

MDL Judicial Summit Agenda

Aspen, Colorado / June 2-5, 2024

Sunday, June 2, 2024

4:00 – 5:30 PM	Conference Registration
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception at The St. Regis
7:00 PM	Dinner at The St. Regis

Monday, June 3, 2024

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast and Conference Registration
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Introductory Remarks
9:00 – 12:15 PM	Panel Presentations
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 – 3:30 PM	Panel Presentations
Free Evening for all Non-Judicial Attendees	

Judges Only Reception and Dinner along with their Guests

6:00 – 7:00 PM	Reception at Restaurant (Casa Tua)
7:00 PM	Dinner at Restaurant (Casa Tua)

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

7:30 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:00 PM	Panel Presentations
12:00 – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 – 4:00 PM	Panel Presentations
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Reception at The St. Regis
7:00 PM	Dinner at The St. Regis

DAY ONE

MONDAY – JUNE 3, 2024

07:30 – 08:30 AM Breakfast

08:30 – 09:00 AM Introductory Remarks

09:00 – 10:00 AM Panel 1 – MDL Myths vs. Empirical Data

10:00 – 10:45 AM Panel 2 – Litigation Funding and Non-Lawyer Firm Ownership:
The Impact and Associated Ethical Conundrums

10:45 – 11:30 AM Panel 3 – Resolving Mass Tort Litigation: Bankruptcy vs.
Multidistrict Litigation

11:30 – 12:15 PM Panel 4 – Recusals, Motions to Disqualify, Mandamus, Impeachment
and the Related Professionalism Issues

12:15 – 01:15 PM Lunch

01:15 – 02:00 PM Panel 5 – MDL Claim Integrity; Judicial and Litigant Roles

02:00 – 03:00 PM Panel 6 – Artificial Intelligence: A New Era for the Practice of Law
and MDL Management

03:00 – 03:15 PM Panel 7 – Practical AI Applications 1.0: Case Management Software

03:15 – 03:30 PM Panel 8 – Practical AI Applications 2.0: Courtroom Technology

DAY TWO

TUESDAY – JUNE 4, 2024

09:00 – 10:00 AM Panel 9 – Bellwether Trials / Fed State Coordination /
Selection of Steering Committees / Special Masters and the
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 1 Guidance

10:00 – 11:00 AM Panel 10 – Daubert: The Current Gatekeeper Landscape

**11:00 – 12:00 PM KEYNOTE Fred Gray (introduction by Professor Randy Lowry,
followed by a Q&A led by Mark Lanier)**

12:00 – 01:15 PM Lunch

01:15 – 02:00 PM Panel 11 – A Look Inside Corporate MDL Strategy, Management and
Coordination

02:00 – 02:30 PM Panel 12 – The Debate, Status and Implications Surrounding
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1

02:30 – 03:00 PM Panel 13 – Collateral Offensive Estoppel and its Impact
on Bellwether Trials

03:00 – 04:00 PM Panel 14 – Exit Strategies, Resolution Options and Dealing with the “Tail”

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9:00 – 10:00 AM

PANEL 1 – MDL Myths vs. Empirical Data

Moderator: Professor Lynn Baker, University of Texas School of Law

1. Judge Karen Caldwell, JPML Chair; USDC Eastern District of Kentucky
2. Judge Robert Dow, Jr., USDC Judge Counselor to the Chief Justice US Supreme Court
3. Judge Roger Benitez, JPML Panel; USDC Southern District of California
4. Judge David Proctor, Former JPML Member; USDC Northern District of Alabama
5. Judge Ed Kinkeade, USDC Northern District of Texas
6. Judge Amy St. Eve, US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, USDC Northern District of Illinois
7. Professor Robert Klonoff, Lewis & Clark Law School

10:00 – 10:45 AM

PANEL 2 – Litigation Funding and Non-Lawyer Firm Ownership: The Impact and Associated Ethical Conundrums

