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2026 MID-YEAR MEETING

JULY 22-26

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President's Message

As the song goes, "It's summertime and the living is easy."

That is true when dreaming of summer days and serene nights in Napa Valley. During our time here we will enjoy the best Napa has to offer while calling the beauty and uniqueness of Yountville our home away from home.

From our stimulating business agenda enjoyed in the picturesque backdrop of the Estate Yountville property to the curated wine tasting experiences and personally selected daily adventures, enjoying life in the vines will be the order of each day during your stay. As the sun sets and the air fills with warm late afternoon breezes, the evenings come alive with exemplary culinary dining in beautiful outdoor surroundings accompanied by diverse live entertainment.

When the day comes to a close there is but only one memorable takeaway for every guest. "The best wines are the ones we drink together." – Anonymous



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ATTIRE

Committee Meetings & Professional Programming

Business attire recommended.

Wednesday Evening – New Fellow Reception & Welcome Dinner at the Pavilion at Estate Yountville

Napa Garden Party with a Touch of Louisiana.

Think polished yet relaxed—flowing dresses, floral prints, linen, sport coats, and collared shirts are all perfectly at home. Inspired by the beauty of Napa and the warmth of southern hospitality, the evening calls for wine country elegance with a touch of Southern charm.

Thursday Evening – An Evening at CIA at COPIA

Napa Evening Chic.

Think elevated wine country style—refined, relaxed, and ready for a memorable evening of exceptional food, wine, and fellowship.

Saturday Evening – The Final Pour at the Pavilion at Estate Yountville

Wine Country Elegance.

Celebrate the spirit of Napa with refined yet comfortable attire. Floral dresses, chic separates, linen, jackets, and sport coats are all appropriate for this special evening.

WEATHER

Late July in Yountville is typically warm, sunny, and dry, with afternoon highs in the upper 80s and very little chance of rain.

Evenings cool down quickly into the upper 50s. We recommend packing light layers for outdoor receptions and dinners, along with sunscreen for outdoor excursions.

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General Information

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Check-Out: 11:00 AM

PARKING & LOCAL CAR SERVICE

Valet parking is included
with your stay.

You may also book our
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Scan the QR code to join the
private Facebook Group and
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DOWNLOAD THE MEETING APP

Scan the QR code and
login using the personal
information you used
at time of registration.

NAPA UNCORKED: AFTER HOURS

Gather in the Vintage House Lobby each
night after the scheduled events for
conversation, connection, and a selection
of complimentary wines from Jim and
Ginger's private cellar collection.

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Meeting Schedule Overview

WEDNESDAY

07.22

8:00am – 6:00pm	Information/Help Desk	Vintage House Lobby
8:30am – 11:30am	Admissions Committee Meeting	Olive Meeting Room
11:45am – 1:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cypress South Meeting Room
6:00pm – 6:30pm	New Fellow Reception	The Pavilion East
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Welcome Reception & Dinner	The Pavilion West & South Patio
8:30pm – 11:00pm	Napa Uncorked: After Hours	Vintage House Lobby

THURSDAY

07.23

6:30am – 7:30am	Daily Wellness: Yoga & Sound Bath	The Social Courtyard
6:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast	Vintage and Villagio Lobby
7:00am – 1:30pm	Information/Help Desk	Vintage House Lobby
9:00am – 11:00am	Board of Directors Meeting	The Social
11:00am	Lunch on Your Own	
Afternoon	Optional Excursions	Details on pages 13–14
5:30pm – 9:00pm	Dinner: CIA at COPIA	Meet in Vintage House Lobby to board coaches
9:15pm – 11:00pm	Napa Uncorked: After Hours	Vintage House Lobby

FRIDAY

07.24

6:30am – 7:30am	Daily Wellness: Meditation & Sound Bath	The Social Courtyard
6:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast	Vintage and Villagio Lobby
7:00am – 1:30pm	Information/Help Desk	Vintage House Lobby
8:30am – 12:00pm	Professional Program	The Social
	8:30am Welcome & Announcements	
	8:35am New Fellow Inductions	
	9:20am The Reach and Effect of the North American Union Movement Domestically & Internationally <i>Ken Georgetti</i>	
	10:20am 20-Minute Break	
	10:40am The Story of a Lynching & Two African American Lawyers Who Forever Changed the American Justice System <i>Mark Curriden</i>	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Reception & Book Signing	The Pavilion West
Afternoon	Optional Excursions	Details on pages 15–16
Evening	Dinner: On Your Own	
8:30pm – 11:00pm	Napa Uncorked: After Hours	Vintage House Lobby

