



26th Annual National Educational Conference
October 17 – 19, 2017

Essential Body Systems I: Major Joints and the
Cardiovascular System

The Drake Hotel
Chicago, Illinois



**Conference Registration is now open - Click here to
Register For the 2017 Conference!**

Details on registration and our Early Bird Special below.



Why Chicago?

Conference attendees voted Chicago as the #1 spot where they wanted to attend their next conference.

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[~A Video Guide to Chicago~](#)

The city of [Chicago, Illinois](#), home to the 2016 World Series Champion Cubs, is a city filled with excitement, world class restaurants, shopping on Michigan Avenue, parks, theater and many cultural institutions and museums. Chicago is where you want to roam if you have an interest in architecture, as a number of significant buildings are located within the loop and near the hotel. Chicago is also home to a number of renowned law schools and medical institutions, providing us with a rich resource from which to choose our program speakers.

[The Navy Pier](#)



Major cultural institutions in the Windy City include (links to Wikipedia):

- the [Art Institute of Chicago](#), [Chicago Symphony Orchestra](#), [Chicago Architecture Foundation](#), [Lyric Opera of Chicago](#), [Goodman Theater](#), [Joffrey Ballet](#), Central Public [Harold Washington Library](#), and the [Chicago Cultural Center](#), all in the [Loop](#);
- [Lincoln Park](#), [Lincoln Park Zoo](#), [Lincoln Park Conservatory](#), [Chicago History Museum](#), [Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum](#) and [Steppenwolf Theatre](#);
- the [Field Museum](#), [Shedd Aquarium](#), and [Adler Planetarium](#) in the [Near South Side's Museum Campus](#);
- the [Museum of Science and Industry](#), [Oriental Institute](#), [Smart Museum of Art](#), and [DuSable Museum](#) in [Hyde Park](#);
- the [Museum of Contemporary Art](#), [The Second City](#) comedy troupe, and the [Chicago Shakespeare Theater](#) in [Near North Side](#);
- the [Garfield Park Conservatory](#);
- and Pilsen's [National Museum of Mexican Art](#);
- as well as the [Brookfield Zoo](#), [Chicago Botanic Gardens](#), and [Morton Arboretum](#) in nearby suburbs.
- Direct links to various attractions can be found by clicking [this Google link to top Chicago museums and attractions](#).

Why Attend?

- Get excellent educational information relative to our work. This year we will focus on *Major Joints and the Cardiovascular System*, with additional sessions on ethics, circuit law, the new mental listings, and other sessions relevant to recent issues and recently promulgated regulations.
- Discuss judicial concerns with colleagues and presenters in a relaxed professional environment.
- Earn CLE Credit.
- Give personal input to AALJ Board members.
- Renew old acquaintances and make new friends.
- Bring your spouse, significant other, family – Tours will be available.
- Extend your stay a few days past the conference and explore the Windy City.
- Take a break from the office and experience learning in an elegant environment by Lake Michigan.



Why The Drake?

The Drake Hotel is a beaux-art hotel built as the nation's first urban resort located where the Magnificent Mile meets the Gold Coast. Just steps to the north, Oak Street Park leads you to the Lakefront Trail, where our morning run program will proceed alongside Lake Michigan. On the west side of the Hotel is Michigan Avenue, Chicago's premier shopping area. The Hotel itself houses Chanel, Georg Jensen, Van Cleef & Arpels and Hildt Galleries on its ground level. The Old Water Tower and the Chicago Avenue Pumping Station, two of the only public buildings to survive the area destroyed by the Great fire of 1871, are located nearby, as is the Museum of Contemporary Art and the John Hancock Center.

Now a Historic Hotel of America (National Trust of Historic Preservation), The Drake has been welcoming guests since opening on New Years' Eve 1920, offering amenities and services synonymous with Gold Coast living. In 1980 Hilton International acquired The Drake. The Hotel has been restored to its former grandeur and elegance. It boasts more than 30,000 square feet of flexible meeting space capable of accommodating up to 600 guests and has two full-size ballrooms with views of Lake Michigan and the city of Chicago, thus making it a perfect space to hold our executive board meetings, main conference session, breakout meetings, and luncheons.

We were able to negotiate an excellent room rate of \$189 per night at this stately hotel. This includes complimentary in-room Wi-Fi, as well as complimentary use of the 3,000 square foot Hotel fitness center on property. This rate will also be offered for the three days prior and three days after the conference. Rooms are limited at this price and so room reservation priority will be given to judges who have already registered for the conference. This rate will only be available to the first 200 registrants. Room reservations are not yet open and will open at the earlier of the conclusion of the Early Bird Registration period or the registration of the 140th registrant. At that time, registrants will be sent a special link by E-mail to secure their room reservation. Please provide a home E-mail with your registration, so we can send you the hotel room reservation link even if it is over a weekend.

[We encourage you to register early to take advantage of the Early-Bird pricing and to secure your room reservation.](#)

[~Click to Register Now~](#)



Early Bird Registration

We are offering an Early Bird Special registration fee for registrations completed by 11:59pm EST on March 31, 2017.

