

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

- 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.      **REGISTRATION**  
Outside Palm 2
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.      **JUM'AH PRAYER (KHATIB: BASSEM CHAABAN)**  
Palm 5
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.      **CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS MEETING**  
Palm 4
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.      **REGIONAL MUSLIM BAR ASSOCIATIONS  
MEET & GREET**  
Palm 3
- 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.      **NAML MEMBERS MEETING**  
Palm 3
- 5:00 - 5:15 p.m.      **'ASR PRAYER**  
Palm 5
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.      **NAML BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
Palm 3
- 7:00 p.m.              **MAGHRIB PRAYER**  
Palm 5
- 7:30 – 11:00 p.m.      **DINNER AT SPLITSVILLE, DISNEY SPRINGS**  
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## Saturday, November 2, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **REGISTRATION**  
Outside Palm 1  
Childcare services in Palm 2
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **EXHIBIT HALL**  
Hallway outside Palm 1 and Palm 2
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.            **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
Palm 1
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.            **OPENING REMARKS**  
Palm 1
- **Aliya Khalidi**, NAML President
  - **Khurram Wahid**, founding member and past President of Florida Muslim Bar Association
  - **Justice Alan Lawson**, Florida Supreme Court
  - **Dori Foster-Morales**, President-elect, Florida Bar
  - **Yasir Billoo**, NAML Secretary, 2019 NAML Conference Chair
- 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.            **PLENARY SESSION**

**From Tech Disruption to Techlash**  
Palm 1

Join us for an engaging discussion on the promise and challenges associated with technology companies that lead various sectors into a new era, including internet search, online financial and retail services, and social media platforms. Even traditional industries now utilize technology as a major driver of their business activities. What are the political and legal issues at stake in relation to fair competition, personal data collection, ethical use of artificial intelligence, censorship, and digital election manipulation? The panel will consider whether increased regulatory scrutiny can – or should – rein in the perceived dominance of Big TechBic.

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- **Mohamed Yusuf M. Mohamed**, Deputy General Counsel, Employment and Immigration, Tesla
- **Usman Ahmed**, Head of Public Policy, PayPal
- **Lukman Azeez**, Associate, Wiley Rein
- **Sabeen Malik**, Product Policy, Google
- **Moderator: Sehrish Siddiqui**, Partner, Bass, Berry & Sims, NAML Vice President

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **EXHIBIT HALL AND NETWORKING BREAK**

11:15 – 12:30 p.m. **PARALLEL SESSIONS:**

## **A New Generation of Prosecutors**

### **Palm 3**

The Criminal Justice system is undergoing reform. Up until recently, this reform has focused on judges, defense attorneys, juries, and police officers. What about the prosecutor? Join us to explore ways in which prosecutors can use their power for social change.

- **Awais Khaleel**, *Assistant District Attorney, Dane County WI*
- **Aliya Khalidi**, *Assistant District Attorney, Middlesex County, MA & NAML President*
- **Raafia Lari**, *Assistant Attorney General, Texas Attorney General*
- **Moderator: Sarah Usman**, *Office of the State Attorney, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Florida*

## **Free Speech and Foreign Nations: The Proliferation of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Laws**

### **Palm 4**

As the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement grows in size and prominence, a proliferation of state laws--and a few federal bills --have emerged as a legislative effort to make such activism more difficult. An MSA in Arizona, state employees in Kansas and Texas, and public school students have all fallen within the scope of so-called anti-BDS laws. This panel will survey the state of play of this issue, exploring the free speech implications of these laws and how courts have, so far, responded.

- **Gadeir Abbas**, *Senior Litigation Attorney, CAIR, NAML Director at Large*
- **Dima Khalid**, *Director, Palestine Legal*
- **Hassan Shibly**, *Executive Director, CAIR Florida*
- **Moderator: Khurrum Wahid**, *Partner, Wahid Vizcaino LLP*

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## **What's the Trumpdate? Understanding the Immigration Chaos**

### **Palm 5**

Immigration law has always been a creature of politics and the times, but there has been perhaps no time when matters of immigration have assumed a more central role in the national discourse. This panel of expert practitioners will take a deep dive on the most significant legal developments in the filed--from ever-growing issues regarding naturalization, to the Trump Administration's public charge rule, and the latest on the Muslim Ban. The panel will also address systemic efforts underway to change the way immigration in the United States works for immigrants and the many Muslim lawyers who represent them.

- **Saman Movassaghi-Gonzalez**, Managing Partner, Florida Immigration Law Counsel
- **Shahzad Ahmed**, Senior Partner, Brink Immigration
- **Hiba Ghalib**, Partner, Kuck Baxter
- **Mahsa Khanbabai**, Khanbabai Law Offices, NAML Director at Large
- **John Vandenberg**, Partner, Hogan & Vandenberg, NAML Board of Directors
- **Moderator: Afia Yunus**, Yunus Law

## **Civil Rights Enforcement from the Perspective of the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ)**

### **Poincetta**

Come hear how the Department of Justice is enforcing the civil rights of Muslim Americans in the areas of hate crimes, religious land use, education and more, and how it is protecting the human rights of Muslims abroad. This panel features NAML members who are career attorneys from the DOJ's Civil Rights Division, Criminal Division's Human Rights Prosecution section, and a U.S. Attorney's office.

