

# 25TH ANNUAL LABOR ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

## NOVEMBER 7-8, 2024 NEWPORT, RI

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOV. 7			
PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL AND SCREENING			
4:30 pm Salon	Registration & Social Hour	Network with Colleagues and Salon Arbitrators	
6:00 pm Salon	Film Screening	"Interview with The Honorable George Mitchell", former U.S. Senator from Maine	
7:00 pm	Dinner on your own		
NOV. 8			
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7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast		
8:30 am Salon	Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Peg Boyd, Schmidt Center for Labor Relations & HR, University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI) Michael Loconto, Arbitrator (Boston, MA)	
8:30 am Salon	DEI Remarks	Mary Ellen Shea, Arbitrator, Co-Chair, National Academy of Arbitrators - New England Region; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Subcommittee member (Amherst, MA)	
8:50 am Salon	Keynote Speaker	Thomas Anton Kochan, George Maverick Bunker Professor of Management, Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management (Cambridge, MA)	
9:55 am	Break		
10:05 am	BREAKOUT SESSION #1 - Concurrent (Choose 1)		
Weatherly	Cross Examination (Skills Session)	Beth Wolfson, Arbitrator (Dedham, MA) Walter Hunter, Arbitrator (Rumford, RI)	
Freedom	Opening Statements & Brief Writing (Skills Session)	Lee Williamson, Arbitrator (Truro, MA) Rebekah Smith, Arbitrator (Union, ME)	
Salon	Public Sector Strikes & Binding Arbitration	Moderator:	Tim Buckalew, Arbitrator (Westborough, MA)
Salon		Panelists:	Michael Zilles, President, Newton Teachers Association (Newton, MA) John Clifford, Attorney, Clifford & Kenny, LLP (Pembroke, MA)
11:05 am	Break		
11:15 am	BREAKOUT SESSION #2 - Concurrent (Choose 1)		
Salon	Arbitrability & Statutory Interpretation (Skills Session)	Dr. John Coverdale, Arbitrator (Orange, CT) Susan Halperin, Co-Chair, NAA, NE Region's DEI & Belonging Subcommittee (Hartford, CT)	
Weatherly	Ethics of Vacating Arbitration Awards (Ethics Session)	Moderator:	Will Evans, Arbitrator (Winchester, MA)
Weatherly		Panelists:	Shari Broder, Arbitrator (Portland, ME) Carol Wolff Fallon, Attorney, MA Community Colleges, Office of the General Counsel (Bedford, MA) Nick Pollard, Attorney, Duddy, Goodwin & Pollard (Boston, MA)
Freedom	Organizing in New Sectors	Moderators:	Alvin Wilson, Jr., Arbitrator (West Hartford, CT) Tim Taylor, Arbitrator (Pittsfield, MA)
Freedom		Panelists:	G. Alexander Robertson, Attorney, Pyle Rome Ehrenberg PC (Boston, MA) Joseph McConnell, Attorney, Morgan, Brown & Joy LLP (Boston, MA)
12:15 pm	Lunch & Conversations (Atrium)		
1:00 pm Salon	Legal Update - Plenary	Moderator:	Rosemary Pye, Arbitrator (Chevy Chase, MD)
1:00 pm Salon		Panelists:	Laura Sacks, Director, Region 1, National Labor Relations Board (Boston, MA) Carly Iafrate, Attorney, The Law Office of Carly B. Iafrate (Providence, RI)
1:45 pm Salon	Red Light / Green Light: How Would You Rule? The Case of the Bomb Threats	Moderator:	Jeff Cassidy, Arbitrator (Brewster, MA)
1:45 pm Salon		Panelists:	Jim Cooper, Arbitrator (Woonsocket, RI) Eileen Cenci, Arbitrator (Hyannis, MA) Jeff Hartnett, Arbitrator (Albany, NY) Marc Gursky, Attorney, Gursky, Wiens & Shanley (Warwick, RI) Matt Parker, Attorney, Whelan Corrente & Flanders LLP (Providence, RI)
3:15 pm	Parting Remarks		