

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
North Carolina Bar Association

Travel Dates:
03/28/2025 to 03/29/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$0.00	\$239.00	\$115.00	\$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

4/30/25
Date

Peter-Anthony Pappas
Printed Name of Traveler


Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

4/30/25
Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Expense Change

Revised Amount

Explanation

There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

Pappas, Peter-Anthony (Judiciary-Rep)

From: Matthews, Richard <rmatthews@williamsmullen.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 10:53 PM
To: Pappas, Peter-Anthony (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: RE: I'm back! [WMIMAN-IWOVRIC.FID2072575]
Attachments: 2025 Agenda (draft 10DEC24).docx

Peter-Anthony:

Congrats again on the recent appointment and it was great speaking with you back on Jan. 3rd.

Please consider this my formal invite to speak at the North Carolina Bar Association's IP Section Annual Meeting in Greensboro, NC's Grandover Resort on March 28th. The NCBA will reimburse your travel and lodging, and attached is a near-final draft agenda that has you on a panel with Laura Peter.

Please confirm you can attend and let me know if you need any further details.

Thanks,

Rick



Richard "Rick" T. Matthews
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RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Peter-Anthony Pappas

Employing Office/Committee:
TILLIS, THOM

Private Sponsor(s):
North Carolina Bar Association

Destination(s):
Greensboro, North Carolina

Travel Dates:
03/28/2025 to 03/29/2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

Peter-Anthony serves as the Director of Intellectual Property (IP) Policy for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary under Senator Thom Tillis – Chairman of the Subcommittee on IP – to whom he advises on all IP matters (e.g., patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark). Peter-Anthony has worked in the IP space for over 20 years.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge

2/25/2025
Date

Peter-Anthony Pappas
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Thom Tillis
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Peter-Anthony Pappas
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

2/25/2025
Date

Thom Tillis
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

North Carolina Bar Association: North Carolina Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program - March 28, 2025

 Peter-Anthony Pappas

Title:

None

Employing Office/Committee:

TILLIS, THOM

Duty Station:

WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Greensboro, North Carolina

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

None

Organization Information

Organization Name

North Carolina Bar Association

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type

N/A

Address

8000 Weston Parkway

Address 2 (Optional)

None

City, State Zip

Cary, North Carolina 27513 United States

Phone Number

(919) 659-1436

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

This is the first request that has come across my desk. Peter-Anthony Pappas has been invited to speak at one of our continuing legal education programs. He will be provided a set reimbursement amount for travel-related expenses. Receipts must be provided to receive reimbursement.

Educational Activities

The North Carolina Bar Association is the largest provider of continuing legal education in North Carolina. We produce approximately 70 programs annually.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Peter-Anthony Pappas has been invited to speak at an upcoming NCBA Intellectual Property CLE program in Greensboro, NC. He is co-presenting on the topic of "IP Legislative Updates" from 3:25-3:55 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

North Carolina Bar Association provides continuing legal education for attorneys throughout the state. We are NC's largest provider of CLE.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

i Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
03/28/2025 @ 07:30 AM



Trip End Date/Time:
03/29/2025 @ 12:30 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
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There are no transportation expenses.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$239.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/28/2025	03/29/2025	Grandover Resort and Spa	Greensboro	North Carolina	United States	1	\$239.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

This is a negotiated room block rate for our NCBA program. The \$239 does not include tax.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$115.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/28/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$70.00	Greensboro	North Carolina	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

Est dinner cost of \$50, incidentals for travel to and from airport. Breakfast and lunch included with program event.

03/29/2025	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	Greensboro	North Carolina	United States	Yes
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Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

Estimated \$25 for breakfast and \$20 for transportation to airport.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (n/a)	\$0.00	estimates provided in other travel notes

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name

Pappas travel information

Pappas travel information

Pappas travel information

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: _____

Travel Date(s): _____

Travel Destination(s): _____

Sponsor: _____

(printed name of sponsor representative)

(title)

Kate Leahy
(signature of sponsor representative)

(date)

Peter-Anthony Pappas

2025Intellectual Property Law Section Program

PROGRAMDETAILS

In-Person Live or Live Webcast (339IPM/#339LWC)

Friday, March 28, 2025 Grandover Resort, Greensboro

Approved Credit | North Carolina: 6.25MCLEHours

Includes

1.50Ethics/Professional Responsibility

1.00 Technology Training

Planned By | NCBA Intellectual Property Law Section

SUMMARY

Join us for an insightful discussion that brings you up to speed on the latest updates and recent developments in IP law including significant trademark and patent litigation cases from the past year, key developments shaping the future of patent law, and Uniform Patent Court (UPC) cases and current EU legal issues.

This engaging program dives into some of the trending topics and current issues in intellectual property law today, exploring the impact that AI tools can have on your practice, practical insights for managing mental health, ethical issues facing litigators, and an ethics session addressing USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) complaints and issues. And don't miss your chance to gain insight from judges as they share best practices and discuss their perspectives on key issues facing IP!

AGENDA

Thursday, March 27, 2025 5:30-7:30PM

5:30-7:30 Early Arrivals Networking Reception Grandover Resort

Friday, March 28, 2025 8:25AM-5:05PM

8:25-8:55 RegistrationandContinentalBreakfast

8:55-9:00 Welcome and Introductions

- 9:00-10:00 **AI Tech Tools and Proficiency Issues for IP Lawyers** | *Fruth*
Receive an overview of various AI technology tools available to IP lawyers, along with potential challenges and ethical considerations surrounding their use. Explore how these tools can impact IP practice and the issues that attorneys should be aware of.
- 10:00-10:10 Break
- 10:10-10:40 **Zen and the Art of IP Law** | *Ergenzinger*
The complex and often high-stakes nature of intellectual property law can exact a heavy toll on IP attorneys. Explore mental health and substance use issues in the practice of law from an IP perspective. Topics include (1) factors that contribute to anxiety, depression, and substance use disorder in IP practices; (2) what law firms and in-house counsel can do to support mental health in the IP field; and (3) attorney coping tools and information on support services.
- 10:40-10:50 Break
- 10:50-11:50 **Panel of Judges** | Moderator: *Matthews* | Panelists: *Judge Braden (Ret.), Judge Whitney, and Judge Conrad*
During this session, judges have an open panel discussion to share their perspectives on key issues facing IP law along with best practices for handling cases before them.
- 11:50-12:05 **Intellectual Property Law Section Annual Meeting** | *Richard T. "Rick" Matthews*
Williams Mullen, Raleigh, 2022-2025 Section Chair, presiding
- 12:05-12:50 Lunch Break
- 12:50-2:05 **IP Litigation Year in Review** | *Lawsor and Vogel*
Hear a review of the most significant intellectual property cases from the past year. This session also covers trademarks and other nonpatent cases of significance.
- 2:05-2:15 Break
- 2:15-3:15 **Hot Ethics Issues in IP Practice** | *Ali*

Receive insights and updates on certain ethical issues facing IP practitioners. Dive into the unique ethical considerations and challenges faced by patent and trademark lawyers. Navigate through the five critical areas of concern in IP practice. The session also discusses the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct, which are rooted in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and applicable to practice before the USPTO by patent and trademark lawyers.

3:15-3:25 Break

3:25-3:55 **IP Legislative Update** *Pappas and Peter*

Learn about the key developments shaping the future of patent law with various proposed patent legislation and rule packages. Speakers discuss the host of potential legislative provisions that may be enacted by the new administration, including the current state of such legislation and rules provisions.

3:55-4:05 Break

4:05-5:05 **Uniform Patent Court and EU Legal Update** *Gettridge and Michel de Cazotte*

Stay informed on the latest developments in Uniform Patent Court (UPC) cases and gain valuable insights into current EU legal issues. Speakers discuss significant rulings in recent cases and practice tips. This session offers counsel in the US a unique and up-to-date perspective on the UPC and various EU legal issues to better advise their clients with IP interests in the EU.

5:05 Adjourn

* Indicates portion providing Ethics/Professional Responsibility credit

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Planners

- David J. Grant, Stanek Lemon Crouse Meeks PA, Raleigh
- Laura M. Kelley, Myers Bigel, Raleigh
- Richard T. "Rick" Matthews, Williams Mullen, Raleigh

Moderator

- Richard T. "Rick" Matthews, Williams Mullen, Raleigh

Speakers

- Judge Susan G. Braden (Ret.), U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C.
- Judge Frank D. Whitney, U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Judge Adam M. Conrad, North Carolina Business Court, Charlotte
- Emil J. Ali, McCabe & Ali LLP, Los Angeles, CA
- Paul Bettridge, Carpmaels & Ransford LLP, London, UK
- Edward Ergenzinger, Ergenzinger IP Law, Raleigh
- Darrell A. Fruth, Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP, Raleigh
- Lance A. Lawson, Burr & Forman LLP, Charlotte
- Agathe Michel-de Cazotte, Carpmaels & Ransford LLP, London, UK
- Peter-Anthony Pappas, U.S. Senate Committee, Washington, D.C.
- Laura Peter, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte
- Jason M. Vogel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, Raleigh

The views and opinions expressed are those of the individuals and do not necessarily represent official policy, position or views of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Social/Networking Reception**Networking Reception**

- Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025
- 5:30-7:30PM
- Grandover Resort

Hotel Information**Grandover Resort**

1000 Club Road, Greensboro, NC 27407

- Nightly Rate \$239 per night
- Reservations \$36.294.180 (Ask for NCBA Intellectual Group Rate)
Reserve Here
- Hotel Cutoff Date Thursday, March 6, 2025

Peter-Anthony Pappas is eligible for up to \$700 in travel reimbursement from the NCBA for travel-related expenses for the Intellectual Property CLE in Greensboro, NC.

Pappas may travel by plane, train or automobile, and will be provided hotel information by the NCBA. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement purposes.

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