



Delaware Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

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

AGENDA

Thursday, September 25

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

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12:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Lunch—Riverfront Ballroom From the Bench: Circuit Judge William C. Bryson (Fed. Cir.) Interviewed by District Judge Richard Andrews (D. Del.)
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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)

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

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| 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) |
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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.)
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6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Cocktails & Dinner – Longwood Gardens Conservatory
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Friday, September 26

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

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

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)

10:30 am – 10:45 am Networking Break

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

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)

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

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

- 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)
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1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch

PLENARY SESSION 4 (1.0 CLE)

Discovery Best Practices—Riverfront Ballroom

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

- 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)
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3:15 pm

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

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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

Hotel

The Westin Wilmington

818 Shipyard Drive | Wilmington, DE 19801

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2025 Bench & Bar Registration

The full attendance registration fee includes all conference sessions, breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday, and Thursday evening's garden tours and dinner at Longwood Gardens.

Conference Fees

Private Sector	\$1,150
Private Sector – Group of 10	\$11,000
Public Sector	\$300
Criminal Track Sessions Only	\$100

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