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Chapter of the  
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DISTRICT OF DELAWARE  
**BENCH & BAR CONFERENCE**  
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2025 | WILMINGTON, DE

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# PROGRAM AGENDA



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# WELCOME

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## **On behalf of the Delaware Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, welcome to the 2025 District of Delaware Bench and Bar Conference!**

We are pleased to support the United States District Court for the District of Delaware in hosting this fifth Bench & Bar Conference, celebrating the strong collaboration between the bench and bar in the First State. This unique relationship makes events like this especially meaningful.

Our close partnership with the District Court enables us to offer unparalleled continuing legal education and networking programs throughout the year. We invite you to get to know our organization and participate in these events. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support we receive from the court, particularly from Chief Judge Connolly and Magistrate Judge Burke.

We are honored to be joined by many distinguished panelists, moderators, and speakers, including U.S. Senator Christopher Coons, Judges from the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third and Federal Circuits, the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and other U.S. District Courts from across the country, along with leading practitioners and other esteemed speakers.

This conference features plenary sessions on timely, general-interest topics as well as breakout tracks focused on intellectual property law, bankruptcy law, and criminal law. In addition to the CLE portion of the event at the Chase Center, we encourage you to join us for a special reception and dinner at the stunning Longwood Gardens to connect and celebrate our legal community.

Please join me in expressing gratitude to the many individuals who have devoted countless hours to planning this conference, including Chief Judge Connolly, Chief Judge Owens, Magistrate Judge Burke, Justin Alberto, Aaron Applebaum, Cameron Clark, Tyler Cragg, Kelly Farnan, Michael Farnan, Katie Good, Nitika Gupta Fiorella, Matthew Harvey, Cortlan Hitch, Nathan Hoeschen, Ericka Johnson, Alexandra Joyce, Elizabeth Justinson (bankruptcy track liaison), Colin Keith, Pilar Kraman, William LaRosa (criminal track liaison), Craig Martin, Sara Metzler, Curtis Miller, Andrew Moshos, Luke Murley, Stacy Newman, Ricardo Palacio, Dante Pavan, Nicole Pedi, Anthony Raucci, Jennifer Siew, Alan Silverstein, Amanda Steele, Alexis Stombaugh, Chad Stover, Grayson Sundermeir, Daniel Taylor, Jen Welsh, and Jesse Wenger.

I would also like to extend special thanks to my colleagues on the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter of the FBA: Emily DiBenedetto, Michael Flynn, and Jeffrey Lyons, and our past president Jeff Castellano.

We are excited to welcome you all to Delaware and look forward to two days filled with learning, networking, and the continued strengthening of the remarkable bond between the bench and bar in our state!

**Bindu Palapura**, Chapter President

# PROGRAM AGENDA

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## Thursday, September 25

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8:30 am – 9:15 am	Registration & Breakfast— <b>Riverfront Ballroom</b>
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Introduction by <b>Bindu Palapura (President, Del. Chapter FBA)</b> Welcome Remarks by <b>Chief Judge Colm F. Connolly (D. Del.)</b> — <b>Riverfront Ballroom</b>
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1—Riverfront Ballroom</b> <b>In-house Counsel Perspectives</b> (1.5 CLE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adam Keser (Chief IP Counsel and Associate General Counsel, Saint-Gobain)</li><li>• Emily O'Brien (Senior Litigation Counsel, Patent Manager, Google)</li><li>• Nicole Williams (Senior Director of Intellectual Property and Litigation, 10x Genomics)</li><li>• Qian (Andy) Zhang (VP, Head of Intellectual Property, Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.)</li><li>• <b>Moderator:</b> Grayson Sundermeir (Fish &amp; Richardson PC)</li></ul>
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Networking Break
11:15 am – 12:45 pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2—Riverfront Ballroom</b> <b>District of Delaware Judges' Roundtable</b> (1.5 CLE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief Judge Colm F. Connolly (D. Del.)</li><li>• District Judge Gregory B. Williams (D. Del.)</li><li>• Magistrate Judge Sherry R. Fallon (D. Del.)</li><li>• Magistrate Judge Laura D. Hatcher (D. Del.)</li><li>• <b>Moderator:</b> Pilar Kraman (Young Conaway Stargatt &amp; Taylor, LLP)</li></ul>
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Lunch— <b>Riverfront Ballroom</b> <b>From the Bench: Circuit Judge William C. Bryson (Fed. Cir.) Interviewed by District Judge Richard Andrews (D. Del.)</b>

# PROGRAM AGENDA



## Thursday, September 25 (Continued)

### **BREAK-OUT SESSION 1** (1.3 CLE)

#### **IP: Damages in Patent Cases—Riverfront Ballroom**

- District Judge John Campbell Barker (E.D. Tex.)
- District Judge Joshua D. Wolson (E.D. Pa.)
- Jason Hoffman (BakerHostetler)
- Dr. Michael Akemann (Berkeley Research Group, LLC)
- Erin Gibson (DLA Piper)
- **Moderator:** Jeff Castellano (DLA Piper)

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Criminal: The First Step Act – Primer & Panel Discussion—Harlan & Hollingsworth**

- Assistant Federal Defender Conor Wilson (D. Del.)
- Alisha Gallagher (Senior Attorney, Federal Bureau of Prisons)
- Briana Cavallaro (Senior CLC Attorney, Federal Bureau of Prisons)
- **Moderator:** Jennifer Welsh (Freeh Sporkin & Sullivan LLP)

#### **Bankruptcy: Independent Investigations & Purchases of Causes of Action—Christina Ballroom**

- Bankruptcy Judge J. Kate Stickles (Bankr. D. Del.)
- Bankruptcy Judge Craig T. Goldblatt (Bankr. D. Del.)
- Jill Frizzley (Wildrose Partners LLC)
- Brian Schartz (Kirkland & Ellis LLP)
- **Moderator:** Justin R. Alberto (Cole Schotz P.C.)

