parties; (2) the extent of immunity enjoyed by neutrals; and (3) professional malpractice insurance available for neutrals.

PANELISTS

Patrick A. Juneau, Esq.

Juneau David, APLC, Lafayette, Louisiana

Hon. Kenneth O. Simon

Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc. Birmingham, Alabama

Hon. John P. Leopold

JAMS, Denver, Colorado

MODERATOR

Richard D. Grauer, Esq.

Mediator and Special Master, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Reception

7:00 pm–9:30 pm

Annual Dinner and New Fellow Induction Ceremony

Keynote Speaker, Hon. U.W. Clemon

United States District Court of Northern Alabama

District Judge (Ret.), Birmingham, Alabama

Saturday, April 14

8:00 am–Noon

Registration

8:00 am–9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am–10:15 am

Micro Special Mastering—Aggregate Settlements, Lien Resolution, Legal Fee Disputes, Privilege Logs, Discovery Disputes, Limited Charges, and Small Cases

This panel will describe the day-to-day tasks of special masters, which occur more frequently and provide more opportunities than the large special mastering engagements of, for example, helping a judge run an MDL. Aggregate settlements, as small as a handful or as large as 18,000, are more frequent than class action settlements and require a neutral's help under ABA Rule 1.8(g). The lien resolution task of a neutral is an ever-expanding task, requiring expertise and the ability to handle large volumes of claimants. Legal fee disputes, such as in drywall, may involve a hundred or fewer lawyers but are controversial. They depict the parable of "an ounce of prevention," with a joint venture agreement among plaintiffs' counsel before they commence a case being recommended. Privilege logs and discovery disputes continue to grow in prominence, especially in our electronic age of millions of documents and megabytes. Limited charges and small cases, such as train wrecks, fires, salmonella poisoning, and chemical spills, are popular settings for special masters.

PANELISTS

Cary Ichter, Esq.

Ichter Davis, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia

Kimberly R. West, Esq.

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Chris T. Hellums, Esq.

Pittman, Dutton & Hellums, P.C., Birmingham, Alabama

David M. Tenner, Esq.

Ridley, McGreevy & Winocur P.C., Denver, Colorado

Cathy A. Yanni, Esq.

JAMS, San Francisco, California

MODERATOR

Edgar C. Gentle III, Esq.

Gentle, Turner, Sexton & Harbison LLC, Hoover, Alabama



Saturday, April 14 (continued)

10:15 am–10:30 am

Break

10:30 am–11:00 am

Managing the Case Spectrum: Gotchas to Avoid

Nicole Hamann

Senior Vice President, Epiq Systems

Michael O’Conner

Senior Director, Client Services, Epiq Systems

11:00 am–12:15 pm

Special Mastering in Criminal Cases

The panel will deal with issues related to the appointment and use of a special master in a criminal case from the perspective of an appointing judge and special masters, including:

- The reasons for using a special master in a criminal case, the timing for such an appointment, the authority for the appointment, and payment of the special master.
- Types of matters submitted to the special master, including discovery matters and related motions to compel disclosure; Brady disclosures; bill of particulars; discovery of classified materials; procedures for dealing with classified materials under the Classified Information Procedures Act; compelling disclosure of information regarding altered documents; and investigations of prosecutorial misconduct.
- Views of an appointing judge on the utility and effectiveness of using a special master in a criminal case.

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United States District Court of the District of Columbia
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Cleveland, Ohio

Randi I. Roth, Esq. Complex

Settlements, P.C. Saint Paul,
Minnesota

MODERATOR

Hon. Richard A. Levie (Ret.)

JAMS, Washington, District of Columbia

12:15 pm–12:30 pm

ACAM Business Meeting

Election of 2018 Board

12:30 pm

Adjourn

6:30 pm

Optional Dine Arouds

Thank you to our Annual Meeting Sponsors:





Hotel

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel

621 St. Louis Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Online: [Group Rate Reservation Link](#)

Telephone: (800) THE-OMNI (843-6664)

Room Rate: \$289 per night, single/double occupancy

Hotel Reservations Deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018

Please mention ACAM or the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters to obtain the group rate. Hotel reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis until Monday, March 19, 2018, or until the block has sold out. ACAM cannot guarantee the group rate after Monday, March 19, 2018. *All reservations not cancelled within seven days prior to day of arrival will be subject to a one-night cancellation fee.*

Check-in Time: 3:00 pm

Checkout Time: Noon

The Omni Royal Orleans offers graceful elegance in New Orleans and features 345 luxury guest rooms and suites, a rooftop observation deck and pool, and multiple dining outlets, including the award-winning Rib Room. The hotel is located in the heart of the French Quarter at St. Louis and Royal Streets and within walking distance to Jackson Square, Saint Louis Cathedral, Preservation Hall, and world-class restaurants, bars, and entertainment.



Transportation

Airports

Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY)—located 30 minutes from the Omni Royal Orleans

Airfare

UNITED  ACAM has partnered with United Airlines and is offering discounted airfare to all attendees. To book airfare and receive a discount, go to www.united.com and use **Offer Code: ZEBW112006**. You may also call (800) 426-1122 and provide the agent with **Agreement Code: 112006**, **Z Code: ZEBW**.

Taxi

\$33 each way from Louis Armstrong International Airport (gratuity not included)

Uber

\$25–\$30 each way from Louis Armstrong International Airport

Rental Car

AVIS ACAM has partnered with Avis Car Rental and is offering discounted car rentals to all ACAM attendees. To reserve and receive a discount online, please use the provided link: [Avis Discount for the 2018 ACAM Annual Conference](#). Your **Avis Worldwide Discount Code: D012155** will automatically be placed in the reservation details. You may also call (800) 331-1600 and provide the agent with **Avis Worldwide Discount Code: D012155**.

Parking

Valet Parking: \$47.57 per night, including tax, with unlimited in and out privileges. The garage clearance is 6 feet, 6 inches. Offsite parking is available within two blocks for larger vehicles.

Other Information

Dress Code

Business casual attire is appropriate for the ACAM meeting.

Weather

The average high temperature in New Orleans in April is 79 °F, and the average low is 60 °F.

Things to Do in New Orleans

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/>

New Orleans Dining Options

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/cuisine/>



Fellow Contact Information

Last Name First Name MI

First Name / Nickname as it should appear on the badge

Firm

Firm Address

City State ZIP

Phone

Email Address

Please indicate the state(s) where you are admitted to practice

I require special accommodations to participate.
(Please attach a description of your needs)

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Address

City State Zip

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Payment Options

Check enclosed (Make payable to ACAM, U.S. funds only)

Credit Card Visa Mastercard Amex

Name on Card

Card #

Exp. Date Security Code

Signature

Registration and Event Information

Fellow Registration Fees and Events

Early-Bird: Monday, March 19	\$595
Regular: After Monday, March 19	\$695
First-Time Attendee	\$400

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Guest Registration Fees and Events

Guest Registration Fee	\$200 guest fee (early-bird and regular)
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Fellow Event Fees	
Guest Event Fee	
Total Amount Due	

Register Online or by Fax or Mail

Registration deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018



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Cancellation Policy: If a cancellation is received by Monday, March 19, a refund of 75% of the registration fee will be issued. There are no refunds for cancellations received after that date.