

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES CONFERENCE (FALJC)

63rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR

The District of Columbia Bar

901 4th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

Wednesday, September 23 – Thursday, September 24, 2026

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<u>Registration & Breakfast Buffet:</u> “Duty, Diligence & Disruption: Ethical Obligations of Government Attorneys in the Age of AI”	DC Bar Conference Room	<u>Thomson Reuters:</u> Monica Heffernan, Esq. & Kyla Shank, Esq.
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome to DC/ Overview of Program	DC Bar Conference Room	President Alan G. Paez Treasurer Willow Fort
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	“An Overview: Current Issues in Administrative Law”	DC Bar Conference Room	Professor David Super, Georgetown University Law Center
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Foyer Outside Conference Room	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	“Modern Judicial Legal Writing for ALJs and Law Clerks”	DC Bar Conference Room	Professor Ross Guberman, George Washington University Law School
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)		
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	“United States Supreme Court Summary 2026”	DC Bar Conference Room	Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, UC Berkeley Law School
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	“Defending Actions Against ALJs Before the Merit Systems Protection Board”	DC Bar Conference Room	Peter Noone, Esq.
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Coffee Break	Foyer Outside Conference Room	

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	“Judges, Legal Ethics, and the Use of Generative AI”	DC Bar Conference Room	Heather Bupp, Esq., Former DC Bar Ethics Counsel
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Announcements & Preview for Thursday	DC Bar Conference Room	President Alan G. Paez Treasurer Willow Fort
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Informal Happy Hour for Seminar Attendees (Cash Bar)	Cucina Moroni (Located in the DC Bar Building)	All Attendees Invited
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026			
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<u>Breakfast Buffet:</u> “Just for Judges: Smarter Research, Stronger Decisions with (AI) Westlaw Advantage & CoCounsel Legal”	DC Bar Conference Room	<u>Thomson Reuters:</u> Monica Heffernan, Esq. & Kyla Shank, Esq.
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	“Hot Topics in Administrative Law: Non-Delegation Values”	DC Bar Conference Room	Professor Andrew Ziaja, University of Baltimore School of Law
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Short Coffee Break	Foyer Outside Conference Room	
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM	“The <i>Slaughter</i> and <i>Harris</i> decisions and the Effect on Administrative Adjudication”	DC Bar Conference Room	Professor Victoria F. Nourse, Georgetown University Law Center
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	“Stress, Well-Being, and Professional Responsibility for Judges and Attorneys”	DC Bar Conference Room	Denise J. Perme, Associate Director of the DC Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) & Niki L. Irish, Senior Counselor for LAP
12:10 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)		
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	“ALJ Removal Protections in Light of U.S. Supreme Court Decision in <i>Slaughter</i> ”	DC Bar Conference Room	Amit Agarwal, Esq., Washington Litigation Group
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Coffee Break	Foyer Outside Conference Room	

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	“Personal Safety and Security for Federal Judges & Updates on Safety Legislation Covering the Administrative Judiciary”	DC Bar Conference Room	PANEL: • U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom (S.D. Florida) • Sheryl J. Grubb, Division Director, Federal Protective Services • Administrative Law Judge Nicholas Ohanesian
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	“The Ghosts of Administrative Deference: Redemption Through Application in the Federal Courts”	DC Bar Conference Room	Judge Nick Ohanesian, Hearing Office Chief ALJ & Professor of Law at Michigan State University, College of Law
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Conference Wrap-Up & Course Surveys	DC Bar Conference Room	President Alan G. Paez & Treasurer Willow Fort
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	FALJC 63rd Annual Membership Meeting • Financial Update • New Officers • 64th FALJC Annual Training Seminar	DC Bar Conference Room	FALJC Officers: • President Alan G. Paez (FMSHRC) • 1st Vice President Christine Dibble (NLRB/Ret.) • 2nd Vice President Melissa Olivero (NLRB/Ret.) • Treasurer Willow Fort (DOL) • Secretary Jessica Inouye (SSA) • Past President Evan Nordby (DOL)

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