



2026 Palm Beach County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

March 6, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

County Civil/Small Claims Session II

Staying in Bounds: Professionalism, Efficiency, and Fairness in the Age of AI

This 75-minute session will focus on maintaining fairness, professionalism, and efficiency in county civil and small claims court as technology continues to reshape litigation. Judges and practitioners will address managing pro se litigants and heavy dockets, effective use of virtual hearings and AI tools, and best practices for courtroom civility while ensuring due process and access to justice.

Panelists: Aubin Robinson, Anton Smith, Judge Reginald Corlew, Judge Sarah Shullman, Judge Ori Silver

Session Moderators: Taniquea Reid, Esq. and Jameesha Rock, Esq.

- I. Welcome & Overview
- II. Fair Play for All: Managing Pro Se Litigants & Heavy Dockets - Strategies for efficiency while protecting due process; clerk and judicial coordination tips.
- III. Tech Assist: Virtual Hearings, AI Tools & Access to Justice - What's working with hybrid hearings, digital evidence, and responsible AI use for document prep and scheduling.
- IV. Sportsmanship & Professionalism: Lessons from the Bench - Judicial "pet peeves" and attorney best practices—tone, timeliness, and civility.
- V. Audience Q&A; & Takeaways - Audience discussion on staying ethical and efficient while embracing new technology.