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8:30 **REGISTRATION**

9:00 **NEW TIMES, NEW TESTS FOR THE MEDIA: KEEPING PUBLIC TRUST IN A POLARIZED WORLD:**

A presentation on best practices for reporting the news-and consuming it—in an era of post-truth politics. Audience participation especially invited.

Lead presentation:

Samira Jafari, Executive Editor, CNN, Atlanta

9:30 **BUILDING NEW TRUST IN GOVERNMENT?: THE CITY OF ATLANTA TAKES A FRESH STEP TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY THAT MAY BECOME A NATIONAL MODEL**

Organizer:

Tom Clyde, Kilpatrick Townsend

Moderator:

Christopher Walker, Greenberg Traurig

Panelists:

Michael Caplan, Caplan Cobb

Kristen Denius, City of Atlanta

Jennifer Colangelo, Georgia Department of Law

J. Scott Trubey, AJC

10:15 **BREAK**

10:30 **PUBLIC TRUST AND THE COURTS: NEW RULES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS**

An exploration of the Georgia judiciary's perspective on balancing the goals of maintaining orderly court rooms while ensuring the public has open access to the judicial process, especially as technology continues to evolve and become ever more ubiquitous. The discussion will have a particular emphasis on Uniform Superior Court Rules 21 and 22, including the recent process of revising Rule 22 and the courts' implementation of the new rule in the months since it went into effect.

Organizers:

Sarah Brewerton-Palmer, Caplan Cobb
Tom Clyde, Kilpatrick Townsend

Moderator:

Ed Bean, Poston Communications

Panelists to include:

Hon. David Nahmias, Georgia Supreme Court
Hon. Gregory A. Adams, DeKalb Superior Court
Hon. Shawn LaGrua, Fulton Superior Court

11:15 TALKING ABOUT HISTORY: *BURIED TRUTHS* BRINGS NEW TOOLS TO BEAR IN PODCASTING GEORGIA'S PAST

A behind-the-scenes look at how the popular podcast Buried Truths uncovers new truths about Georgia's difficult past on matters of racial injustice, particularly in law-enforcement and the courts, and how a potent new federal law should vastly improve access to civil rights cold case records.

Host Hank Klibanoff, Emory University
Dave Barasoain, WABE
Je-Anne Berry, WABE

12:00 SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME: LAW, JUSTICE AND THE HOLOCAUST

For the first time in Georgia, a presentation and discussion that has been captivating audiences in 40 states for more than a decade: Judges were among those inside Germany who might have effectively challenged Hitler's authority, the legitimacy of the Nazi regime, the hundreds of laws that restricted political freedoms and civil rights, and the guarantees of property and security. And yet the overwhelming majority did not. This close scrutiny of the past provides a framework for a debate on the role of the judiciary in the United States today: What is the responsibility of judges to the legal system as a whole? What have been the challenges to a fair and impartial administration of justice in the United States today? What can judges do to ensure that the kinds of failures that led to the Holocaust do not happen here?

Organizer and Facilitator:

Jonathan Ringel, Daily Report

Presenter and Discussion Leader:

Wm. Frederick Meinecke Jr., United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

2:00 TRUST, CIVILITY AND FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS

A Fred Friendly-style examination of the issues and tensions roiling the academy like never before.

Interlocutors/organizers:

Richard Griffiths, Georgia First Amendment Foundation
Frank LoMonte, Brechner Center for Freedom of Information

Panelists to include:

Anthony Hightower, Senior Legal Advisor, Augusta University
Maggie Holland, Editor-in-Chief, The Red & Black, Athens
Bill McDonald, Dean of Students, University of Georgia, Athens
Jonathan Peters, Columbia Journalism Review

3:00 **TRUST AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS: WHAT WILL CHANGE WHEN GEORGIA VOTES IN 2020**

Organizers:

Shawn McIntosh, AJC

Moderator:

Mark Niese, AJC

Panelists:

Chris Harvey, Georgia Secretary of State's Office

Allegra Lawrence-Hardy, Lawrence & Bundy

Cynthia Willingham, Rockdale County Board of Elections

4:00 **WABE'S POLITICAL BREAKFAST LIVE**

On the record – off the clock. Veteran Atlanta political reporter Denis O'Hayer hosts a conversation between strategists from the right and the left. Democratic strategist Tharon Johnson and Republican strategist Brian Robinson bring their personalities and passion to the table for an informed, respectful and lively discussion. They spar, they delve into topics others avoid, and they give credit where it's due. It's all steered by Denis O'Hayer, who has covered Georgia politics for close to 40 years.

Organizer:

Ken Foskett, AJC

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