RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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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):
IQPC Exchange

Travel Dates:
01/25/2026 to 01/27/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,223.65	$299.00	$20.00	$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.

2/24/2026
Date

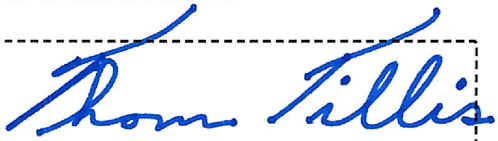
Peter-Anthony Pappas
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

2/24/2026
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
Meals	$20.00	Due to travel delays, Peter's total meal expenses were only $20.
Transportation	$1,223.65	Due to adverse weather conditions and last min cancellations, we had to rebook his flight through a new airline. Taxi costs also went up due to demand during peak hours at airports and change of airport location in DC, incurring greater fees for Peter to travel from home to airport. Airbound travel costs changed to $1,029.07 Land travel costs (taxis) changed to $194.58
Lodging	$299.00	Due to travel cancellations, he only needed to use a room for one night rather than 2.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation: Due to flight cancellations due to adverse weather, Peter was unable to attend on Day One of the conference. Thus, all itinerary details were cancelled until his flight arrived in the evening of Day One.

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

( ) Yes (●) No

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

Dear Peter-Anthony Pappas,

Thank you for our correspondence over the previous few weeks.

I'm writing this letter on behalf of *IQPC Exchange* to formally invite you to address our audience at *Global IP Exchange USA* on January 27th, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas.

Given your wealth of expertise across intellectual property policy, currently on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and previously at the USPTO, your insights and leadership would be highly valued at the event. Your public leadership would bode well amongst our IP community from across some of the largest and most innovative organisations in the US.

Proposed Session

30-min on-stage Fireside Chat with our Chair (or another moderator) at approximately 11.50am in front of our main audience (approx. 50 senior in-house IP Counsel & 25 senior brand protection leaders).

The proposed topic would be focused on IP from a policy angle. It would be interesting to begin with a 10min brief introductory remark, sharing an update on the current positioning of IP policy in the US and where it is likely heading in the coming years. *What should Chief IP Counsel expect in the next 2 years? What are the likely challenges and opportunities? How is the US uniquely positioning itself to protect its innovation assets from global infringement?* There would also be questions posed from the audience based on your initial 10mins introductory remarks.

Event Information

Global IP Exchange USA is an established annual conference produced by IQPC Exchange focused on gathering IP leaders across industries to exchange ideas, network and meet relevant solution providers.

IQPC Exchange is a for-profit organisation. As such, we are supported by reputable partners who sponsor the conference. They cover hosting fees so that attendees can attend, at no cost.

Our list of Sponsors and list of Confirmed Speakers can be found on our official website:
https://www.iqpc.com/events-global-ip-exchange-usa

Additional Information

There will be no lobbyists present. You have been invited to address the audience for them to benefit from your insights and a fantastic opportunity to network amongst our senior community.

Hope Shimabuku, *Director of the Texas Regional Office, USPTO* spoke to our audience in the January 2025 edition in Austin. Several other government officials have joined in previous years.

I'd be happy to share any additional information, if required.

Please get in contact with me in the coming week to confirm your approval to speak at the event.

Kind regards,

Benjamin Jones

Program Manager, Global IP Exchange USA

IQPC Exchange

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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):
IQPC Exchange

Destination(s):
San Antonio, Texas

Travel Dates:
01/25/2026 to 01/27/2026
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.

12/18/2025
Date

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)

I 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)

12/18/2025
Date

Thom Tillis
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

IQPC Exchange: Global IP Exchange USA 2026

Peter-Anthony Pappas

Title:
Director of Intellectual Property Policy

Employing Office/Committee:
TILLIS, THOM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

San Antonio, Texas

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

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
IQPC Exchange

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address 2 (Optional)
None

Phone Number
+447939184657

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
○ Yes ● No

Address
129 Wilton Road

City, Country
London, United Kingdom

Organization URL
https://www.iqpc.com/events-global-ip-exchange-usa

History of Congressional Travel

IQPC Exchange UK has not previously sponsored congressional travel.

Educational Activities

IQPC Exchange UK hosts conferences in a wide variety of subject areas and formats.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

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

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.

The return trip from Washington DC to San Antonio is to allow for Peter-Anthony Pappas to attend and speak at Global IP Exchange USA 2026. His transport to the airport, flights and transfer to the event venue will be covered by our organisation to allow for in-house IP leaders to hear from his insights and expertise.

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

Our organization's mission is to gather senior leaders across intellectual property, brand protection and trademark functions from a range of organizations in the US. Many of our speakers are also delegates. None of our speakers are paid-for speakers (we do not pay them a fee to speak). The conference is for leaders to exchange ideas and network with other peers from different industries and functions to collaborate and innovate in their leadership roles. Peter-Anthony Pappas, the speaker in question, will provide his insights and experiences on a topic relating to Intellectual Property Policy and what leaders in IP should be aware of, strategies to streamline patent operations, how to collaborate with different stakeholders, including government representatives and also an idea as to the direction of IP policy in the US and globally.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] 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

- [x] 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

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] 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.

- [x] 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
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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

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

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
01/25/2026 @ 12:25 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
01/27/2026 @ 11:24 AM

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: $743.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$593.00

Note
Round trip from Washington DC to San Antonio

Ground Transportation	Coach	$150.00

Note
Total taxi fare to travel from Airport to and from Venue in San Antonio and also to and from Airport in Washington DC to the office/home.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $598.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
01/25/2026	01/27/2026	Signia by Hilton La Cantera Resort	San Antonio	Texas	United States	2	$299.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Staying in the same venue as his speaking session would be most appropriate and reasonable, rather than having to travel from one venue to another, which would incure greater cost and inconvenience to the speaker. All other guests will also be staying at this same venue.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $114.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
01/26/2026	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$14.00	**$74.00**	San Antonio	Texas	United States	No
01/27/2026	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	$20.00	**$40.00**	San Antonio	Texas	United States	No

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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: Global IP Exchange USA 2026

Travel Date(s): 01/25/2026 & 01/27/2026

Travel Destination(s): Washington DC to San Antonio

Sponsor: IQPC Exchange UK

Benjamin Jones
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Conference Producer
(title)

Signed by:
Ben Jones
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(signature of sponsor representative)

12/16/2025
(date)

Senate Intivees for Global IP Exchange USA 2026:

1. **Peter-Anthony Pappas, Director of IP Policy, Committee on the Judiciary (Sen. Tillis), United States Senate**

Itinerary for Peter-Anthony Pappas at Global IP Exchange USA:

Sunday January 25th 2026

17:25-20:30	Peter's flight from Washington DC to San Antonio
20:30-21:30	Transfer from Airport to Venue + Overnight Stay at Hotel

Monday January 26th 2026 – Day One of the Conference (Attendance, Networking and Sharing input as an attendee)

07:30-08:30	Breakfast, Registration & Coffee
08:30-08:50	Introductory Remarks by Production Team & Chair
08:50-10:20	Panel on AI, Presentation on Patent Assertion Entities
10:25-12:05	Think Tank Format Sessions – Preparing Patent Applications, IP Tech Adoption
12:10-12:55	Panel on Brand Protection – Working with Marketplaces
12:55-13:55	Lunch
13:55-14:25	Think Tank Format Sessions - Automation
14:30-15:35	Panel on IP Alliances, Presentation on the Evolving IP World
15:40-17:20	Think Tank Format Session – Competitive Intelligence & IP Solutions, Localization Session, Coffee & Networking Break
17:25-17:55	Roundtables on IP Workflows, Navigating Patent Challenges in China, Mitigating AI-enabled Brand Risks (Phishing)
18:15-20:15	Evening Drinks Reception & Networking
	Overnight Stay at Hotel

Tuesday January 27th 2026 – Day Two of the Conference (Speaking)

07:30-08:30	Breakfast, Registration & Coffee
08:30-08:45	Introductory Remarks by Chair
08:45-09:15	Peter's Panel Session - **IP of Tomorrow: Policy, Priorities and Next-Steps for In-House IP Leaders**
09:15+	Conference continues. Peter Checks out of Airport
09:30-10:00	Peter transfers via taxi to San Antonio Airport
12:15-16:24	Return Flight from San Antonio to Washinton DC