- The Early Bird Special registration fee for judges is **\$425**.
- For the regular registration period of April 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017, the registration fee for judges will be \$450.
- From September 1, 2017 through the conference, the late registration fee for judges will be \$475.
- The Early Bird Special registration fee for retired judges is **\$375**.

- For the regular registration period of April 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017, the registration fee for retired judges will be \$400.
- From September 1, 2017 through the conference, the late registration fee for retired judges will be \$425.
- The Early Bird Special registration fee for new judges appointed in 2016/17, but who did not attend the San Diego conference is **\$325**.
- For the regular registration period of April 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017, the registration fee for these new judges will be \$350.
- From September 1, 2017 through the conference, the late registration fee for these new judges will be \$375.

We urge you to register soon during the Early Bird Registration period for a lower registration fee and to secure your room reservation link.

Please [Click \(or CTL + click\) this sentence to begin the registration process](#). You will be taken to the AALJ Conference information page at Constant Contact. Please review the information there and when you are ready to register, hit the “Register Now!” button to get to the registration page. There you will need to complete the registration form and finalize the transaction through PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account. You can use a major credit card to complete the transaction – please read the instructions on the registration page on what to do once you are taken to the PayPal page. If you have any difficulty registering or using PayPal, please contact Jason Earnhart at magjce@gmail.com and he will assist you through the process. Please note that due to the high number of last minute cancellations in 2016, we have instituted a \$100 cancellation fee for cancellations made after August 31, 2017.

AALJ Scholarship

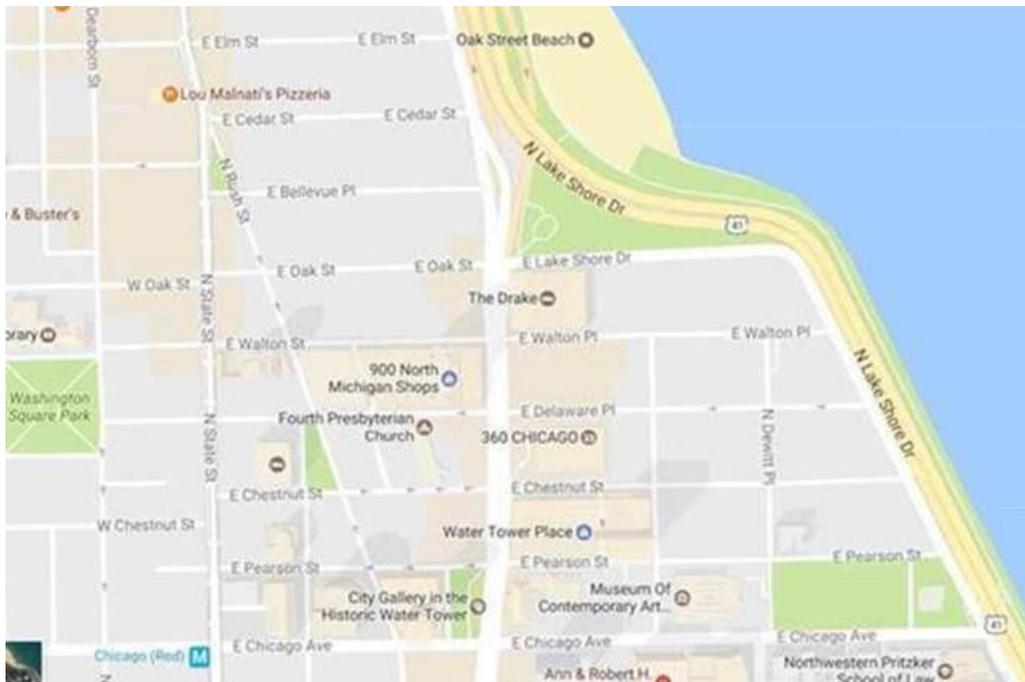
AALJ proudly continues its tradition of awarding its Scholarship to a local law student (or students) who have demonstrated experience or interest in pursuing a career in public interest law. You will have an opportunity to donate when you register and we encourage you to do so.

If you wish to contribute to the scholarship without registering for the conference, click on [AALJ Scholarship](#). If you would like us to omit your

name from our printed list of donors, please email us at marcusr2vp@gmail.com and we will be happy to honor your request.

Important Details

We have a conference fee discount for those who register during the Early Bird Registration period. The hotel room rate of \$189 per night (plus tax) will be offered for our conference dates of October 17, 18 and 19, as well as the three days before and three days after the conference. This rate will only be guaranteed to the first 200 conference registrants and room reservation priority will be given to judges who have registered for the conference. Hotel room reservations are not yet open and will open at the earlier of the conclusion of the Early Bird Registration period OR the registration of the 140th registrant. At that time, registrants will be sent a special link by E-mail to secure their room reservation. Please provide a home E-mail with your registration, so you can receive the hotel room reservation link even if it is sent over a weekend. Due to the high number cancellations in 2016, there will be a \$100 cancellation fee for conference cancellations made after August 31, 2017.



We'll see you in the Windy City

The AALJ National Executive Board and the Educational Conference Committee look forward to seeing you in Chicago in October 2017. We will release a more detailed list of the session topics soon. Details regarding the guest program will also be sent to you in time. If you have any questions about the program, please send me an E-mail.

Collegially,

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Chair, 2017 Educational Conference Committee

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