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## Welcome from the Officer-in-Charge

**W. Todd Baker**
Officer-in-Charge,
2026 Annual Meeting
AIPLA Second Vice President

On behalf of AIPLA, I am pleased to invite you to join us this October in Washington, DC, for the 2026 AIPLA Annual Meeting.

This year's theme, **IP Horizons: Navigating Innovation, AI, and Global Change**, reflects a pivotal moment for the intellectual property profession. Rapid advances in artificial intelligence, accelerating technological innovation, and evolving global legal and business developments are reshaping the way we practice and counsel our clients. The Annual Meeting will provide an opportunity to explore these developments, exchange perspectives with colleagues at every stage of their careers, and consider what lies ahead for our profession. In a time of rapid change, both fresh viewpoints and seasoned experience are essential to understanding where IP is headed and how we can help shape its future.

We are assembling a program designed to be both thought-provoking and practical, featuring timely CLE sessions, interactive Skills Workshops, and opportunities to engage with colleagues from across the intellectual property community. Whether your focus is patents, trademarks, copyrights, litigation, licensing, or emerging technologies, you will find valuable insights and meaningful opportunities for professional growth.

Just as importantly, the Annual Meeting offers a chance to reconnect with friends and colleagues, build new relationships, and strengthen the professional community that makes AIPLA unique.

I hope you will join us in Washington this October for what promises to be an engaging and rewarding program. I look forward to welcoming you personally and sharing an exceptional Annual Meeting experience with you.

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## General Information

### Registration and Exhibit Hours

**Wednesday:** 4:00 - 7:00 pm

**Thursday:** 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Friday:** 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Saturday:** 8:00 am - 12:00 NOON

## Helpful Hints

- Lunch receptions are open to everyone to meet and network.
- All meeting registrants will have advanced access to meeting materials online and in the app.
- Access to handouts and meeting.
- Papers are available at the on-site Technology Center or via the Meeting App.

## CLE Information

Coming soon!

**Skills Workshops**

AIPLA will be offering in-depth skills workshops at the Annual Meeting. The workshops offer a chance to learn and engage with instructors in a smaller setting. The workshops will be limited to 20 people and attendees will be required to review any materials the instructor has listed as prerequisites. **CLE will not be offered, and pre-registration for workshops is required.**

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### The Annual Meeting is on Social Media!

Follow AIPLA on LinkedIn, Facebook, X, and Instagram (@aipladc) and post during the Meeting using the hashtag #aiplaAM26!

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# IP Practice in Japan Committee Pre-Meeting and Dinner

**Tuesday, October 27 - Wednesday, October 28, 2026 • The Westin DC Downtown**

The Pre-Meeting is open to all and is a great event for networking with colleagues from Japan. There is an additional cost to attend the Reception and Dinner for IP Practice in Japan Committee.

**Day 1** - Registration and breakfast begin at 8:00 am. Sessions run from 9 am - 12 noon and 1 - 5 pm, with a luncheon from 12 noon - 1 pm.

**Day 2** - Registration and breakfast begin at 8:00 am. Sessions run from 9 am - 12 noon.

Presentations will be provided by the speakers from AIPLA, the Japan Patent Attorney Association (JPAA), and possibly from the International Association for the Protection of the Intellectual Property in Japan (AIPPI- JP), Japan Trademark Association (JTA) and Japan Patent Office (JPO) on a range of topics such as:

1. US: Subject Matter Eligibility - Recent Updates
2. US: PTAB - Developments and Strategies
3. US: SCOTUS Review - Recent Cases and What is Coming Up
4. US: Recent Developments on Trademark Law and Practice
5. Japan: Recent IP High Court Decisions
6. Japan: Post-Grant Opposition Updates
7. Japan: Update on Examination Standards
8. Japan: Recent Developments on Trademark Law and Practice

*Note: Topics are subject to change.

**Program Registration:**

**$395**

**Dinner Registration:**

**$195**

**Separate registration required.**

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**To register, please visit**
**www.aipla.org**

**IP Practice in Japan Committee Leadership and Program Coordinators:**
Chair, **Nick Mattingly**, Mattingly & Malur, PC and Vice Chair, **Andrew Freistein**, Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack, LLP.

**Note: Pre-Meeting Attendees are expected to also register for the 2026 Annual Meeting.**

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## PRE-MEETING

## Wednesday, October 28, 2026
**All times listed are Eastern Time**

### 10:00 AM - 12 Noon
**AIPLA Board of Directors' Meeting**

### 1:00 – 5:00 PM
**AIPLA Board and CommitteeLeadership Meeting**

### 4:00 – 7:00 PM
**Pre-Registration**

If you registered in advance, please stop by and pick up your badge and meeting materials.