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Cocktails & Dinner – Longwood Gardens Conservatory

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## Friday, September 26

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8:30 am – 9:00 am      Registration & Breakfast—**Riverfront Ballroom**

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9:00 am – 9:30 am      Fireside Chat—**Riverfront Ballroom** (0.5 CLE)  
**U.S. Senator Christopher Coons**

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9:30 am – 10:30 am      **PLENARY SESSION 3** (1.0 CLE)  
**Appellate Best Practices—Riverfront Ballroom**

- Circuit Judge Timothy B. Dyk (Fed. Cir.)
- Circuit Judge Leonard P. Stark (Fed. Cir.)
- Chief Judge Michael A. Chagares (3d. Cir.)
- Circuit Judge Stephanos Bibas (3d. Cir.)
- **Moderator:** Nitika Gupta Fiorella (Fish & Richardson PC)

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10:30 am – 10:45 am      Networking Break

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10:45 am – 11:45 am      **BREAK-OUT SESSION 2** (1.0 CLE)  
**IP: Trade Secret Litigation Under the DTSA—Riverfront Ballroom**

- District Judge Jennifer L. Hall (D. Del.)
- Magistrate Judge Christopher J. Burke (D. Del.)
- Ret. Third Circuit Judge Kent A. Jordan (Richards Layton & Finger P.A.)
- Amy Candido (Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP)
- Jonathan DeFosse (Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP)
- **Moderator:** Kelly Farnan (Richards, Layton & Finger P.A.)

**Criminal: Third Circuit Criminal Cases – Year in Review—Harlan & Hollingsworth**

- Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Zauzmer (Appellate Chief, E.D. Pa.)
- First Assistant U.S. Attorney Ben Wallace (D. Del.)
- Assistant Federal Defender Mary Kate Healy (D. Del.)
- Peter Goldberger (Law Office of Peter Goldberger)
- **Moderator:** Assistant U.S. Attorney Jesse Wenger (Appellate Chief, D. Del.)

**Bankruptcy: Discussion of Issues and Developments Regarding Retention of Estate Professionals—Christina Ballroom**

- Bankruptcy Judge Mary F. Walrath (Bankr. D. Del.)
- Jane VanLare (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP)
- Patrick A. Jackson (Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP)
- **Moderator:** Kurt F. Gwynne (Reed Smith LLP)

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11:45 am – 12:00 pm      Networking Break

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## Friday, September 26 (Continued)

### **BREAK-OUT SESSION 3 (1.0 CLE)**

#### **IP: ANDA Litigation – Current Trends and Outlook—Riverfront Ballroom**

- District Judge Maryellen Noreika (D. Del.)
- Ret. District Judge Mitchell S. Goldberg (E.D. Pa.)
- Colman Ragan (VP & General Counsel North America IP Litigation, Teva)
- Corey Salsberg (VP & Global Head of IP Affairs, Novartis)
- Eric Alan Stone (Groombridge, Wu, Baughman & Stone LLP)
- **Moderator:** Brian P. Egan (Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

#### **Criminal: Changes and Updates to U.S. Sentencing Guidelines—Harlan & Hollingsworth**

- Federal Public Defender Eleni Kousoulis (D. Del.)
- Christine Aranda (Senior United States Probation Officer)
- Assistant U.S. Attorney Jesse Wenger (Appellate Chief, D. Del.)
- **Moderator:** Jennifer Welsh (Freeh Sporkin & Sullivan LLP)

#### **Bankruptcy: Roundtable Discussion on Post-Purdue Topics—Christina Ballroom**

- Bankruptcy Chief Judge Karen B. Owens (Bankr. D. Del.)
- Bankruptcy Judge Brendan L. Shannon (Bankr. D. Del.)
- Brian D. Glueckstein (Sullivan & Cromwell LLP)
- Joanna McDonald (Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP)
- **Moderator:** Matthew Sarna (DLA Piper US)

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Lunch

### **PLENARY SESSION 4 (1.0 CLE)**

#### **Discovery Best Practices—Riverfront Ballroom**

- Judge Jennifer Choe-Groves (U.S. Court of International Trade)
- District Judge John F. Murphy (E.D. Pa.)
- Magistrate Judge Eleanor G. Tennyson (D. Del.)
- Daniel Silver (McCarter & English, LLP)
- Andrew Russell (Shaw Keller LLP)
- **Moderator:** Chad Stover (Barnes & Thornburg LLP)

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

3:15 pm

**Closing Remarks—Riverfront Ballroom**  
**Chief Judge Connolly (D. Del.)**

# PANELISTS & MODERATORS

## JUDGES

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### **District Judge J. Campbell Barker (E.D. Tex.)**

Judge Barker was appointed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in 2019. He currently handles cases in the Tyler and Sherman divisions of that court and serves as a visiting judge with the Ninth Circuit and the District of Delaware.

Judge Barker earned a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Texas A&M University, a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law, and a master of laws degree from the Duke University School of Law. Before taking the bench, Judge Barker was Deputy Solicitor General of Texas, a partner at the litigation boutique Yetter Coleman LLP, a trial and appellate prosecutor for the United States Department of Justice, and a law clerk to the Honorable William C. Bryson and the Honorable John M. Walker, Jr., on the Federal and Second Circuits.

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### **Circuit Judge Stephanos Bibas (3d Cir.)**

Stephanos Bibas is a judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Bibas was previously a professor of law and criminology at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. As director of the school's Supreme Court Clinic, he argued six cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and filed briefs in dozens of others. He graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University in 1989 with a B.A. in political theory and from Oxford University in 1991 with a B.A. in jurisprudence. He then earned his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1994.

After graduating from Yale Law, Judge Bibas clerked for Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court and was a litigation associate at Covington & Burling LLP. Thereafter, Judge Bibas served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he successfully prosecuted the world's leading expert in Tiffany stained glass for hiring a grave robber to steal priceless Tiffany windows from cemeteries. Before his tenure at Penn Law, Judge Bibas taught at the University of Chicago Law School and the University of Iowa College of Law.

