

Fiscal Year 2015 Judiciary Meetings and Conferences That Cost More Than \$100,000

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Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation's (MDL) Transferee Judges' Conference	Palm Beach, FL	10/27/14	10/29/14	\$178,412	114	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 management.
FY 2015 Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session	Albuquerque, NM	11/06/14	11/08/14	\$124,431	100	The conference attendees were Criminal Justice Act attorneys, federal public defenders, mitigation specialists and investigators assigned to represent defendants charged with federal capital offenses or who are appealing federal death sentences. Topics included claim identification; investigation; factual and legal development and presentation of claims; use of mitigation and mental health experts; litigation of issues related to intellectual disability; race and lethal injection; substantive and procedural habeas corpus jurisprudence; and clemency practice.
Appellate Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) Symposium	Dallas, TX	11/17/14	11/20/14	\$206,133	153	The symposium allowed appellate court and AO personnel to collaborate and share best practices for court operations and case management and become educated on the latest Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system developments. The agenda was comprised of educational sessions provided by the Administrative Office, demonstrations of applications developed by individual courts, and open discussion sessions on topics of interest to the appellate community.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR)-Southwest Regional Training	Santa Fe, NM	02/09/15	02/13/15	\$156,077	110	The training 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 Location Monitoring Conference	Galveston, TX	04/13/15	04/15/15	\$314,459	310	The conference covered various probation and pretrial services topics related to alert protocol, utilizing location monitoring on high risk defendants and offenders, caseload sizes, understanding the role of officers, liability, and working with the Bureau of Prisons.
Federal Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Trial Skills Academy	San Diego, CA	04/26/15	05/01/15	\$125,500	65	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.
2015 Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference	New Orleans, LA	05/03/15	05/06/15	\$356,590	223	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).
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) Coaches Conference-Southwest Regional	Santa Fe, NM	05/04/15	05/08/15	\$127,404	85	The conference provided training for probation officer to become Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) coaches. Topics included implementation issues and possible resolutions and promoted greater collaboration among districts to promote public safety.

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2015 Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference	Santa Fe, NM	05/18/15	05/20/15	\$180,038	105	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).
District and Bankruptcy Operational Practices Forum	Dallas, TX	05/18/15	05/20/15	\$1,780,893	1,433	The operations forum allowed court and AO personnel to collaborate and share best practices for court operations and case management and become educated on the latest Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system developments. The agenda was comprised of educational sessions provided by the Administrative Office, demonstrations of applications developed by individual courts, and open discussion sessions on dozens of topics of interest to the district and bankruptcy communities. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, the conference planners took action to hold the conference in the most cost-effective way. On a per person basis, this program cost less than the average conference. To reduce conference facilitators' costs and to increase sharing opportunities, the conference combined attendees from district and bankruptcy courts; in past years, separate conferences were held for each court type. The Director made a determination that the program was necessary and this was a cost effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.
Eighth Circuit's Multi-Circuit Information Technology (IT) Conference	St. Louis, MO	05/27/15	05/29/15	\$362,757	293	The conference allowed participants (judges, court executives, and IT managers from seven 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 information on national IT projects and local IT initiatives.
National Seminar for Assistant Federal Defenders	Omaha, NE	05/27/15	05/29/15	\$414,335	392	The conference provided training to federal defender attorneys with three or more years of experience. The conference focused on case management and organization of the office for efficiency.
2015 Federal Judicial Center Judges Workshop and Second Circuit Judicial Conference	New Paltz, NY	06/10/15	06/12/15	\$198,913	172	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).
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) Eastern Skill Refresher	Detroit MI	06/15/15	06/19/15	\$250,158	174	The conference provided an environment for 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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California Central U.S. Probation Office District Training Conference	Coachella Valley, CA	06/23/15	06/26/15	\$204,319	184	The conference provided districtwide training to improve the effectiveness of the probation office. The goal was to improve 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 highlight best practices that focused on decision making and implementation. The probation staff was able to meet staff from the district's clerk's office and pretrial services office. Attendees included judges from the district and staff from the district clerk's office and the pretrial services office.
2015 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference	San Diego, CA	07/12/15	07/15/15	\$543,540	343	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 Ninth 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 sought efforts to restrain the costs of the program. The per person cost for this conference was \$1,585, which was within 5 percent of the average per person cost for all of the judicial conferences this year.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR)-Northeast Regional Training	Albany, NY	07/13/15	07/16/15	\$138,485	112	The training 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.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) Central Skill Refresher	Austin, TX	07/20/15	07/24/15	\$285,041	178	The conference provided an environment for 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.
Second Circuit Multi-Circuit Information Technology (IT) Conference	New York, NY	08/04/15	08/06/15	\$182,915	158	The conference allowed participants (judges, court executives, and IT managers) from five circuits, the Court of International Trade, 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 information on national IT projects and local IT initiatives.
Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Rearrest (STARR) Western Skill Refresher	Los Angeles, CA	08/17/15	08/21/15	\$271,428	173	The conference provided an environment for 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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Texas Western U.S. Probation Office District Meeting	Horseshoe Bay, TX	08/31/15	09/03/15	\$273,409	312	The conference provided districtwide training to improve the effectiveness of the probation office. The goal was to improve 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 highlight best practices that focused on decision making and implementation.
Ninth Circuit Technology User Group Conference	Spokane, WA	08/31/15	09/04/15	\$657,834	516	The conference allowed the Ninth 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 Court of Appeals and the 38 district and bankruptcy courts and probation and pretrial services offices from across the Ninth Circuit and others from across 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, use of cloud hosting versus hardware, IT security awareness, and supporting mobile technology for probation and pretrial services officers. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, per Judicial Conference of the United States' (JCUS) policy, the conference planners sought efforts to restrain the costs of the program and, per JCUS policy, the Director made a determination that the program was necessary and this was a cost effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.
2015 Judiciary Data and Analysis Office District Statistical Training	San Antonio, TX	09/13/15	09/16/15	\$119,235	125	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.
Data Collection for Violence Indicators	Atlanta, GA	09/13/15	09/25/15	\$123,807	54	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.