### 6:30 – 8:00 PM
**AIPLA Board and Committee Leadership Networking Event**

## DAY 1

## Thursday, October 29, 2026
**All times listed are Eastern Time**

### 6:45 – 8:45 AM
**Corporate Practice Committee Breakfast Meeting** (In-house practitioners only)

**Sponsored by:** Honigman, LLP

### 6:45 - 7:45 AM
**5k Fun Run**

**Sponsored by:** Spencer Fane, LLP

### 7:45 – 8:45 AM
**Committee Meetings**

View the full committee schedule on the Annual Meeting website or in the Meeting App.

### 9:00 – 10:00 AM

**OPENING PLENARY**

**Welcome Remarks**

AIPLA President **Salvatore Anastasi** will deliver a year-in-review, highlighting the Association's key initiatives, achievements, and milestones.

AIPLA Committee of the Year to be Announced at the Opening Plenary!

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# DAY 1

## 10:15 AM – 12:00 NOON Concurrent CLE Tracks and Skills Workshops

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 10:15 - 11:00 AM

**AI as a Patent Drafter, Prosecutor, and Strategist: Tool or Risk?**

As AI reshapes patent practice, attorneys must navigate ethical use, confidentiality risks, AI hallucinations, enablement requirements, professional standards of care, and the litigation readiness of AI-generated specifications.

**Moderator:** Ian Schick, Paximal, Los Angeles, CA

**Speakers:**
Micheal Binns, Meta, Atlanta, GA
Toni Nijm, Anaqua, St. Helier, Jersey
Steve Gong, Google, San Francisco, CA

*Hosted by: Emerging Technologies Committee*

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 10:15 - 11:00 AM

**Hiding in Plain Sight: Litigating What is Readily Ascertainable Under the DTSA in the Age of AI**

**Speakers:**
Monty Myers, Eureka Software Solutions, Austin, TX
Jim Pooley, James Pooley PLC, Portola Valley, CA
Patrick Plassio, O'Melveny & Myers, Dallas, TX

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 1

**Ethics and Life Sciences**

*Hosted by: Corporate Practice Committee*

11:00 - 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 11:15 AM - 12 Noon

**IPRs in Focus**

With new rules in place and shifting standards, this session highlights what the policy changes have been, the fallout, where we are now and where we are going

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 11:15 AM - 12 Noon

**The Rise of Non-Traditional Trademarks**

As commerce shifts to immersive, digital, and sensory experiences, companies are increasingly filing for non-traditional trademarks (often called sensory marks or trade dress). These identifiers appeal to senses beyond standard text or logos, such as: Sounds: Distinctive audio cues, signature jingles, or startup chimes. Motions: Specific animated sequences or hologram transitions. Colors & Scents: Recognizable color combinations or distinct fragrances that signify a source. Even Taylor Swift and Matthew McCaughney are in on the action!

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 2

**Trademark Prosecution 101**

Come learn the basics of trademarks, what is use, what is likelihood of confusion? Designed for those new to trademarks.

**Instructor:**
Shana Olson, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, Washington, DC

*Hosted by: Trademark Law Committee*

## 12:30 – 2:00 PM

**Luncheon Keynote**

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## 2:15 - 4:00 PM Concurrent Tracks and Skills Workshops

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 2:15 - 3:00 PM

**The Legality of Dupes**

Trademark dupes are affordable, look-alike products that mimic the design, style, and overall aesthetic of premium brands without utilizing the original brand's logos, registered trademarks, or brand name. While highly popular for offering budget-friendly alternatives, dupes exist in a complex legal gray area concerning trade dress and unfair competition

**Moderator:** Megan Carpenter, UNH Franklin Pierce, Concord, NH

3:00-3:15 COFFEE BREAK

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 3:15 - 4:00 PM

**From Once Upon a Time to Happily Ever After (or Not): Client Intake, Engagement Agreements & Closing Letters**

Navigating the journey from initial client intake to the conclusion of a legal relationship is crucial for any law firm. Effective engagement agreements are key to establishing clear boundaries and expectations with clients. We will explore best practices for drafting these agreements to ensure mutual understanding and satisfaction and compliance with the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Additionally, we will address the importance of properly ending the attorney-client relationship through disengagement or closing letters. Join us as we provide comprehensive insights into managing client relationships from start to finish, ensuring that your firm can achieve its goals while upholding the highest standards of legal practice.

**Speakers:**

Hope Todd, DC Bar, Washington, DC

*Hosted by: Committee on the Profession*

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 2:15 - 3:00 PM

**Skinny Labels and Second Medical Uses - Are the US and Europe Going in Opposite Directions?**

With the Hikma v. Amarin Supreme Court decision just coming out, it seems like both the US and Europe have recently been looking at the same second medical use issue and going in opposite directions. This panel will include a US practitioner, EP practitioner, and In-house pharma person to discuss this divergence and get the in-house person's reaction on what they are doing in response.

