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):
The Naples Roundtable

Travel Dates:
02/15/2026 to ~~02/18/2026~~ 2/17/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$0.00	$1,000.00	$120.00	$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.

4/16/2026
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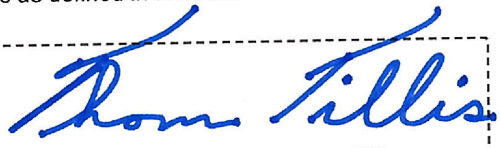
Peter-Anthony Pappas
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

4/16/2026
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.		

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.

THE NAPLES ROUNDTABLE

Exploring Ways to Strengthen & Improve the Patent System

December 4, 2025

Peter-Anthony Pappas
Director of Intellectual Property Policy
U.S. Senator Thom Tillis | Committee on the Judiciary

Dear Peter-Anthony,

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies, hosted by The Naples Roundtable. I am co-President of the organization and am reaching out in connection with our annual event.

Along with Judge Linn (our founder), Dave Kappos (Chair of our Advisory Board), and Andy Baluch (our co-President), I would be honored to welcome you to the 2025 Leahy Institute, scheduled for February 15-17 at the Naples Grande Resort in Naples, Florida. The conference is invitation-only to select IP experts and strictly abides by the Chattem House Rules. Participants come from both sides of the "v" and are encouraged to voice their expertise in an effort to strengthen and improve our patent system and economic competitiveness. You may find the Agenda for the 2025 conference here: https://thenaplesroundtable.org/institute-agenda/.

We would be delighted to discuss details with you further and provide the information necessary to register. We are poised to support your attendance and answer any questions you may have.

Very best regards and wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

/s/ Teresa Summers

Co-President, The Naples Roundtable

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):
The Naples Roundtable

Destination(s):
Naples, Florida

Travel Dates:
02/15/2026 to ~~02/17/2026~~ 2/18/2026
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.

1/28/2026
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)

1/28/2026
Date

Thom Tillis
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

The Naples Roundtable: Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies

Peter-Anthony Pappas

Title:
Director of Intellectual Property Policy

Employing Office/Committee:
TILLIS, THOM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Naples, Florida

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
The Naples Roundtable

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Private Foundation

Address 2 (Optional)

Phone Number
202-664-0926

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

Address
1626 Belle View Blvd., #7215

City, State Zip
Alexandria, Virginia 22307 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

None

Educational Activities

We host an annual educational conference aimed to strengthen and improve the patent system.

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

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The Naples Roundtable is a 501(c)(3) organization formed to strengthen and improve the U.S. patent system. The conference will take place in Naples, Florida on February 15-17, 2026. The conference is by invitation only, is limited to 100 key players, and is designed to promote a candid exchange of views on both sides of selected issues relating to our patent system. The agenda and details on the conference can be found at: https://thenaplesroundtable.org/institute-agenda/. At the conference, The Naples Roundtable identifies current issues in need of clarification. These issues focus our attention, foster our discussion, and inspire us to work toward making the U.S. patent system an "engine of innovation."

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

The conference discussions help us to understand diverse views from key thought leaders about important IP issues. Though this discussion, we prepare a white paper that we share with U.S. PTO and Congress

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

- [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
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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:
02/15/2026 @ 04:00 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
02/18/2026 @ 10:00 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: $0.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount

There are no transportation expenses.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,000.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
02/15/2026	02/17/2026	Naples Grande Beach Resort	Naples	Florida	United States	2	$500.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
All conference attendees are staying at this hotel

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $120.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
02/16/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	Naples	Florida	United States	No
02/16/2026	$35.00	$50.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$85.00**	Naples	Florida	United States	No
02/17/2026	$35.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$35.00**	Naples	Florida	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: Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies

Travel Date(s): February 15 - 17, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Naples, FL

Sponsor: The Naples Roundtable

Teresa M. Summers — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

President — *(title)*

/s/Teresa M. Summers — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

Dec. 26, 2025 — *(date)*

Senate Invitees:

Peter-Anthony Pappas

THE NAPLES ROUNDTABLE

Naples Roundtable – 2026 Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies

Phoenix Issues and Agenda

DAY 1: Monday, February 15, 2026

7:45-8:45 Breakfast and Registration

8:45-9:00 Opening remarks

9:00-10:00 Issue 1: Life Sciences and Beyond: Impact of the IRA on patents and licensing after another year of implementation; developments on patent thickets, evergreening, continuation practice and double patenting after the *Allergan* decision; government's use of private companies' confidential information to train government AI systems at FDA, NIH, and USPTO; developments on drug-device patents including Orange Book-listability; developments of Most Favored Nation drug pricing and TrumpRx.gov.

10:00-11:00 Issue 2: Artificial Intelligence: Examples of the good, the bad and the ugly. AI use in evidence and *Daubert* tests of same. AI impact on enablement and written description. Impact on estoppel. Use of AI in litigation and prosecution. PTO search pilot, use by PTO of AI to prepare office actions and counter-use of AI by applicants.

11:00-12:00 Issue 3: Patent Tax Proposal and Bayh-Dole Restrictions: The impact of multiple new rules, draft guidance and policy proposals that override the Bayh Dole Act (including march-in rights based on price); Secretary Lutnick's proposal that the government should seize 50% of academic royalties resulting from licensing federally funded inventions; new NIH licensing guidelines (how will this impact universities); Commerce's march-in letter to Harvard.

12:00-12:30 Issue 4: Patent damages: Impact of *Ecofactor*; are damages awards for patent cases shrinking and how do they compare with damages for trade secrets cases (what causes the disparity)? Why is the Federal Circuit reversing so many large damages awards?

12:30-1:50 Lunch and Fireside Chat

2:00-3:00 Issue 5: PTAB in the Squires/Stewart Era. No IPRs for "old" patents based on settled expectations? Bifurcation of discretionary denials: is it good policy, is it helping with workload and staffing issues? Are discretionary denials without any reasoned basis for decision appropriate? Do the Director's early moves on Section 101 signal an opportunity to change the law,? Director Review to undo a Final Written Decision and de-institute trial. Should PTAB have rotating commissioners, like the USITC, to increase its independence? New notice of proposed rulemaking.

3:00-3:45 Issue 6: Developments in litigation finance and insurance: Shift toward transparency (when and why disclosure is warranted). Use of AI and data analytics to assess case viability. Viability of judgment preservation insurance. New insurance offerings.

3:45-4:30 Issue 7: How to effectively mediate patent cases: Pros/cons of mediation; is it worth pursuing and if so when and how? Various mediation offerings from ADR providers, and which offer advantages over others.

4:30-5:00 Issue 8: Socio-economic benefits economies can achieve through IP protection: Is there a correlation between effective IP protection and a strong economy; what impact do strong IP rights have on foreign and domestic investment; how does it impact global competitiveness and the race with China?

DAY 2: Tuesday, February 16, 2026

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:45 Issue 9: Patent pools and SEPs: What value do pools bring in solving global licensing issues and how? What are best practices for the operation of pools? Who has the better policy in the tussle between the UPC and UK courts with respect to granting of "interim license"? What should we take from the UKIPO's consultation on regulator rate setting and injunctions, given the recent abandonment of similar regulations by the EU?

9:45-10:30 Issue 10: The success of the EU patent courts: Emergence of the UPC and EU patent courts as the dominant venues for patent infringement adjudication (why

is it and will the trend continue?). Impact of Regeneron and Bayer preliminary injunction spanning 23 countries. Tension between the UK interim license law and UPC jurisdiction. Update on harmonization efforts.

10:30-11:45 Issue 11: Mistakes in patent prosecution that affect litigation outcomes: What are the top three pitfalls to avoid and how to avoid them?

11:45-12:00 Patent Agenda for the 120th Congress

12:00 Closing remarks