

2026 Bench & Bar® Conference Draft Agenda (Revised 5/28/26)

Wednesday, June 17 – Saturday, June 20, 2026
The Boca Raton | Boca Raton, FL

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Bench & Bar® Conference Registration | Royal Assembly**

Mock Argument (Open to Mock Argument Participants Only)

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Mock Argument Check-in | Mizner Room**

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM **Mock Argument First Round | Mizner Wing Rooms**

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM **Mock Argument Break | Mizner Room**

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM **Mock Argument Second Round | Mizner Wing Rooms**

3:20 PM – 3:30 PM **Mock Argument Closing Remarks | Mizner Room**

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Advocate Photos | Mizner Room**

Welcome Reception

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Bench & Bar Welcome Reception | Cathedral Room (Subject to Change)**

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Plenary

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **General Attendee Breakfast | Abraham Lawn**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Court Advisory Council Breakfast (Invite Only) | Cathedral Room**

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Welcoming Remarks

Corey Salsberg, President,
Federal Circuit Bar Association® | Vice President, Global Head IP Affairs, Novartis
| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Plenary

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

State of the Court

The Honorable Kimberly A. Moore, Chief Circuit Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

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.

| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Moderator:

- Sandra Kuzmich, President-Elect,
Federal Circuit Bar Association® | Partner, Haug Partners LLP

Panelists:

- The Honorable Circuit Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (TBA)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Networking Break | Royal Assembly

Parallel Tracks

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Roles of Court and Jury: EcoFactor & Beyond – Examining evolving boundaries between judges and juries in patent cases, including damages, infringement, and validity determinations, with discussion of *EcoFactor v. Google*, *Willis Electric v. Polygroup*, *Optis v. Apple*, *Duke v. Sandoz*, *Seagen v. Daiichi*, and *Range of Motion Products, v. Armaid*.

| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Kathryn Kayali, Partner, Williams & Connolly LLP
- Megan S. Woodworth, Partner, Venable LLP

Panelists:

- Hon. Joshua Wolson, Judge,
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

- Emily Chen, Litigation Counsel, Google
- Mark Davies, Partner, White & Case LLP
- William M. “Willy” Jay, Partner, Goodwin Procter LLP
- Isaac Olson, Sr. Patent Litigation Counsel, Johnson & Johnson
- Jennifer Ying, Partner, Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Litigation Funding: Courts, Counsel, and Capital – Exploring litigation funding across technology and pharmaceutical sectors, including transparency, ethics, judicial scrutiny, and impacts on innovation.
| Royal Palm Ballroom VII – X (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Natalie Bennett, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
- Benjamin Herbert, Partner, Procopio

Panelists:

- Hon. Amos Mazzant III, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Robin Davis, Director, Fortress
- Ethan Park, Senior Director, US IP Litigation, Samsung
- Christina Raymond, Senior Director, IP Finance Markets, Acquisitions, RPX Corporation

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Networking Break | Royal Assembly

Plenary

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

High Profile Cases and How to Manage Them (Ethics) – Featuring perspectives from the Bench and Bar, this panel will address topics such as dealing with the media and publicity, and safety and security issues, particularly in high-profile and politicized legal scenarios (e.g. Supreme Court cases, tariff disputes, government shutdowns).
| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Micah Block, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
- Farheena Rasheed, Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Panelists:

- Hon. Colm F. Connolly, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
- Hon. Rodney Gilstrap, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Jarrett B. Perlow, Clerk of Court,

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

- Claudia Burke, Assistant Branch Director, U.S. Department of Justice, Commercial Litigation Branch, Civil Division
- Nathaniel Love, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Plenary

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Fireside Chat with USPTO Director John Squires
| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

Moderator:

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

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Federal Circuit Bar Association® Annual Meeting
| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Dinner | Keynote Speaker: Anil Gollahalli, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel of the Big Ten Conference
| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

Friday, June 19, 2026

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM

FCBA 2026 Annual 5K Fund Run/Walk Classic (Meeting Location TBD)

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

General Attendee Breakfast | *Abraham Lawn*

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Court Breakfast [TBD] | *Abraham Lawn*

