**2025-2026 PUPILLAGE GROUPS**

September 29, 2025 – **UNION TRUST BUILDING, “The Square” Conference Room**
**Group Leaders:**   **David DuMont and David Oberdick**

***Speed Networking.***

(Program Description: This is a structured meeting where participants have short, timed conversations in small groups with many different people to exchange information and make connections for mentoring and networking. The format involves brief introductions, business discussions, and the exchange of contact information. Participants rotate through a series of short interactions, allowing them to meet numerous new people in a short period.)

Jaden Rankin-Wahlers

David DuMont

Christian Ehret

Rebeca Himena Miller

James Capone

Anthony Gestrich

Jeffrey Depp

Brandon Day Zabo

Richard Graham

Steven Czajkowski

Caitlin McDonald (S)

Samantha Thompson

November 16, 2025 – The Roost event space - <https://roostpgh.com/> - beginning at 5:30 PM, with dinner and program to follow

**Group Leaders: Judge Mark Hornak and Henry Sneath**

***Guest Speaker – Jacob Rooksby***

(Program Description: Jacob Rooksby is the dean of the Gonzaga University School of Law, assuming the role in 2018. He previously served as an associate dean of administration and associate professor of law at Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This is a joint program with PIPLA and will take place at the Duquesne Club)

Jayme Butcher

Christopher Verdini

William Smith

Greg Bradley

Donald Shelton

January 26, 2026

**Group Leaders: Kirsten Rydstrom and Joshua Nightingale**

***Appellate Review***

(Program Description: An update of recent Supreme Court and other Appellate Courts in the field of Intellectual Property)

Stanley Ference

Brian Bozzo

Anthony Brooks

Michael Stephenson

Michael Monyok

Lynn Alstadt

Ashley Crane

Alexander Bernard

Xiaoying Zhang

Christina McKinley

March 9, 2026

**Group Leaders: Cecilia Dickson and Kent Baldauf**

Name, Image and Likeness (“NIL”) Rights – A Panel Discussion of NIL Issues Impacting Intellectual Property and Bankruptcy Issues

(Program Discussion: This is a joint program with the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association and the Judith K. Fitzgerald Western Pennsylvania Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, and will include a panel discussion of IP and bankruptcy issues relating to NIL rights)

Alicia Passerin

Barry Coyne

Alan Towner

Fred Colen

Charles Yeomans

Rachel Ellenberger

Ralph Fischer

Mike Lazzara

Samuel Harrod

Victoria Summerfield

May 18, 2026
**Group Leaders: Anna Shabalov and Sreekar Gadde**

Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (usually referred to as more simply as ASTP)

(Program Description – Fireside Chat presentation from a representative of the ASTP, which develops and oversees policies regarding data from the Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, ASTP partners with the innovation community, spanning startups, investors, incubators, and more. In his role at the agency, Konya said his constituency includes early adopters implementing technologies as well as entrepreneurs, developers and investors)

Judge Cathy Bissoon

Robert Wagner

Bryan Opalko

Richard James

Mark Mazza

Matthew Pilsner

Timothy D. Pecsenye

Jason Camillo

Sharon Basch

June 15, 2026

**Group Leaders: Christopher Owens and Bryan Clark**

***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)

Duane Stewart, III

Michael Dever

John McIlvaine

Jonathan Parks

Maximilian Meese

Michael Oliver

Ryan Estatico (S)