SATURDAY

07.25

6:30am – 7:30am	Daily Wellness: Barre & Sound Bath	The Social Courtyard
6:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast	Vintage and Villagio Lobby
7:00am – 1:30pm	Information/Help Desk	Vintage House Lobby
8:30am – 12:00pm	Professional Program	The Social
	8:30am Welcome & Carrousel Travel Updates	
	8:45am New Fellow Inductions	
	9:30am Post Dobbs: The Cascading Legal Crisis for Women in the Southeast <i>Jessica Hatem</i>	
	10:30am 20-Minute Break	
	10:50am Judicial Independence & Conformance with the Rule of Law are Critical for the United States & Democracy <i>Judge Irma Gonzalez, Judge Philip Pro, & Judge Paul Watford</i>	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Reception	The Pavilion West
Afternoon	Optional Excursions	Details on pages 17–18
6:00pm – 10:00pm	Closing Night Reception & Dinner	The Pavilion East
10:00pm – 11:00pm	Napa Uncorked: After Hours	Vintage House Lobby



KEN GEORGETTI

FRIDAY | 9:20am – 10:20am

The Reach and Effect of the North American Union Movement Domestically & Internationally

Ken Georgetti is President Emeritus of the Canadian Labour Congress and one of Canada's most consequential labour leaders. A former union pipefitter from Trail, British Columbia, he became the longest-serving President of the CLC and helped grow its membership by 750,000 workers to 3.3 million.

Ken's leadership helped secure landmark protections for Canadian workers, including the passage of the Westray Act, which holds corporate executives criminally responsible for workplace deaths caused by negligence. He also helped win federal bankruptcy protections, ensuring workers' wages, pension contributions, and collective agreements could not be pushed aside by creditors or courts.

Under his leadership, the labour movement expanded its political impact, helped elect more than 1,200 union-endorsed local officials, and took a unified stand against the export of deadly asbestos.

His service has earned him the Order of Canada, the Order of British Columbia, and Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medals.



MARK CURRIDEN

FRIDAY | 10:40am – 11:40am

The Story of a Lynching & Two African American Lawyers Who Forever Changed the American Justice System

Mark Curriden is a lawyer, award-winning journalist, author, and founder of The Texas Lawbook. He is also a contributing legal correspondent for The Dallas Morning News. Known for rigorous reporting, legal insight, and a deep understanding of the justice system, Mark has spent his career exposing misconduct, explaining complex litigation, and telling stories that reveal the human stakes behind the law. His reporting has led to congressional oversight hearings, helped free a wrongly convicted death row inmate, and prompted a federal criminal investigation that resulted in the conviction of a former Texas attorney general.

He is the author of *Contempt of Court: A Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched a Hundred Years of Federalism*, which received the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award and numerous other honors. Throughout his career, Mark has covered major litigation, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the evolving role of juries in American democracy.



JESSICA HATEM

SATURDAY | 9:30am – 10:30am

Post Dobbs: The Cascading Legal Crisis For Women in the Southeast

Jessica Hatem is the Executive Director of Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) Abortion Fund in South Florida. She was the first-ever paid staff member for the nonprofit in 2022 and has since elevated and expanded the organization's mission and reach. EMA Abortion Fund often serves as the first "yes," ensuring that no one has to navigate abortion access alone by funding care, coordinating travel and logistics, and centering the wisdom of those they serve. No matter the political landscape, they collaboratively work alongside Florida communities so that abortion is supported and destigmatized for all.

Before her current role, Jessica worked in various other social service divisions, specializing in domestic violence, sexual assault, chemical dependency, and reproductive rights. She attended The Ohio State University and received a BA in Women's Studies. Jessica has been happily living in South Florida since 2018 with her partner, Grant, and their fierce chihuahua, Carmine.