**Speaker:**

Sofia Santoro, Società Italiana Brevetti S.p.A, Milan, Italy

*Hosted by: Chemical Practice and IP Practice in Europe Committees*

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 3:15 - 4:00 PM

**Useful Works: Copyrightable in the EU/US?**

**Speakers:**

Verena von Bomhard, Bomhard IP Alicante, Spain

Michael Ritscher, MLL Legal, Zurich, Switzerland

*Hosted by: Copyright Law and Design Rights Committees*

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 1

**From Presence to Pipeline: Setting the Stage for a Successful Career**

The Skills Workshop will equip new lawyers with practical strategies to build their personal brands, leverage LinkedIn for professional growth, lay the groundwork for future business development, and maximize opportunities through conferences and professional associations. Through interactive exercises, participants will gain tools and confidence to strengthen their professional presence and expand their networks.

*Hosted by: Women in IP Law Committee*

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 2

**Patent Drafting 101**

The workshop is directed to law students, patent agents, and attorneys with little or no experience preparing patent applications, or returning to the field. The workshop will cover essential topics such as best practices for drafting claims and specifications based on the latest case law, as well as interviewing inventors, determining inventorship and handling filing formalities.

**Instructors:**

Anthony Curtis, Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner, P.A., Chicago, IL

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**New Member/First-Time Attendees Networking Reception**

If you are a new AIPLA member and/or this is your FIRST AIPLA conference, please join us for an informal networking event.

## 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**Diversity in IP Law Reception**

**Sponsored in part by:** Auto Docs; Baker Botts, LLP; Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP; Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP; Morrison & Foerster

## 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Opening Night Reception

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## 6:45 – 8:45 AM

**Women in IP Law Committee Breakfast Meeting**

**Speaker:** Kristen Crockett, Founder/CEO of The Crockett Collective, Leadership Strategist and Executive Coach

**Leading From Any Seat: How to Build Influence, Confidence, and Impact Beyond Your Title**

This session equips IP professionals with practical tools to expand their leadership influence and drive impact without waiting for promotion. You'll discover hidden leadership opportunities in your current role, build credibility and trust without formal authority, identify barriers to advancement, and clarify your unique leadership strengths. Leave with concrete strategies to lead with greater confidence and impact immediately.

**Sponsored in part by:** Foley Hoag, LLP; Merchant & Gould, PC; Solve Intelligence

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## 9:00 – 10:00 AM

**MORNING PLENARY**

**Its All About the Prompts...the AI Prompts**

Back by popular demand, Ann McCrackin's AI Prompting Workshop returns with updated strategies and real-world examples reflecting the latest developments in generative AI.

**Speaker:** Ann McCrackin, UNH Franklin Pierce, Boston, MA

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## 10:15 AM – 12:00 NOON - Concurrent Tracks and Skills Workshops

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 10:15 - 11:00 AM

**How the UPC is Reshaping Patent Litigation**

The UPC is becoming a major forum for multinational patent disputes. This program examines strategic considerations of the UPC as a forum (such as injunctive relief and recent developments in discovery) and the impact of UPC on co-pending U.S. litigation. Could envision this as a panel with in-house and/or outside counsel.

**Speakers:**

Stefan Manzer, Ter Meer, Munich, Germany

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 10:15 - 11:00 AM

**IP License Agreements in an AI World**

Generative AI is quietly dismantling core assumptions underlying traditional IP protection and licensing. Recent court decisions confirming that AI-generated works lack copyright protection force developers, licensor's, and counsel to rethink how value in software and other AI-generated works are protected and transferred. This topic examines why legacy license agreements break down in the AI context and how contract- and compliance-driven frameworks are emerging to manage ownership uncertainty, risk allocation, and regulatory exposure. Attendees will leave with a practical road map for structuring AI-related agreements in a post-authorship world.

**Speakers:**

Jessica Ergmann, Sagacity Legal, Cambridge, MA

Ariel Seidner, Duane Morris LLP, New York, NY

Jonathan Osha, Osha Bergman Watanabe & Burton, Houston, TX

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 1

**The ABCs of IPRs**

Learn the basics of Inter Partes Reexaminations before the USPTO.

**Instructor:** David Lindner, Crowell & Moring LLP, Chicago, IL

11:00 - 11:15 AM COFFEE BREAK

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 11:15 AM - 12 Noon

**Autonomous AI Agents in Patent Prosecution**

As AI systems evolve from passive tools into autonomous agents traditional IP frameworks are being challenged. This CLE would explore emerging legal and prosecution issues surrounding agentic AI systems, including inventorship, ownership of AI-assisted outputs, enablement concerns, system-level claim drafting, infringement attribution, and governance/accountability structures. The session would also examine how enterprises are operationalizing AI agents across business workflows and the resulting implications for patent strategy, trade secrets, and litigation risk. Managing Autonomous AI Agents

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 11:15 AM - 12 Noon

**Anatomy of a Trade Secret Mega-Verdict: From Litigation Funding to Appeals, A Practical Look At the Key Issues Driving These Cases**

Trade secret litigation is increasingly becoming more focused on damages. Because juries are predisposed to favor plaintiffs, there have been many recent large verdicts, including punitive damages, but many have been set aside on appeal.

