

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHWARTZ ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE**

To: Cynthia Norton, President of NCBJ

From: Edward Godoy, Co-Chair

Date: July 21, 2024

The Schwartz Roundtable is scheduled to be held at the Annual Conference in Seattle on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 pm, in Room 512 Willapa (5th floor). A budget of \$250 was approved for the Roundtable this year, which is the same as last year.

The Schwartz Roundtable Committee is scheduled to meet via MS TEAMS on July 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. (EDT), to select three discussion topics for the Roundtable and assign the preparation of the topic outlines.

Sixteen discussion topics were suggested by Committee members by email. The list of topics was narrowed to ten topics using a SurveyMonkey poll.

Discussion outlines will be emailed before the Annual Conference to each judge who registered to attend the Annual Conference and will be available at the site of the Roundtable.

The committee is taking a multi-pronged approach to boost attendance at the Roundtable in Austin:

A Save-the-Date Flyer for the Schwartz Roundtable will be emailed to each judge who registered to attend the Annual Conference.

We hope to include the Schwartz Roundtable in the Judges' Java.

Closer to the Annual Conference we will send an email to all judges who are registered for Seattle telling them about the Wednesday afternoon programming planned for the Schwartz Roundtable and attaching the discussion outlines.

The Schwartz Roundtable Committee is now down to eight members as Judge Katz recently indicated that she is no longer able to participate in the Committee. The remaining eight members are:

Robert D. Berger – District of Kansas

Rachel M. Blise – Eastern District of Wisconsin

Beth Burris – District of South Carolina

Jeffery A. Deller – Western District of Pennsylvania

Edward A. Godoy (Co-Chair) – District of Puerto Rico

Robert A. Mark – Southern District of Florida

Teresa H. Pearson (Co-Chair) – District of Oregon

Madeleine C. Wanslee – District of Arizona