# Law & Economics Center, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School JEP Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform

Thursday, February 22 to Saturday, February 24, 2018

Hotel & Classes: Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

## **Agenda**

#### Friday, February 23

Classes held in the Grand Ballroom

8:00 – 8:05 am Conference Introduction and Overview

**Gregory Conko** 

Part 1: The Background of Pensions

8:05 – 9:15 am The Financial Structure of Pensions

D. Bruce Johnsen, Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

9:30 – 10:45 am The Public Pension Crisis

Donald J. Boyd, Senior Research Fellow, Rockefeller College Center for Policy Research, SUNY

Albany

Part 2: Bankruptcy: The Nuclear Option

11:00 am – 12:15 pm Bankruptcy and the Public Pension Crisis

David A. Skeel, S. Samuel Arsht Professor of Corporate Law, University of Pennsylvania Law

School

12:15 – 2:00 pm Luncheon, Evangeline Suite

**Keynote Address** 

\*Kevyn D. Orr, Partner, Jones Day; Former Emergency Manager, City of Detroit

Part 3: Pension Reforms

2:15 – 3:30 pm Pension Reform Options

Eileen C. Norcross, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University

3:45 – 5:00 pm Legal Questions Raised by Pension Reform

Amy B. Monahan, Melvin C. Steen Professor of Law, University of Minnesota School of Law

### Saturday, February 24

Classes held in the Grand Ballroom

#### Part 4: An Assessment of the Economic and Legal Arguments Regarding Pension Reform

8:00 – 8:15 am Public Choice Review

Todd Zywicki, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law

8:15 – 9:45 am Pension Reform in Practice

The Honorable Thomas B. Bennett (Ret.), Bailey & Glasser LLP

Glen Grell, Executive Director, Public School Employees' Retirement System

Chuck Reed, Special Counsel, Hopkins & Carley and former Mayor, City of San Jose

Moderator: Todd Zywicki

10:15 – 11:45 am Economic and Legal Issues

Jack M. Beermann, Harry E. Warren Scholar & Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law

**Richard Hynes,** John Allan Love Professor of Law, University of Virginia **Anthony M. Randazzo,** Director of Economic Research, Reason Foundation

Moderator: Todd Zywicki

11:45 am – 12:00 pm Closing Remarks

Greg Conko