



LCJ Spring 2024 Member Meeting Program

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Wednesday, May 1st

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LCJ Executive Committee Meeting

Marquis de Lafayette Room, St. Regis Hotel

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

LCJ Fellows Mixer

The Wharf

LCJ Civil Justice Fellows and alumni are invited to this exclusive social hour.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Spring Meeting Welcome Reception

Williams & Connolly, The Wharf, 680 Maine Street, SW

Williams & Connolly Chairman Joe Petrosinelli and LCJ President John Kuppens host a welcome reception at Washington's vibrant new waterfront.

All attendees are welcome. Separate registration required. Attendees are encouraged to dine on their own after the reception at one of the many restaurants on the Wharf.

Thursday, May 2nd

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration & Information

Astor Foyer, St. Regis Hotel

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast for Members and Guests

Astor Ballroom, St. Regis Hotel

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Astor Ballroom, St. Regis Hotel

Our meeting co-chairs welcome you to the LCJ Spring Meeting.

John S. Guttman, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.

John Parker Sweeney, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

9:10 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Rule 702 – Shaping Federal Rule Interpretation and State Rule Reform

Now that the FRE 702 amendment is official, LCJ is focusing on implementation of the new rule language in federal court decisions and on securing state rule amendments in alignment with the new federal standards. How are courts interpreting the new amendment, and what do LCJ members and allies need to know as we move forward to achieve federal and state rule uniformity?

Lee Mickus, Evans Fears Schuttert McNulty & Mickus LLP

Eric Lasker, Hollingsworth LLP

Jim McCrystal, Sutter O'Connell Co.

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

NETWORKING AND DISCUSSION BREAK

10:20 a.m. – 11:10 p.m.

Geo-Political Risks – Perils and Opportunities for the United States

Michael Morell is one of the country's most knowledgeable and experienced national security professionals. For over 30 years, he has played a central role in the fight against terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. He joins us to discuss the national security trends shaping our politics, affecting our legal system, and posing new risks to our members' interests around the globe.

Hon. Michael Morell, Global Chairman, Geo-Political Risk Practice, Beacon Global Strategies, and former CIA Acting Director and Deputy Director.
Dan Steen, Executive Director, Lawyers for Civil Justice

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Supreme Court Term – An Insider's Look at the Most Consequential Decisions
Government use of social media. Chevron deference. Presidential immunity. Legal powers of the SEC, EPA, and CFPB. Prosecuting the January 6th rioters. The Purdue Pharma bankruptcy. Abortion and guns. With an intense and highly consequential Supreme Court term nearing conclusion, two leading Supreme Court advocates share their special insights into the most noteworthy decisions to date as well as the upcoming rulings that are sure to impact businesses and civil litigation.

Hon. Paul Clement, Clement & Murphy, PLLC
Lisa Blatt, Williams & Connolly LLP

12:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Attendees lunch on their own.

12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
George Washington Room, St. Regis Hotel

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:20 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Rebuilding Public Trust in the Judiciary

With polls showing an alarming increase in the public's distrust of courts, legal thinkers and opinion leaders are looking for new ways to defend judges from partisan attacks and the growing sense that court rulings are based on political opinions rather than objective legal standards. Jim Duff, who served as chief administrative officer of the federal judiciary – twice – and now directs the Supreme Court Historical Society, will share his deep insights into this problem. He and Judge Paul Friedman will discuss what lawyers can do to help courts regain the credibility that is essential to upholding the rule of law that underlies our economy, society, and government.

James Duff, Executive Director, Supreme Court Historical Society, and former Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

Hon. Paul L. Friedman, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

LCJ's New Public Trust in the Courts Initiative

Due to LCJ members' strong interest in the public's diminishing trust in our nation's courts, LCJ has formed a new committee to engage in high-profile actions promoting respect for the judicial system. Three current and former LCJ presidents will discuss the committee's goals and the opportunities for you to get involved.

John Kuppens, Nelson Mullins
Doug Lampe, Ford Motor Company
Mary Massaron, Plunkett & Cooney

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

NETWORKING AND DISCUSSION BREAK

2:50 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Rules of Engagement: How LCJ Members Can Contribute to LCJ's Priority Initiatives

LCJ's top priorities provide more opportunities than ever for members to roll up their sleeves and collaborate together on shaping the future of litigation procedures. From MDLs to privilege logs, class actions to cost allocation, and TPLF disclosure to privacy and cyber security, LCJ's members are leading the way to better and more efficient rules. We will share updates on current projects and provide our outlook for where the opportunities exist for members to make a difference on upcoming rule amendments.

Alex Dahl, General Counsel, Lawyers for Civil Justice

3:35 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Top of Mind: What In-House Litigation Leaders are Focusing on Now

Corporate litigation leaders are navigating a host of issues as they work to protect their companies against nuclear verdicts, social media attacks, and the latest tactics of an aggressive plaintiffs' bar. Hear from the inside about their most pressing concerns as they manage current litigation and assess the possible dangers and opportunities in emerging litigation trends—including the procedural rules environment.

Jeff Koppy, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation, General Motors
Cynthia Randall, Deputy General Counsel and Head of Litigation, Microsoft
Additional panelists to be confirmed.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LCJ Presidents' Reception

Astor Terrace, St. Regis Hotel

LCJ's past presidents welcome our meeting attendees for conversation and refreshments before dinner.

All meeting attendees are welcome.

7:00 p.m.

LCJ Annual Dinner

Astor Ballroom, St. Regis Hotel

Please join us as we recognize new and outgoing LCJ leaders, thank our Civil Justice Fellows, and present the LCJ Founders Award.

All meeting attendees are welcome. Separate registration required.

Friday, May 3rd

7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Registration & Information

Astor Foyer, St. Regis Hotel

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Corporate counsel breakfast meeting

George Washington, St. Regis Hotel

In-house attorney attendees meet over breakfast to share ideas about LCJ's current and future initiatives and emerging litigation issues.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Law firm leaders breakfast meeting

Astor Ballroom, St. Regis Hotel

Law firm attendees meet to discuss engagement in current LCJ projects and share ideas for future initiatives.

All meeting attendees are welcome to join us in the Astor Ballroom for breakfast.

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

A Conversation with Walmart Chief Legal Officer Rachel Brand

Walmart is sued 5,000 times a year, and Rachel Brand, the company's Chief Legal Officer, leads the extensive team of in-house and outside counsel responsible for defending Walmart's business and reputation. Rachel shares her highly informed

perspectives on the current state of civil litigation in America and the opportunities to improve the fairness and efficiency of our legal system.

Hon. Rachel Brand, Executive Vice President of Global Governance, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Walmart Inc.

Mark Behrens, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

NETWORKING AND DISCUSSION BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Cross-Border Discovery – The Need for FRCP Guidance

Cases referencing international or cross-border discovery have risen dramatically in recent years, yet the FRCP currently provide little guidance for parties seeking to address the production of documents and ESI outside the U.S. The Baylson-Gensler proposal for FRCP amendments seeks to provide guidance for such cross-border discovery. We discuss cross-border issues and the potential for discovery rules with the authors of the proposal.

Hon. Michael Baylson, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Professor Steven Gensler, University of Oklahoma College of Law

Hon. Manish Shah, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (invited)
Kelly Clay, Assistant General Counsel and Global eDiscovery Counsel, GSK

10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

How “Combat Message Development” Shapes Public Opinion on Complex Policy Issues – Including Litigation and Rulemaking

Bill McInturff, widely regarded as one of the most clear-thinking and influential people in American politics, is a pioneer in what he calls “combat message development” to defend and promote client interests on complex public policy issues, critical in politics and complex litigation. Bill’s firm, Public Opinion Strategies, conducts the NBC News Poll and is the largest political and public affairs survey research firm in the country. Bill’s tracking polls identify changing political, economic, and societal trends – and provide novel insights that can be used to message about complex litigation management and civil litigation rulemaking.

Bill McInturff, Partner, Public Opinion Strategies

11:40 a.m.

Wrap Up

LCJ President John Kuppens

LCJ President-Elect Molly Craig, The Hood Law Firm

SAVE THE DATE!

LCJ Fall Meeting, December 4-6: Nashville, Tennessee