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- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. *Registration – Grand Foyer*
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. *Book Sale and Signing – Grand Foyer*
All the President's Money by Chairman James Comer, House Oversight Committee
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. *Welcome – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (No CLE Credit)*
Lee Goodman, RNLA Chair; Partner, Dhillon Law Group
Michael Thielen, RNLA President and Executive Director
Master of Ceremonies: **David Bowsher**, RNLA Vice President for Programming; Partner, Balch & Bingham LLP
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. *Plenary Session 1 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (No CLE Credit)*
All the President's Money Book Discussion
Introduction: **Elliot Berke**, RNLA Board of Governors; Managing Partner, Berke Farah LLP
Speaker: **Chairman James Comer**, House Oversight Committee
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. *Plenary Session 2 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (30 CLE Minutes)*
Current Legal Initiatives at the FCC
Introduction: **Lindsey Melody Specht**, RNLA Secretary; Senior Counsel, Stand Together
Speaker: **Chairman Brendan Carr**, Federal Communications Commission
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Plenary Session 3 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (30 CLE Minutes)*
Defending the Rule of Law at the State Level
Moderator: **Lowell Pearson**, RNLA Board of Governors; General Counsel, Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe
Speaker: **Attorney General Andrew Bailey**, State of Missouri

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- 10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. *Plenary Session 4 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (No CLE Credit)*
Presentation of the Betty Murphy Award
Sponsored by BakerHostetler
Introduction and Award Presentation: **Erin Clark**, RNLA Board of Governors; Partner, BakerHostetler
Honoree and Speaker: **Mike Wakefield**, RNLA Board of Governors; Partner, Holland & Knight
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. *Plenary Session 5 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (60 CLE Minutes)*
Role of Article III in Our Constitutional System
Moderator: **James Rosen**, Newsmax Chief Washington Correspondent
Speakers: **Jesse Panuccio**, Partner, Boies Schiller Flexner LLP
Carrie Severino, President, JCN
Ilya Shapiro, Director of Constitutional Studies, The Manhattan Institute
- 11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Break and Book Sale – Capitol Ballroom Salons F & G*
Signed Copies of All the President's Money by James Comer and Lawless: The Miseducation of America's Elites by Ilya Shapiro
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. *Lunch and Plenary Session 6 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (30 CLE Minutes)*
Presentation of the Hon. Edwin Meese III Award and Address by Award Winner
Introduction and Award Presentation: **Trevor Stanley**, RNLA First Vice President; Partner, BakerHostetler
Honoree and Speaker: **Chairman Jim Jordan**, House Judiciary Committee
- 1:35 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. *Break*
- 1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. *Breakout Session 7A – Grand Ballroom Salon 2 (60 CLE Minutes)*
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Moderator: **Jennifer Bukowsky**, RNLA Board of Governors; Vice Chair, Missouri Republican Party
Speakers: **GianCarlo Canaparo**, Senior Legal Fellow, Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies
John-Paul Deol, Firm Administrative Partner and Head of Employment Law Practice, Dhillon Law Group
Jeremy Tedesco, Senior Counsel and Senior Vice President of Corporate Engagement, Alliance Defending Freedom
- 1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. *Breakout Session 7B – Capitol Ballroom Salons F & G (60 CLE Minutes)*
Foreign Affairs
Moderator: **Mike Wakefield**, RNLA Board of Governors; Partner, Holland & Knight
Speakers: **Kimberly Reed**, Former President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States
Ambassador Nathan Sales, Fillmore Global Strategies LLC
Daniel Sennott, Partner, Holland & Knight
- 2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. *Break*

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. *Breakout Session 8A – Grand Ballroom Salon 2 (60 CLE Minutes)*

Major Legal Initiatives of the Trump Administration

Moderator: **Steve Roberts**, Partner, Lex Politica

Speakers: **Will Chamberlain**, Senior Counsel, Article III Project

Cristina Del Rosso, Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Craig Trainor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. *Breakout Session 8B – Capitol Ballroom Salons F & G (60 CLE Minutes)*

Current Issues in Election Administration

Moderator: **Joanne Young**, RNC Election Integrity Committee Member; RNLA Board of Governors; Managing Partner, Kirstein & Young, PLLC

Speakers: **Allen Dickerson**, Partner, BakerHostetler; Former Chair, Federal Election Commission

Abby Salter, Deputy General Counsel, House Administration Committee

Hans A. von Spakovsky, Senior Legal Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Break*

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Plenary Session 9 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (No CLE Credit)*

Securing the Border

Introduction: **Linley Wilson**, RNLA Vice President for Membership; Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Arizona House of Representatives

Speaker: **Tom Homan**, U.S. Border Czar

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Plenary Session 10 – Grand Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 (30 CLE Minutes)*

Powering the Great American Comeback at the EPA

Introduction: **Lee Goodman**, RNLA Chair; Partner, Dhillon Law Group

Speaker: **Lee Zeldin**, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *Closing Reception – Grand Foyer (**Closed to Press**)*

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