

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES CONFERENCE (FALJC)
63rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR

The District of Columbia Bar

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Wednesday, September 23 – Thursday, September 24, 2026

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
(Registration Opens at 7:45 AM)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<u>Registration & Breakfast Buffet:</u> <i>Duty, Diligence & Disruption: Ethical Obligations of Government Attorneys in the Age of AI</i>	DC Bar: Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room (Second Floor)	Monica Heffernan, Esq. and Kyla Shank, Esq., Thomson Reuters
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome to DC/ Overview of Program	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	President Alan Paez & Treasurer Willow Fort
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	“An Overview: Current Topics in Administrative Law”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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 Legal Writing for Administrative Law Judges and Their Law Clerks”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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 Review for 2026”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, UC Berkeley Law School
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	“Procedures & Defenses to Disciplinary Actions Proposed Against ALJs”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	Peter Noone, Esq., Avery Dooley & Noone, LLP
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”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	Heather Bupp, Esq., Former DC Bar & State Department Ethics Counsel
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Announcements & Preview for Thursday	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	President Alan Paez & Treasurer Willow Fort
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Informal Happy Hour for Seminar Attendees (Cash Bar)	Cucina Moroni Restaurant (First Floor of 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: Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room (Second Floor)	Monica Heffernan, Esq. and Kyla Shank, Esq., Thomson Reuters
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	“Hot Topics in Administrative Law: Non-Delegation Values”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	Professor Victoria F. Nourse, Georgetown University Law Center
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	“Maintaining Well-Being While Navigating Change for Judges and Attorneys”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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	“Legal and Practical Implications of the Supreme Court’s Decision in <i>Trump v.</i> <i>Slaughter</i> ”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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 & the Administrative Judiciary; Updates on Safety Legislation Covering the Administrative Judiciary”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	<u>PANEL:</u> • 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”	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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	Rock Creek & Chesapeake Room	President Alan Paez & Treasurer Willow Fort
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	FALJC 63rd Annual Membership Meeting • Financial Update • Introduction of New Officers • 64th FALJC Annual Training Seminar	Rock Creek & Chesapeake 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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