- **Mazen Basrawi**, Trial Attorney, USDOJ Civil Rights Division
- **Bahram Samie**, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota
- **Mona Sahaf**, Trial Attorney, USDOJ
- **Aziz Ahmad**, Trial Attorney, USDOJ Educational Opportunities
- **Moderator: Nimra Azmi**, Muslim Advocates

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

**LUNCH**

**Palm 1**

### **Remarks from:**

- **Representative Darren Soto**, U.S. House of Representatives
- Introduction by **Yasir Billoo**, Partner, International Law Partners, NAML Secretary

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2:15 p.m.

## **DHUHR PRAYER**

Palm 2

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

## **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

### **Civil Rights: From Everyday Discrimination to Interrogations**

Palm 3

Our panel of experts will cover discrimination that Muslim communities face in their everyday lives, including being denied permits to build mosques, interrogated at airports, harassed by law enforcement to spy on mosques, and asked to remove their hijab. The panel will also address the legal resources and avenues available to respond to these challenges.

- **Ramzi Kassem**, Professor of Law, City University of New York School of Law
- **Edward Mitchell**, Executive Director, CAIR Georgia
- **Madihha Ahusain**, Muslim Advocates
- **Moderator: Muhammad Faridi**, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP

### **“How can you defend those people?” and other Ramadan Iftar Questions**

Palm 4

Hear Muslim defenders discuss their motivations to work in criminal defense, how and why they represent the criminally accused including the guilty, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendment jurisprudence, shared values between American and Islamic law on crime and punishment, and hot button topics like Serial/Adnan Syed, the Central Park 5, ending mass incarceration and criminal justice reform.

- **Yasin Amba**, Office of the Public Defender, 9th Judicial Circuit, Florida
- **Urooj Khan**, Public Defender, Bronx Defenders
- **Muna Abraham**, Office of the Public Defender, 9th Judicial Circuit, Florida
- **Moderator: Sajid A. Khan**, Deputy Public Defender, Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender

### **Not Running Scared: Muslim Americans and Public Office**

Palm 5

For years, Muslim Americans were simultaneously among the easiest political targets and the least represented groups in American politics. Recently, there's been a thawing of the political environment for Muslim Americans. From outspoken members of the United States House of Representatives to mayors of small cities, a record number of Muslims have run and been elected to office over the last few years. This panel will include former Muslim American candidates and successful elected officials from within the Muslim community imparting

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wisdom based on their experiences. Panelists will also present a frank explanation of what it takes to get elected and how to organize local blocs of Muslim voters.

- **Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur**, Board Chairwoman for Georgia Muslim Voter Project
- **Sen. Mujtaba Mohammad**, North Carolina State Senate
- **Khurram Wahid**, Partner, Wahid Vizcaino LLP, and former candidate for Coral Springs City Commission
- **Moderator: Awais Khaleel**, Assistant District Attorney, Dane County (WI) District Attorney's Office

## **Beyond the Resume: Creating Career Opportunities**

### **Poincetta**

Whether seeking an entry-level position or lateral partnership, career success is more than having a strong resume. Attorneys from diverse practice areas will discuss their career progression, challenges faced, and hiring tips. Panelists will also provide insight into opaque topics, such as firm culture, transitioning between the public and private sectors, and identity politics.

- **Judge David Shaheed**, Marion Superior Court (retired), Associate Professor, IUPUI School of International and Public Affairs
- **Miriam Eqab**, Managing Counsel, Tesla, Inc.
- **Hussein Akhavannik**, Partner, Baker and Hostetler LLP
- **Nadia B. Ahmad**, Associate Professor, Barry University School of Law, NAML 2019 Conference Program Co-Chair
- **Zahra Khan**, Partner, International Law Partners LLP
- **Adeel Mangi**, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP
- **Moderator: Fatima Hassan Ali**, Associate, Jones Day

3:45 - 4:15 p.m.                    **NETWORKING BREAK**

4:15 - 5:30 p.m.                    **PLENARY SESSION**

## **#MeToo: Legal Remedies and Social Responsibilities**

### **Palm 1**

The #MeToo Movement amplified dialogue about sexual assault and sexual harassment in virtually every industry and community, and American Muslims are no exception. The growing awareness led the ABA to amend its Model Rules. Some mosques are considering new codes of conduct. This panel will

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provide a legal update and explore best practices for addressing sex-based assault and harassment.

- **Reem Elkhaldi**, Attorney at Law
- **Susan Adams**, Senior Counsel for Intel
- **Taghrid Hassan**, Hassan Law
- **Muizz Rafique**, Associate General Counsel (Global Employment), Coinbase
- **Moderator: Rahmah Abdulaleem**, KARAMAH

5:45 p.m. **ASR PRAYER**  
Palm 5

6:00 – 6:50 p.m. **PRACTICE GROUP RECEPTIONS**

- Public Interest/Civil Rights/Academia (Outside Foyer)
- In-house and Big Law (Palm 3)
- Solos and Small Firms (Palm 4)
- Criminal Law (defense and prosecution) (Palm 5)

7:00 p.m. **MAGHRIB PRAYER**  
Palm 2

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. **CLOSING DINNER**  
Palm 1

Keynote Address: “**The Islamic Secular: Law and Beyond**”

by **Dr. Sherman Jackson**, King Faisal Chair in Islamic Thought and Culture;  
Professor of Religion and American Studies and Ethnicity,  
University of Southern California

Introduction by **Asifa Quraishi-Landes**, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School

Director-at-Large Election Results: announced by **Aliya Khalidi**, **NAML President**

Closing Remarks, **Saleema Snow**, **NAML President-Elect**