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### **Magistrate Judge Christopher J. Burke (D. Del.)**

Judge Christopher J. Burke has served as a United States Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Delaware since August 4, 2011. Judge Burke's civil caseload predominantly consists of patent litigation matters, and he often oversees civil cases from their initial stages up through and including expert discovery, summary judgement and/or trial. Additionally, he presides over the early stages of criminal felony cases.

Prior to joining the bench, from 2005 to 2011, Judge Burke was an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware. From 2001 to 2005, he was an associate at the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP. Prior to that, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Judge Burke is a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1997.

Judge Burke currently serves as the Chairman of the Federal Trial Practice Seminar, a trial skills development program jointly sponsored by the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the Federal Bar Association's Delaware Chapter ("FBA"). He also presides over the District Court's criminal Re-entry Court, which focuses on providing oversight, support and assistance to individuals serving terms of federal supervised release. He is the District Court's liaison judge as to the FBA, as well as to the District Court's Federal Civil Panel, which provides representation to indigent parties with civil cases pending before the Court. And he created and oversees the District Court's High School Summer Fellowship Program, which provides mentoring to high school-aged youth in New Castle County and exposes those students to the work of the federal court system.

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### **Circuit Judge Michael A. Chagares (3d Cir.)**

Michael A. Chagares is Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and has been a Circuit Judge since April 2006. He is a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the governing body of the federal judiciary, and was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference. He served as a member and later Chair of the federal Appellate Rules Advisory Committee. Before taking the bench, Chief Judge Chagares was a partner in the law firm of Cole Schotz, P.A., and served as a Hearing Officer for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. From 1990 to 2004, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Newark, becoming Chief of the Civil Division in 1999. Chief Judge Chagares served as a law clerk to the Honorable Morton I. Greenberg, U.S.C.J., and has been an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall Law School since 1991. He has published various articles and is a co-author of the book *New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure*. Chief Judge Chagares has lectured abroad to foreign judges, officials, and others about the U.S. justice system, judicial independence, and the rule of law.

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## **Judge Jennifer Choe-Groves (Ct. Int'l Trade)**

Judge Jennifer Choe-Groves is an Article III federal judge on the United States Court of International Trade in New York City. Judge Choe-Groves began her professional career serving as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. She served in the Executive Office of the President of the United States as Senior Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation and as Chair of the Special 301 Committee for the Office of the United States Trade Representative. Prior to her appointment to the United States Court of International Trade, Judge Choe-Groves was in private practice specializing in intellectual property, litigation, and international trade policy. She was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts of the U.S. Supreme Court to serve on the Judicial Conference Committee on International Judicial Relations. Judge Choe-Groves also serves on the Federal Judiciary's Artificial Intelligence Task Force and the Human Resources Advisory Council of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. She also is Chair of the National Tang Moot Court Competition of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation. Judge Choe-Groves holds a Piano and Composition degree from Juilliard School, an undergraduate degree from Princeton University, a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark, and a master of laws degree from Columbia Law School.

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## **Chief District Judge Colm F. Connolly (D. Del.)**

The Honorable Colm F. Connolly has served as a district judge since 2018 and has been chief judge since 2021. His distinguished career spans both public service and private practice. He began his career as a law clerk to Judge Walter K. Stapleton of the Third Circuit, then served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and later as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware. In private practice, Judge Connolly was a partner at two prominent firms: Morgan Lewis and Morris Nichols.

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## **Circuit Judge Timothy B. Dyk (Fed. Cir.)**

Timothy B. Dyk was appointed by President William J. Clinton in 2000. Prior to his appointment, Judge Dyk was Partner and Chair, Issues and Appeals Practice Area, at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue from 1990 to 2000. He was Adjunct Professor at Yale Law School from 1986 to 1987 and 1989, at the University of Virginia Law School in 1984 and 1985, and from 1987 to 1988, and at the Georgetown University Law Center in 1983, 1986, 1989 and 1991. Judge Dyk was Associate and Partner, Wilmer Cutler & Pickering from 1964 to 1990. From 1963 to 1964, Judge Dyk served as Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Louis F. Oberdorfer. He also served as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren from 1962 to 1963, and to Justices Reed and Burton from 1961 to 1962. Judge Dyk received an A.B. from Harvard College in 1958 and an LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1961. He was First President of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court from 2000 to 2001 and President of the Giles Sutherland Rich Inn of Court from 2006 to 2007. Judge Dyk is co-author of the Chapter on Patents in the Fifth Edition of the treatise, Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts. He was the recipient of the 2012 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Federal Circuit and the 2016 Honorable William C. Conner Inn of Court Excellence Award. He is a member of the American Law Institute.

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## **Magistrate Judge Sherry R. Fallon (D. Del.)**

The Honorable Sherry R. Fallon was appointed as a magistrate judge in 2012, bringing with her a wealth of experience from over 20 years in private practice at Tybout, Redfearn & Pell.

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## **Ret. Chief District Judge Mitchell S. Goldberg (E.D. Pa.)**

Judge Goldberg was appointed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on October 31, 2008. Judge Goldberg began his career at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where he worked in both the trial and appellate divisions. He later joined the Cozen O'Connor law firm, focusing his practice on commercial litigation. Judge Goldberg returned to the public sector in 1997 as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania where he handled mostly white collar crime cases before the District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Goldberg also served on the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas before his appointment to the District Court. Judge Goldberg has handled over one hundred patent cases as a visiting judge in the District of Delaware.

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## **Bankruptcy Judge Craig T. Goldblatt (D. Del.)**

Craig Goldblatt is a judge on the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, where he has served since his appointment in April 2021. Prior to his appointment, Judge Goldblatt was a bankruptcy litigator in the Washington, D.C. office of WilmerHale, where his practice primarily involved the representation of financial institutions and other commercial creditors in complex bankruptcy litigation and appeals. Earlier in his career, Judge Goldblatt served as a law clerk to Hon. Richard D. Cudahy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Hon. David H. Souter of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Goldblatt earned his law degree, with honors, in 1993 from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as Comment Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review. He earned his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in 1990 from Georgetown University.

