

Fiscal Year 2025 Judiciary Meetings and Conferences That Cost More Than \$100,000

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| Third Circuit Judicial Conference | Avalon, NJ | 10/16/2024 | 10/18/2024 | \$ 189,397 | 145 | 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). |
| Transferee Judge Conference | Palm Beach, FL | 10/21/2024 | 10/23/2024 | \$ 245,778 | 97 | 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. |
| Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Strategy Session and Defense Victim Outreach Training | New Orleans, LA | 11/7/2024 | 11/11/2024 | \$ 322,603 | 319 | The session was an opportunity to learn about developments in federal capital defense. The program was designed for Criminal Justice Act attorneys, federal defender office staff, mitigation specialists, paralegals, and investigators assigned to represent persons charged with federal capital offenses or who are appealing federal death sentences. The program reviewed recent developments, legal decisions, and strategies for achieving successful outcomes in federal death-eligible cases. |
| Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop | New Orleans, LA | 12/5/2024 | 12/7/2024 | \$ 111,381 | 94 | The workshop focused on a vital area of federal practice that has evolved since the Supreme Court declared the federal sentencing guidelines were advisory and no longer mandatory. The Sentencing Advocacy Workshop teaches a comprehensive approach to sentencing where participants are trained to develop persuasive, fact based, sentencing theories, and they are provided with the advocacy skills necessary to advance their theories both in writing and during sentencing hearings. |
| Orientation Seminar for Assistant Federal Defenders | San Antonio, TX | 12/9/2024 | 12/13/2024 | \$ 476,401 | 269 | This seminar was for newly-appointed assistant federal defenders and research and writing attorneys in both traditional defender offices and capital habeas units. The program included an overview of substantive law and opportunities for skills practice in pretrial advocacy, evidence, and sentencing for new attorneys. |
| Law & Technology Series: Electronic Courtroom Presentation Workshop | Long Beach, CA | 1/9/2025 | 1/11/2025 | \$ 169,009 | 87 | The workshop exposed Criminal Justice Act panel and federal public/community defender attorneys and professional staff to the legal, strategic, and technological considerations involved with electronically presenting information in the federal courtroom during trial and hearings. This program used a combination of plenary presentations and small group, hands-on instruction. In the smaller breakout groups, attendees practiced direct and cross-examination, opening statements, and closing arguments using Trial Director and PowerPoint software which are well suited for electronically presenting information in the courtroom. |
| Bail Boot Camp Workshop (Trial Skills Workshop II) | Atlanta, GA | 1/23/2025 | 1/25/2025 | \$ 118,210 | 58 | The workshop was designed to focus on pre-trial detention and release. Using a combination of lectures, demonstrations, and small group exercises, participants learned the tools necessary to diligently defend their clients in the context of initial appearances and detention hearings. |
| Joint Federal Defender and Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney District Representative Conference | Orlando, FL | 1/29/2025 | 2/1/2025 | \$ 381,316 | 241 | The conference provided chief federal defenders with training regarding the operation and management of their offices, in addition to current legal issues and trends that impact their offices. The conference was attended by one panel attorney representative from each of the 94 federal judicial districts, a federal public defender from each federal circuit, and staff from the Defender Services Office. The objective of the conference was to bring together the panel attorney district representatives for updates on national policy and legislation as it pertains to the effective representation of counsel under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) and related statutes. The conference emphasized strategies for addressing important issues affecting the CJA panel attorney program including panel diversity, quality of representation, and the appropriate use of experts and other service providers. |
| Winning Strategies & Fundamentals Seminar | San Diego, CA | 2/13/2025 | 2/15/2025 | \$ 265,479 | 191 | This seminar was designed for those new to federal criminal defense practice and addressed topics such as discovery and motions practice, pleas and proffers, the Bail Reform Act, and the basics of the sentencing guidelines. It occurred concurrently with the Winning Strategies Seminar. The latter brought together attorneys and other legal professionals to speak on a wide variety of topics designed to keep CJA practitioners abreast of the most recent and important developments in federal criminal defense. Sessions included both large plenary lectures and smaller breakout sessions to meet the needs of advanced and less experienced practitioners. |

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| Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs Administrative Meeting | Washington, DC | 3/2/2025 | 3/5/2025 | \$ 510,608 | 202 | 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. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, the Director made a determination that the program was necessary and that this was a cost-effective means of achieving a compelling purpose. |