7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Bench & Bar® Conference Registration | *Royal Assembly*

Plenary

8:30 AM – 9:30 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 Federal Circuit community.
| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

Co-Moderators:

- Deanne Maynard, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Michael Qian, Partner, Haynes Boone

Panelists:

- Ginger Anders, Partner, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP
- Nicholas S. Crown, Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie LLP
- Luke McCloud, Partner, Williams & Connolly LLP
- Colleen Roh Sinzduk, Partner, Milbank LLP

Parallel Tracks

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Hot Topics in Administrative Law and Agency Review – Covering key issues in Administrative Law, including APA and agency review, developments in agency appointment and employment cases, procedural challenges, best practices for advocates, and veterans-related topics.

| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Monica Lateef, Associate Solicitor, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Jacob A. Schroeder, Partner, Finnegan

Panelists:

- Hon. Michael P. Allen, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- Michelle Klancnik, Assistant General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission
- James Eisenmann, Partner, Alden Law Group, PLLC
- Brian Buroker, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Legislation & Policy: Separating Signal from Noise – How does proposed U.S. legislation on patent issues affect innovation policy and patent litigation? This panel of key stakeholders from industry and government will discuss where we are now, where pending legislation—including on section 101, injunctions, post-grant proceedings, litigation funding, skinny labels, biologics litigation, and ANDA settlements—could take us, and where we go from here.

| Royal Palm Ballroom VII – X (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Inge A. Osman, Partner, Latham & Watkins LLP
- Jennifer H. Wu, Partner, Groombridge, Wu, Baughman & Stone

Panelists:

- Tara Hairston, Senior Director, Technology Policy, Alliance for Automotive Innovation

- David Jones, Executive Director, High Tech Inventors Alliance
- John Lee, Senior Director, Head of IP Policy, CCIA
- Nicholas T. Matich, Solicitor, United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Jamie Simpson, Chief Policy Officer and Counsel, Council for Innovation Promotion

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Networking Break | *Royal Assembly*

Parallel Tracks

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Emergency Tariffs and Executive Power & ITC Section 337 Practice – This panel offers insights on (1) managing refunds, the pivot to other tariff tools, risk controls after the Supreme Court’s review of International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), and (2) Section 337 developments, focusing on domestic industry post *Lashify*.

| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

Co-Moderators:

- Timothy C. Brightbill, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
- Deanna Okun, Shareholder, Polsinelli PC

Panelists:

- Hon. Clark S. Cheney, Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission
- Hon. Jennifer Choe-Groves, Judge, United States Court of International Trade
- Gregory F. Corbett, Shareholder, Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks P.C.
- Lisa Kattan, Partner, Baker Botts LLP
- Chris Longman, Vice President, Legal Counsel, Qualcomm Inc.
- Matthew Nicely, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Higher Education, Innovation, and the Law – This panel examines the evolving legal framework governing federally funded innovation, with a particular focus on the intersection of higher education research, technology transfer, and private-sector commercialization. Against the backdrop of heightened policy attention to Bayh-Dole, patent licensing, and government oversight of research outcomes, the panel will explore how recent doctrinal, administrative, and policy developments are reshaping innovation ecosystems across the life sciences and other technology-driven sectors.

| *Royal Palm Ballroom VII – X (Subject to Change)*

Moderator:

- Jessica Hudak, Edwards Lifesciences

Panelists:

- William “Bill” Belanger, Partner, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP
- Brian M. Boynton, Partner, WilmerHale
- Hassen Sayeed, Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

11:45AM – 11:55 AM

Networking Break | *Royal Assembly*

Parallel Tracks

11:55 AM – 12:55 PM

PTAB: Where Are We Now? – Addressing changes in AIA trial procedures and proceedings before the PTAB, and resulting trends and impact on litigation strategy, including before the USPTO, district courts and appeals.

| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

Moderator:

- Lauren Degnan, Partner, Fish & Richardson, P.C.
- John Molenda, Partner, Steptoe LLP

Panelists:

