

Agenda

United States District Court Conference

September 22, 2006

Objective: To provide practical information about federal practice in Rhode Island to Rhode Island lawyers, especially young lawyers inexperienced in the federal court.

Plenary Session (9:00 AM– 10:30 AM) (*Jury Assembly Room*)

Topic: Welcome. The Judges of the District Court will address the participants on what they expect from lawyers practicing before them, the new rules of procedure and electronic filing. Session to be moderated by Marc DeSisto and Deming Sherman.

Breakout Sessions I (10:45 AM – 11:45 AM)

- Topics:
1. Introduction to the federal practice for new lawyers – Chief Judge Torres, District Court Clerk David DiMarzio, Brooks Magratten (*Jury Assembly Room*)
 2. Sentencing after Booker – Judge Smith, Terrence Donnelly, Leonard O'Brien (*Courtroom 2*)
 3. Class actions under the 2005 reform act – Judge Lisi, Jack McConnell, Patricia Sullivan (*Courtroom 1*)

Luncheon (12:00 PM – 1:30 PM) *Federal Reserve*

Speaker: Kenneth Feinberg, Chairman, 9/11 Commission

Breakout Sessions II (1:45 PM – 2:45 PM)

- Topics:
1. Appellate practice – Chief Judge Boudin, Lynette Labinger, Chief Deputy Clerk Margaret Carter (*Courtroom 1*)
 2. Expert testimony post-Daubert - Judge Lagueux, John Tarantino, Howard Merten (*Jury Assembly Room*)
 3. Bankruptcy practice under the new rules– Judge Votolato, Edward Bertozzi, Matthew McGowan (*Courtroom 2*)

Breakout Sessions III (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

- Topics:
1. Practice before magistrate judges: criminal proceedings, discovery matters, dispositive motions, ADR – Magistrate Judges Martin and Almond, Berry Mitchell, George Lieberman (*Jury Assembly Room*)
 2. Technology in the courtroom – David Wollin, Chris Little, Jim Webb (*Courtroom 1*)
 3. Multi-district litigation – Senior Judge Selya, Dean Logan, Louise Teitz, Max Wistow (*Courtroom 2*)

Catered Reception (cash bar; string quartet) (4:00 PM – 6:30 PM) – *USDC Foyer*