Judicial Independence & Conformance with the Rule of Law Are Critical for the United States and Democracy

SATURDAY | 10:50am – 11:50am



A. CLIFFORD EDWARDS

Clifford “Cliff” Edwards was born in 1948 and raised on a Central Montana ranch. He is the third-generation Edwards there, following his grandfather, AC Edwards, who immigrated from Scotland in 1890, the year after Montana became a state. Cliff’s two sons, also his law partners, are the fourth generation, ongoing!

Cliff was schooled entirely in Montana, from first grade through earning his law degree in 1974. June 2026 marks his 53rd year of active trial practice, representing ordinary Montanans and their small businesses against environmental polluters, insurance companies, defective products, oilfield and other workplace catastrophic injuries, as well as those from vehicle and aircraft crashes throughout Montana.

Recognition of his trial accomplishments has been local, national, and international. Mr. Edwards is most proud of being elected President [2019-2020] of the elite, prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Clifford and his wife, Susan, share five children and seven grandchildren. They live in Billings and at Swan Lake near Glacier National Park in NW Montana.



JUDGE IRMA GONZALEZ

Judge Gonzalez is a retired United States District Judge. She was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California in 1992, becoming the first Latina of Mexican heritage to be appointed to the federal bench. She served as Chief Judge of the District Court from 2005 to 2012.

Gonzalez served as a Superior Court Judge in San Diego County (1991-1992) and as a Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of California (1984-1990).

Judge Gonzalez served as a law clerk to United States District Judge William C. Frey in Tucson, Arizona (1973-1975). She served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Arizona and the Central District of California (1975-1982). Gonzalez was in private practice in San Diego from 1982 to 1984.

Judge Gonzalez currently serves as a mediator, arbitrator, special master, and discovery referee with JAMS.



JUDGE PHILIP PRO

Judge Pro was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nevada by President Ronald Reagan in 1987. He served as Chief Judge from 2002 to 2007 and retired in 2015. Throughout his tenure on the federal bench, Pro was active in national and circuit court governance.

Since 1998, Pro has participated in over three dozen international “Rule of Law” and Civic Education programs with judiciaries in over 24 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Central and Southeast Asia, the MENA Region, and South America on behalf of the U.S. Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce; the United Nations; the Council of Europe; the ABA, and a variety of NGOs.

Judge Pro is also a Member of the Executive Committee of Keep Our Republic’s Article III Judges Coalition, which is dedicated to defending Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law. He currently provides Arbitration and other ADR services with JAMS.



JUDGE PAUL WATFORD

Paul Watford is a litigation partner in the Los Angeles office of King & Spalding. He joined the firm in February 2025 after serving for 11 years as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Watford received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1989, and his law degree from the UCLA School of Law in 1994. From 1994-1995, he served as a law clerk to Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and from 1995-1996, he served as a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court. From 1997 to 2000, Watford served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, and from 2001 until his appointment to the bench, he was in private practice at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles, where his practice focused primarily on appellate litigation.

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Michael Bell has practiced at Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC since the firm's founding in 1990. He defends clients in high-stakes litigation across the southern United States, including product liability, professional liability, wrongful death, class actions, commercial disputes, consumer fraud, automotive litigation, and other complex civil matters.

Michael has tried cases across a wide range of exposure levels and litigation types, with a jury win rate exceeding 90%. He is known for handling difficult cases in difficult venues and for bringing creativity, judgment, and resolve to problems that rarely have simple solutions.

Michael serves on Lightfoot's Executive and Innovation Committees and is a Fellow of multiple leading trial lawyer organizations. He has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* from 2008 to 2025, named "Birmingham Lawyer of the Year" in 2018 and 2025 by *The Best Lawyers in America*, and named a "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*.



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Drawing on experience as both a defense attorney and plaintiff's advocate, Sean brings strategic insight and courtroom discipline to every case. He has secured multiple record-setting results, including a \$15.8 million product liability verdict and a \$12.4 million premises liability verdict, both recognized by the Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame.

Sean has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*, including multiple "Lawyer of the Year" honors, as well as *Super Lawyers*, *The National Trial Lawyers Top 100*, *7 Figure Litigators*, and *8 Figure Litigators*.



