

Program Descriptions

Internet and Social Media in the Forefront: Current Hot Issues and Developments
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Room: Salon F

This panel will focus on the regulation of the Internet and social media, for example, from an FTC perspective, the legal issues facing social media companies from their perspective, and issues such as Net Neutrality and their effect on the law. Cutting edge? You bet.

Moderator: Andrew Berger, Tannenbaum Helpert Syracuse & Hirschtitt LLP, New York, NY

Speakers: Professor Peter Jaszi, American University, Washington, D.C., David Perrott, DecisionQuest, New York, NY, Stanley Pierre-Louis, Viacom, Inc., New York, NY, Mozelle Thompson, Thompson Strategy Consulting, Oakton, VA

Mass Incarceration: Uncoupling Pipelines to Prison
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Room: Salon G

America incarcerates more people than any other country. The massive prison population has taken a terrible toll on families and communities, and has diverted dollars from other essential services. The panel will discuss programs, such as the justice reinvestment initiative, to reduce the number of people behind bars.

Moderators: Dean JoAnne A. Epps, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Ronald L. Marmer, Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, IL

Speakers: Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson (Texas), Austin, TX, Jeffrey Robinson, NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, Washington, D.C., Chief Justice Jean Hofer Toal (South Carolina), Columbia, SC, Ashbel T. Wall, II, Rhode Island Department of Corrections, Cranston, RI

The D.C. Circuit: A Fascinating Court with Great Influence
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Room: Salons I & II

Often described as having the greatest influence next to the Supreme Court, the D.C. Circuit hears critical cases involving government power and regulation. This multimedia and interactive program will examine unique issues of governmental action and power heard in the D.C. Circuit and live demonstrations of outstanding advocacy in that court.

Moderator: Lawrence D. Rosenberg, Jones Day, Washington, D.C.

Speakers: Richard P. Bress, Latham & Watkins, Washington, D.C., Beth Brinkmann, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Appellate Branch of the Civil Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., Robert A. Long, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, D.C.

Confirmation to the Federal Bench: An Inside Perspective
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Room: Salon E

Access to our crowded federal courts critically depends on the speed and effectiveness by which new judges are appointed. Our distinguished panelists from the political, academic, and judicial arenas have been directly involved and will discuss the present-day confirmation process and address how the confirmation process could be improved and expedited.

Moderator: Sarah L. Wilson, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, D.C.

Speakers: Hon. Andre M. Davis, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Baltimore, MD, Laura Ellsworth, Jones Day, Pittsburgh, PA, Professor Mike Gerhardt, UNC School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC