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April 19, 2019

Dear Members:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming 91st Annual Federal Court Clerks Association (FCCA) Training and Education Conference. This year's conference will be held August 12 – 15, 2019, at an excellent property near Fort Myers, Florida. The FCCA Board of Directors and the Education Committee have worked diligently to create an agenda full of interesting and informative educational sessions. Registration for the upcoming conference is scheduled to open on **May 1, 2019**, and the agenda will be posted prior to that date. I would like to provide you with a preview of some of the conference highlights.

On Tuesday morning, August 13, the formal opening session will begin with a welcome message from the Middle District of Florida. We have scheduled very dynamic and talented plenary speakers each morning of the conference. Professor Gary Marchant, Regent's Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Law, Science and Innovation at Arizona State University, will present "Emerging Technology and the Courts in the 21st Century"; Ms. Mary Abbajay, author of *Managing Up* and President of Careerstone Group, will present "Managing Up, Down and Across"; and Mr. Brian Biro, former CEO and author of nine books including *Beyond Success!*, will speak on "Leadership, Possibility Thinking, and Thriving on Change."

We will also be offering many breakout sessions during this conference. Examples of some of the topics include: Leadership Skills & Development, Getting Ready for SharePoint Online, and Best Practices in Facilities Project Delivery. Peer to peer breakout sessions will be offered, which continue to be very popular among our membership. The educational sessions will be led by local court trainers, as well as Federal Judicial Center trainers and staff from the Administrative Office.

Several FCCA members are in the process of earning a noncredit certificate in Judicial Administration from Michigan State University (MSU). While this will be our last year to partner with MSU, we are pleased to announce that we anticipate approximately ten graduates at this year's conference.

I hope you will consider joining us. Registration will be open to all current FCCA members, and the cost is \$375.00 and \$175 for retirees. This fee covers three solid days of education and includes breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and dinner on Thursday evening.



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Over the past several years, conference enrollment has sold out within just days of opening registration. We have arranged for a block of rooms at the main conference hotel. Once registered all attendees should book their rooms as soon as possible. The FCCA will again accept purchase orders for the registration fee. Information regarding how to complete a purchase order will be available on our website, www.fcca.ws, along with a list of frequently asked questions.

I truly appreciate your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the 91st Annual FCCA Training and Education Conference. If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss the conference in more detail, please feel free to contact myself or President-Elect Karen Mitchell.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Karth
President

Cc: Karen Mitchell, President-Elect