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# PANELISTS & MODERATORS

## JUDGES

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**District Judge  
Jennifer L. Hall  
(D. Del.)**

Judge Jennifer L. Hall has served as a United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware since 2024. Judge Hall previously served as a United States Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware from 2019 to 2024. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Hall served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware from 2011 to 2019, including as chief of the office's Civil Division from 2015 to 2019. Judge Hall was a law clerk for Judge Sharon Prost of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from 2006 to 2007 and for Judge Kent A. Jordan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 2007-2008. Following her clerkships, Judge Hall was an associate in the Wilmington office of Fish & Richardson P.C. from 2008 to 2011, where she litigated patent and copyright cases. Judge Hall received a B.S. in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University, and she received her J.D. and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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**Magistrate Judge  
Laura D. Hatcher  
(D. Del.)**

The Honorable Laura D. Hatcher was appointed as a magistrate judge in 2023, bringing with her a strong background in both public service and private practice. Prior to her appointment, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware. In private practice, Judge Hatcher was a litigator at Richards, Layton & Finger and DLA Piper.

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**Ret. Third Circuit  
Judge Kent A. Jordan**

Kent A. Jordan is a Director in the Wilmington, Delaware law firm of Richards, Layton & Finger. Previously, since 2006, he served as a United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Before that, he was a United States District Judge for the District of Delaware from 2002 to 2006. Judge Jordan received a B.A. in Economics in 1981 from Brigham Young University and a J.D. in 1984 from Georgetown University. He was an Assistant United States Attorney and head of the Civil Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware. Later, he served as an officer and as a member of the boards of directors of privately held businesses and was a partner in a law firm. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt University and has served as President of the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation, as well as on the boards of other non-profit organizations.

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**District Judge  
John F. Murphy  
(E.D. Pa.)**

Judge Murphy is a judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, sitting by designation within the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Judge Murphy holds a Ph. D. in chemical engineering from the California Institute of Technology and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Murphy worked in private practice focusing on intellectual property litigation. Judge Murphy has also taught patent litigation as an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School and Villanova Charles Widger School of Law.

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**District Judge  
Maryellen Noreika  
(D. Del.)**

The Honorable Maryellen Noreika was sworn in as a District Judge on August 10, 2018. Prior to that time, Judge Noreika was a partner at the law firm Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, where her practice focused on intellectual property litigation and unfair competition cases. Judge Noreika graduated from Lehigh University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in biology, and she earned her Master of Arts in biology from Columbia University in 1990. Judge Noreika graduated magna cum laude from University of Pittsburgh, School of Law in 1993.

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**Chief Bankruptcy  
Judge Karen B.  
Owens  
(D. Del.)**

Chief Judge Owens has served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge since 2019 and assumed the role of Chief Judge earlier this year. Prior to her appointment, Judge Owens was a director in the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Group of Ashby & Geddes, P.A. where she maintained a diverse practice representing corporate debtors, estate professionals, secured and unsecured creditor constituencies, and other interested parties in various reorganization and liquidation proceedings and bankruptcy-related litigation. Judge Owens received an undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and earned her law degree, summa cum laude, from American University, Washington College of Law.

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**Bankruptcy Judge  
Brendan Linehan  
Shannon  
(D. Del.)**

Judge Shannon has served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware since 2006. In addition to managing a full docket of complex chapter 11 cases, Judge Shannon also continues to manage the chapter 13 case docket. Judge Shannon received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. Judge Shannon is also an adjunct professor in the Bankruptcy L.L.M. Program at St. John's University School of Law and has previously taught at Widener School of Law.

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## **Circuit Judge Leonard P. Stark (Fed. Cir.)**

Leonard P. Stark was appointed by President Biden to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in March 2022. He came to the Federal Circuit from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, where he was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in 2007 and then as a District Judge in 2010. He served as Chief Judge of the District of Delaware from July 2014 until June 2021. In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Stark has been a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the policymaking body of the federal judiciary.

Before taking the bench, Judge Stark served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Delaware and an associate with the Wilmington, Delaware office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Walter King Stapleton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Judge Stark graduated from the University of Delaware in 1991 with an M.A. in History, a B.S. in Economics, and a B.A. in Political Science. In 1993, he earned a doctorate degree in Politics from Magdalen College at the University of Oxford, which he attended as Rhodes Scholar. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1996. Judge Stark has taught intellectual property and complex litigation courses as an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School and the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

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## **Bankruptcy Judge J. Kate Stickles (D. Del.)**

Hon. J. Kate Stickles is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware, sworn in on April 6, 2021. Prior to her appointment, she practiced in Wilmington, Delaware for 30 years. From 2008 to her appointment, Judge Stickles was a member of the Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Department at Cole Schotz P.C., where she represented corporate debtors, official committees, examiners, and post-confirmation trustees in chapter 11 cases. Before joining Cole Schotz, she was a partner in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice at Saul Ewing LLP and a director at Prickett, Jones, Elliott, Kristol & Schnee, P.A. Judge Stickles is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, and the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. She received her undergraduate degree from Western Maryland College and her law degree from Temple University School of Law.

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## **Magistrate Judge Eleanor G. Tennyson (D. Del.)**

Judge Tennyson is a magistrate judge within the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Judge Tennyson holds a master's degree in chemistry from Clemson University and a law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Tennyson worked in private practice at a Delaware law firm focusing on patent litigation. Immediately before joining the bench, Judge Tennyson served as a career law clerk for the Honorable Maryellen Noreika.

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## **Bankruptcy Judge Mary F. Walrath (D. Del.)**

Judge Mary F. Walrath was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware on September 9, 1998, and served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2003 to 2008.

Judge Walrath is a founding member and former co-president of the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, a member of the Delaware Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Walrath is also active in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, having previously served as Secretary and President of the NCBJ Board of Governors. She has also served as an associate editor and Business Manager of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal.

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## **District Judge Gregory B. Williams (D. Del.)**

The Honorable Gregory B. Williams has served as a district judge since 2022, following a distinguished career in private practice for nearly three decades at Fox Rothschild.

