



## Secretaries of State Conference Tuesday, February 14 - Wednesday, February 15, 2023

### AGENDA

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
*Allison Foyer*

#### **LUNCHEON AND PANEL DISCUSSION**

##### **TOPIC: AUDITING EXPERTISE**

The Honorable Paul Bettencourt  
Texas State Senator

Chad Ennis  
Office of the Texas Secretary of State

Moderator: Hans von Spakovsky – The Heritage Foundation

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.

#### **BREAK**

2:15– 3:00 p.m.  
*Center*

#### **PANEL I: UPDATES FROM THE HILL**

*Davis*

Don Palmer  
Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

Steve Donaldson  
Counsel, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell

Caleb Hays  
General Counsel, House Administration Republican Staff

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

#### **BREAK**

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

#### **PANEL II: REALISTIC ERIC FIXES AND REFORMS**

*Davis Center*

Don Palmer  
Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

Logan Churchwell  
Research Director, Public Interest Legal Foundation

The Honorable Jay Ashcroft

Secretary of State of Missouri

Moderator: Christian Adams - Public Interest Legal Foundation

4:15 - 5:30 p.m. **EXTENDED BREAK**

5:45 - 6:45 p.m. **COCKTAIL HOUR**

6:45 - 8:45 p.m. **DINNER AND KEYNOTE**

*Succotash 915 F St. NW*

Mollie Hemmingway  
Editor in Chief, The Federalist

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

8:15 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAKFAST** 208  
*Upper Lounge*

#### **POLLING ON ELECTION REFORM**

Jason Snead  
Executive Director, Honest Elections Project

Hans von Spakovsky  
Manager Election Law Reform and Senior Legal Fellow, The Heritage

Foundation

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **PANEL III - LITIGATION UPDATE**  
*Clough Center*

Michael Thielen  
Executive Director, Republican National Lawyers Association

Noel Johnson  
Litigation Counsel, Public Interest Legal Foundation

Conor Woodfin  
Consovoy McCarthy PLLC

Moderator: Christian Adams - Public Interest Legal Foundation

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **PANEL IV - MAPPING THE OPPOSITION: FUNDING STREAMS**  
*Clough Center*

Scott Walter  
President, Capital Research Center

Caitlin Sutherland  
Executive Director, Americans for the Public Trust

11:00 - 11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **PANEL V - ELECTION INTEGRITY UPDATES FROM THE STATES**  
*Clough Center*

Catherine Gunsalus  
Director of State Advocacy, Heritage Action for America

Ken Cuccinelli  
National Chairman, Election Transparency Project

Trent England  
Founder and Executive Director, Save Our States

Moderator: Jason Snead - Honest Elections Project

12:00 - 12:15 p.m. **BREAK**

12:15 - 2:15 p.m. **LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
*Allison Foyer*

**TOPIC: TBD**

The Honorable Kenneth Blackwell  
Former Ohio Secretary of State