

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND  
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**William E. Smith  
Chief Judge**

October 1, 2019

Dear Federal Practitioner,

As you know, the Court is hosting the 2019 District Conference, “Independence and the Courts,” at the Omni Providence Hotel on Friday, October 18, 2019.

The Court has a long-standing reputation of offering high-quality, engaging conferences that draw together leading academia, top legal professionals, and distinguished judges to debate, discuss, and shape the future of the legal profession. This year’s conference is no different.

In addition to a dynamic program, we are pleased to have David Boies, Chairman and Managing Partner of Boies Schiller Flexner LLP of Washington, D.C., as our keynote speaker.

The conference will offer 7.0 CLE credits including 1.5 ethics credit. The cost of the program is minimal, and it includes materials, lunch, and a reception. I encourage you to review the agenda and register for the conference by visiting the following link: [2019 District Conference Registration Information](#).

Your attendance will continue to forge the relationships that are essential for the profession and for the future of our bar in Rhode Island.

I hope that you will be able to join us, and I look forward to seeing you at the 2019 District Conference. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Quartino at (401) 752-7226 or by email at [Lisa\\_Quartino@rid.uscourts.gov](mailto:Lisa_Quartino@rid.uscourts.gov).

Sincerely,



Chief Judge William E. Smith  
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