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## **District Judge Joshua D. Wolson (E.D. Pa.)**

Judge Wolson was nominated to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in May 2018. He was renominated in May 2019, confirmed by the Senate on May 2, 2019, and received his commission on May 28, 2019. Judge Wolson earned his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, and his B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk for Hon. Jan E. DuBois of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He then maintained a commercial litigation practice, including antitrust, RICO, intellectual property, class action, First Amendment, and commercial contract disputes, first as an associate with Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., and then as a partner with Dilworth Paxson in Philadelphia.

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# PRACTITIONERS & OTHER ESTEEMED PANELISTS

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## Dr. Michael Akemann

Dr. Michael Akemann is an economist and Managing Director at BRG, based in Emeryville, CA. His practice focuses on antitrust, intellectual property, and other complex commercial disputes. He has substantial experience analyzing and testifying on IP damages, FRAND considerations, and other issues arising in Section 337 investigations at the US ITC.

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## Justin Alberto

Justin Alberto is a member in the Cole Schotz Delaware office where his practice focuses on corporate restructuring and litigation, with an emphasis on the representation of debtors, creditors' committees and other significant stakeholders. Justin has vast experience negotiating and litigating issues involving valuation, inter-creditor and allocation disputes, section 363 asset sales and contested confirmations in proceedings involving an array of industries, most notably retail, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, life sciences and automotive. Some of Justin's most notable recent engagements include his representations of the official committees of unsecured creditors of Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt PLC, Silicon Valley Bank and J.C. Penny. On the company-side, Justin has led dozens of debtors through complex chapter 11 restructurings and achieved nationwide notoriety for his successful restructuring of True Religion Apparel during the height of Covid-19, which to this day remains an example of one of the few retailers that emerged from bankruptcy during the pandemic and continues to thrive.

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## Christine Aranda

Christina Aranda is a Senior United States Probation Officer in the District of Delaware, where she serves as the district's Sentencing Guideline Specialist. Ms. Aranda began her career with the United States Probation Office in the Central District of California in 2001. Prior to transferring to the District of Delaware, Ms. Aranda supervised individuals on federal probation and supervised release, ensuring compliance with court-ordered conditions and supporting rehabilitation efforts. In Ms. Aranda's current role, she prepares detailed pretrial and presentence reports and provides recommendations to ensure pre-release and sentencing decisions are fair, effective, and consistent with federal law.

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## Amy Candido

Amy Candido is Head of Simpson Thatcher's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice. An accomplished trial lawyer, she has secured victories in numerous high-stakes, complex trade secret, patent, and other IP matters across a variety of industries, including the internet, mobile, computer hardware and software, semiconductor, networking, storage, aerospace, gaming and life sciences sectors. Her successes in courts around the country include obtaining a defense jury verdict in a trade secret case seeking over \$450 million in damages in the District of Delaware, securing three defense jury verdicts in Eastern District of Texas patent cases collectively seeking more than \$1 billion in damages, and winning a \$238 million plaintiff's jury verdict in a complex patent and breach of contract trial over satellite technology in the Southern District of California. Amy's trial victories have been recognized by Benchmark Litigation, The National Law Journal, The Recorder, Daily Journal and Managing IP, among others. She was recently named among Daily Journal's "Top Intellectual Property Lawyers" and "Top Trade Secret Lawyers," and recognized as a "Recommended" Practitioner in World IP Review's Global and USA Trade Secrets Rankings. Amy serves on the Steering Committee of the Sedona Conference's Working Group on Trade Secrets and co-leads its Defend Trade Secrets Act Model Jury Instructions drafting team.

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## Jeff Castellano

Jeff has nearly two decades of experience litigating patent cases in the District of Delaware and other courts and agencies across the country, and leads DLA Piper's patent litigation practice in Delaware. Jeff is the immediate past president of the Delaware Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and has served on the executive committee for more than ten years. Jeff maintains an active pro bono practice and has represented immigrant families, civil rights plaintiffs, underserved women and children, and U.S. veterans.

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## Briana Cavallaro

Briana Cavallaro, Esq. received a Bachelors of Arts in Communication from Villanova University in 2011. Ms. Cavallaro attended law school at Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University and received her Juris Doctor in 2014. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Ms. Cavallaro has experience working as a law clerk in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, as an attorney advisor for the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and as an associate attorney practicing medical malpractice, toxic tort litigation, and insurance defense. In August 2024, Ms. Cavallaro joined the Bureau of Prisons as Senior CLC Attorney at FDC Philadelphia, where she currently oversees the Legal Department.

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## Jonathan DeFosse

Jon DeFosse is a partner at Sheppard Mullin in Washington, D.C. His practice focuses on intellectual property litigation, including patent and trade secret disputes. He regularly appears in federal courts throughout the United States, as well as before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board in post grant review proceedings. Jon has helped clients in a variety of technical areas, including in disputes concerning semiconductors, media streaming, and automotive technologies. Jon has represented both intellectual property owners enforcing their rights against competitors and companies defending themselves against allegations of infringement. Prior to joining Sheppard Mullin, Jon was a partner in the litigation groups at Fried Frank and Shearman & Sterling. Jon graduated from The George Washington University Law School with highest honors in 2002.

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Brian P. Egan is a Partner in the Intellectual Property Litigation group at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP. He earned a B.E. in Chemical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 2001 and a J.D., cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law in 2004. Early in his career, Brian worked as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and later clerked for Judge Cynthia M. Rufe of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before joining Morris Nichols, he practiced at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison.

At Morris Nichols, Brian represents technology companies in high stakes disputes involving patent infringement, trade secrets, and proceedings before the Patent Trial & Appeal Board, among other matters. He handles litigation in the District of Delaware and is active in all aspects of discovery, trial, and appeal. Brian is recognized by Chambers USA, IAM Patent 1000, and Lawdragon among others, for his work in intellectual property litigation.