Moderator: Judge Sarah Vance, Former JPML Chair; USDC Eastern District of Louisiana

1. Judge J. Philip Calabrese, USDC Northern District of Ohio
2. Judge Leigh Martin May, USDC Northern District of Georgia
3. James Murdica, Barnes & Thornburg
4. John Beisner, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
5. Rachel Lanier, Lanier Law Firm
6. Warren Postman, Keller Postman
7. Erin Copeland, Fibich Leebron Copeland & Briggs
8. Francesca Castagnola, Western Alliance Bank (third party funding)

10:45 – 11:30 AM

PANEL 3 – Resolving Mass Tort Litigation: Bankruptcy vs. Multidistrict Litigation

Moderator: Judge Royal Furgeson, Former JPML Panel; USDC Western District of Texas (Ret.)

1. Judge Michael Kaplan, US Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey
2. Judge Brendan Shannon, US Bankruptcy Court District of Delaware
3. Judge Brenda Rhoades, US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas
4. Professor Theodore Rave, University of Texas at Austin School of Law
5. Sarah Johnston, Barnes & Thornburg
6. Adam Silverstein, Otterbourg PC
7. Rhon Jones, Beasley Allen
8. Yvonne Flaherty, Attorney at Law

11:30 – 12:15 PM

PANEL 4 – Recusals, Motions to Disqualify, Mandamus, Impeachment and the Related Professionalism Issues

Moderator: Judge Dan Polster, USDC Northern District of Ohio

1. Judge Carl Barbier, USDC Eastern District of Louisiana
2. Judge Donovan Frank, USDC District of Minnesota
3. Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC Eastern District of Texas
4. Judge Nancy Rosenstengel, USDC Southern District of Illinois
5. Randi Ellis, Randi S. Ellis LLC Special Master
6. David Cohen, David R. Cohen Special Master
7. Hunter Shkolnik, Napoli Shkolnik PLLC

1:15 – 2:00 PM

PANEL 5 – MDL Claim Integrity; Judicial and Litigant Roles

Moderator: Professor Theodore Rave, University of Texas at Austin School of Law

1. Judge Stephen Bough, USDC Western District of Missouri
2. Judge James Cain, Jr., USDC Western District of Louisiana
3. Bart Whitley, Bayer Global Head of Litigation
4. Sam Geisler, Aylstock Witkin Kreis & Overholtz PLLC
5. Lee Floyd, Breit Biniazan
6. Mildred Conroy, Simmons Hanly Conroy
7. Jennifer Saulino, Sidley Austin LLP
8. Charles Siegel, Waters Kraus Paul
9. Nicole Hamann, Epiq Global

2:00 – 3:00 PM

PANEL 6 – Artificial Intelligence: A New Era for the Practice of Law and MDL Management

Moderator: Professor Arthur Miller, New York University School of Law

1. Judge Robert Dow, Jr., USDC Judge Counselor to the Chief Justice US Supreme Court
2. Judge Karen Caldwell, JPML Chair; USDC Eastern District of Kentucky
3. Judge Amy St. Eve, US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, USDC Northern District of Illinois
4. Judge David Proctor, Former JPML Member; USDC Northern District of Alabama
5. Judge Amos Mazzant, III, USDC Eastern District of Texas
6. Prof. Robert Klonoff, Lewis & Clark Law School
7. Lori Cohen, Greenberg Traurig
8. Mark Lanier, Lanier Law Firm
9. Mike Papantonio, Levin Papantonio Rafferty
10. Mike Morgan, Morgan & Morgan
11. Sara Papantonio, Levin Papantonio Rafferty
12. Tony Clayton, Clayton Fruge & Ward
13. Eric Holland, Holland Law Firm
14. Sarah Lanier, Lanier Law Firm