| Technologies in Electronic Case Management | San Antonio, TX | 3/6/2025 | 3/8/2025 | \$ 217,427 | 107 | The workshop exposed defense counsel to legal, strategic, and technological considerations involved in cases with electronic discovery. This two-and-a-half-day program used a combination of plenary presentations and small group, hands-on instruction. Designed specifically for Criminal Justice Act panel attorneys who work on their own, most of the participants' time was in small groups doing hands-on, interactive exercises that demonstrate strategies for solving e-discovery challenges. Besides gaining an understanding of the legal, practical, and technological issues involved with managing electronic discovery, participants learned four litigation support software program features that can be immediately incorporated into their daily practice. Attorneys gained a better understanding of how litigation support programs work and how they can best use these tools. |
| Fundamentals of Federal Capital Cases - Mitigation Workshop | Houston, TX | 3/17/2025 | 3/19/2025 | \$ 185,189 | 165 | This workshop was designed to introduce mitigation specialists, investigators, attorneys, and paralegals, in federal defender organizations and private practice, to federal capital mitigation work. This workshop covered introductory capital mitigation topics as well as developing trends, including using social media as part of your mitigation investigation. There were presentations related to understanding, developing, and investigating mental health evidence, as well as other areas of mitigation. |
| Non-Capital Habeas Conference | New Orleans, LA | 3/27/2025 | 3/28/2025 | \$ 216,046 | 130 | The program covered the broad spectrum of issues specific to habeas corpus litigation on behalf of prisoners with non-capital cases. Plenary sessions featured both national speakers and seasoned non-capital habeas attorneys and all breakout sessions included an option for the advanced or the beginner habeas practitioner. Sessions included investigating and pleading claims, habeas case updates from the circuits. |
| National Conference for Federal Defender Capital Habeas Unit | Oklahoma City, OK | 4/1/2025 | 4/3/2025 | \$ 407,675 | 200 | This conference was designed for federal defender capital habeas unit attorneys, paralegals, investigators, and mitigation specialists. The training included a mix of plenary and concurrent breakout sessions on topics relevant to capital habeas work, such as legal issue updates, case management, mitigation, and forensics. |
| National Seminar on the Development and Integration of Mitigation | Columbus, OH | 4/24/2025 | 4/27/2025 | \$ 137,198 | 136 | This program offered presentations that focused on the practical aspects of investigating and developing mitigation, including establishing rapport with witnesses, drafting declarations, abiding by ethical guidelines, and debunking harmful psychiatric labels. The faculty included university-based researchers, litigators, mitigation specialists, and mental health experts. Breakout sessions included a beginners' track on mitigation basics as well as advanced workshops on specialized problems. |
| Computer Systems Administrator Conference | Salt Lake City, UT | 4/29/2025 | 5/2/2025 | \$ 314,871 | 197 | The conference trained federal defender office information technology staff across the country to support the mission of the defender offices on electronic litigation support. Training included various cybersecurity-related courses, litigation support techniques, discovery, and other critical technologies used in federal defender organizations. |
| First Circuit Judicial Conference | San Juan, PR | 4/30/2025 | 5/1/2025 | \$ 267,032 | 83 | 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 1st Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island). |
| Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference | Miramar Beach, FL | 4/30/2025 | 5/8/2025 | \$ 506,465 | 220 | 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). With the cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, per Judicial Conference of the United States policy, the Fifth Circuit took steps to restrain the costs of the program and received approval from the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference for the conference. |

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| Second Circuit Judicial Conference | Bolton Landing, NY | 6/1/2025 | 6/4/2025 | \$ 261,783 | 164 | 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). |
| Fundamentals of Federal Capital Defense and Defender Victim Outreach | Portland, OR | 6/16/2025 | 6/22/2025 | \$ 252,304 | 147 | This training was designed to introduce federal defender staff (including attorneys, mitigation specialists, investigators, and paralegals) as well as Criminal Justice Act panel attorneys and private service providers, to federal capital defense practice. The program was a "death penalty 101" primer targeted for practitioners newer to capital defense work, with a focus on developing capital defense attorneys and team members. |
| Case Management Training & Administrative Officer Conference | San Antonio, TX | 6/24/2025 | 6/27/2025 | \$ 427,020 | 269 | The conference provided training and information to federal defender organization staff who function as case managers, whose primary responsibilities involve case openings and data management in defenderData. The conference also covered a wide range of human resources, budgetary, financial, administrative, and managerial topics specifically geared towards administrative staff of federal defender offices. |
| Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference | Charlotte, NC | 6/25/2025 | 6/28/2025 | \$ 246,055 | 111 | 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 4th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Maryland, North Carolina Eastern, North Carolina Middle, North Carolina Western, Virginia Eastern, Virginia Western, South Carolina, West Virginia Northern, and West Virginia Southern). |
