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):
Litfincon

Travel Dates:
01/13/2026 to 01/15/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$701.00	$978.00	$290.00	~~$100.00~~ #159.23

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
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.	$159.23	Ground transportation.

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.

From: Litfincon Support
To: Pappas, Peter-Anthony (Judiciary-Rep)
Cc: Jacob Varghese (External); Imogen Lopez (External)
Subject: Invitation to LITFINCON V
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:24:19 PM

Dear Mr. Pappas,

On behalf of LITFINCON, I am delighted to extend a formal invitation to you to serve as a distinguished speaker at LITFINCON V, the premier litigation finance conference, taking place in January 14-15, 2026, at the Post Oak Hotel in Houston, Texas. Please visit www.litfincon.com to learn more about the conference.

LITFINCON has established itself as the leading platform for networking and knowledge sharing in the litigation finance space. Our fifth annual conference promises to be our most impactful yet, bringing together top-tier law firms, general counsel, distinguished jurists, investors, and finance professionals from across the globe. LITFINCON V in Houston represents the cornerstone event of this exciting new chapter.

Your expertise and thought leadership in litigation finance would add tremendous value to our program. We are confident that your insights would resonate strongly with our audience of decision-makers and industry leaders who are shaping the future of this rapidly evolving field.

The conference will feature:

- Our signature Judicial Panel featuring distinguished jurists discussing litigation funding perspectives
- Panel discussions on intellectual property funding, patent litigation, and law firm monetization strategies
- Sessions on current trends in insurance, secondary markets, and the changing legislative landscape
- AI-driven deal-making lounges and extensive networking opportunities
- Live deal analysis and structuring workshops led by industry experts

Who Attends

- Litigation funders and investment firms
- Am Law 100 and leading boutique law firms
- Corporate counsel and general counsel

Institutional investors and private equity professionals

- Insurers and risk managers
- Academics, analysts, and policy experts

We would be honored to have you participate in a panel discussion or deliver a keynote address on a topic within your area of expertise. Our team would be pleased to work with you to develop content that aligns with both your interests and the conference objectives.

As a speaker, you will receive:

- Complimentary conference registration
- Access to all networking events and social functions
- Recognition in all conference marketing materials and promotional content
- Connection with an elite network of litigation finance professionals

We are flexible and committed to making your participation as seamless and rewarding as possible. We look forward to hosting you in Houston for what promises to be a landmark event in the litigation finance industry.

Thanks,

Jacob Varghese | LITFINCON
Vice President
M:213-926-5273

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):
Litfincon

Destination(s):
Houston, Texas

Travel Dates:
01/13/2026 to 01/15/2026
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.

12/11/2025
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)

12/11/2025
Date

Thom Tillis
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Litfincon: LITFINCON V

Peter-Anthony Pappas

Title:
Director of Intellectual Property Policy

Employing Office/Committee:
TILLIS, THOM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Houston, Texas

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Litfincon

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
1401 Mckinney St

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 900

City, State Zip
Houston, Texas 77010 United States

Phone Number
2139265273

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

This is the first time that we are doing this.

Educational Activities

We have a conference that is about Litigation Finance.

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.

This trip is for Peter Pappas to be on a panel at LITFINCON V in Houston, Texas on January 13-15th -, 2026

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

We host a conference for Litigation Finance, and Peter's participation will add a unique perspective to the panels and conversations

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

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

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
01/13/2026 @ 10:58 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
01/15/2026 @ 10:58 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: $701.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$701.00

Note
United Airlines

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $978.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
01/13/2026	01/15/2026	Post Oak Hotel	Houston	Texas	United States	2	$489.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is the hotel where everyone is staying for the conference, and this is the negotiated rate we were able to secure for this hotel.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $290.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
01/13/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	**$100.00**	Houston	Texas	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
These are the contracted rates for the venue per person

01/14/2026	$35.00	$35.00	$45.00	$0.00	**$105.00**	Houston	Texas	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
These are the contracted rates for the conference venue based on attendance

01/15/2026	$25.00	$60.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$85.00**	Houston	Texas	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is the contracted rate for the venue based on attendance

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $100.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Uber)	$100.00	

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
Flight

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: LItfincon V - Houston Texas

Travel Date(s): January 12th - January 15th

Travel Destination(s): Houston Texas

Sponsor: Litfincon

Jacob Varghese
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Vice President
(title)

Jacob Varghese
(signature of sponsor representative)

12/10/2025
(date)

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Invite List

Peter Anthony - Pappas

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Flight – arriving at hotel 6:30 pm

Dinner at Mastros 5 – 8pm (Networking Dinner)

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Registration & Breakfast
8:00 AM- 9:30 AM

Opening Remarks: Welcome to LITFINCON V
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Panel 1: Judicial Panel- The Deciders, The Judicial Viewpoint on Litigation Funding
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM *(1hr 15min discussion)*

Q&A
10:30 AM- 10:45 AM

Nonprofit Spotlight: WOLF
10:45AM- 10:50 AM

Morning Refreshment Break
10:50 AM – 11:05 AM

Panel 2 – State of the Union: Current Trends in Litigation Finance
11:05 AM – 12:00 PM *(55 min discussion)*

Q&A
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Legal Tech Pitch 1
12:15 PM - 12:20 PM

Networking Break
12:20 PM – 12:35 PM

Panel 3 – Legislative Landscape: Regulatory Impact on Litigation Funding
12:35 PM – 1:20 PM

Q&A
1:20 PM - 1:35 PM

Platinum Sponsor Showcase:
1:35 PM -1:40 PM

Buffet Lunch
1:40 PM – 2:25 PM (45min)

Panel 4 – **Mass Torts: Market Update and Structural Challenges**
2:25 PM- 3:10 PM

Q&A
3:10 PM -3:20 PM

Legal Tech Pitch 2
3:20 PM – 3:25 PM

Panel 5 – **Technology & AI: The New Frontier in Litigation Funding**
3:25 PM - 4:10 PM

Q&A
4:10 PM – 4:20 PM

Afternoon Refreshment Break
4:20 PM – 4:35 PM

Panel 6 – **The Role of Insurance: Evolving Risk Transfer Tools**
4:35 PM – 5:20 PM

Q&A
5:20 PM – 5:30PM

Panel Discussion **Wrap-Up and Thank You Remarks by Jim Batson**
5:30 PM- 5:45 PM

Cocktail Reception
5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Breakfast & Networking
8:00 AM -9:30 AM

Opening Remarks
9:00 AM -9:20 AM

Panel 7 – The Case For and Against Litigation Funding
9:20 AM – 10:05 AM

Q&A
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM

Platinum Sponsor Showcase:
10:15 AM - 10:20 AM

Nonprofit Spotlight:
10:20 AM – 10:25 AM

Panel 8 – LP Perspectives: What Institutional Investors Want
10:25 AM – 11:10 AM

Q&A
11:10 AM – 11:20 AM

Morning Refreshment Break
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM

Panel 9 – Portfolio & Secondary Markets: Dynamics & Growth
11:35 AM – 12:20 PM

Q&A
12:20 PM- 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch- Law, Lunch & Laughs with Dave Waite
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Panel 10 – Funding Patent Litigation and IP Disputes
1:30 PM– 2:15 PM

Q&A
2:15 PM – 2:25 PM

Legal Tech Pitch 3
2:25 PM – 2:30 PM

Afternoon Refreshment Break
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Panel 11 – Monetization Strategies for Law Firms
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM

Q&A
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Flight leaving at 5:14