

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the  
National Consortium on Racial and  
Ethnic Fairness in the Courts**



**DIVERSITY**

**AND ALL THAT**

**A Multi-Edged Sword**



**Wednesday, April 27 – Friday, April 29, 2011**  
(Immediately preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival)

Conference Registration Guide

**Omni ~ Royal Orleans  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

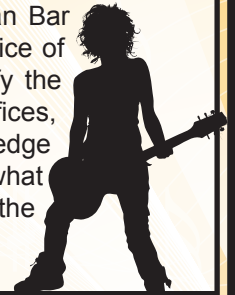
Sponsored by the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and its Committee on Diversity in the Profession, the New Orleans Bar Association, and the LSU, Loyola, Southern, and Tulane Law Schools

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

**Race! Ethnicity! Different Cultures!** Why learn about other's views? Is race still an issue now that we have an African-American President? How can having diversity improve the quality of justice? What's really going on nationally and in our state courts regarding our differences? Learn what's actually happening and not the usual political hype!

Today, more than ever, people are demanding that their lawyers and courts be diverse in ethnicity and race. By the year 2050, more than half of the U.S. population will be non-Caucasian.

The fights today – fights with swords of proverbial, multi-cultural edges – are quietly but persistently being fought on varying battlefields across the country – by state bar associations, the American Bar Association, and local, state, and federal governments - that will affect the continued practice of law in every courtroom throughout this century. The conference program will help identify the controversies and concerns involving diversity issues that are flooding law schools, law offices, judges' chambers, and courtrooms. Breakout session presentations will address cutting edge techniques aimed at developing an understanding as to where we're headed and why, and what can be done to affect real change and exact justice and fairness in the practice of law and the administration of justice.



## PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Enhancing Outcomes for Youthful and Minority Participants in Drug Courts • Race and Disabilities • Neuroscience of Decision Making and Bias in the Courts • Diversifying Law Firms and Courts to Satisfy Litigants' Needs • Armoring Against Prosecutorial Discretion • A Mediator's Arsenal for Resolving Disputes Amongst Multi-Cultural Litigants • The Relevance of Culture in Adjudicating Domestic Violence Cases • Treating Litigants with Respect Regardless of Race, Color, or Creed



## BREAKOUT SESSIONS



*Marche*: The Advancement of Women in the Law • *Rapierre*: Racial Diversity in Jury Selection • *Parry*: Reducing Recidivism in Criminal Justice • *Salle d'armes*: Racial and Ethnic Considerations in the International Arena • *Dague*: Influence of Race on Blended Sentencing Decisions for Juvenile Offenders • *Estramaçon*: Delivery of Legal Services to Minorities • *Retraite*: Aging Prisoners-When is Enough Enough? • *Passé*: Missing the Mark when Communicating with Limited-English Proficient Clients • *Conversation*: Role of Law Schools in the Administration of Justice • *Phrase*: Defendants with Substance Dependence Disorders: What Do We Do Now? • *Invite*: Due Process for Non-English Speakers in the Courts



### Wednesday, April 27, 2011

3 pm – 8 pm: Registration  
6 pm – 8 pm: Opening Program, Address, and Welcome Reception



### Thursday, April 28, 2011

7am – 8am: Breakfast  
8am – 8:15 am: Welcome to Conference  
8:15 – 9:30 am: Plenary Session  
9:45 – 10:45 am: Plenary Session  
11 – 12:00: Concurrent Breakout Sessions A1 – A4  
12 – 1:15 pm: Plated Lunch with Keynote Speaker  
1:15 – 2:15 pm: Concurrent Breakout Sessions B1 – B4  
2:30 – 3:30 pm: Plenary Session  
3:45 – 4:45 pm: Concurrent Breakout Sessions C1 – C3  
5:30 – 7:00 pm: Cocktail Reception

### Friday, April 29, 2011

7 am – 8 am: Breakfast  
8 am – 8:15 am: Welcome-Registration  
8:15 am – Noon: Plenary Sessions  
Noon – 1:15 pm: Brown Bag Lunch  
1:15 pm – 5 pm: Plenary Sessions  
5:30 pm – 7 pm: Cocktail Reception



(Program meeting times are subject to change)

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FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE DETAILS.**

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and Meeting of the NATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC FAIRNESS IN THE COURTS DIVERSITY AND ALL THAT JAZZ – A MULTI-EDGED SWORD

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

**REGISTER on the Internet:**

Go to [consortiumonline.net/annualmeeting.html](http://consortiumonline.net/annualmeeting.html)  
Click the link to access the online  
registration system

**By Fax:**

(757) 259-1520

**By Mail:**

National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic  
Fairness in the Courts  
c/o National Center for State Courts  
300 Newport Avenue  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

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Special Needs (Physical or Dietary) \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee includes admission to entire conference and the following: opening reception of food and beverage, two breakfasts, one plated luncheon, one gourmet brown bag lunch, two evening receptions of food and beverage, and breakout refreshments. Guests of registrant may attend the three receptions, luncheon, and lunch by paying the separate fee as indicated.

Registration Type:	Regular	Late
	Before April 1	After March 31
For Participant	( ) \$485.00	( ) \$525.00
For Guest: (name _____)		
Receptions	( ) \$90.00	( ) \$100.00
Plated Luncheon 4/28/11	( ) \$30.00	( ) \$35.00
Brown Bag Lunch 4/29/11	( ) \$25.00	( ) \$25.00

**Payment Method and Authorization**

- ( ) Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to National Center for State Courts (Federal Tax ID # 52-0914250)  
 ( ) Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to MasterCard / Visa / American Express (circle one)

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**Cancellation and Refund Policy:** Cancellation of registration must be made in writing and faxed to (757) 259-1520. A refund minus a \$60 processing fee will be issued for cancellations received by fax 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 11, 2011. A refund minus a \$120 processing fee will be issued for cancellations received by fax after 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 11, 2011 through 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2011. No refunds will be issued for "no shows" or for cancellation received after 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 21, 2011.

## QUESTIONS

Registration (757) 259-1841 or (800) 615-6165 - NCSC

Conference.: (504) 412-6074 or Fax (504) 412-6077- NCREFC



# ABOUT THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ FEST

This year's convention takes place immediately preceding the opening weekend of the world-renowned "Jazz Fest." The 10-day festival features artists from the worlds of jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel, Afro-Caribbean, Cajun, Latin, zydeco, rock, country/western, and other musical genres appearing on 12 stages. The festival also features the best of Louisiana's specialty foods such as shrimp and soft-shelled crab po'boys, crawfish Monica, alligator sauce piquante, and of course, boiled crawfish. The festival also offers a wide variety of crafts in three distinct areas: Contemporary, Congo Square, and folk. The juried vendors represent the best artists from both Louisiana and around the country.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference is being held at the Omni Royal Orleans, a four-diamond luxury hotel located in the heart of the historic French Quarter (621 Royal Street), directly across from the Louisiana Supreme Court and only blocks away from Jackson Square. Participants must make their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms is being held at the conference rate of \$209 per night plus taxes, which rate is available from Tuesday through Saturday. To receive the conference rate, all reservations must be made by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2011. To make hotel reservations, call 1-800-843-6664 and mention the NCREFC to secure the convention rate. For the hotel reservation to be valid, you must attend the conference. For more information about the hotel and its numerous amenities, visit <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/NewOrleansRoyalOrleans.aspx>

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