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## Kelly E. Farnan

Kelly Farnan is a director at Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., where she heads the firm's Intellectual Property Group and serves as Vice Chair of the Litigation Department. Kelly has tried cases in all of Delaware's state and federal courts, with a particular focus on patent, trade secret and licensing disputes. In addition to her focus on patent and trade secret disputes, Kelly litigates matters relating to product liability, non-compete agreements, and other complex commercial disputes. Kelly is also active in the Delaware chapter of the Federal Bar Association, serving as a past president of the Delaware chapter of the FBA and a past participant and coordinator of the Federal Trial Practice Seminar sponsored by the district court and the FBA.

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## Nitika Gupta Fiorella

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## Jill Frizzley

Jill has over two decades of corporate governance and financial restructuring experience. Currently, she sits on boards of directors of public and privately held companies providing expertise regarding best practices in corporate governance. A lawyer by training, Jill has vast experience in restructurings, bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, turnarounds, and bank financings. As an independent director, Jill offers instrumental guidance to boards of directors, management teams, creditors, and investors across various industry sectors and institutional settings. Having now served on over fifty boards, Jill has held positions and chaired many board committees including audit, compensation, compliance, investigation, restructuring, transaction, special and finance.

Prior to beginning full-time board service in 2019, Jill was in private practice for nearly 20 years as Counsel in the Business Finance and Restructuring groups at Weil, Gotshal, and Manges and Shearman & Sterling (now A+O Shearman). Jill earned her LLB from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and her bachelor's degree in Genetics from the University of Alberta.

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## Alisha Gallagher

Alisha Gallagher is a Senior Attorney with the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), assigned to FCI Fort Dix, New Jersey. She began her career with the BOP in August 2007 as a Unit Secretary at FCI Fort Dix. She accepted positions of increasing responsibility at FCI Fort Dix to include Case Manager (2009), Assistant Case Management Coordinator (2014), and received a temporary promotion to Unit Manager (2014). In January 2016, she began her legal career, transferring to the Northeast Regional Office in Philadelphia, PA as a Paralegal. After graduating law school in May 2017, she was selected through the Department of Justice Honors Program as an Honor Attorney with the BOP in the South Central Regional Office in Grand Prairie, TX. In August 2019, she was promoted to a Senior Attorney in the Northeast Region Consolidated Legal Center and assigned to FDC Philadelphia. In April 2024, she assumed her current position. Alisha holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Seton Hall University, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University, and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Rutgers University. She is licensed by the New Jersey State Bar.

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## Erin Gibson

Erin Gibson is a partner with DLA Piper LLP (US) and a Chambers-ranked trial lawyer in patent litigation and International Trade Commission (ITC) proceedings. She is a Legal 500 Hall of Fame-ranked trial lawyer in ITC proceedings. Erin has tried 22 cases, including 20 patent trials in federal district courts and the International Trade Commission. She has handled more than 50 ITC cases, including as a first chair trial lawyer for well-known technology companies. Erin was named to The Recorder's 2025 Women Leaders in Tech Law list in the Intellectual Property category. Erin also is Chair of the Board of her law school's Board of Visitors and a former member of the board of directors of the Federal Circuit Bar Association.

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## Brian D. Glueckstein

Brian is a partner in Sullivan & Cromwell's litigation group. His practice focuses on bankruptcy litigation and complex commercial litigation, as well as restructuring matters. Brian has significant experience handling adversary proceedings, contested matters, and all aspects of both debtor and creditor representations in bankruptcy proceedings. Some of Brian's notable representations include FTX Trading Ltd., Kidde-Fenwal, White Star Petroleum LLC, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Energy Future Holdings case. Brian received a B.S. from Cornell University and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

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## Peter Goldberger

For nearly 40 years, Peter Goldberger focused his boutique legal practice on direct appeals and other post-conviction aspects of federal criminal cases. He stopped taking new cases and began a process of retirement in 2023. His two-lawyer office was based in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, just outside Philadelphia. Peter was appointed twice to argue before the Supreme Court of the United States, and appeared more than 200 times in appellate courts throughout the nation.

Peter is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Among other career achievements, Peter won two exonerations (both in court-appointed cases), one from Pennsylvania's death row. A former President of the Third Circuit Bar Association and of the Circuit's Lawyers Advisory Committee, Peter presently serves as president of the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Pennsylvania. He is also active with FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums), editing and co-authoring amicus briefs at the Supreme Court in federal sentencing cases. Peter is a Life Member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and in 2015 received NACDL's highest honor, given to one lawyer annually, the Robert C. Heeney Award. In 2016, Peter also received the Clifford Scott Green Bill of Rights Award from the Federal Bar Association, Philadelphia Chapter, Criminal Law Committee. In 1997, Peter co-authored with Judge Jane R. Roth a two-volume treatise on Third Circuit practice, and in 2012 co-authored with then-AUSA Kevin McNulty (later, USDJ-DNJ) the chapter on criminal appeals for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Third Circuit Appellate Practice Manual (rev. 2016).

Long recognized by his peers for inclusion in both SuperLawyers and Best Lawyers in America, Peter was formerly a professor at Villanova and Whittier law schools. He graduated from Yale Law School and Haverford College, and clerked for the late Hon. Edward R. Becker. Peter lives in Ardmore with his wife of nearly 50 years (and fellow SuperLawyer) Anna Durbin. Peter and Anna have three daughters and four grandchildren.

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Mary Kate Healy is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Delaware. Ms. Healy primarily handles appeals, briefing and arguing issues ranging from constitutional challenges to Sentencing Guidelines disputes. Prior to joining the Federal Public Defender's Office, Ms. Healy served as a law clerk for the Honorable Deborah K. Chasanow of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She started her career as an associate at an international law firm. Ms. Healy is a graduate of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Joanna is counsel in Davis Polk's restructuring group. She represents a wide variety of debtors, administrative agents, creditor groups, equity holders, acquirors, and other strategic parties in a wide-range of bankruptcy cases, out-of-court workouts, and complex, cross-border restructurings. Some of Joanna's significant representations include Instant Brands, Luckin Coffee, Ocyan S.A., and Elliott Investment Management, in its acquisition of Paper Source. Joanna received a B.A. in English from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from University of Texas at Austin School of Law, where she served on the Texas International Law Journal.

