

**Model Constitutional Convention
Arizona State University College of Law
Schedule of Events**

Check-in Thursday, May 23

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Student and Mentor Check-in.	Plaza Area, First Floor
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Mentor welcome dinner.	Room 544

Day 1: Friday, May 24

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Check-in and breakfast.	Plaza Area, First Floor
9:00 am	Welcome Ceremony. Introductions by Stacy Leeds and Stefanie Lindquist.	Great Hall, First Floor
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Address: Jeffrey Rosen, CEO National Constitution Center.	Great Hall
10:00 am --10:45 am	Review and adoption of Convention credentials and procedures, presentation by Parliamentarian, explanation of NCC proposals.	Great Hall
10:45 am	Mid-morning coffee break.	Great Hall
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Discussion of procedures for the afternoon Committee meetings; review room assignments for Committees.	Committee Rooms
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Working Lunch in Room 544. Students organized into committees at tables of 10 students each, Introductions/rules established. Keynote speaker: Jill Lepore, Harvard University.	Committee Rooms
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Committee Meetings. Committees will move to rooms assigned for committee meetings throughout the law school, accompanied by faculty/graduate student mentors.	Committee Rooms. Refreshments continuously available on 5th Floor Patio.
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	First Order of Business: Discuss and debate NCC Proposals assigned to committee, to include potential amendments to the original NCC Proposals.	Committee Rooms
2:30 pm -- 3:45PM	Second Order of Business: Propose, debate, and agree on proposal(s) to forward to the floor of the Convention. Students will draw from their pre-convention preparation to inform their understanding of how the Convention might amend the Constitution for the good of the entire United States, and to represent the interests of the state of origin, which each has been assigned to represent. Each committee shall forward up to TWO proposals to the Convention which shall be	Committee Rooms

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	the proposals receiving the highest majority vote. Ties will be resolved by drawing lots.	
3:45 - 4:15 PM	Break	
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Plenary Convention. The Convention will meet to hear each chairman report the proposals (at the most two amendments) which have received at least a majority vote in committee. The committee session will begin with a presentation of each proposal on behalf of each committee. The chair of the committee will present the arguments for one of the proposals. Note that if the committees have agreed upon a second proposal, the committee chair must appoint a second committee member to present the second proposal to the Convention. Each presentation will take no more than 5 minutes. A list of the proposals will be distributed to all of the delegates at the conclusion of the proceedings of Day 1.	Great Hall
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Buffet dinner. Keynote Speaker: Richard Albert, University of Texas at Austin School of Law.	5th Floor Patio and Room 544

Day 2: Saturday, May 25

8:00 am -- 8:30 am	Check in and breakfast. Paddles with names and numbers distributed for voting.	5th Floor Patio
8:30 am --11:30 am	Plenary Convention. All delegates gathered.	Room 544
Procedures	The morning session of Day 2 will begin with a statement from the President of the Convention, speaking for no more than 10 minutes, explaining the rules that will govern the debate concerning the proposals. The President will include in his or her explanation of the rules for debate the instruction that in the interest of ensuring time for a full and open debate with a broad participation, no delegate will speak for more than 2 minutes at one time.	Room 544
Procedures	The morning session will then address the NCC Proposals assigned randomly to the 10 committees that have been voted out of committee. Alternative versions of each NCC proposal submitted to the assembly at the end of Day 1 committee meetings will appear on the screen before the entire Convention.	Room 544

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Procedures	Delegates may offer amendments to the proposals, with each amendment requiring a second before the delegates vote on it.	Room 544
Procedures	The Secretaries will keep notes on the debates. The President will recognize the delegates by calling on them by the name of their state, designated on a paddle that will have the delegate's name and state identification. Once the NCC proposals have been debated, the Convention will turn to consideration of all other proposals voted out of committee.	Room 544
11:30 am – 5:00 pm	The afternoon session will begin with a working lunch. The afternoon session will resume for the purpose of considering additional proposals from each committee.	Room 544. Lunch buffet. Refreshments continuously available on 5th Floor Patio.
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Break before dinner.	
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Formal banquet. Keynote Speaker: Erwin Chemerinsky, UC Berkeley School of Law	Downtown Sheraton, Paradise Valley Ballroom

Day 3: Sunday May 26

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Check-in and breakfast.	5th Floor Patio
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	The final day of the Constitutional Convention is to vote on the proposals considered throughout the day on Day 2.	Room 544
Procedures	Debate will have a total time limit of 8 minutes per proposal with amendments allowed. The President and Secretaries of the Convention will carefully monitor the voting for each proposal. Each state will be allowed to send two voting delegates to the Convention.	Room 544
Procedures	A proposal may be considered adopted for further consideration and ratification by the states when it achieves a supermajority (76 of 100) approving vote from the Convention. All final votes on the proposals shall be taken by rising serpentine count. A delegate who is unable to rise or raise their hand may indicate their vote in another fashion. For the purpose of approving proposals, the President will be permitted to vote. When all of the proposals have received an "up or down" vote, the secretaries will report the results to the President, who will read the results of the conference displayed on the screen, and the Convention will adjourn.	Room 544

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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	5th Floor Patio
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Additional time for voting if necessary	Room 544
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	The student committee recorders (who are still available in Phoenix) will work together under the direction of the Convention recorder to collate the results of the committee hearings (Day 1), the amendment debates (Day 2), and the voting (Day 3) to create a narrative of the Convention, similar to the Convention notes of James Madison (1787). Recorders will also gather quotes and reactions from delegates about their experience.	Room 544
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Optional information session with ASU Law Admissions Office (individual meeting times available following the sessions).	Room 650