**Speakers:**

Mark Klapow, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC

Stephanie Southwick, Burford Capital, San Francisco, CA

Dawn Hall, FTI Consulting, New York, NY

*Hosted by: Trade Secret Law Committee*

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 2

**WIPO: The Hague**

## 12:30 – 2:00 PM

**Keynote Luncheon:**

**The AIPLA Annual Business Meeting will be held from 1:30 - 1:45 PM.**

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## 2:15 - 4:00 PM Concurrent Tracks and Skills Workshops

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 2:15 - 3:00 PM

**Medical Device Litigation: Perspectives from In House and Outside Counsel**

**Speakers:**

Mark Blake, Medtronic, Irvine, CA

*Hosted by: Copyright Law Committee*

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 1 - 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Ethics CLE

**Ins and Outs of Providing IP Pro Bono Service**

*Hosted by: Pro Bono Committee*

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 2:15 - 3:00 PM

**Unchaining the GUI: Navigating the USPTO's New Frontier for Digital and Immersive Design Patents**

On March 13, 2026, the USPTO issued game-changing supplemental guidance that fundamentally alters the landscape for protecting user experience and user interface (UX/UI) design. By removing the archaic requirement to visually depict a physical display screen in design drawings, the Office has streamlined the path to protection for traditional software interfaces while explicitly opening the doors to emerging spatial computing formats. This session will analyze the immediate operational impacts of this new guidance. We will explore how to leverage the relaxed drawing standards for traditional graphical user interfaces (GUIs), the newfound eligibility framework for projections, holograms, and AR/VR environments, and how these broader patent pathways intersect with a tightening enforcement environment at the Federal Circuit. Additionally, we will discuss various ambiguities in the language, our interpretation, and how the USPTO could amend or adjust the guidance to give further clarification. Attendees will gain practical strategies for updating their design patent drafting templates and future-proofing their digital product portfolios.

**Speakers:**

Margaret Polson, Polson Intellectual Property Law, Washington, DC

Henning Hartwig, Bardehle Pagenberg, Munich, Germ

*Hosted by: Patent Agents Committee*

3:00 - 3:15 PM COFFEE BREAK

### CONCURRENT CLE TRACK 2 - 3:15 - 4:00 PM

**The Artificial Inventor Project and DABUS - Lessons Learned Around the World**

This panel will discuss the lessons learned and current status of The Artificial Inventor Project and DABUS (Device for the Autonomous Bootstrapping of Unified Sentience), a series of test cases filed with IP offices around the world to explore the possibilities of AI inventorship.

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 1

**Pathways to Success: Exploring Careers in IP Law**

Curious about where a career in intellectual property could take you? Join us for an interactive session designed to help you navigate the many paths in IP law. Attendees will hear candid career journeys during round-table discussions, participate in small-group breakout conversations to ask targeted questions, and gain valuable insights from live mock interviews with experienced practitioners.

*Hosted by: Special Committee on Law Student Engagement*

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 2

**To come**

### SKILLS WORKSHOP 3

**To come**

## 4:00 - 6:00 PM

**Committee Educational Sessions and Business Meetings**

View the full committee schedule on the Annual Meeting website or in the Meeting App.

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## Friday, October 30, 2026
All times listed are Eastern Time

**DAY 2**

### 6:45 - 7:45 PM
**Networking Reception in the Exhibit Hall - Open to all attendees**

### 8:00 - 10:00 PM
**Dinner Celebration**

## Saturday, October 31, 2026
All times listed are Eastern Time

**DAY 3**

### 9:00 – 11:00 AM

**YEAR IN REVIEW**

The Annual Meeting concludes with our signature Year in Review plenary, highlighting the most significant patent law developments, trends, and decisions from the past year.

**Moderator:** Jocelyn D. Ram, The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Cambridge, MA

### 11:00 – 12:00 Noon

**ETHICS**

This panel will explore the circumstances that may require or support an attorney's withdrawal from an attorney-client relationship in accordance with Rule 11.116, and the potential difficulties that may arise when the client does not want the lawyer to withdraw. The panel will also discuss the lawyer's confidentiality obligations, duty to cooperate with new counsel, conflicts (particularly in a joint client context, when withdrawal is required only for one of the clients), and related issues.

### 12:00 Noon **Board of Director's Meeting**


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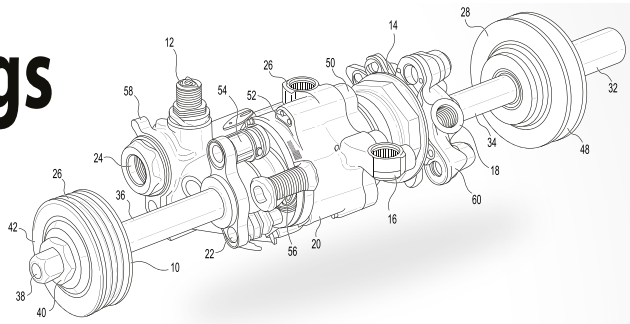

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# FIRST TIME AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

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Whether you're new to AIPLA, attending your first Annual Meeting, or both, we're excited to welcome you. The Annual Meeting is designed to help you learn, build connections, and become part of the AIPLA community. Here are a few tips to help you make the most of your experience.

**New Here? Start Here!**

Make the most of your #aiplaAM26 experience from the moment you arrive! Join us for the First-Time Attendee & New Member Orientation on Thursday, October 29, at 7:45 a.m. in Redbud. Connect with fellow attendees, get insider tips for navigating the meeting, and have all your questions answered before the Annual Meeting officially begins.

**Attend the First-Time Attendee & New Member Reception**

Already had a chance to connect? Continue building your network at the First-Time Attendee & New Member Reception on Thursday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.

This casual event is a great opportunity to meet fellow first-time attendees, connect with AIPLA leaders and members, and start building your network.

**Pick Up Your First-Time Attendee Ribbon**

When you pick up your badge, be sure to get a First-Time Attendee/New Member ribbon and wear it throughout the meeting.

It's an easy way to let other attendees know you're new. AIPLA leaders, mentors, and longtime members actively look for these ribbons and make an effort to introduce themselves, answer questions, and help you feel welcome.

**Say Hello!**

One of the best parts of the Annual Meeting is the people you'll meet.

Don't hesitate to introduce yourself, strike up a conversation before a session, or join others at networking events. You'll find AIPLA members are welcoming, approachable, and eager to help you make connections.

**Attend the Networking Receptions**

From the First-Time Attendee/New Member Reception to evening networking events, receptions offer a relaxed environment to meet colleagues from across the IP profession.

Whether you're reconnecting with familiar faces or meeting someone for the first time, these informal conversations often become some of the most valuable moments of the meeting.

**Download the Mobile App**

The AIPLA Annual Meeting mobile app helps you:

- View the meeting schedule
- Build your personal agenda
- Connect with fellow attendees
- Receive important updates throughout the meeting

Be sure to download the app before you arrive so you're ready to go on day one.

**Request a Mentor**

First-time attendees can request a mentor during registration to help them navigate the meeting, make connections, and get the most out of the experience.

**Explore the Exhibit Hall**

Take time to visit the Exhibit Hall and meet AIPLA's exhibitors.

You'll discover innovative products, services, and technologies designed to support IP professionals—and have the opportunity to connect directly with industry experts.

**Attend Sessions That Interest You**

There are plenty of educational opportunities throughout the meeting, so don't feel like you need to attend everything.

Choose sessions that align with your practice, interests, or areas you'd like to learn more about—and don't be afraid to explore something new.

**Ask Questions**

Have a question about the meeting? Need help finding a session? Looking for recommendations?

AIPLA staff, committee leaders, and fellow members are happy to help. Don't hesitate to ask—we're here to make your first Annual Meeting a great experience.

**We Can't Wait to Meet You!**

We hope your first AIPLA Annual Meeting is both rewarding and enjoyable. We encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity to learn, connect, and get involved—you'll be glad you did.

## Helpful Hints:

Dress comfortably but professionally. Business attire is appropriate for most sessions and events, though business casual is common during daytime programming.

Bring business cards (or be ready to exchange LinkedIn information). Networking is one of the biggest benefits of attending.

Don't be afraid to attend open committee meetings and events. Even if you're just listening, it's a great way to learn about AIPLA and meet members with similar interests.

Give yourself a few extra minutes between sessions. Those hallway conversations often lead to some of the best networking opportunities.

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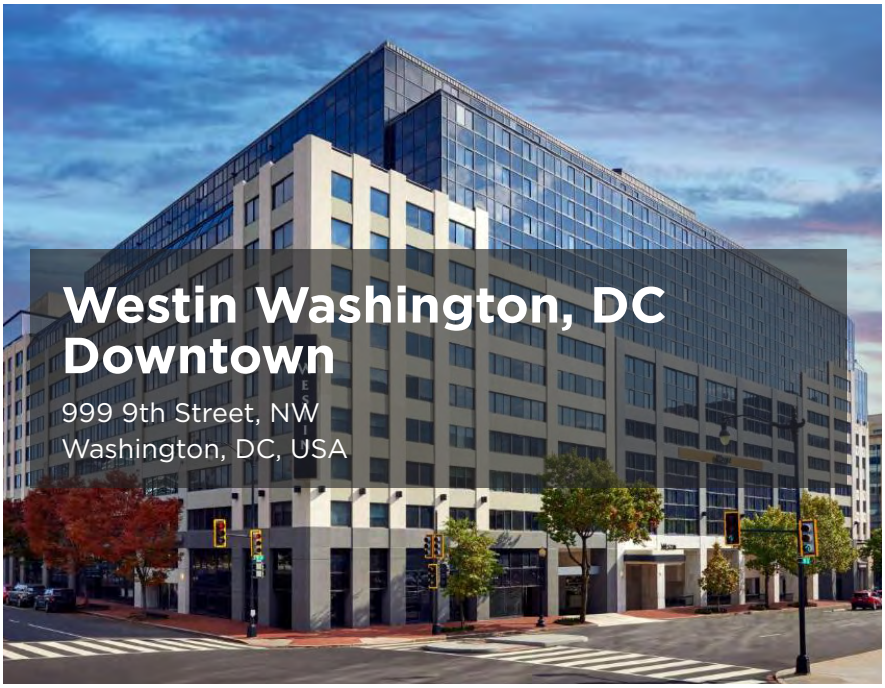


# Hotel & Transportation

**Group Room Rate:**
$332 plus applicable taxes.

**HOTEL CUTOFF:**
Monday, October 5, 2026

**Check-in:** 4:00PM

**Check-out:** 11:00AM

**Scan the QR code to book your room**

**RESERVATION LINK:**

## Parking Information

Valet parking is available at $42 for up to 2 hours, $51 for 2–6 hours, and $72 for 6–24 hours or overnight. Oversized vehicles: $80. Self-parking is available in the on-site garage operated by Colonial Parking, with rates from $11–$48 depending on duration. Early Bird (Mon–Fri, in by 9am/out by 6pm): $15. Evening Rate (after 5pm, out by 3am): $16. In/out privileges available at check-in. EV charging available on P1. Garage entrance on I Street.

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### Transportation

The Westin Washington is just a 15-minute drive from Reagan National Airport and a 45-minute drive from both Dulles and Baltimore Washington International Airports.

**On-Property:**

**Onsite Car Rental Company:** Hertz

**Subway Stations Nearby:**

Gallery Place- Chinatown (Green, Yellow & Red Lines)
Metro Centre (Blue, Orange & Silver Lines)

**Nearby Train Station:** Union Station

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# Special Registration Options and Discounts

## AIPLA Members... Invite a Colleague to Join and Register! Recruit More... Save More!

**Take a look at the benefits of recruiting a new member:**

- Reduction of your 2026 Annual Meeting registration fee in increments of $50 for each Regular (in practice more than five years), or International Affiliate member you recruit and $25 for each Junior member you recruit. There is no limit to the discount you can earn.
- An invitation to attend the New Member/First-Time Attendee Reception, Thursday, October 29, 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

**To recruit new members, tell them about the special benefits of joining now:**

- They can register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate instead of the non-member rate—a savings of hundreds!
- Each new member who registers for the Annual Meeting will receive a special invitation emailed to them to attend the New Member/First-Time Attendee Reception.
- Access the Special Membership Application from the Annual Meeting homepage

**After the newly recruited member has completed the membership application form(s):**

- Sign on the Recruiter line.
- Important: Include the Membership Application form(s) with your 2026 Annual Meeting Registration Form to ensure proper credit.
- Email both to membership@aipla.org, or mail both to AIPLA Headquarters, 2000 Duke Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314
- If you are a first-time AIPLA meeting attendee, be sure to indicate it on the registration form.

## Corporate In-House Counsel — Attending Your First AIPLA Meeting? Please, be Our Guest...

AIPLA has a special offer to encourage in-house corporate counsel to attend an AIPLA major meeting to see first-hand the outstanding CLE programs we provide.

For individuals who have never attended an AIPLA stated meeting who are also corporate in-house counsel, AIPLA will waive the registration fee. Tickets to the events are not included in this registration. You will need to pay for those events separately. This waiver of fees is available for one stated meeting only.

To take advantage of this one-time offer, simply complete the registration form and email it to us at membership@aipla.org. Once AIPLA has verified that this is your first major meeting and that you meet the in-house corporate counsel criteria, you will receive a registration confirmation. Our hope is that you enjoy your experience at your first AIPLA meeting and that you will join us again for future programs and become more actively involved with the work of the Association, especially through involvement with the Committees.

If you qualify for this special offer, please select the box listed as “first-time corporate in-house counsel” on the registration form.

## Group Discounts

AIPLA is pleased to announce the introduction of a new, special registration option for law firms and corporations. In an effort to create opportunities for multiple IP practitioners from a single organization to attend the meeting, AIPLA is offering one complimentary registration for the 2026 Annual Meeting for every three [3], fully-paid registrations.

## Register 3-Get 1 FREE

Your complimentary registration may be used for a colleague, client, or other as you determine is most valuable.

A paper registration must be downloaded from the website and submitted for the complimentary registration by email to membership@aipla.org. Please note in the email the names of the three paid registrants for confirmation.

Only fully paid registrations can be applied toward the multi-registration offer. The following exclusions apply:

- This offer is not valid for meeting exhibitors.
- Guest registrations do not apply toward the total number of paid registrations.
- First-time corporate attendees and Corporate Subscription registrations do not apply toward the total number of paid registrations.