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Michael has a long history of public service. He served twelve years as a publicly elected member of the University of Colorado Board of Regents. In 2023, Michael was jointly appointed by Colorado's Governor, Attorney General, and Chief Justice for a six-year term on the Judicial Nominating Commission to help select trial judges in Denver. Michael has received many honors and distinctions, including Honorary Order of the Coif and German Marshall Fellowship.

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Over his 24-year career, Shannon has secured more than \$350 million in verdicts, arbitration awards, mediation results, and settlements. His work has also helped drive broader consumer safety reforms, including product recalls, revised government safety protocols, changes to corporate practices, and a record settlement involving deceptive home warranty sales practices.

Known for his tenacity, trial skill, and deep commitment to clients, Shannon combines strategic insight with the personal care needed to help people rebuild after serious injury or loss.



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With more than two decades of experience, Mike has served as lead counsel in dozens of trials resulting in significant and precedent-setting decisions. He is known for his tenacity in the courtroom and commitment to leveling the playing field for his clients.

Mike served as President of the Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia in 2024 and remains active on its Executive Committee and as Chair of its Political Outreach Committee. He is consistently recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* and was inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in 2026.



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Bibianne "Bibi" Fell is the founder of Fell Law, where she represents individuals and families in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases. She handles complex, high-stakes matters involving medical fraud, medical malpractice, class actions, and serious injury.

Bibi has secured significant results for her clients, including a \$105 million verdict as lead trial counsel in a medical fraud case, a wrongful death settlement exceeding \$32 million, a \$15 million wage-and-hour sexual assault settlement, and numerous multi-million-dollar recoveries, including settlements of \$5.3 million, \$5 million, and \$4.25 million.

She is a member of ABOTA and serves as President of its San Diego Chapter. Her work has earned repeated recognition as one of the top plaintiff lawyers in the nation, including honors from Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, The National Trial Lawyers, the *Daily Journal's* Top 100 Women Lawyers, and Super Lawyers.

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Stephen began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. He later served as an Assistant United States Attorney, where he led multi-year investigations and earned recognition for his prosecutorial work. That experience continues to shape his approach to litigation: prepare every case as if it will go to trial, whether the matter ultimately settles or is tried before a jury.

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Brian Lauten is a trial lawyer with more than 25 years of experience and more than 40 civil jury trials to verdict as lead counsel. A triple board-certified business and commercial trial lawyer, an elite distinction held by fewer than one percent of attorneys, Brian has secured multiple seven- and eight-figure jury verdicts and successfully defended multimillion-dollar claims to zero.

With degrees in accounting and business administration, Brian brings financial sophistication to high-stakes business disputes. His practice includes business torts, commercial litigation, fiduciary duties, real estate, fraud, non-competes, trade secrets, intellectual property, employment matters, and professional liability. He represents private equity and venture capital groups, corporate leaders, real estate enterprises, investors, entrepreneurs, and businesses facing significant financial exposure.

Brian has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Texas Supreme Court, and multiple federal and state appellate courts. He has been recognized by *Super Lawyers*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *D Magazine*.



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Lynn tries cases in federal and state courts, leads domestic and international arbitration hearings, and handles evidentiary proceedings before the National Advertising Division. Her representative matters include an international arbitration claim exceeding \$600 million and a historic bankruptcy confirmation trial involving Johnson & Johnson and Red River, with more than \$9 billion in proposed trust funding.

She is Chambers-ranked in four fields and is consistently recognized among Benchmark Litigation's Top 100 Trial Lawyers, Top 10 Women in Litigation, and Top 250 Women in Litigation. She also chairs the boards of the Legal Aid Society and Practising Law Institute.

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Andrew “Andy” Payne is a nationally recognized trial lawyer who handles high-stakes personal injury cases across the country. Double board-certified in Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law, Andy serves as lead counsel in aviation, product liability, commercial vehicle, medical malpractice, and catastrophic injury cases.

After beginning his career representing large insurers and corporations at an international firm, Andy shifted his focus to advocating for individuals and families harmed by negligence. His work has secured justice for clients and driven meaningful safety changes, including product redesigns, policy reforms, and other measures that help prevent future harm.