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(Federal Judicial Center)

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Phase II Orientation Seminar for U.S. Magistrate Judges	Washington, DC	10/20/14	10/24/14	\$117,175	40	This seminar taught new magistrate judges about case management, Code of Conduct and ethics, and substantive federal law including: habeas corpus, prisoner pro se litigation, e-discovery, Social Security, and Section 1983 and qualified immunity.
Preconference Seminar for New Chiefs; Preconference Seminar for Chiefs; and 2014 National Conference for Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers	Tampa, FL	11/03/14	11/07/14	\$198,506	136	The National Conference for Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers provided a one-day preconference for new chiefs, a one-day preconference for chiefs, and a 2.5-day conference for all chiefs. The program included interactive discussions with probation and pretrial system leaders, and sessions workshops addressing six leadership competencies chiefs must possess to do their jobs well: business acumen, decision quality, executive conflict management, innovation management, organizational agility, and organization
National Symposium for United States Court of Appeals Judges	Washington, DC	11/06/14	11/07/14	Appellate Case Management/ Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF)	126	A triennial national symposium for court of appeals judges examined trends in recent criminal and civil cases decided by the Supreme Court, chambers and case-management issues, judicial ethics (including ethical issues posed by use of social media), factors affecting the Supreme Court's decision to grant or deny certiorari, and how Internet search engines track information about users.
Workshop for the Judges of the Ninth Circuit	Tucson, AZ	01/26/15	01/28/15	\$150,342	127	A workshop for appellate and district judges of the Ninth Circuit included sessions on judicial security, class actions, copyright and trademark issues, sentencing, and information technology.
Phase II Orientation for District Judges	Washington, DC	02/23/15	02/27/15	\$167,040	93	The Phase II orientation for district judges taught judges about federal jurisdiction, civil and criminal case management, habeas corpus, Section 1983, sentencing, wellness, and using information technology to manage cases.
Judicial Clerkship Institute	Malibu, CA	03/12/15	03/13/15	\$124,233	78	Career law clerks attended the Judicial Clerkship Institute, which included sessions on ethics, effective writing, Section 1983, Social Security, appeals, sentencing, and bankruptcy.
National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges I	Seattle, WA	03/23/15	03/25/15	\$258,436 (FJC funded) \$6,490 (AO funded)	169 (FJC funded) 9 (AO funded)	The national workshop provided continuing education for bankruptcy judges. Participants learned about new developments in the law, judicial ethics, philosophy of judging, case- and court-management techniques, and effective use of technology. In connection with this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on March 26-27, 2015.
New Supervisors' Development Program - Tier 2	Washington, DC	03/31/15	04/03/15	\$113,546	56	The New Supervisors' Development Program assisted recently appointed supervisors develop fundamental leadership and management skills including their legal responsibilities, motivating others, and building effective teams.
National Workshop for Magistrate Judges I	Seattle, WA	04/20/15	04/22/15	\$309,789 (FJC funded) \$10,786 (AO funded)	181 (FJC funded) 14 (AO funded)	The national workshop provided continuing education for magistrate judges. Participants learned about new developments in the law, reentry courts, pretrial release and detention decisions, judicial ethics, case and court management, and effective use of technology. In connection with this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on April 23-24, 2015.
Federal Drug Sentencing Guidelines Amendment Reentry Conference	Dallas, TX	04/22/15	04/23/15	\$365,820	335	In response to the 2014 Sentencing Guidelines Amendment 782, the Center (in partnership with the Administrative Office's Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Bureau of Prisons) delivered a national Federal Drug Sentencing Guidelines Amendment Reentry Conference to share best practices and operating protocols to prepare for the potential release of eligible incarcerated federal inmates, effective November 1, 2015. The aggregated cost reflects program expenditures paid by the FJC. The Bureau of Prisons paid the travel expenses for an additional 83 attendees.