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# Registration and Cancellation Information

**1. Registration:**

Register by **October 21, 2026** to be included on the participation list. On-site registrations will be accepted; however, please be prepared to pay by check, cash or credit card. We DO NOT invoice for any fees. Attendees must register for the meeting if they wish to register for or attend social events. Badges are required at all meetings and social events.

Registration for the AIPLA Annual Meeting includes: access to the plenaries, tracks, and skills workshops (if you registered in advance for one), the meeting app and all materials and recordings after the conference, networking events that are not ticketed, and CLE (requires appropriate paperwork is completed).

**2. Submitting Your Registration:**

**ONLINE:** You should receive an email confirmation shortly after you complete the process. Please keep this confirmation for your records. www.aipla.org

**EMAIL:** Completed registration forms, including payment information, can be sent to membership@aipla.org.

**MAIL:** Mail registrations to:

**AIPLA**
2000 Duke Street, Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314

**International Registrations:**

If you submit a registration via fax with credit card payment, do not send a "confirmation copy" via mail as it may be processed twice, and you may be billed twice. If you are paying by check, please mail your registration. You may fax 703-415-0786 a copy of your check and registration to account for possible foreign mail delay. **Payment for meeting registration must be in US currency.**

**3. Spouses or Accompanying Guests Must Register.**

Guests over 18 pay a guest fee of $150. There are many opportunities for your spouse or guest to join you throughout the meeting, as well as network with and get to know the other spouses and guests attending the meeting. The Guest fees include a guest badge and access to all unticketed events, including: the continental breakfasts, luncheon receptions and morning and afternoon breaks. *This fee is intended for spouses and guests attending the Annual Meeting who are not eligible for AIPLA membership or who would not otherwise attend the meeting for CLE purposes. This guest fee is not available in lieu of paying the registration fee for vendors requesting more than the allotted number of exhibitor badges.*

**4. Purchasing Event Tickets On-Site:**

Events may sell out. Tickets on-site are sold on an "as available" basis. Tickets will be collected at all food functions and the spouse/guest tours.

If you do not arrive at the event within the first 30 minutes of the start time of the event, you are not guaranteed a seat.

**5. Returned Check and Credit Card Fees:**

Registrations received that result in a returned check or contain incomplete credit card information, including omitted signature, omitted expiration date, wrong number sequences, etc., will be charged a $35 fee for each instance.

**6. Cancellation:**

Cancel by **September 30, 2026** and receive a refund less a $50 processing fee. Cancel between **October 1 and October 15** and receive a refund less a $250 processing fee. No refunds issued after close of business **October 15, 2026**. Cancellations must be made in writing. Please mail, email, or fax — 703-415-0786 — your cancellation in writing to AIPLA, 2000 Duke Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. Any refunds will be processed after the meeting.

**CAUTION:** If you duplicate your registration with AIPLA, it is your responsibility to notify AIPLA in writing after the meeting and request a refund. No refunds will be given at the meeting site.

**7. Registration Transfer:**

Registrants may transfer their registration based on the following:

- Members may transfer their registration to other members.
- Non-members may transfer their registration to other non-members.
- A transfer from a member to a non-member will incur an additional fee equal to the difference in registration rates.

**8. Photographs and Video:**

There will be photographs and video taken throughout AIPLA's 2026 Annual Meeting that will be used in AIPLA print and electronic publications, including AIPLA's website.

**9. Attendee List:** As part of registering for the meeting, we provide sponsors and exhibitors a list of attendees. If you do not want your name or information listed, it is incumbent on you to change your sharing settings in the Meeting app or contact AIPLA to let us know. We do not rent or sell our attendee list to third parties. It is only provided to our exhibitors and sponsors.

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# AIPLA 2026 Annual Meeting Registration

Thursday, October 29 to Saturday, October 31, 2026 • Westin Washington, DC • 999 9th Street, NW • Washington, DC

**Ways to Register:**

Register Online:
Go to www.aipla.org
Credit Card Payment Only

Fax: 703-415-0786
(Faxed registrations MUST be accompanied by credit card information.)

Mail or eMail:
AIPLA
2000 Duke Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314
meetings@aipla.org

First name: _____ Last name: _____
Name for Badge: _____
Firm/Company: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
(Spouse/Guest) Name: _____