Andy is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a past President of ABOTA, and a member of the AIEG Board of Directors. He has been recognized by *D Magazine*, *Texas Monthly’s Super Lawyers*, and *Best Lawyers in America*, including multiple “Lawyer of the Year” honors in Product Liability Litigation.

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Ryan Squires is a partner at Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP and an experienced trial lawyer known for taking complex cases to final verdict nearly every year of his practice. Ryan is double board-certified in Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He serves as lead counsel in jury trials, bench trials, and arbitrations across a wide range of matters, including complex business litigation, product liability, fiduciary duty claims, business divorces, professional malpractice, and wrongful death and personal injury cases.

Ryan has achieved significant results for plaintiffs and defense clients alike, including a plaintiff verdict exceeding \$40 million in a breach-of-fiduciary-duty case, one of the largest private-plaintiff verdicts in Travis County history, and among the Top 100 Verdicts of 2021.

He is a member of ABOTA and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He has been recognized as Baylor Young Lawyer of the Year and Austin's Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year.



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Channy Wood is a trial lawyer who represents individuals and families in personal injury cases, advocating for those facing powerful insurance companies and corporations. He is a sixth-generation Texan raised on his family's Texas Panhandle farm, and brings a strong work ethic, practical judgment, and deep understanding of working people to his practice.

Before becoming a lawyer, Channy worked in the West Texas oil fields as a derrick hand, roustabout, welder, and machinist. Those experiences shape his connection to clients and his commitment to helping families harmed through no fault of their own secure fair results.

Channy is board-certified in Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and an Advocate in ABOTA. He has earned an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell and repeated recognition from Texas Super Lawyers, The National Trial Lawyers Top 100, and Top Texas Verdicts. He and his wife, Edwina, have three children.



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Optional Excursions

THURSDAY, JULY 23



DAILY WELLNESS:

45 Minutes Yoga & 15 Minute Sound Bath

6:30am – 7:30am

Begin your day with a 60-minute guided wellness journey featuring an accessible yoga flow to awaken the body and build gentle heat, followed by a restorative sound bath designed to calm the nervous system and restore balance.

FREE

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St. Helena at Your Leisure

10:00am – 4:00pm

Enjoy the flexibility of a private hop-on/hop-off mini-coach between Estate Yountville and St. Helena throughout the afternoon.

The mini-coach will pick up and drop off guests at Sunshine Market in downtown St. Helena, giving you the freedom to explore the area’s charming boutiques, tasting rooms, galleries, and restaurants at your own pace.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Depart Estate Yountville → Sunshine Market (St. Helena)

10:00am | 11:00am | 12:00pm | 1:00pm | 2:00pm

Depart Sunshine Market (St. Helena) → Estate Yountville

11:30am | 12:30pm | 1:30pm | 2:30pm | 3:30pm

\$75 / PERSON

Limited to 40 Participants



Wine Tasting at Promontory

1:00pm – 3:30pm

Receive an exclusive introduction to Promontory, the Harlan family’s most recent and visionary winegrowing endeavor. Your visit includes a private winery tour, tasting of wines aging in cask, and curated library selections. Guests will also receive the opportunity to join the Promontory Founder’s List.

\$525 / PERSON

Limited to 12 Participants

Optional Excursions

THURSDAY, JULY 23



Wine Tasting at Aubert

1:00pm – 3:45pm

Enjoy an intimate 90-minute private tasting at Aubert, one of Sonoma County’s most acclaimed producers of site-driven Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Hosted in an elegant private setting, this guided tasting showcases a curated selection of current-release and limited-production wines while exploring Aubert’s terroir-driven philosophy, vineyard sourcing, and meticulous winemaking approach.

\$285 / PERSON

Limited to 20 Participants



Carneros Estuary via Paddleboard or Kayak

1:30pm – 4:00pm

Explore the serene wetlands of Los Carneros during a guided paddleboard or kayak excursion along the Pacific Flyway. Launching from a private river cottage, this experience blends nature immersion, quiet estuary exploration, and refined relaxation — offering a rare perspective of Napa beyond the vineyards.

\$295 / PERSON

Limited to 16 Participants



DAILY WELLNESS:

45 Minutes Meditation & 15 Minute Sound Bath

6:30am – 7:30am

Enjoy a guided meditation experience followed by a calming sound bath designed to enlighten and restore energetic balance. No experience necessary.

