



2025 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sofitel Hotel Chicago

ACRD's 2025 Conference

APRIL 15-16
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To Our Valued Community,

We're thrilled to invite you to join us for the upcoming ACRD Conference in the vibrant Windy City! Our team has been working tirelessly to craft an unforgettable experience, featuring an exceptional lineup of keynote speakers, cutting-edge content, and captivating entertainment. And the best part? We've ensured that attending remains budget-friendly, recognizing the importance of balancing professional development with personal and organizational commitments.

In this document, you'll find a carefully curated tentative schedule, designed with your goals in mind—because your success is our priority. Our mission is to empower your education, foster your growth, and support your organization's journey. We're here to serve you, not the other way around.

We can't wait to connect with you in Chicago and embark on this exciting journey together!

With enthusiasm and gratitude,

Your ACRD Team



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MORNING SESSIONS

7:00-8:30a

Breakfast Provided

9:00-9:15a

Opening Remarks

- ACRD Executive Director, Rachel Buck

9:15-10:15a

Leveraging AI & Cybersecurity for Organizational Success

ACRD

-CEO, Brendon Cassity

-IT Systems Engineer, Brad Cassity

-Digital & Member Experience Manager, Susan Montgomery

GENERAL SESSION

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FOCUS GROUP*

10:30-11:30a **Grow your SSD Practice with SSA Data**

- Heard & Smith Attorney, Joshua Eyestone

10:30-11:30a **Introducing the ACRD Partner Portal**

-IT Systems Engineer, Brad Cassity

11:30a-1:00p **Lunch Provided**

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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1:00-2:00p **Increasing Profitability with Intake Scoring: Effective Methods for Success**
- Liner Legal Founder Attorney, Michael Liner

2:15-3:15p **Appeals Council: Setting Yourself up for Success in Federal District Court**
- Salus Disability Owner Attorney, Maren Bam

3:30-4:30p **Navigating TCPA Ethics & Compliance**
- BTJD Founding Partner Attorney, Barry Johnson

1:00-2:00p **Turning Tension into Trust: Effective Approaches to Handling Disgruntled Clients**
--Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano, LLP Attorney, J. Anklowitz

2:15-3:15p **How to Efficiently Grow as SSD Advocacy - Marketing, Systems, Remote Staff** -
DL Marketing, Director of Sales, Rodnie Silva

3:30-4:30p **The Secret Sauce to Success & Live Q&A with Jan Dils**
- Jan Dils Attorneys at Law, Brett Dils

4:45 - 6:00p - Keynote Address by Former President Biden and Gov. Martin O'Malley



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- Premier Disability General Manager, Cindy Nasser

9:00-10:00a **Clinic To Claims: Supporting Epilepsy Patients with SSI/SSDI**
- Impact Disability Law Attorney, Jennifer Morgan

10:15-11:15a **Leveraging Organizational Metrics: Know Your Numbers, Know Your Business**
- Disability Attorneys of Michigan Partner Attorneys, Adam Banton & Samantha Ball

10:15-11:15a **Connecting Beyond the Screen: Leading Virtually with Impact**
- ACRD Membership & Education Manager, Missy Parsons
- ACRD Executive Director, Rachel Buck

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2:15-3:15p Strategic Approaches to Law Firm Management - Morgan & Morgan Managing Partner (SS/VA) Attorney, Bartholomew Zadel

3:30-4:00p The Alliance for America's Promise Andrew Woods Jason Turkish Andrew Youngman

4:00-4:30p Political Update Senator Roy Blunt Senator Debbie Stabenow

4:30-4:45p Closing Remarks

1:00-2:00p Expert Guidance in Medicare Education - Insurance Branch President, Paula Muschler

2:15-3:15p Private Session: Banking and Credit Solutions for Your Legal Practice - Esquire Bank Founder & Executive VP, Ari Kornhaber

3:30-4:30p Skillful Navigation: Leveraging SkillTRAN for Success - SkillTRAN President, Jeff Truthan

4:45 - 6:00p - Cocktails & Prize Give-Aways with Emcee, Jeff Houghton