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Dear ALEA Members:

I am pleased to announce that registration is now open for this year's annual meeting, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, 2026, hosted by the University of Chicago Law School. All conference sessions, including lunches, the cocktail reception, and dinner, will be held at the beautiful David Rubenstein Forum, which is located at 1201 East 60th Street in Chicago (less than two blocks from the Law School). Please note that the conference will be held on a Friday/Saturday.

We will post the preliminary program on the ALEA website as soon as it is available.

The first set of parallel paper sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. Friday; this follows a continental breakfast that is available starting at 8:00 a.m. After the Friday morning sessions, there will be a lunch program to award the Coase Medal to our 2026 honoree, Judge Frank Easterbrook. Parallel paper sessions will continue throughout Friday and Saturday, ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, to be followed immediately by a closing tea reception that will run until 4:00 p.m. In addition to breakfasts and lunches on both days, and multiple coffee interludes, there will be a cocktail reception and dinner on Friday evening.

REGISTRATION: Please use the following link to register: editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/conference.cgi?action=login&db_name=ALEA2026

We ask all attendees (including paper presenters) to register **as soon as possible**. This will help us plan meals and minimize unnecessary expenses. In addition, due to venue catering deadlines, we may be unable to accommodate late registrants at the dinner.

The registration fee for the meeting will be \$375.00 (\$130.00 for students), which includes all meals and social functions during the conference. **The early registration deadline is May 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. We will charge a late fee for on-site registration or registrations received after May 1st, and no refunds will be given after that date.** All attendees must register for the meeting (including paper presenters).

LODGING: Chicago in May is a very busy time, and hotel space is at a premium. Information with regard to area hotels is attached, and has also been posted on our website (www.amlecon.org). Note, with regard to the Study Hotel, even if the ALEA block is full, please inquire if there are still rooms available *outside the ALEA block* (some members have been able to secure a reservation at the ALEA discounted rate by calling the Study directly). We encourage you to make your lodging arrangements as soon as you know you'll be attending ALEA. (We encourage this every year, but **given the scarcity of affordable hotel space during the month of May, it is definitely worth booking your hotel room sooner, rather than later.**)

We also encourage all attendees to check the prices of the hotels using one of the hotel booking sites (i.e., Hotels.com; Booking.Com; Trivago; Expedia; and the like), to be sure they are getting the

best rates. Some of our attendees have also gotten a better rate by visiting the hotel websites directly, and booking their rooms through the hotel's website using a corporate code, AAA discount, etc.)

We look forward to seeing you and all your friends at what promises to be a fun and exciting meeting.

Lee Anne Fennell
ALEA President 2025-26