FREE

Calistoga at Your Leisure

10:00am – 4:00pm

Enjoy the flexibility of a private hop-on/hop-off mini-coach between Estate Yountville and Calistoga throughout the afternoon.

The mini-coach will pick up and drop off guests at Cal Mart in downtown Calistoga, providing easy access to the town's charming boutiques, tasting rooms, restaurants, galleries, and renowned hot springs. Explore at your own pace and return to the hotel on the shuttle that best fits your schedule.



SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Depart Estate Yountville → Cal Mart (Calistoga)
10:00am | 11:30am | 1:00pm | 2:30pm

Depart Cal Mart (Calistoga) → Estate Yountville
12:15pm | 1:45pm | 3:15pm

\$75 / PERSON *Limited to 40 Participants*



Private Cooking Class Culinary Institute of America at COPIA

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Immerse yourself in hands-on Italian cooking at CIA COPIA, guided by professional chef-instructors. Using peak seasonal ingredients, guests will prepare fresh pasta, rustic sauces, and classic desserts — celebrating Italy's connection to land and season in a refined culinary setting.

\$575 / PERSON

Limited to 20 Participants



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\$295 / PERSON

Limited to 16 Participants

Optional Excursions

FRIDAY, JULY 24



Guided E-Bike Tour & Silver Oak Tasting

1:45pm – 5:00pm

Cruise Napa Valley's rolling vineyards on an electric-assisted guided bike tour, designed for effortless enjoyment of scenic views. The experience culminates at Silver Oak Winery, where guests receive a 60-minute behind-the-scenes cellar tour and tasting of current-release Cabernets plus a library selection.

An active and elevated way to experience Napa.

\$320 / PERSON

Limited to 16 Participants



Thomas Rivers Brown Wine Experiences

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Join us for an exclusive tasting reception featuring Thomas Rivers Brown, one of California's most influential and decorated winemakers, with more than 40 perfect 100-point scores in the past decade.

Hosted in the Barrel Room at Estate Yountville and guided by Todd Newman, guests will enjoy a curated selection of these highly sought-after wines paired with hors d'oeuvres.

\$265 / PERSON

Limited to 20 Participants



Thomas Rivers Brown Wine Experiences & Dinner

5:00pm – 6:30pm | WINE EXPERIENCE

6:30pm – 9:00pm | DINNER

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Hosted in the Barrel Room at Estate Yountville, guests will enjoy a curated selection of these highly sought-after wines paired with hors d'oeuvres. The evening concludes with a private dinner at Bottega, creating a world-class Napa culinary experience.

\$445 / PERSON

Limited to 30 Participants



Dakota Shy Winery Private Dinner Experience

5:45pm – 9:15pm

This intimate evening begins with a welcome wine and charcuterie board before a hands-on pizza-making experience hosted at Dakota Shy. Guests will craft their own pizzas, enjoy a seasonal salad, and conclude with churro cake topped with vanilla mascarpone and orange syrup, thoughtfully paired with acclaimed Dakota Shy vintages earning high-90s recognition. An active and elevated way to experience Napa.

\$625 / PERSON

Limited to 20 Participants



DAILY WELLNESS:
45 Minutes Barre & 15 Minute Sound Bath

6:30am – 7:30am
Strengthen and tone during a focused low-impact barre session, followed by a restorative 15-minute sound bath. Leave feeling lengthened, energized, and deeply restored.

FREE -



Wine Tasting at Dakota Shy

1:00pm – 3:30pm
Experience an intimate 90-minute guided tasting at Dakota Shy, a boutique Napa Valley winery celebrated for its bold yet polished Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux-style blends. Guests will enjoy a curated selection of limited-production wines while learning about the winery’s meticulous vineyard sourcing, thoughtful winemaking philosophy, and the character of recent vintages.
Each guest will receive a \$125 credit toward any wine purchase, allowing you to take home favorite selections from the tasting.

\$280 / PERSON *Limited to 20 Participants*



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A rare glimpse into one of Napa’s most distinctive and sought-after estates.

