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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**January 30, 2026**

Annual Winter Seminar

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| 7:30  | <b>Check-In and Breakfast</b>  |
| 8:00  | <b>Annual Board of Directors Meeting</b>   |
| 8:55  | <b>Opening Remarks and Welcome: AACJ Fall Seminar</b>  |
| 9:00  | <b>How <i>Not</i> to Ruin Your Sex Offense Client's Remedies on Review</b><br><i>Randy McDonald and Keith Hilzendeger will discuss developments in post-conviction and habeas cases that could affect Arizona prisoners and help you represent your clients more effectively. (1 hr)</i> |
| 10:00 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:15 | <b>Strategies for Defending Sex Crimes</b><br><i>Katie Krtejci will provide important training for pretrial and trial defense of sex crimes. (1 hr)</i>  |
| 11:30 | <b>Legislative Priorities and Developments</b><br><i>Marilyn Rodriguez will discuss exciting developments in our legislative work, with a potential guest appearance from Representative Khyl Powell. (.5 hr)</i>  |
| 12:00 | <b>AACJ Awards Luncheon</b>  |
| 1:00  | <b>Explore Art Museum on Your Own</b>  |
| 2:00  | <b>Case Law Update</b><br><i>Grace Guisewite will give an update on new cases affecting criminal defense clients and practitioners. (1 hr)</i>   |
| 3:00  | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 3:15  | <b>Ethics Under Pressure</b><br><i>Molly Brizgys and Kathy Brody will present on ethics when you and the system are under strain. (.5 hr ethics)</i>   |
| 3:45  | <b>The Eighth Amendment - Then and Now</b><br>Bob McWhirter presents the history of the Eighth Amendment and current events in cruel and unusual punishment. (1 hr)  |
| 4:45  | <b>Closing Remarks</b>   |
| 5:00  | <b>AACJ Board and Award Recipient Reception</b><br><i>Join us in welcoming the AACJ award recipients and the incoming 2026 Board of Directors.</i>   |