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A Message from the Minnesota Supreme Court

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12:30 - 12:50 pm.

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1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

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This session will take the lessons of the morning and extend them to the smaller scales within a document, focusing on the flow of information and the psychological quality of "natural emphasis.

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The Nuts and Bolts of an Appeal: How to Build a Better Appeal

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- Christopher W. Bowman & Ashleiah M. Leitch

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Amicus Curiae and the Art of Befriending the Court

This panel of experts will discuss the ins and outs of the unique friendship between non-parties and a deciding court. Topics will include high level strategy concerns that drive the decision whether to participate in a case, a discussion of what materials are appropriate and helpful, and the nuts and bolts of how to participate as an amicus. Whether you are a litigant looking to obtain amicus support for your case or a non-party considering filing an amicus yourself, this panel will provide insight and valuable experience to improve your case.

- Justice Margaret H. Chutich, Timothy J. Droske, Solicitor General Liz Kramer & Teresa Nelson
- Alethea M. Huyser (moderator)

2:15 - 2:30 p.m. BRFAK

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– Timothy Gephart, Charles Lundberg & Kay Nord Hunt

4:30 – 4:40 p.m. BRFAK

4:40 - 5:00 p.m.

A Fireside Chat with

Justice Natalie E. Hudson

Hear reflections on appeals and get to know another member of the Minnesota Supreme Court in a personal and informal settina.

- Justice Natalie E. Hudson
- Elizabeth G. Bentley (moderator)

5:00 p.m.

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