\$525 / PERSON *Limited to 12 Participants*



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1:45pm – 5:00pm

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\$320 / PERSON

Limited to 16 Participants



The Art of Olive Oil: A Grove 45 & Sommelier Led Experience

1:30pm – 3:30pm

In the Barrel Room at Estate Yountville, explore the art of flavor through a sommelier-led olive oil and wine pairing experience. Guests will taste four signature EVOOs paired with premium Napa wines. You'll participate in a sensory challenge and create a custom agumato-style infusion to take home as a personalized keepsake.

\$350 / PERSON

Limited to 30 Participants



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\$295 / PERSON

Limited to 16 Participants

Meeting Attendees

Aldous, Charla
(Dallas, TX)

Estes, Debbie

Barnhart, Greg
(West Palm Beach, FL)

Bell, Mike & Kathy
(Birmingham, AL)

Boatman, Robert
(Scottsdale, AZ)

Bounds, Clancey & Susan
(Maitland, FL)

Breen, Sean & Roslyn
(Austin, TX)

Burgess, Karen & Brian
(Austin, TX)

Cachan, Manuel
(Los Angeles, CA)

Carrigan, Michael & Sarah
(Denver, CO)

Chan, Gerald & Erica Shum
(Toronto, ON)

Clark, Shannon
(Chandler, AZ)

Clayton, Daniel
(Nashville, TN)

Kimberly Hiles

Conklin, David & Sanya Rambally
(Toronto, ON)

Cunningham, Fred
(Palm Beach Gardens, FL)

Curriden, Mark Speaker

Domnick, Sean & Kelly
(Palm Beach Gardens, FL)

Edwards, Cliff & Susan
(Billings, MT)

Edwards, Tom (Jacksonville, FL)

Grandmont Marino, Hilary

Elliott, Michael & Hannah
(Vancouver, BC)

Evans, Edwin
(Sioux Falls, SD)

Perry, Stephanie

Farese, Larry & Patti
(Naples, FL)

Fell, Bibianne & James Geller
(San Diego, CA)

Findling, Drew & Beth
(Atlanta, GA)

Flynn Peterson, Kathleen & Steve
(Minneapolis, MN)

Fox, Dana & Rose
(Los Angeles, CA)

Fox, Jan
(Houston, TX)

Garnett, Stan
(Denver, CO)

Georgetti, Ken

Gonzalez, Hon. Irma

Gover, Brian & Alison Davis
(Toronto, ON)

Gray, Wilma
(Walnut Creek, CA)

Grossman, Stuart & Karyn
(Coral Gables, FL)

Hatem, Jessica

Howry, Ray & Julia
(Austin, TX)

Huber, Stephen & Logan
(New Orleans, LA)

Johnson, Lynn & Jackie
(Kansas City, MO)

Kanvy, Beth
(Chicago, IL)

Koclanes, Peter
& Jeanne Coleman
(Denver, CO)

Konvicka, Jason
(Richmond, VA)

Kreindler, Jim & Anh Phan
(New York, NY)

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Thomas, Rupert

Lauten, Brian & Paige
(Dallas, TX)

Law, Pete & Agnes
(Atlanta, GA)

Mason, Wayne & Donna
(Dallas, TX)

McKernan, Diane & Steve Lyman
(San Diego, CA)

McNicholas, Patrick & Melinda
(Los Angeles, CA)

Melsheimer, Thomas & Miki
(Dallas, TX)

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Morrison, Kevin
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(San Francisco, CA)

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Morrison, Elsa
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(St. Louis, MO)

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(Dallas, TX)

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Murphy, Connor
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Payne, Andrew & Holly
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(Tampa, FL)

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Pipes, Minor & Jill
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Pollara, Dominique
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UPCOMING

Academy Meetings

2027 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

September 11–19
Paris & Cannes
France

PRE-TRIP
September 8–11
Champagne

POST-TRIP
September 19–22
Provence

2027 ANNUAL MEETING

March 17–21
Eau Palm Beach
Palm Beach, FL

2027 MID-YEAR MEETING

October 13–17
San Francisco,
California

2028 ANNUAL MEETING

April 18–23 TENTATIVE
Amsterdam,
The Netherlands

2028 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

February 1–15
Buenos Aires, Argentina
& Antarctica

POST-TRIP
February 15–19
Mendoza, Argentina

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