| Race in the Federal Criminal Court | Philadelphia, PA | 7/10/2025 | 7/12/2025 | \$ 248,742 | 165 | This conference is an inclusive program designed to share with everyone working pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act about the many ways race impacts justice and to provide them with strategies and innovation to work in the criminal legal system. |
| Annual National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar | Cincinnati, OH | 7/17/2025 | 7/20/2025 | \$ 161,029 | 134 | The seminar addressed the impact of recent Supreme Court decisions (and cases currently pending in the Court) on capital post-conviction and clemency practice, as well as sessions addressing new developments and trends in the federal courts of appeal and other state and federal courts. Sessions included emerging trends in capital cases where intellectual disability, competency, or other aspects of a client's mental health or cognitive abilities are at issue. The program also addressed new legislative initiatives and administrative actions that may affect capital habeas representation. |
| Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference | Monterey, CA | 7/20/2025 | 7/24/2025 | \$ 843,177 | 352 | 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). 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. |
| Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference | Kansas City, MO | 7/29/2025 | 8/1/2025 | \$ 239,575 | 182 | 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). |
| Operational Practices Forum | Orlando, FL | 8/5/2025 | 8/7/2025 | \$ 1,077,650 | 694 | The Forum focused on providing staff from appellate, district and bankruptcy court units opportunities to learn about and share best practices, lessons learned, utilization of courtroom technology, and useful models and strategies for adopting and maintaining efficient court operations. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, the Director made a determination that the program was necessary and that this was a cost-effective means of achieving a compelling purpose. |

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| National Information Technology Conference | Grapevine, TX | 8/11/2025 | 8/15/2025 | \$ 1,379,595 | 692 | This conference provided a valuable opportunity for court unit executives and information technology (IT) professionals to learn about, collaborate on, and share best practices for managing technology issues facing their court units, and provided valuable information on prospective national and local IT projects that may be applicable to their environment. The conference also provided unique professional networking and collaboration opportunities for both court unit and Administrative Office attendees to help develop and reinforce the relationships necessary to address the IT operations and security needs of the judiciary. The event allowed IT professionals from all circuits to receive training directly in support of their day-to-day job responsibilities, thereby reducing the cost of training expenses for individual court units. With the expected cost of the conference exceeding \$500,000, the Director made a determination that the program was necessary and that this was a cost-effective means of achieving a compelling purpose. |
| Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference | Chicago, IL | 8/17/2025 | 8/19/2025 | \$ 342,384 | 268 | 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 7th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Indiana Southern, Indiana Northern, Illinois Central, Illinois Northern, Illinois Southern, Wisconsin Eastern, and Wisconsin Western). |
| Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference | Santa Fe, NM | 8/25/2025 | 8/29/2025 | \$ 263,808 | 112 | 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). |
| Cross District Meeting | Houston, TX | 8/26/2025 | 8/29/2025 | \$ 168,056 | 71 | This meeting brought together the chiefs, leaders, and members of the probation and pretrial services districts currently working in the Transformation Zone. Key focus areas included fostering collaboration between regional clusters of Districts, shared learning from the installation work taking place in the Probation and Pretrial Services Office (PPSO) and the Districts, and shared learning that can be used to support scaling efforts for PPSO. The meeting also focused on fostering discussions between PPSO and District leadership to better understand the supports needed to ensure sustaining this effort. |
| Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference | Memphis, TN | 8/31/2025 | 9/5/2025 | \$ 249,452 | 155 | 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 6th Circuit (U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in Kentucky Eastern, Kentucky Western, Michigan Eastern, Michigan Western, Ohio Northern, Ohio Southern, Tennessee Eastern, Tennessee Middle, and Tennessee Western). |
| Montana District Conference | Bozeman, MT | 9/10/2025 | 9/12/2025 | \$ 141,687 | 112 | The meeting provided best practices and wellness training to all staff in the district, bankruptcy and probation and pretrial services offices of the District of Montana. |

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| Phase II Orientation for Newly Appointed U.S. Magistrate Judges | Washington, DC | 10/21/24 | 10/25/24 | \$218,327 | 39 | To address topics relevant to new magistrate judges, including the Bail Reform Act, criminal pretrial procedure, pretrial proceedings in civil cases, settlement conferences, ethics, workplace conduct, security, and technology. |