## I. AIPLA 2026 Annual Meeting Registration Rates

| **See AIPLA's Cancellation Policy for Important Dates and Information | Pre-registration deadline until 8/31/26 | Early registration deadline until 9/30/26 | Standard/Onsite after 9/30/26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AIPLA Member - Full Meeting** | $1145 | $1295 | $1545 |
| AIPLA Member - Day Rate fee per day. Please indicate preferred day. ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday | $875 (one day only) | $975 (one day only) | $1075 (one day only) |
| Government Employee/AIPLA Academic Member | $145 | $145 | $195 |
| AIPLA Junior/ IP Paralegal/Technical Advisor Affiliate Member | $685 | $785 | $885 |
| AIPLA Student Member | $55 | $55 | $55 |
| AIPLA Solo Practitioner Member/Regular Corporate Member | $995 | $1195 | $1395 |
| **First-Time Corporate In-House Counsel** (Corporate in-house practitioners only) | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| **Non-Member* - Full Meeting** | $1795 | $1895 | $2050 |
| Non-Member - Day Rate fee per day. Please indicate preferred day. ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday | $1350 (one day only) | $1450 (one day only) | $1550 (one day only) |
| **Spouse/Guest Fee** (For guests over 18) | $150 x #____ | $150 x #____ | $150 x #____ |
| | | *Registration Subtotal* | $ |

## II. AIPLA 2026 Annual Meeting Social and Networking Events

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| **Thursday, October 29, 2026** | | |
| Corporate Practice Breakfast (Corporate In-House Practitioners Only) | $0 x #_____ | |
| Luncheon | $84 x #_____ | |
| Mentor/Speed Networking Reception (for mentors and mentees) | $0 x #_____ | |
| New Member/First-Time Attendee Reception (for all new AIPLA members and First-time Meeting Attendees) | $0 x #_____ | |
| Diversity in IP Law Reception | $0 x #_____ | |
| Opening Night Reception | $99 x #_____ | |
| **Friday, October 30, 2026** | | |
| Women in IP Law Breakfast | $0 x #_____ | |
| Luncheon | $85 x #_____ | |
| Dinner and Entertainment<br>(A Table Reservation Includes 10 tickets) | $175 x #_____<br>$2500 x #_____ | |
| | *Social and Networking Events Subtotal* | $ |
| | **Total** | $ |

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☐ **Yes, I would like to be contacted about participating as a mentor or mentee (circle one) during 2026 Annual Meeting. Email me** _____

*To get the member rate, please submit a membership application and payment with this registration. To obtain a membership application, please visit our website at www.aipla.org.

☐ **Is this the first time attending an AIPLA stated meeting?**

**IMPORTANT!** Please indicate food restrictions/special needs requests

_____

**Method of payment**

☐ check enclosed (make checks payable to AIPLA)
☐ credit card (please circle one – AMEX, MC, or VISA)
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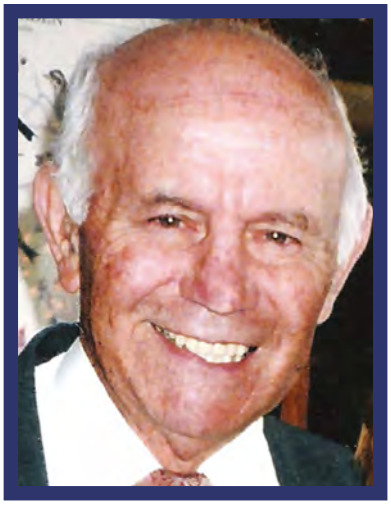
# The 2026 Maurice Klitzman Award



## Junior Corporate Attorneys or Corporate Patent Agents—

### Apply for a chance to Attend the Meeting for Free!

AIPLA is accepting applications for the 2026 Maurice Klitzman Award created to help young corporate patent attorneys continue their learning.

The Maurice Klitzman Award provides a junior corporate attorney or corporate patent agent the opportunity to attend the AIPLA 2026 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC—and to be connected with an experienced mentor during the meeting. The deadline for entries is **August 31, 2026**.

The award was established as a lasting and appropriate memorial to Mr. Klitzman for his active service to AIPLA. His heart and soul were dedicated to training young patent attorneys and helping them to develop a broad approach to IP Law with a conviction to moral principles and ethics. His career was a unique blend of corporate IP law, heartfelt support for the inventor, and shaping the mindset of future IP leaders.

The award will cover the recipient's reasonable travel and accommodation expenses during the 2026 Annual Meeting namely, coach air or train fare, hotel accommodation at the conference hotel, complimentary registration and function tickets, and incidental ground transportation. In addition, the recipient of the award will be assigned a mentor to provide guidance during the meeting and facilitate the opportunity to meet members of the AIPLA leadership.

**Deadline to Apply:** August 31, 2026

**Award includes:**

- Complimentary Registration for the AIPLA 2026 Annual Meeting
- Coach airfare or train fare
- Hotel accommodations at the conference hotel
- Tickets to all functions and incidental ground transportation

Apply online at: **www.aipla.org/resources/programs-awards/maurice-klitzman-award**

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**Lisa Beller**
**lbeller@aipla.org**

## AIPLA 2026 Annual Meeting

*October 29-October 31, 2026*

**Upcoming AIPLA Meetings!**

**2027 Global IP and Trade Summit**
*January 27 to 29, 2027*
Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort
Ft. Myers, FL

**2027 Spring Meeting**
*May 6 to 8, 2027*
Hyatt Regency Downtown Denver
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