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Pilar Kraman is a partner at Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, where she has practiced since 2008. Pilar focuses her practice on patent infringement litigation, trade secret litigation, and other complex commercial litigation matters in the District of Delaware. Pilar is also an alumna of the District of Delaware's Federal Trial Practice Seminar and has served on the Court's Lawyer Advisory Committee since 2015. Prior to law school, Pilar was a social worker, as well as a policy analyst for the Council of State Governments, focusing on mental health and substance issues facing states.

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## **Emily O'Brien**

Emily O'Brien works as Senior Litigation Counsel, Patent Manager at Google. Emily manages a team of litigators handling complex intellectual property litigation for Google in multiple product areas, including Search, Ads, Geo, Payments, YouTube, Cloud and Technical Infrastructure. This work includes matters throughout the United States, as well as in Asia, Canada and Europe. Prior to joining Google, Emily was an associate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, specializing in intellectual property and antitrust litigation. She earned a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.S. in Chemistry and B.A. in English from The George Washington University.

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## **Andrew Russell**

Andrew Russell is a partner at Shaw Keller LLP in Wilmington, Delaware with a focus on patent and technology-related litigation. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Russell gained technical experience in IT and software development. Mr. Russell received his JD from Temple Law School and clerked for the Honorable Christopher J. Burke. Mr. Russell founded and maintains IP/DE, a blog focusing on intellectual property litigation in the District of Delaware.

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Corey Salsberg is Vice President and Global Head of IP Affairs for Novartis, one of the world's leading innovative biopharmaceutical companies. He is also the current President of the Federal Circuit Bar Association (2025-2026) and serves as a Board Member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) and of California Lawyers for the Arts. Corey earned his JD from Stanford Law School in 2001, and his undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1997. He has testified on IP-related issues before both Chambers of Congress, and is one of the founders of the Inventors Assistance Program, a WIPO-sponsored initiative that supports under-resourced inventors through pro-bono patent services. Outside of the IP world, he is known as the author of Resurrecting the Woolly Mammoth, one of the seminal works on the science, law and ethics of the emerging field of "de-extinction."

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## **Matthew Sarna**

Matthew is a senior associate in DLA Piper's restructuring group in Wilmington, Delaware. He focuses his practice on corporate restructuring and bankruptcy and has assisted in advising a variety of clients in complex in-court and out-of-court restructuring and insolvency matters. Some of Matthew's notable representations include Vyera Pharmaceuticals, Celadon Group, MedImpact Healthcare Systems in its acquisition of Rite Aid's PBM business, and Spyglass Media Group in its acquisition of The Weinstein Company Holding's assets. Prior to joining DLA Piper, Matthew clerked for The Honorable Kevin J. Carey. Matthew received a B.S. and a J.D. from the University of Maryland.

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## Brian Schartz

Brian Schartz is a partner in the Restructuring Group at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. His practice involves representing debtors (including portfolio, privately-held and public companies), distressed investors in acquisitions, out-of-court restructurings and Chapter 11 cases. He also advises boards of directors and senior management of financially troubled companies regarding fiduciary duties and corporate governance.

Most recently, the American Bankruptcy Institute selected Brian as a 2020 "Forty Under Forty--Emerging Leaders in Insolvency Practice." Brian was also selected as an "Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer" by Turnaround & Workouts in 2019. Brian was listed as a "Notable Practitioner" in the 2019 and 2020 editions of IFLR1000 and was named a New York "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers magazine in 2014–2017 for his restructuring practice. He was also recognized in 2015 by The Legal 500 U.S. for his corporate restructuring work. In May 2015, Brian was selected as a member of the 2015 Next Generation Class for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Brian holds a B.A. from Cornell University and earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

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Daniel Silver is a partner at McCarter & English and Co-Managing Partner of the McCarter & English's Wilmington Office. Mr. Silver received a JD from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law and served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Gregory M. Sleet. Mr. Silver focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, particularly Hatch-Waxman litigation. Mr. Silver also serves on the Advisory Committee to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

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Eric Alan Stone is a partner at Groombridge, Wu, Baughman & Stone LLP in New York, specializing in intellectual property litigation. He has more than 25 years of experience trying cases in state and federal courts, on appeal, and in domestic and international arbitration. Eric's practice is focused on patent litigation in biotechnology and pharmaceuticals—he represents innovators under statutes like the Hatch Waxman Act and the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act. He has been lead counsel in cases involving recombinant protein expression, DNA sequencing, antibodies for treating diseases such as cancer and hemophilia, diagnostic technologies, immune system related technologies, and manufacturing innovations. Eric earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from Williams College and his J.D., magna cum laude, from New York University School of Law. After law school, he clerked for Judge Charles P. Sifton of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

In addition to his practice, Eric teaches patent litigation as an adjunct professor at NYU Law. He is also active in pro bono work, handling cases involving civil rights, medical privacy, LGBTQ+ rights, addiction treatment, and issues of prison confinement.

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Jane represents investors in distressed assets, large financial institutions, and corporations in all matters relating to in- and out-of-court restructurings, bankruptcy, insolvency, and related litigation. She has a wide range of industry experience, including energy, consumer, airlines, retail, restaurants and hospitality, shipping, and digital assets.

Widely recognized as a leader in her field, Jane has been named 2025 Dealmaker of the Year by The American Lawyer, a Restructuring and Insolvency Expert by the Legal Media Group's Women in Business Law, a Rising Star (Bankruptcy) by Law360, and an Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer by Turnaround & Workouts. She has also been featured on Benchmark Litigation's "40 and Under Hot list" for six years in a row (2017-2022) and was recognized as one of the top 40 future leaders of the bankruptcy bar by the American Bankruptcy Institute in their "40 Under 40" list in 2018. Jane regularly speaks and publishes on topics relating to bankruptcy and restructuring.

