



# 2025 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sofitel Hotel Chicago



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# 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.

Please note that the schedule may evolve as we finalize speaker confirmations and session details. Rest assured, we'll keep you updated with any adjustments as they arise.

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 Manger, Susan Montgomery*

**GENERAL SESSION**

OR

**FOCUS GROUP\***

10:30-11:30a **\*\*Grow your SSD Practice with SSA Data**  
*- Heard & Smith Attorney, Joshua Eyestone*

10:30-11:30a **Revolutionizing Medical Provider Lookup with Advanced Technology**  
*-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 - *Cocktails & Former SSA Commissioner, Martin O'Malley, Award Presentation*



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9:00-10:00a **Driving Excellence with Six Sigma Strategies**  
- 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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1:00-2:00p **\*\*Mastering VE Cross Under 24-3p & Maximizing Success Rates**  
- Law Offices of Lawrence D. Rohlfing Owner Attorney, Lawrence Rohlfing

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  
Brendon Cassity

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