**2023-2024 PUPILLAGE GROUPS**

September 18, 2023  
**Group Leader: Christopher Verdini**  
***Is It Live or Memorex?!***

(Program Description: Best Practice in Virtual Advocacy – a panel discussion with judges and lawyers)

Robert Wagner

Bryan Opalko

William Smith

Alan Towner

Steven Czajkowski

Patrick McElhinny

Eric Soller

Jaden Rankin-Wahlers

Alexander Bernard (S)

November 13, 2023

**Group Leader. Jayme Butcher**

***Trade Secrets and their Proactive Protection in an Employer-Employee Context***

(Program Description. The program is based on a skit presentation that elicits discussion surrounding Trade Secrets and their proactive protection in an Employer-Employee context. The presenters provided three-act skit presentation on protecting a company's trade secrets.  Act 1 was a meeting between feuding principals of a startup, and their outside counsel talking about how to protect their internally developed trade secrets.  Act 2 was between that outside counsel and a disgruntled departing key employee.  Act 3 was between respective outside counsel of the startup and of the competitor who hired that departing employee.  Audience Q&A was made available, and was amply provided, for each of the three skits. The group will modify program materials originally created by the Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court, and the group is encouraged, as time permits, to include discussion of developments/tips relative to development of a trade secret case through trial, including the use of trade secret claim charts, discovery, handling sealed documents, etc.

Source: <https://home.innsofcourt.org/Downloads/P15944.pdf>

Bryan Clark

Christian Ehret

Kirsten Rydstrom

Duane Stewart, III

Wendy West-Feinstein

Kent Baldauf

Lynn Alstadt

Jeffrey Depp

Michael Monyok

Henry Sneath

Brandon Day Zabo (S)

Matthew Nealon (S)

January 22, 2024

**Group Leader: Cecilia Dickson**

***Appellate Review***

(Program Description: An update of recent Supreme Court and other Appellate Courts in the field of Intellectual Property, including Jack Daniel’s Properties v. VIP Products, Amgen v. Sanof, and *Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. V. Goldsmith* )

Judge Mark Hornak

Fred Colen

Stanley Ference

Brian Bozzo

Jonathan Parks

Charles Yeomans

Jason Camillo

Maximilian Meese

Donald Shelton

James Capone (S)

Ashley Crane

Sharon Basch (S)

March 18, 2024

**Group Leader: David Oberdick**

***Roundtable with University Counsel***

(Program Discussion. This is a joint program with the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association and will include a panel discussion of university general counsel in the Pittsburgh area as to their varying IP experiences).

Judge Cathy Bissoon

Richard Graham

Ralph Fischer

Mike Lazzara

Mark Mazza

Matthew Pilsner

Michael Stephenson

Sreekar Gadde

Ryan Estatico (S)

May 20, 2024  
**Group Leader: Anthony Brooks**  
***Annual Game***  
(Program Description: This group will plan and execute our annual IP litigation-themed game during which Masters will again compete for bragging rights against Barristers, Associates and Students)

Alicia Passerin

Timothy Ryan

Rebeca Himena Miller

Craig Cochenour

Ahmad Malik

June 17, 2023

**Group Leader: Anna Shabalov**

***The Ethics of AI***

(Program Description. The Ethics of Using Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Law)

Anthony Gestrich

David DuMont

Richard James

John McIlvaine

Barry Coyne

Michael Dever

Joshua Nightingale

Greg Bradley

Christopher Owens