Emory University
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Research Conference on Federal Magistrate Judges
Friday, April 16, 2021

Co-Sponsored by the Georgia State University Legal Analytics Lab

Panelists
Charlotte Alexander, Georgia State University
Christina Boyd, University of Georgia
Tracey George, Vanderbilt University
Jonathan Nash, Emory University
Albert Yoon, University of Toronto

Agenda (all times Eastern time zone)

WELCOME
1:20-1:30

PANEL IA: PRESENTATIONS
1:30-2:30

Jonathan Nash, Evaluating District Judges’ Incentives to Appoint Magistrate Judges Based on Merit Instead of Ideology

Charlotte Alexander, Magistrate Judges and Summary Judgment in the Northern District of Georgia (co-authored with Anne Tucker)

Break
2:30-2:45

PANEL IB: PRESENTATIONS
2:45-3:45

Tracey George, Project Overview and Magistrate Judge Demographics

Albert Yoon, National and Local Patterns of Reliance on Magistrate Judges

Christina Boyd, Magistrate Judge Usage in Social Security Administration Disability Cases

Break
3:45-4:00
PANEL II: THE ROLE OF DOCKET SHEETS AND FILED DOCUMENTS  
4:00-4:30

Discussion including presentation by Adam Pah and David Schwartz of Northwestern University’s Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events

Break  
4:30-4:45

PANEL III: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
4:45-5:15

CLOSING REMARKS  
5:15-5:25