- Hon. Gregory B. Williams, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
- Hon. Charles Boudreau, Acting Vice Chief Judge, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board
- Bill Harmon, Head of IP, Uber Technologies, Inc.
- Omar Jabri, Head of IP Strategy, Apotex
- Robert Stanley, Head US Legal and Global Legal Innovation, Novartis

11:55 AM – 12:55 PM

Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution – This panel will examine emerging trends in alternative dispute resolution from both global and U.S. perspectives. Panelists will share their views regarding how to harness ADR processes for complex intellectual property litigation in an ever-changing legal landscape, touching on the launch of the Unified Patent Court’s Patent Mediation & Arbitration Centre, the advent of AI in ADR, the effect of current and proposed legal developments in US IP practice, and more.

| *Royal Palm Ballroom VII – X (Subject to Change)*

Moderator:

- Jenna Ellis, Attorney, Judicate West

Panelists:

- Hon. Kent Jordan (Retired), Director, Richards, Layton & Finger LLP
- Steven Bauer, Mediator, JAMS
- Cynthia Randall, Head of Litigation, Microsoft
- Sheila Swaroop, Partner, Knobbe Martens
- Adriana Uson, Director & Head (Americas), Singapore International Arbitration Centre

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

President's Reception (Invite Only) | *Beach Club Barista*

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Friday Night Poolside (Families Welcome) | *Beach Club Pool*

Saturday, June 20, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

General Attendee Breakfast | *Abraham Lawn*

7:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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Plenary

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Reviewed Adjudicators – Within our Federal Circuit community, there are many judges that serve on the front lines of the administration of justice. Their thoughtful resolutions of disputes within specific subject areas reviewed by the Federal Circuit give rise to the law that we use to advise our clients and litigate cases. We invite you to join this distinguished panel as they provide their perspectives on the challenges they face, the issues that they see arise lately within their jurisdiction, and best practices for use in appearing before them.

| *Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)*

Co-Moderators:

- Andrew Dufresne, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
- Matthias Kamber, Partner, Paul Hastings LLP

Panelists:

- Hon. Christopher J. Burke, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
- Hon. Renée M. Bumb, Chief Judge,

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

- Hon. Molly R. Silfen, Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- Amy A. Karpel, Commissioner,
U.S. International Trade Commission

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Sports, Brands, and Intellectual Property – Addressing trademarks, licensing, enforcement, and global disputes involving sports leagues, teams, and brands.

| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Nima Mohebbi, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP
- Aaron Nathan, Partner, Tensegrity Law Group

Panelists:

- José Arochi, Partner, Arochi & Lindner
- Natali Wyson, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Networking Break | Royal Assembly

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Florida IP Litigation & Regional Innovation – Examining IP activity in Florida, including trademark practice in the Southern District of Florida, patent litigation trends, and university technology transfer.

| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Timothy Grimsrud, Partner, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
- Jennifer Olmedo-Rodriguez, Shareholder,
Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C.

Panelists:

- Brian R. Dorn, Division Chief IP Counsel, Arthrex
- Ury Fischer, Partner, Lott & Fischer
- Kevin McCabe, General Counsel, Transpire Bio

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

AI Ethics/Special CLE Credit Panel – This panel will explore the challenges posed by the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence and its impact on legal ethics.

| Royal Palm Ballroom I – VI (Subject to Change)

Co-Moderators:

- Nisha Patel Gupta, Partner, Dechert LLP
- David J. Rosen, Partner, Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP

Panelists:

- Jon M. Garon, Associate Dean for Technology and Innovation and Director, Goodwin Program for Society, Technology, and the Law at Nova Southeastern University | Shepard Broad College of Law
- Azra Hadzimehmedovic, Partner, Tensegrity Law Group
- Tracy Kepler, Director of Risk Control, Global Specialty, Lawyers Professional Liability, CNA Insurance
- Jon E. Wright, General Counsel, Sterne Kessler

12:45 PM – 12:50 PM

Closing Remarks

Sandra Kuzmich, President-Elect, Federal Circuit Bar Association®
| Partner, Haug Partners LLP
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