**2024-2025 PUPILLAGE GROUPS**

September 30, 2024
**Group Leader:**   **David Oberdick**

***Licensing Roundtable with In-House Counsel***

(Program Description: This is a joint program with the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association and the local chapter of the Licensing Executives Society, and will include a panel discussion of general counsel in the Pittsburgh area as to their varying IP licensing experiences. Panel members include Christine Trebilcock – PPG, Charles “Chip” Dougherty and Cindy Chepanoske – CMU, Alexandra Ashley – Industrial Scientific Corp., Quinn Johnson, formerly at Arconic, and Andrew Siminerio – formerly at PPG, Vitro Flat Glass LLC, and Rockwell)

Christopher Owens

Richard Graham

Steven Czajkowski

Cecilia Dickson

Fred Colen

Stanley Ference

Brian Bozzo

Alexander Bernard (S)

Xiaoying Zhang

November 18, 2024

**Group Leader. Wendy West-Feinstein**

***Ethics/Paying It Forward or “Giving is Living”***

(Program Description: The program is intended to generate group discussion of what we, as lawyers, can do to give more, including but not limited to pro bono)

Judge Mark Hornak

Jayme Butcher

Kirsten Rydstrom

Bryan Clark

Christopher Verdini

Anthony Gestrich

Donald Shelton

Jeffrey Depp

Jaden Rankin-Wahlers

William Smith

Rachel Ellenberger

Greg Bradley

James Capone (S)

January 27, 2025

**Group Leader: Timothy Ryan**

***Appellate Review***

(Program Description: An update of recent Supreme Court and other Appellate Courts in the field of Intellectual Property, including, without limitation, court decisions on the FTC rule concerning restrictive covenants, [*Warner Chappell v. Nealy*](https://ipwatchdog.com/2024/05/09/scotus-rejects-three-year-limit-copyright-damages-sidesteps-accrual/id%3D176391/), [LKQ Corp. v. GM Global Tech. Operations LLC](https://cafc.uscourts.gov/opinions-orders/21-2348.OPINION.5-21-2024_2321050.pdf), and [Luv N’ Care, Ltd. v. Laurain](https://cafc.uscourts.gov/opinions-orders/22-1905.OPINION.4-12-2024_2300689.pdf))

Anna Shabalov

David DuMont

Duane Stewart, III

Michael Stephenson

Michael Monyok

Kent Baldauf

Lynn Alstadt

Henry Sneath

Ashley Crane

Brandon Day Zabo (S)

Matthew Nealon (S)

March 17, 2025

**Group Leader: Judge Cathy Bissoon**

(Program Discussion: Judge Leonard P. Stark Fireside Chat)

Alicia Passerin

Sreekar Gadde

Barry Coyne

Timothy D. Pecsenye

Jason Camillo

May 19, 2025
**Group Leader: Eric Soller**
***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)

Christian Ehret

Joshua Nightingale

Richard James

Mark Mazza

Matthew Pilsner

Sharon Basch (S)

June 16, 2025

**Group Leader: Patrick McElhinny**

***The Role of the International Trade Commission in IP Protection***

(Program Description: The program is based on a skit presentation that elicits discussion of the role of the ITC in IP protection. Act 1 focuses on the function and purpose of the International Trade Commission Act 2 focuses on the enforcement of patents and trademarks through the ITC, including the pleading requirements and process. Act 3 focuses on the role of the ITC in enforcing against illegal trade activities, specifically as applied to the cannabis industry. Source: <https://www.innsofcourt.org/Downloads/P16590.pdf>)

Cecilia Dickson

Michael Dever

Anthony Brooks

John McIlvaine

Robert Wagner

Bryan Opalko

Craig Cochenour

Jonathan Parks

Alan Towner

Charles Yeomans

Rebeca Himena Miller

Maximilian Meese

Ralph Fischer

Mike Lazzara

Ryan Estatico (S)