



WICKER SMITH

Retail & Hospitality Forum

August 19-21, 2026

JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa

Mark Your Calendar:

Wednesday, 8/19:

Get settled in and let the fun begin

4 -6 pm Hotel Check-in and Event Registration

6 - 8 pm: Welcome Cookout

Thursday, 8/20:

Collaborative dialogue, valuable connections

9 am: Keynote Address by John Curatola

10 am - 3:30 pm: General and Breakout Sessions

5:30 pm: Happy Hour

6:30 pm: Dinner and Casino Party

Friday, 8/21:

Don't rush out - we're saving the best for last!

8:45 - 11:30 am: General Sessions

11:30 am: Adjourn/Checkout/Depart

Featuring Special Guests



John Curatola
National WWII Museum



Jessica Kansky
Verdict Insight Partners



Steve Jaffe
Upchurch Watson White & Max



Julie O'Kane
O'Kane Mediation

Collaborative Conversations & Topics That Really Matter

- A Practical Guide to Vendor Indemnity
- Building Productive Relationships With Outside Counsel
- Your Litigation Avoidance Checklist
- Current Tech and Social Media Trends Shaping Litigation
- Best Practices for Corporate Rep Depositions
- Managing Premises Security and Legal Exposure
- General Curtis LeMay: A Case Study in Leadership
- Defense Strategies for Voir Dire and High Exposure Trials
- What's Happening In the Other Room? Tips from the Mediator's Perspective
- Succession Planning and the Future of Litigation

With Appearances by:

Jaime Baca | Todd Barron | Lindsay Brigman | Krista Cammack | Kevin Crews
Dick Ford | Charlie Garcia | Jason Glusman | Jeff Goodman | Justin Hale
Jason Hull | Mandi Karvis | Jacob Liro | Joe Menello | Patrick Mixson | Dean
Nickas | Rob Paradela | Charlene Poblete | Rick Ramsey | Kurt Spengler
Rachel Studley | Mike Tyson | Drew Vogt | Valerie White | Melissa Woodward

**Topics and speakers subject to change without notice*

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"I tell everyone I know to make sure they attend these conferences!"

*"I can only attend two conferences per year and I
always choose Wicker Smith's if possible!"*

"One of the best conferences I have ever attended."

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