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The Leadership Role of the Chief District Judge/Conference for Chief Judges of United States District Courts	Washington, DC	04/28/15	05/01/15	\$219,512	160	The Leadership Role of the Chief District Judge 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 court governance, working with internal and external stakeholders, and working with judicial colleagues. 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.
Management Development Program	Washington, DC	06/09/15	06/11/15	\$106,798	50	The Management Development Program helps experienced supervisors strengthen leadership skills, including managerial courage, critical thinking, and communication.
Probation and Pretrial Services Leadership Development Program Concluding Seminar (Class XII)	Washington, DC	06/15/15	06/17/15	\$139,538	93	Probation and pretrial services officers enrolled in the Leadership Development Program XII attended their concluding seminar in Washington, D.C. Over the three-year course of study, most of which is in their home districts, graduates completed a management practices report, an in-district improvement project, and observed leadership practices at a temporary duty assignment. As a result, they developed strong leadership skills through a combination of formal instruction, project-based learning, and one-on-one interactions with faculty
National Workshop for Magistrate Judges II	Boston, MA	07/08/15	07/10/15	\$359,118 (FJC funded) \$13,386 (AO funded)	262 (FJC funded) 19 (AO funded)	The national workshop provided continuing education for magistrate judges. Participants learned about new developments in the law, reentry courts, pretrial release and detention decisions, judicial ethics, case and court management, and effective use of technology. In connection with this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on July 6-7, 2015.
New Supervisors' Development Program - Tier 2	Washington, DC	07/27/15	07/31/15	\$127,378	70	The New Supervisors' Development Program assisted recently appointed supervisors in developing fundamental leadership and management skills, including their legal responsibilities, motivating others, and building effective teams.
National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II	Washington, DC	08/05/15	08/07/15	\$241,858 (FJC funded) \$12,295 (AO funded)	165 (FJC funded) 19 (AO funded)	The national workshop provided continuing education for bankruptcy judges. Participants learned about new developments in the law, judicial ethics, philosophy of judging, case- and court-management techniques, and effective use of technology. In connection with this program, the Administrative Office (AO) conducted a retirement planning program for judges on August 3-4, 2015.
Managing Complex Litigation Workshop	Denver, CO	08/24/15	08/25/15	District and Bankruptcy Operational	104	The Managing Complex Litigation Workshop helped participants learn about tools and strategies for actively and effectively managing complex cases and enabled participants to exchange best practices with other judges with experience in similar cases.
National Workshop for Pro Se Law Clerks	Santa Fe, NM	09/09/15	09/11/15	\$174,171	154	The workshop taught pro se law clerks about ethical issues, including conflicts of interest and social media; statutory and guideline sentencing provisions; First Amendment Issues; Civil Rights law; legal research; and death penalty issues.

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(United States Sentencing Commission)

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National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines	New Orleans, LA	09/16/15	09/18/15	<p>\$222,249 (USSC funded)</p> <p>\$334,522 Courts and other judicial services and AO funded)</p>	<p>906 Total</p> <p>80 (USSC funded)</p> <p>653 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded)</p> <p>58 (Local judiciary staff who incurred no cost)</p> <p>115 (Private attendees)</p>	<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> <p>*USSC funded travel for 80 attendees from the \$222,249 total conference overhead cost figure above.</p> <p>*Courts and other judicial services and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) funded 653 judges and other judiciary staff (\$334,522) with an additional 58 judiciary staff (mostly from the New Orleans, LA area) who incurred no additional cost to the judiciary.</p> <p>*Private attendees and other federal government attendees totaled 115.</p> <p>With the expected aggregate cost to be in excess of \$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 made a determination that the program was necessary and this was a cost effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.</p>