3:00 – 3:15 PM

PANEL 7 – Practical AI Applications 1.0: Case Management Software

Smart Advocate – Igor Selizhuk and Nataliya Blidy

3:15 – 3:30 PM

PANEL 8 – Practical AI Applications 2.0: Courtroom Technology

Paszkwicz Litigation Services – Sarah Paszkiewicz

9:00 – 10:00 AM

PANEL 9 – Bellwether Trials / Fed State Coordination / Selection of Steering Committees / Special Masters and the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 1 Guidance

Moderator: Mark Lanier, Lanier Law Firm

1. Judge Richard Licht, Associate Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
2. Judge Eldon Fallon, USDC Eastern District of Louisiana
3. Judge Richard Gergel, USDC District of South Carolina
4. Judge Sylvia Matthews (Ret.), State of Texas, Harris County
5. Judge Winifred Smith (Ret.), ADR Services, Inc.
6. Larissa Eustice, Bayer Senior Assistant General Counsel
7. Dustin Herman, Spangenberg Shibley & Liber LLP
8. Nick Drakulich, The Drakulich Firm
9. Leslie MacLean, Waters Kraus Paul
10. Jayne Conroy, Simmons Hanly Conroy

10:00 – 11:00 AM

PANEL 10 – Daubert: The Current Gatekeeper Landscape

Moderator: Rick Godfrey, Quinn Emanuel

1. Jessica Grant, Shook Hardy Bacon LLP
2. Thomas Anapol, Anapol Weiss
3. Gale Pearson, Nachawati Law Group
4. Jennifer Moore, Moore Law Group PLLC
5. Aimee Wagstaff, Wagstaff Law PLLC
6. Renee Smith, Kirkland & Ellis
7. Lee Popkin, Proskauer Rose LLP

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1:15 – 2:00 PM

PANEL 11 – A Look Inside Corporate MDL Strategy, Management and Coordination

Moderator: Scott Partridge, (Former Bayer General Counsel and Monsanto Senior Vice President Strategy) Partridge LLC Resolution Strategy

1. Bill Doderer, Bayer, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Law Patents & Compliance
2. Aviva Wein, J&J, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation Policy and Risk Management
3. Elizabeth Gibson, Toyota, Deputy General Counsel
4. David Toolan, CRH Americas, Inc., Vice President and General Counsel
5. Jeff Koppy, General Motors, Assistant General Counsel
6. Connie Matteo, Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer

2:00 – 2:30 PM

PANEL 12 – The Debate, Status and Implications Surrounding Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1

Moderator: Judge David Proctor, Former JPML Member; USDC Northern District of Alabama

1. Judge James Selna, USDC Central District of California
2. Kaspar Stoffelmayr, Bartlit Beck
3. Seth Katz, Burg Simpson
4. Alexandra Walsh, Walsh Law
5. Paul Geller, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
6. Sejal Brahmbatt, Williams Hart & Boundas

2:30 – 3:00 PM

PANEL 13 – Collateral Offensive Estoppel and its Impact on Bellwether Trials

Moderator: Heidi Levine, Sidley Austin LLP

1. Judge Robert Kugler, USDC District of New Jersey
2. Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Motley Rice
3. Alex Calfo, King & Spalding
4. Robert Drakulich, The Drakulich Firm
5. Brent Wisner, Wisner Baum
6. Pete Flowers, Meyers & Flowers LLC

3:00 – 4:00 PM

PANEL 14 – Exit Strategies, Resolution Options and Dealing with the “Tail”

Moderator: Mike Papantonio, Levin Papantonio Rafferty

1. Judge Glenn Norton, Norton Dispute Resolution LLC
2. Judge Vivian Medinilla, Superior Court of the State of Delaware
3. John Hooper, King & Spalding
4. Joe Rice, Motley Rice
5. Joe Petrosinelli, Williams & Connolly
6. Paul Pennock, Morgan & Morgan
7. Scott DeNardo, Archer Systems
8. Mark Cheffo, Dechert LLP
9. David Stellings, Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein