

Fiscal Year 2017 Judiciary Meetings and Conferences That Cost More Than \$100,000

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Conference Name	Location	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Attendees Funded by the Judiciary	Purpose and Benefits
First Circuit Judicial Conference	San Juan, PR	10/19/16	10/21/16	\$117,569	69	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the First Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island).
Transferee Judges Conference	Palm Beach, FL	10/31/16	11/02/16	\$194,765	119	The conference provided an opportunity for judges to discuss multidistrict litigation (MDL) cases, consult with their peers, and receive continuing education about legal and case management issues that arise regarding best practices when handling MDL cases. Led by judges, professors, and other experts, the conference allowed first time MDL judges to consult with knowledgeable and seasoned MDL judges to exercise efficient case
Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session	Denver, CO	11/17/16	11/19/16	\$130,384	85	The conference trained federal death penalty defense attorneys and staff on effective representation of Civil Justice Act clients in federal capital cases. Topics included factual and legal development and presentation of claims, use of mitigation and mental health experts, substantive and procedural habeas corpus jurisprudence, and clemency practice.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Supervisor Training	Charlotte, NC	03/06/17	03/10/17	\$135,438	125	The conference trained supervisory probation officers from different regions of the country that focused on techniques to be used by probation and pretrial services officers to reduce offender rearrests and thereby improve public safety. The training session for officers developed critical skills in practices to interact more effectively with offenders and manage behavior, and communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation. The conference also included individual coaching techniques.
Federal Defender Conference	Houston, TX	03/08/17	03/09/17	\$121,103	81	The conference provided training to chief federal defenders, administrative officers, and first assistants on operation and management of their offices with respect to Criminal Justice Act representations. The conference allowed participants to discuss management and operational improvements and knowledge transfer.
Civil Justice Act Panel Attorney District Representatives Conference	Houston, TX	03/10/17	03/11/17	\$120,603	41	The conference provided educational sessions to the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) representatives (private panel attorneys who take cases under the CJA). Discussion topics included national policy and legislation as it pertains to legal representation under CJA, substantive federal criminal law, computer technology, and federal criminal sentencing and detention issues and policy. Additional topics included containing costs that would not impact the quality of representation, proper billing practices, and the appropriate use of expert and investigative services. The training included the 41 government staff as well as 90 private attorneys who represent CJA cases from 90 districts around the country.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Regional Training	Orlando, FL	04/10/17	04/14/17	\$199,051	115	The conference focused on techniques to be used by probation and pretrial services officers to reduce offender rearrests and thereby improve public safety. The training session developed critical skills in officers to interact more effectively with offenders and manage behavior and communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation. The conference also included individual coaching techniques and exercises that focused on those critical skills.
Eleventh and Sixth Circuit Information Technology Conference	Atlanta, GA	04/10/17	04/14/17	\$243,883	190	The conference allowed participants (judges, court executives, and information technology (IT) managers) from two circuits (Sixth and Eleventh Circuits) and the Administrative Office to learn and share better ways to manage technology issues facing the courts. They were able to discuss and learn best practices from their peers and share their experiences to enhance technology usage in the courts. Topics included national IT projects and local IT initiatives.

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Court Interpreter Coordinator Conference	Columbus, OH	04/19/17	04/21/17	\$211,586	189	The conference trained court interpreter coordinators regarding the various forms of interpreting services in the courts and provided a platform for information sharing among colleagues to improve interpreting services.
Third Circuit Judicial Conference	Lancaster, PA	04/19/17	04/21/17	\$135,248	114	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 3rd Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania Eastern, Pennsylvania Middle, Pennsylvania Western and the Virgin Islands).
Federal Defender and Investigator Seminar	Long Beach, CA	05/02/17	05/04/17	\$312,455	188	The seminar provided training to paralegals and investigators working in federal defender offices to improve operational efficiency, case management and best practices. Topics included sentencing mitigation, mental health issues, report writing, testifying, interviewing, document management and analysis, forensics, cellular telephone forensics, online investigation, and offense-specific tips for building a defense.
Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference	Grapevine, TX	05/08/17	05/10/17	\$262,680	142	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 5th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Louisiana Eastern, Louisiana Middle, Louisiana Western, Mississippi Northern, Mississippi Southern, Texas Eastern, Texas Northern, Texas Southern, and Texas Western).
Computer Systems Administrator Conference (Federal Public Defender Offices)	Minneapolis, MN	05/15/17	05/18/17	\$242,578	130	This conference trained federal defender office information technology staff on electronic litigation support including a mobile phone forensic certification training on stand-alone mobile devices.
Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference	Deer Valley, UT	05/15/17	05/19/17	\$255,892	77	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 10th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma Eastern, Oklahoma Northern, Oklahoma Western, Utah and Wyoming).
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Regional Training	Atlantic City, NJ	05/22/17	05/26/17	\$175,967	126	The conference focused on techniques to be used by probation and pretrial services officers to reduce offender rearrests and thereby improve public safety. The training session developed critical skills in officers to interact more effectively with offenders and manage behavior and communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation. The conference also included individual coaching techniques and exercises that focused on those critical skills.
National Seminar for Assistant Federal Defenders	New Orleans, LA	05/31/17	06/02/17	\$381,600	248	The seminar provided training to assistant federal defenders with a minimum of three years' experience. The seminar focused on case management, substantive and procedural law topics, ethics, technology, trial tactics, and sentencing issues and included discussions on implicit bias, sentencing updates, immigration offenses, defending child pornography cases and digital forensics.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Regional Training	New Orleans, LA	06/05/17	06/09/17	\$133,279	92	The conference allowed participants to work intensely with different Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) coaches and other STARR users to develop new skills and refresh their knowledge on STARR principles. The training session developed critical skills in officers to interact more effectively with offenders, manage behavior, and promote communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation.

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Second Circuit Judicial Conference	New Paltz, NY	06/07/17	06/09/17	\$175,766	168	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 2nd Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Connecticut, New York Eastern, New York Northern, New York Southern, New York Western, and Vermont).
Judiciary Data and Analysis Office District Statistical Training	San Antonio, TX	06/19/17	06/22/17	\$225,738	145	The conference focused on the importance of providing timely and accurate statistical data reporting from courts. The conference also discussed how data is used for reporting judiciary data and workload. The latest release of the system that is used to capture the data was discussed as well as updated statistical functionality available to courts.
Federal Defender Leadership Seminar	Las Vegas, NV	06/27/17	06/28/17	\$176,995	136	The seminar focused on management and leadership skills for both attorney and non attorney defender officer supervisors. Attendees heard presentations and discussed building and enhancing their supervisory skills and techniques. Topics included managing a diverse staff, work environment issues, coaching and developing employees.
Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference	Fargo, ND	07/11/17	07/14/17	\$133,039	107	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 8th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Arkansas Eastern, Arkansas Western, Iowa Northern, Iowa Southern, Minnesota, Missouri Eastern, Missouri Western, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota).
Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference	San Francisco, CA	07/17/17	07/20/17	\$637,265	334	The conference allowed judges to consider the business of the courts and to discuss and advise on ways of improving the administration of justice within the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 9th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Alaska, Arizona, California Central, California Eastern, California Northern, California Southern, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Northern Mariana Islands, Nevada, Oregon, Washington Eastern, and Washington Western). Being that the 9th Circuit is our largest circuit, costs for travel and conference facilities are expected to be higher than other judicial conferences. However, with the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, per Judicial Conference of the United States policy, the conference planners received prior approval from the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference for the conference and sought efforts to restrain the costs of the program.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Coaches Training	Denver, CO	07/17/17	07/21/17	\$241,161	128	The conference allowed participants to work intensely with different Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) coaches and other STARR users to develop new skills and refresh their knowledge on STARR principles. The training session developed critical skills in officers to interact more effectively with offenders, manage behavior, and promote communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation.
Civil Justice Act Trial Skills Academy	Indianapolis, IN	07/29/17	08/04/17	\$193,592	124	The conference focused on the effective use of a trial advocacy process by Criminal Justice Act (CJA) representatives (private attorneys who take cases under the CJA). The elements of effective litigation advocacy skills were presented. Participants engaged in hands-on use of those skills and received feedback in small group workshops.
Federal Defender Administrator Conference	Minneapolis, MN	07/31/17	08/02/17	\$137,879	114	The conference provided training to chief federal defenders, administrative officers, and first assistants on operation and management of their offices with respect to Criminal Justice Act representations. The conference allowed participants to discuss management improvements, operational improvements, and knowledge transfer.

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Louisiana Eastern Probation Leadership Summit	New Orleans, LA	07/31/17	08/02/17	\$209,915	183	The conference provided leadership training and professional development to probation and pretrial services managers from around the country. Topics included improving teamwork, enhancing leadership roles, increasing knowledge of processes and tools that can improve outcome, and highlighted best practices that focused on decision making and implementation. Discussions included organizational structure and leadership succession.
Sex Offender Supervision Training	Detroit, MI	07/31/17	08/04/17	\$243,721	190	The conference trained probation and pretrial officers to use assessment principles to identify risk factors of sex offenders. Research and information were presented on sexual deviances and intervention methods. The training provided a detailed overview of the Post Conviction Risk Assessment (PCRA) Version 2.0 scoring rules, gave officers time to practice and examine the relationship between the PCRA and outcome.
Tenth Circuit Information Technology Conference	Denver, CO	08/07/17	08/09/17	\$296,360	181	The conference allowed participants (judges, court executives, and IT managers from four circuits (Federal, 5th, 8th, and 10th) and the Administrative Office to learn and share better ways to manage technology issues facing the courts. They were able to discuss and learn best practices from their peers and share their experiences to enhance technology usage in the courts. Topics included national IT projects and local IT initiatives.
National Probation and Pretrial Services Information Standards Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	08/07/17	08/10/17	\$316,889	234	The conference attendees worked on a process to evaluate probation and pretrial services offices' adherence to national information standards of data entry, quality and use.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Regional Training	Orlando, FL	08/07/17	08/11/17	\$182,714	124	The conference allowed participants to work intensely with different Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) coaches and other STARR users to develop new skills and refresh their knowledge on STARR principles. The training session developed critical skills in officers to interact more effectively with offenders, manage behavior, and promote communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation.
National Habeas Seminar	Atlanta, GA	08/10/17	08/13/17	\$111,530	25	The seminar focused on representation in capital habeas cases that addressed claim identification, capital post-conviction investigation, factual and legal development and presentation of claims, the use of mitigation and mental health experts, the litigation of issues related to intellectual disability, mental illness, race and lethal injection, substantive and procedural habeas corpus jurisprudence and clemency practice. Also discussed were the impact of recent Supreme Court decisions on capital post-conviction practice, new developments in the federal courts of appeal and other courts, legislative initiatives and administrative actions that could effect capital habeas representation. Attendees included federal defenders and financial assistants. Training included private attorneys who represent capital habeas cases.
Ninth Circuit Technology User Group Conference	Long Beach, CA	08/22/17	08/25/17	\$222,742	208	The conference allowed the 9th Circuit Technology User Group participants (judges, court executives, and information technology (IT) managers) to learn better ways to manage technology issues facing the courts. This conference, the largest of this type of program, included staff from the 9th Circuit's Court of Appeals, district and bankruptcy courts, and probation and pretrial services offices as well as attendees from other circuits throughout the country. They were able to discuss and learn best practices from their peers and share their experiences to enhance technology usage in the courts. Topics included national IT initiatives, IT security awareness, and supporting mobile technology.
Probation and Pretrial Services Chief Deputy Administrative Meeting	Seattle, WA	08/28/17	08/30/17	\$219,474	134	The meeting promoted mission critical outcomes in pretrial services, presentence investigations and reports, post-conviction supervision, resourcing and staffing strategies, improved use of technology, and promoting greater understanding and awareness.

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High Risk/Violent Supervision Symposium	Los Angeles, CA	08/28/17	08/31/17	\$594,237	310	The symposium covered general violence in high risk supervision cases and supervising and addressing high-risk/violent offenders. Topics included assessment, monitoring and restrictions, and interventions. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, the conference planners took special care to hold the conference in the most cost-effective way. The Director made a determination that the program was necessary and this was a cost effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.
Texas Western Probation Office District-wide Meeting	Lost Pines, TX	08/28/17	08/31/17	\$305,329	283	The meeting provided district-wide training to improve effectiveness of the probation office to provide consistency in the usage and transfer of information between the diverse office locations in the district, enhance knowledge of processes and tools that can improve correctional outcomes (i.e., evidence-based practices and programs), introduce new policies and procedures, and highlighting best practices that focused on decision making and implementation.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest Regional Training	Kansas City, MO	09/17/17	09/20/17	\$260,574	205	The conference allowed participants to work intensely with different Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) coaches and other STARR users to develop new skills and refresh their knowledge on STARR principles. The training session developed critical skills in officers to interact more effectively with offenders, manage behavior, and promote communication techniques that enhance their effectiveness in supervising defendants and persons serving on probation.
Court Unit Executive, Chief Deputy, and Information Technology Operational and Administrative Training	Baltimore, MD	09/19/17	09/22/17	\$852,444	576	The training for court unit executives and chief deputies delivered executive level training in the areas of budget, human resources, information technology, and general operations. The conference included training for information technology managers on recruiting and retaining IT staff and IT security. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, the conference planners took special care to hold the conference in the most cost-effective way. The Director made a determination that the program was necessary and this was a cost effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.

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(Federal Judicial Center)

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Phase II Orientation for Newly Appointed/Designated Magistrate Judges	Washington, DC	10/24/16	10/28/16	\$150,376	67	This orientation covered evidence-based criminal pretrial decision making, presiding over civil hearings, the art of judging, identifying and understanding subjects of common litigation involving magistrate judges, recognizing and developing strategies to handle ethical issues, and the role of the magistrate judge in the federal system.
New Supervisors Development Program	Washington, DC	03/12/17	03/15/17	\$118,431	55	The program trained participants in supervisory knowledge and skills in small-group activities led by faculty coaches. Participants completed an independent study portion prior to the program.
National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges I	Charleston, SC	03/13/17	03/15/17	\$325,757 (FJC funded)	150 (FJC funded)	Judges learned to interpret and compare codes of conduct, evaluated trial skills, tested common evidentiary issues, and compared personal strengths and weaknesses.
				\$20,222 (AO funded)	22 (AO funded)	In connection with the workshop, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on March 16-17, 2017.
William Matthew Byrne Jr. Judicial Clerkship Institute	Malibu, CA	03/16/17	03/17/17	\$101,629	57	Designed for career law clerks, the Institute addressed the implications of Johnson v. U.S. and Beckles v. U.S., included updates on the Supreme Court, a discussion on the psychology of litigation, sentencing preparation, national security cases, and ethics.
Conference for Chief Judges of United States District Courts	Washington, DC	03/29/17	03/31/17	\$172,369	66	The conference examined competencies that are useful for chief judges in their leadership and management roles. Participants studied leadership competencies such as composure, integrity, ethics and organizational savvy. Participants also learned about best practices from chief judge peers and distinguished speakers.
National Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges I	Portland, OR	04/03/17	04/05/17	\$343,293 (FJC funded)	263 (FJC funded)	Magistrate judges learned about civil litigation, criminal procedure, and ethics. Instruction was offered in both plenary and breakout sessions.
				\$10,452 (AO funded)	15 (AO funded)	In connection with the workshop, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on April 6-7, 2017.
Workshop for Judges of the Eleventh Circuit	St. Simons, GA	05/22/17	05/24/17	\$106,302	87	Judges learned techniques to manage generational differences within chambers, courthouse staff, and when interacting with lawyers and litigants, techniques to improve judicial opinion writing, the benefits of mindfulness practice, the impact of aging on memory and brain health and methods to maintain brain plasticity, and methods to improve physical health and well-being to enhance judicial decision-making.
FJC–Harvard Law School Workshop on Tailoring Justice: Science-Informed Decision Making	Cambridge, MA	06/26/17	06/28/17	\$117,606	70	This workshop was organized and co-sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center, the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior, the Petrie Flom Center for Health Law Policy at Harvard Law School, and the Criminal Justice Program at Harvard Law School. Teams consisted of a judge, pretrial services officer, prosecutor, and defense attorney. The teams learned to translate innovative research into effective pretrial practice.
Probation and Pretrial Services Leadership Development Program Concluding Seminar and Recognition Ceremony (Class XIII)	Washington, DC	07/26/17	07/28/17	\$124,224	84	This seminar culminated a three year program for probation and pretrial services officers. Officers practiced skills to achieve personal and organizational success in the federal judiciary, discussed with colleagues and Center staff leadership insights gleaned from temporary duty assignments, practiced negotiation and mediation skills, and shared strategies to continue work on their professional development.
National Workshop for Magistrate Judges II	Chicago, IL	07/31/17	08/02/17	\$404,358 (FJC funded)	241 (FJC funded)	Magistrate judges learned about civil litigation, criminal procedure, and ethics. Instruction was offered in both plenary and breakout sessions.
				\$13,840 (AO funded)	18 (AO funded)	In connection with the workshop, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on August 3-4, 2017.

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National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II	San Diego, CA	08/09/17	08/11/17	\$263,838 (FJC funded)	147 (FJC funded)	Judges learned to interpret and compare codes of conduct, evaluated trial skills, tested common evidentiary issues, and compared personal strengths and weaknesses.
				\$8,790 (AO funded)	15 (AO funded)	In connection with the workshop, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on August 7-8, 2017.
New Supervisors' Development Program - Tier 2 Workshop	Washington, DC	08/15/17	08/18/17	\$133,750	66	The program trained participants in supervisory knowledge and skills in small-group activities led by faculty coaches. Participants completed an independent study portion prior to the program.
National Conference for Pro Se Law Clerks	Charleston, SC	09/06/17	09/08/17	\$228,864	154	The program covered the implications of Johnson v. U.S. and Beckles v. U.S., writing skills, statutory and guideline sentencing provisions, Supreme Court update, individual immunities, tools for case management, and neuroscience in capital cases.

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National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines	Baltimore, MD	05/30/17	06/02/17	\$166,527 (USSC funded) \$234,453 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded)	388 Total 32 (USSC funded) 224 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded) 59 (Local judiciary staff who incurred no costs) 73 (Private attendees who paid for their expenses themselves)	One of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's (USSC) statutory functions is training and the national seminar is one of the many ways the Commission fulfills that function. Such training ensures that the guidelines are applied in a uniform manner across the nation, hereby reducing unwarranted regional sentencing differences. The national seminar convened federal judges, probation officers, prosecutors, and defense attorneys in one location for a series of expert panels and presentations over a three-day period covering such topics as "Introduction to the Sentencing Guidelines", "Advanced Guideline Application Issues", and "Sentencing Ethics for Defense Attorneys and Prosecutors". Panel members included federal judges and prominent members of the sentencing community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSC funded travel for 32 attendees from the \$166,527 total conference overhead cost figure above. • Courts and other judicial services and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) funded 224 judges and other judiciary staff (\$234,453) with 59 additional judiciary staff (mostly from the Baltimore/Washington area) who incurred no additional cost to the judiciary. • Private attendees and other federal government attendees totaled 73.
National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for Judges	San Diego, CA	06/21/17	06/23/17	\$67,646 (USSC funded) \$61,790 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded)	89 Total 30 (USSC funded) 59 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded)	One of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's (USSC) statutory functions is training and the national seminar is one of the many ways the Commission fulfills that function. Such training ensures that the guidelines are applied in a uniform manner across the nation, thereby reducing unwarranted regional sentencing differences. The national seminar convened federal judges in one location for a series of expert panels and presentations over a three day period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSC funded travel for 30 attendees from the \$67,646 total conference overhead cost figure above. • Courts and other judicial services and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO)

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National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines	Denver, CO	09/05/17	09/08/17	\$166,946 (USSC funded) \$430,737 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded)	494 Total 30 (USSC funded) 385 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded) 13 (Local judiciary staff who incurred no cost) 66 (Private attendees who paid for their expenses themselves)	<p>One of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's (USSC) statutory functions is training and the national seminar is one of the many ways the Commission fulfills that function. Such training ensures that the guidelines are applied in a uniform manner across the nation, thereby reducing unwarranted regional sentencing differences. The national seminar convenes federal judges, probation officers, prosecutors, and defense attorneys in one location for a series of expert panels and presentations over a three day period covering such topics as an "Introduction to the Sentencing Guidelines", "Advanced Guideline Application Issues", and "Sentencing Ethics for Defense Attorneys and Prosecutors". Panel members include federal judges and prominent members of the sentencing community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSC funded travel for 30 attendees from the \$166,946 total conference overhead cost figure above. • Courts and other judicial services and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) funded 385 judges and other judiciary staff (\$430,737) with additional judiciary staff from Colorado who incurred no additional cost to the judiciary. • Private attendees and other federal government attendees totaled 66. <p>With the aggregate cost expected to exceed \$500,000, the conference was approved by the Chair of the USSC, per Judicial Conference of the United States policy. The Chair of the USSC determined that the program was necessary and this was a cost-effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.</p>