

Federal Circuit Bar Association

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2025 Bench & Bar® in Dialogue – Boston Agenda

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The Harvard Club of Boston | Boston, MA

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Panel One: What Makes Boston a Great Hub of Innovation — This panel will explore Boston's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at the intersection of law, policy, academia, and industry. The panelists will discuss top-down and bottom-up approaches to solving problems that are uniquely Bostonian and approaches that are common to other recognized innovation hubs. The program is designed to provide insight into the systems, organizations, and people that drive the inventions that eventually end up before the Federal Circuit.

Moderator:

- Elaine Herrmann Blais, Partner, Goodwin Procter LLP
- Aaron Fountain, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Panelists:

- Gauri Dhavan, VP, Chief IP Counsel, ZOLL
- Stas Gayshan, General Counsel and Managing Director, CIC
- Karen Sinclair, Director of IP, Harvard Office of Technology Development
- Larry Shumway, VP, IP Counsel, Flagship
- Ashley Stolba, Interim Secretary of Economic Development, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Tim Rowe, CEO, Cambridge Innovation Center

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Networking Break

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Panel Two: Litigation Funding — Between evolving law, standing orders and potential Congressional actions, this panel will explore the changing landscape of litigation funding in patent matters from the perspectives of funders, firms and insurance

Moderators:

- Aaron S. Jacobs, Partner, Prince Lobel Tye LLP
- Ruben J. Rodrigues, Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP

Panelists:

- Patrick Fitch, Partner, Prince Lobel Tye LLP
- Daniel Weinger, Director, Fortress Investment Group
- Will Freeman, Investment Manager and Legal Counsel, Omni Bridgeway

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3:45 PM – 4:25 PM	Networking Break
4:25 PM – 5:25 PM	<u>Panel Three: Federal Circuit Judicial Panel</u> — Join us for a panel discussion with the Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. This is the bar’s opportunity to hear from the Judges about their views, likes, and dislikes, outside of the context of particular cases. Moderators: • James M. Lyons, Counsel, WilmerHale • Alexander M. Pechette, Principal, Fish & Richardson P.C. Panelists: • Judges of United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (TBA)
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	<u>Panel Four: Fireside Chat with the Chiefs</u> Moderator: • Corey Salsberg, President, Federal Circuit Bar Association; Vice President, Global Head IP Affairs, Novartis Panelists: • United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Judge (TBA) • United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit Judge (TBA)
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Reception
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner