

2025 Bench & Bar® Conference External Draft Agenda (Revised March 18, 2025)

Wednesday, June 18 – Saturday, June 21, 2025
Meritage Resort | Napa Valley, CA

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Mock Argument Reception (Invite Only)**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Noon – 8:00 PM **Bench & Bar® Conference Registration**

Mock Argument **(Open to Mock Argument Participants Only)**

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Check-in**

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM **First Round**

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM **Break**

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM **Second Round**

11:20 AM – 11:30 AM **Awards and Closing Remarks**

11:30 AM – Noon **Advocate Photos**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Welcome Reception**

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Plenary

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **General Attendee Breakfast**

7:30 AM – 2:00 PM **Bench & Bar® Conference Registration**

8:29 AM **Order in the Room** – Deborah M. Miron, Executive Director,
Federal Circuit Bar Association® | *Meritage III – X*

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Welcoming Remarks

Jennifer H. Wu, President, Federal Circuit Bar Association®
| Partner, Groombridge, Wu, Baughman & Stone LLP
| *Meritage III – X*

Plenary

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

State of the Court – Remarks from the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. | *Meritage III – X*

Plenary

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Federal Circuit Perspectives – In keeping with long-standing Bench and Bar® tradition, the incoming President of the Federal Circuit Bar Association® will moderate a panel discussion of active Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Topics will include best practices in a variety of relevant areas, and other significant procedural and practical views from the Bench. This is the bar’s opportunity to hear from the Judges about their views, likes, and dislikes, outside of the context of particular cases. | *Osprey Ballroom*

Moderator:

- Corey Salsberg, President-Elect, Federal Circuit Bar Association®
| Vice President, Global Head IP Affairs, Novartis

Panelists:

- CAFC Judicial Panel (Active Federal Circuit Judges, TBA)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Networking Break

Parallel Tracks

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Bench Trials: When the Judge is a Jury of One

Co-Moderators:

- Jennifer Ying, Partner, Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP
- Nate Kelley, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP

Panelists:

- United States District Court Judge (TBA)
- United States Court of Federal Claims Judge (TBA)
- U.S. International Trade Commission Judge (TBA)

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Patent Remedies and Damages

Co-Moderators:

- Kristin Cleveland, Partner, Klarquist Sparkman LLP
- Maia Harris, Partner, Troutman Pepper

Panelists:

- United States District Court Judge (TBA)
- The Honorable Kathleen O'Malley, Former Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; Of Counsel, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
- Lauren Dreyer, Partner, Baker Botts LLP
- Bryan Sinclair, Sr. Director, IP Litigation, Cisco
- Nicole Williams, Senior Director of Litigation, 10x Genomics

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Networking Break

Plenary

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Civility and Wellbeing in the Legal Profession (Ethics)

Co-Moderators:

- Azra Hadzimehmedovic, Partner, Tensegrity Law Group LLP
- Anna G. Phillips, Director, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.

Panelists:

- United States District Court Judge (TBA)
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- Danielle Coleman, Senior Director & Associate General Counsel, VMware LLC
- Kathi Vidal, Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Federal Circuit Bar Association® Annual Meeting

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Dinner | Keynote Speaker: [Richard Mendelson](#), Director, Wine Law and Policy Program and Senior Research Fellow, Berkeley Center for Law & Technology

Friday, June 20, 2025

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM

FCBA 2025 Annual 5K Fund Run/Walk Classic

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

General Attendee Breakfast

7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Bench & Bar® Conference Registration

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Town Halls

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

The Administrative State – Join us for an engaging discussion on the implications of the recent *Chevron* demise and the often-overlooked *SEC v. Jarkesy* case. While *Chevron's* effects on the Federal Circuit's courts are well understood, *Jarkesy* presents a more complex and nuanced challenge regarding its broader significance for the administrative state. With the absence of monetary penalties before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, the panelists will explore critical questions about how the lessons learned from *Jarkesy* will influence patent law and other areas of jurisdiction. We invite you to hear insights from our expert panelists as we explore these vital issues and their potential ramifications for the future of administrative law.

Co-Moderators:

- Christopher A. Suarez, Partner, Steptoe LLP
- Andrew Trask, Partner, Williams & Connolly LLP

Panelists:

- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Judge (TBA)
- United States Court of International Trade Judge (TBA)
- Michelle Klanchnik, Assistant General Counsel (ITC Section 337), U.S. International Trade Commission
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Judge (TBA)
- Tracey Winfrey-Howard, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Legislative Developments – This panel will explore the current patent legislation landscape and policy reforms, and will discuss their scope, rationale, and potential impact on different technology areas. Topics covered may include legislation and policies on the use of AI, drug pricing initiatives, PTAB reform, litigation funding, and substantive patent law.

Co-Moderators:

- Rachel Elsby, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Doug Lumish, Partner, Latham & Watkins LLP

Panelists:

- Celia Eckert, General Counsel, Xencor
- Samantak Ghosh, Associate General Counsel, IP Litigation, Gilead Sciences, Inc.
- Laura Sheridan, Head of Patent Policy, Google
- Chris Storm, Legal Director, Intellectual Property, Uber Technologies Inc.
- Philip Warrick, Counsel, Irell & Manella LLP

Plenary

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

U.S. Supreme Court Review – This panel of experienced Supreme Court advocates will discuss recent highlights and trends in Supreme Court jurisprudence in areas of relevance to the Circuit community. | *Meritage III – X*

Moderator:

- Diva Hollis, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Seth Lloyd, of Counsel, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Panelists:

- Galina Fomenkova, Attorney, Commercial Litigation Branch, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice
- Daniel L. Geysler, Partner, Haynes Boone
- Jeffrey A. Lamken, Partner, MoloLamken LLP
- Melissa Patterson, Assistant Director, Civil Appellate Staff, U.S. Department of Justice
- Eric Shumsky, Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
- Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Partner, Munger Tolles LLP

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Corporate Counsel

Co-Moderators:

- Adam Shartzter, Partner, Fish & Richardson
- Irene Yang, Partner, Sidley Austin

Panelists:

- Nicholas Kim, Senior Attorney, IP Litigation, Microsoft
- Ajeet Pai, Senior Corporate Counsel, Amazon
- Angela Verrecchio, Senior Counsel, Patent Litigation, Johnson & Johnson
- Limin Zheng, Principal IP Counsel, Natera

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Global IP Litigation: Trade Secrets, SEP/Frand, and Patents

Co-Moderators:

- Matthias Kamber, Partner, Paul Hastings LLP
- Erik Puknys, Partner, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP

Panelists:

- Christopher J. Burrell, Partner, Faegre Drinker
- Peter Damerell, Partner, Powell Gilbert LLP
- Hasan Rashid, Senior Advisor on IP Licensing, Strategy and Dispute Resolution, Dolby Laboratories
- Keith Syverson, Senior Corporate Counsel, IP Litigation and Transactions, Sumitomo Pharma America
- Shawna Yashar, Director of Global IP Litigation & IP Enforcement, Lenovo

Town Halls

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Ethics

Moderator:

- Steven M. Bauer, Mediator, Arbitrator, Special Master, JAMS

Panelists:

- Robin Davis, Director, Fortress Investment Group
- Kassie Helm, Partner, Dechert LLP
- Omar Khan, Partner, WilmerHale
- Joseph M. Reisman, Partner, Knobbe Martens
- Jonathan Stroud, General Counsel, Unified Patents
- Ranganath Sudarshan, Partner Covington & Burling LLP

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Visiting Judges

Co-Moderators:

- Kelly Farnan, Partner, Richards, Layton & Finger PA
- Julie Goldemberg, Partner, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

Panelists:

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- United States District Court Judge (TBA)

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Federal Circuit Historical Society Luncheon | Featured Speaker TBA

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Friday Fun Night

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Reviewed Adjudicators – The distinguished adjudicators within our Federal Circuit community serve on the front lines in the administration of justice. Their daily decisions, within specific subject areas on review to the Federal Circuit, give rise to a jurisprudence that enhances uniformity and predictability in the law. This engaging panel will discuss the challenges they face, and the tools they use to manage a changing litigation landscape. | *Meritage III – X*

Co-Moderators:

- Jennifer Nall, Partner, DLA Piper
- Gene Paige, Partner, Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP

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- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Judge (TBA)
- United States Court of Federal Claims Judge (TBA)
- U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Representative (TBA)

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Fireside Chat with Chiefs

Co-Moderators:

- Sandra Kuzmich, Partner, Haug Partners LLP
- Jennifer H. Wu, President, Federal Circuit Bar Association®

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Closing Remarks

Corey Salsberg, President-Elect, Federal Circuit Bar Association®
| Vice President, Global Head IP Affairs, Novartis
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