

Fiscal Year 2014 Judiciary Meetings and Conferences That Cost More Than \$100,000

(Courts of Appeals, District Courts and Other Judicial Services, Defenders Services, and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts)

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Multidistrict Litigations (MDL) Transferee Judges' Conference	Palm Beach, FL	10/28/13	10/30/13	\$169,725	117	The conference provided an opportunity for judges to discuss Multidistrict Litigations (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 management.
Panel Attorney District Representatives Conference	Alexandria, VA	02/28/14	03/02/14	\$113,536	102	The conference provided educational sessions to the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) representatives (private attorneys who take cases under the CJA). Discussion topics included: 1) national policy and legislation as it pertains to legal representation under CJA, 2) substantive federal criminal law, 3) computer technology, and 4) federal criminal sentencing and detention issues and policy.
US Courts VMware User Group/Conference	Houston, TX	04/15/14	04/17/14	\$145,336	136	The conference allowed staff from U.S. courts and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and engineers from VMware and CDW-G to discuss application of VMware in the Judiciary. The hands-on labs demonstrated ways to share information and assist others in implementing cost-saving solutions efficiently.
Federal Criminal Justice Act Trial Skills Academy	San Diego, CA	04/27/14	05/02/14	\$151,144	73	The training 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 proactive use of those skills and received feedback in small group workshops.
2014 Computer Systems Administrator Training Conference	Denver, CO	04/28/14	05/02/14	\$159,667	80	This conference trained federal defender office IT staff on electronic litigation support including a mobile phone forensic certification training on stand-alone mobile devices.
Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference	San Antonio, TX	05/07/14	05/09/14	\$299,325	231	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).
Third Circuit Judicial Conference	Hershey, PA	05/07/14	05/09/14	\$113,488	138	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).
Advanced Federal Defender and Capital Habeas Unit Seminars	Cleveland, OH	05/26/14	05/30/14	\$417,118	435	The training conference for assistant federal defenders who have been practicing criminal law a minimum of three years, focused on changes in federal criminal law and best practices in trial tactics, evidence, computer technology, ethics, and sentencing issues.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR)-Coach Training	Austin, TX	06/09/14	06/12/14	\$177,453	166	The conference provided training for Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) program coaches. The conference allowed STARR coaches to discuss implementation issues and possible resolutions and promoted greater collaboration among districts to promote public safety.
Second Circuit Judicial Conference	Saratoga Springs, NY	06/11/14	06/13/14	\$182,733	171	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).