Jane has advised on some of the industry's most complex domestic and cross-border bankruptcy and restructuring matters, including recently representing Genesis Global Capital, a subsidiary of Digital Currency Group, in its Chapter 11 restructuring proceeding involving over \$5 billion in liabilities and related corporate governance, regulatory, and investigative matters, including a landmark decision from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the SDNY confirming Genesis' Chapter 11 plan and approving a settlement with the New York State Office of the Attorney General clearing the path for in-kind recoveries for creditors; an ad hoc group of 2026 noteholders in connection with the Chapter 11 proceedings of GOL Linhas Aereas S.A.; LATAM Airlines in the voluntary reorganization and restructuring of approximately \$11 billion in debt; Goldman Sachs, as collateral agent and revolving lender in the Chapter 11 proceedings of Limetree Bay Refinery involving nearly \$1 billion in secured debt; Mubadala Capital in the successful restructuring of a portfolio company through a new investment and corporate restructuring of the underlying business; Grupo Posadas, the largest hotel operator in Mexico, in the successful restructuring of \$393 million of senior notes; Goldman Sachs as prepetition agent on a \$110 million pre-petition facility and DIP agent in the Chapter 11 proceedings of Rockall Energy, an upstream oil and gas company; Automotores Gildemeister in a prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy involving approximately \$570 million of debt; and TotalEnergies in the Chapter 11 proceedings of Brazos, McDermott International, Valaris, Pacific Drilling, Seadrill, and Chesapeake Energy.

Jane received a J.D. from the Harvard School of Law and a A.B., magna cum laude, from Harvard College.

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## First Assistant U.S. Attorney Ben Wallace

Ben Wallace is the First Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Delaware. In that role, Mr. Wallace supervises all federal prosecutions and all civil suits brought by or against the United States in the District. Before becoming First Assistant, Mr. Wallace served as a line prosecutor in the District. He prosecuted all manner of federal crimes, ranging from gang-related homicide to complex financial fraud. Previously, Mr. Wallace was an appellate partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP; a law clerk to two Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and two judges of the United States Courts of Appeal; and an attorney-adviser at the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel.

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## Jennifer Welsh

Jennifer Welsh is a Partner at Freeh Sporkin & Sullivan LLP, where she advises clients regarding compliance and enforcement matters and litigates complex matters. Until recently, Jennifer Welsh was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Delaware for over a decade. She was the District's Senior Litigation Counsel, trying a number of complex cases to jury verdict. She specialized in wiretaps and large-scale drug trafficking, money laundering, and violent crime cases. Ms. Welsh has worked on a broad array of cases, including affirmative and defensive civil matters and white collar criminal cases. Before becoming a prosecutor, Ms. Welsh worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Labor in Philadelphia and was an associate at a boutique litigation firm in Philadelphia.

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## Assistant U.S. Attorney Jesse Wenger

Jesse Wenger is an Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of Appeals for the District of Delaware. In this role, he oversees the Office's appellate practice, briefing and arguing cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and advising trial attorneys on complex legal issues. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Wenger clerked for the Honorable Kent A. Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Honorable Gene E.K. Pratter of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He also worked in private practice at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where he represented clients in high-stakes civil and criminal matters. Mr. Wenger has briefed and argued numerous appeals raising issues of constitutional law, statutory interpretation, and criminal procedure.

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## **Nicole Williams**

Nicole Williams is the Sr. Director of Intellectual Property and Litigation at 10x Genomics. Prior to going in house, she was a principal at Fish & Richardson, litigating patent cases in District Courts, the ITC and the PTAB. She has a background in bioengineering and extensive experience in the life sciences. She now leads the litigation strategy for US and foreign cases at 10x Genomics.

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## **Assistant Federal Defender Conor Wilson**

Conor Wilson has been an Assistant Federal Defender in the District of Delaware since 2019. Prior to joining the Federal Defender, he was member, for five years, of a small Philadelphia based law firm specializing in federal and state criminal defense, criminal appeals, habeas corpus litigation. He began his career as a trial attorney with the Defender Association of Philadelphia. He received his law degree from Rutgers Law School, where is coordinated the Voters Rights Project and served as president of the Association for Public Interest Law. He obtained his bachelor's degree in international political economy from Fordham University.

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## **Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Zauzmer**

Bob Zauzmer is an Assistant United States Attorney and has served as the Chief of Appeals for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since 1998, supervising all federal criminal appeals in the district. He has served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for more than three decades, earning a national reputation for his expertise in criminal law and appellate advocacy. In his current role, he supervises the Office's appellate practice, arguing cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and advising prosecutors on complex legal questions. Mr. Zauzmer has briefed and argued hundreds of appeals involving constitutional law, statutory interpretation, and criminal procedure. He also played a key role in the Department of Justice's implementation of clemency initiatives, reviewing thousands of applications and ensuring fair and consistent application of the law. Widely regarded as a leader in appellate advocacy, Mr. Zauzmer regularly lectures on legal writing and appellate practice to lawyers and law students. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Zauzmer worked in private practice. He also previously served as a clerk for Judge Arlin M. Adams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

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## **Qian (Andy) Zhang**

Qian (Andy) Zhang is Vice President and Head of Intellectual Property at Sumitomo Pharma America, Inc., where he leads the company's global IP strategy across all stages of drug development and commercialization. With deep technical expertise gained from prior experience as an industrial scientist at a leading global pharmaceutical company and his extensive legal background in both private practice and as in-house counsel, Andy brings a distinctive combination of scientific insight and legal acumen to his role. He oversees all aspects of IP-related practice, including patent portfolio development, ANDA litigation, FDA regulatory, and strategic transactions. Andy and his team support a diverse range of commercial products spanning oncology, urology, women's health, rare diseases and CNS disorders. He works closely with R&D, clinical, regulatory, and commercial teams to align IP strategies with business objectives to protect innovations.

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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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## Conference Location

### Chase Center on the Riverfront

815 Justison Street | Wilmington, DE 19801

## Longwood Gardens

### (For Rideshare Purposes)

1001 Longwood Road | Kennett Square, PA 19348

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