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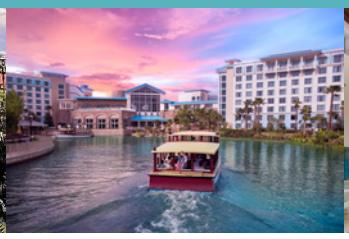
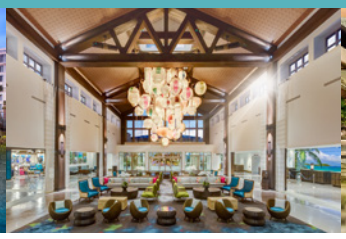

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Day 1: Thursday, November 5, 2026

7:00 am – 7:00 pm	**Exhibitor Set Up** *(Oceana Grand 10-12)*
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	**Registration and Materials Pickup** *(Registration A&B Foyer)*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	**Welcome Reception and Registration** *(Oceana Grand 8-9)*

Day 2: Friday, November 6, 2026

6:00 am – 7:00 am	**Exhibitor Set Up** *(Oceana Grand 10-12)*
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	**Registration and Materials Pickup** *(Registration A&B foyer)*
7:00 am – 8:30 am	**Breakfast** *(Oceana Grand 8-9)*
8:30 am	**Program Start Time** *(Oceana Grand 10-12)*
8:30 am – 8:55 am	**Welcome remarks and introductions** | TLS Chair James Gassenheimer and TLS Retreat Chair Anisha Patel *(Oceana Grand 10-12)*
8:55 am – 9:50 am	**Session 1 – Commanding the Witness Universe: Mastering Corporate Rep and Party Depositions** | Peter Murnaghan
9:50 am – 10:50 am	**Session 2 – Objection Override: Navigating Evidentiary Battles in Depositions and Trial** | Judge Christopher Nash & Judge Patricia Barksdale
10:50 am	**Break** *(Oceana Grand 8-9)*
11:05 am – 12:00 pm	**Session 3 – Inside the Jury Universe: Mastering Jury Selection** | Michael Boucher
12:00 pm – 1:10 pm	**Lunch** *(Oceana Grand 8-9)*
1:15 pm – 2:35 pm	**Session 4 – The Ethical Compass: Professionalism and Ethics in an Evolving Trial Universe** | Chief Justice Couriel, Justice Labarga, Justice Muñiz, Justice Grosshans, Justice Barrios; Moderated by Braxton Gillam
2:35 pm	**Break** *(Oceana Grand 8-9)*
2:50 pm – 4:00 pm	**Session 5 - Unique Perspectives and Parallel Paths: Arbitration, Mediation, and Resolution Strategy** | Donald Mason, Kelly Hamer, Jennifer Bailey; Moderated by Florida Bar President-Elect Paige Greenlee
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	**Closing Remarks** | TLS Chair James Gassenheimer, TLS Retreat Vice Chair Dan Smith
5:15 pm – 9:30 pm	**Meet in the Lobby for Universal Studios Event** A paid course registration includes attendance for one person at the Universal Studios Event. Attendees will enjoy VIP access to two attractions at Universal Studios and a private dinner at Antojitos on Universal CityWalk. Additional tickets can be purchased for all friends and family, who are encouraged and welcome to attend.