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Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) Orientation-Wave Three	New Orleans, LA	07/14/14	07/18/14	\$171,073	106	The training conference introduced Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) program, used by probation and pretrial services officers to assess risk, needs, and responsivity to reduce rearrest and improve public safety, to chief probation and pretrial services officers and other upper-level management officials. The instructions focused on best practices to effectively implement STARR in 29 districts (Alabama Southern, Arizona, California Central, California Northern, Delaware, Georgia Middle, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois Northern, Iowa Southern, Louisiana Eastern, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York Eastern, New York Northern, New York Southern, Pennsylvania Eastern, Pennsylvania Middle, Pennsylvania Western, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee Eastern, Texas Southern, Virginia Eastern, and Wisconsin Western).
Arizona District Probation Conference	Tempe, AZ	07/28/14	07/30/14	\$121,543	196	The conference trained probation and pretrial services officers on evidence-based practices and implementing outcome-based practices to change offender behavior, reduce recidivism, and create a safer community. The conference discussed taking proactive approaches to stress management and resiliency through education, training, and identifying stressors that affect the effectiveness and retention of officers.
Ninth Circuit Technology User Group Conference	Las Vegas, NV	08/05/14	08/08/14	\$202,592	192	The conference allowed the Ninth Circuit Technology User Group participants (judges, court executives, and information technology managers) to learn 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.
Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference	Omaha, NE	08/06/14	08/08/14	\$194,427	153	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).
2014 Conference for Federal Defender Administrative Officers	Washington, DC	08/06/14	08/08/14	\$112,344	72	The conference focused on the administrative operations of a federal defender organization and the Criminal Justice Act panel attorney program to promote efficiency and compliance.
Automation Trainers' Community of Practice Conference	San Antonio, TX	09/02/14	09/05/14	\$201,348	240	The conference allowed Automation Trainers' Community of Practice trainers to collaborate and instruct participants on the best practices for designing, developing, and delivering technical knowledge and tools to their workforce.
Sex Offender Supervision Management Conference	St. Louis, MO	09/02/14	09/04/14	\$305,607	299	The training conference provided probation and pretrial services officers with information, technologies, and practices to consider when working with defendants and offenders charged with or convicted of sex offenses in pretrial, presentence and post conviction. The conference focused on effective use of treatment, Federal Bureau of Prison's programs, polygraph testing, and effective use of the internet for investigations and supervision. The conference also included ways to manage possible secondary trauma.
Data Collection for Violence Indicators Study	Washington, DC	09/15/14	09/26/14	\$161,293	52	The data collection study allowed probation and pretrial services officers and data quality analysts to focus on coding violence indicators by offenders who committed violent acts during a term of supervision and comparing those results with a group of offenders who did not commit violent acts while under supervision. Acts of violence include homicide, attempted homicide, robbery, sexual assault, and felonious assault.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR)-Lead Coaches Conference	Washington, DC	09/22/14	09/26/14	\$205,272	64	The training conference focused on providing Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) coaches material to support their efforts in implementing STARR in their districts and coaching and instructing other STARR users. The training also focused on effective use of evidence-based practices such as the principles of risk, needs and responsivity to improve outcomes, and effective implementation practices to improve public safety. The conference had presenters that were renowned experts in the area of Core Correctional Practices, risk management, needs and responsivity, and implementation.

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Phase II Orientation for Magistrate Judges	Washington, DC	10/21/13	10/25/13	\$111,821	57	The seminar taught new magistrate judges about case management, Code of Conduct and ethics, and substantive federal law including the following: habeas corpus, prisoner pro se litigation, e-discovery, Social Security, and Section 1983 and qualified immunity.
Experienced Supervisors Seminar: Targeting Leadership Excellence	Philadelphia, PA	10/22/13	10/25/13	\$142,610	113	The course focused on three core leadership competencies: establishing a professional presence, empowering others, and leading with maturity and passion. Participants assessed their supervisory practices and shared approaches to common problems.
Experienced Supervisors Seminar: Targeting Leadership Excellence	Orlando, FL	01/27/14	01/30/14	\$136,463	123	The course focused on three core leadership competencies: establishing a professional presence, empowering others, and leading with maturity and passion. Participants assessed their supervisory practices and shared approaches to common problems.
Phase II Orientation for District Judges	Washington, DC	02/24/14	02/28/14	\$129,471	66	The seminar taught new district judges about case management; employment discrimination; civil rights; habeas corpus; sentencing; the judicial role; and Code of Conduct and ethics.
The Leadership Role of the Chief District Judge/Conference for Chief Judges of United States District Courts	Washington, DC	03/25/14	03/28/14	\$198,827	107	<p>The program, for new and soon-to-be chief district judges, with their clerks of court and chief probation/pretrial services officers, examined the leadership and management responsibilities of chief district judges, including those required to work productively with court unit executives to manage the core functions of the court. Teams also discussed different approaches to court governance, how best to work with internal and external stakeholders, and working with judicial colleagues.</p> <p>Immediately following the above noted program, the Conference for Chief District Judges addressed the impact of the budget on the operation of the courts, leadership and management issues, and new policies. Chief judges of similar-sized courts met in roundtable sessions to discuss issues of common concern.</p>
National Workshop for Magistrate Judges I	San Antonio, TX	04/30/14	05/02/14	\$179,800	135	<p>The continuing education workshop covered execution of search warrants for access to e-mail and cell phone data; Code of Conduct and ethics issues; civil procedure; alternative dispute resolution; neuroscience; re-entry courts; and judicial applications of mobile devices.</p> <p>In addition to this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on April 28-29, 2014. The aggregated cost reflects program expenditures paid by the FJC (\$167,041.00 for 135 attendees) and the AO (\$12,758.76 for 25 attendees).</p>
National Workshop for District Judges I	Washington, DC	05/01/14	05/03/14	\$297,749	234	The continuing education workshop covered new developments in the law; Code of Conduct and judicial ethics; case-management and court-management techniques; effective use of technology; and sentencing.
National Conference for Appellate Staff Attorneys	Seattle, WA	05/05/14	05/06/14	\$106,202	82	The conference focused on writing and editing skills; Section 1983 litigation and relevant issues; and new developments in the law and other emerging issues affecting attorneys in the appellate courts.
Conference for Chief Bankruptcy Judges	Washington, DC	06/17/14	06/18/14	\$117,421	90	Chief bankruptcy judges examined their role as leader of the bankruptcy court. They learned about best practices and how to maintain good morale and discussed common challenges and budget issues.
Leadership Development Program (LDP) Class XII	San Antonio, TX	06/24/14	06/26/14	\$108,508	77	The seminar follows a year-and-a-half of course work by LDP participants (probation and pretrial services officers as well as managers and specialists in probation and pretrial services offices). Prior to attending this seminar, each participant completed a project. At the seminar, participants engaged in interactive skill-building activities and presentations on their in-district projects.
Federal Court Leadership Program (FCLP): Phase Five Workshop and Recognition Ceremony	Washington, DC	07/21/14	07/24/14	\$110,299	60	The workshop is part of a two-and-a-half year course of study and prepared participants to demonstrate leadership and management skills that will support their court unit executive, their immediate supervisor, and their peers in the achievement of their court's mission.

