



*Enhancing Public Trust and Confidence
in the Judiciary through Education*

AGENDA

Week 1
June 27 - 29, 2023

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SURROGATE

Sleepy Hollow

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Jessica Baquet, Esq., Eric Penzer, Esq.

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Prof. Stewart Sterk

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