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National Workshop for Magistrate Judges II	Philadelphia, PA	07/23/14	07/25/14	\$341,244	250	<p>The continuing education workshop covered execution of search warrants for access to e-mail and cell phone data; Code of Conduct and ethics issues; civil procedure; alternative dispute resolution; neuroscience; re-entry courts; and judicial applications of mobile devices.</p> <p>In addition to this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on July 21-22, 2014. The aggregated cost reflects program expenditures paid by the FJC (\$324,222.00 for 250 attendees) and the AO (\$17,021.87 for 30 attendees).</p>
New Supervisors' Development Program-Tier 2	Washington, DC	07/29/14	08/01/14	\$226,485	120	<p>Participants must complete several online/self-directed prerequisites before attending this workshop, at which they expand their supervisory knowledge and practice their skills on: supervisors' legal responsibilities; documenting employees' performance; emotional intelligence; giving and receiving feedback; strategic court issues; and delegating tasks.</p>
National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges	Boston, MA	08/13/14	08/15/14	\$466,673	313	<p>The continuing education workshop covered new developments in bankruptcy law; case and court management; Code of Conduct and judicial ethics; judicial decision making; evidence; recent developments in consumer and business law; and Supreme Court review.</p> <p>In addition to this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on August 11-12, 2014. The aggregated cost reflects program expenditures paid by the FJC (\$453,317.00 for 313 attendees) and the AO (\$13,356.38 for 22 attendees).</p>
National Workshop for District Judges II	Seattle, WA	08/25/14	08/27/14	\$340,602	199	<p>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 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).</p>

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National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines	Philadelphia, PA	09/17/14	09/19/14	\$272,796	97 Funded by USSC Approximately 1,000 overall attendees	<p>One of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's primary 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 sentencing practitioners 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. Attendees are federal judges, probation officers, prosecutors, and defense attorneys.</p> <p>Of the approximately 1,000 who attended the conference, 569 were funded by the courts and other judicial services, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and the Federal Judicial Center. The 569 attendees incurred \$595,544 in additional expenses paid by the Judiciary.</p>