| Supervising Officers in an Evidence-Based Environment (SOEBE) Faculty Development Program | San Juan, PR | 11/18/24 | 11/22/24 | \$125,299 | 35 | To prepare faculty to deliver the program by enhancing their ability to analyze observed behavior of participating supervisors and officers and code the behavior of supervisors pursuant to a protocol designed for SOEBE; coach supervisors in the competencies of Continuous Learning, Decision Quality, Employee Development, and Managerial Courage. |
| National Leadership Conference for Circuit & Court Unit Executives | Providence, RI | 11/19/24 | 11/21/24 | \$396,180 | 194 | To provide practical leadership advice, expand and deepen executives' professional networks, and focus on building and sustaining workforce resilience. |
| Phase II Orientation Seminar for U.S. District Judges | Washington, DC | 12/02/24 | 12/06/24 | \$155,117 | 48 | To address topics relevant to new district judges, including case management; recent changes in the law; legal writing; the role of technology and its impact on the law and courts; workplace conduct; and ethics. |
| Mid-Winter Workshop for Judges of the Ninth Circuit | San Diego, CA | 01/27/25 | 01/29/25 | \$195,326 | 115 | To address topics relevant to judges, including relevant aspects of prison programs; disparities in sentencing; federal sentencing guidelines; and the application of precedent created by recent Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit decisions. |
| Personality Temperament Instrument (PTI) Real Colors Training-for-Trainers and Faculty Development Seminar (FDS) | Washington, DC | 02/03/25 | 02/07/25 | \$101,719 | 25 | To help participants across various roles from management to line staff who deliver in-person educational programming on behalf of the FJC and/or in their own districts and circuits understand how personality type affects communication preferences and strengths. |
| New Supervisors' Development Program Tier 2 Workshop | Orlando, FL | 02/19/25 | 02/21/25 | \$155,932 | 56 | To help new supervisors develop effective coaching techniques; determine when to delegate tasks; use appropriate techniques for documenting work performance; engage direct reports in meaningful conversations; and provide actionable feedback. |
| Advanced Supervisors Institute (ASI) | Atlanta, GA | 02/25/25 | 02/28/25 | \$142,451 | 47 | To help experienced supervisors further develop leadership and managerial strengths; have skillful interactions with others; apply influencing strategies when proposing workplace changes; and conduct challenging conversations with managers, colleagues, and direct reports. |
| National Workshop for U.S. Bankruptcy Judges I AO Retirement Planning Session (April 10-11, 2025) | St. Petersburg, FL | 04/07/25 | 04/09/25 | \$334,633 | 138 (FJC funded) 24 (AO funded) | To address topics relevant to bankruptcy judges, including ethics, evidence, artificial intelligence, key developments in the law, courtroom and chambers management, rules of statutory interpretation, and wellness for judges. |
| National Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges I AO Retirement Planning Session (April 17-18, 2025) | St. Louis, MO | 04/14/25 | 04/16/25 | \$297,386 | 135 (FJC funded) 23 (AO funded) | To address topics relevant to magistrate judges, including judicial reasoning; artificial intelligence; evidence; cases involving sovereign citizens; the opioid crisis; application of recent Supreme Court decisions; and judicial wellness. |
| Federal Court Leadership Development Program Phase I Workshop | Minneapolis, MN | 05/06/25 | 05/08/25 | \$186,543 | 75 | To help nonsupervisory staff with three or more years of experience in the federal courts develop leadership knowledge and skills and prepare them for future leadership roles. |
| National Conference for Appellate Staff Attorneys | Pheonix, AZ | 06/02/25 | 06/04/25 | \$214,539 | 115 | To address topics pertinent to appellate staff attorneys, including ethics; judicial procedures and policies to foster professional workplace behavior; Supreme Court case law in civil and criminal contexts; artificial intelligence; and appellate writing. |
| FJC-Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior Workshop on Science-Informed Decision-Making | Cambridge, MA | 06/11/25 | 06/13/25 | \$201,446 | 60 | To inform district judges, magistrate judges, pretrial services officers, and presentence officers how scientific research can be applied at key criminal-case decision points, including initial appearance, violation hearing, presentence investigation, and sentencing. |
| National Leadership Conference for Chief Judges of United States District and Bankruptcy Courts | Arlington, VA | 06/17/25 | 06/18/25 | \$315,681 | 130 | To address topics relevant to chief district and bankruptcy judges, including security, cybersecurity, financial management, leadership techniques, workplace conduct, and artificial intelligence. |
| National Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges II AO Retirement Planning Session (July 17-18, 2025) | Pittsburgh, PA | 07/14/25 | 07/16/25 | \$352,897 | 178 (FJC funded) 29 (AO funded) | To address topics relevant to magistrate judges, including judicial reasoning; artificial intelligence, evidence, maritime law, the opioid crisis, application of recent Supreme Court decisions, and judicial wellness. |
| Becoming an Executive Concluding Seminar | Minneapolis, MN | 07/16/25 | 07/18/25 | \$147,278 | 68 | To prepare new deputy court unit executives for their roles. Topics include staff engagement; trust-building; leading with purpose; resilience; applying influence strategies to lead others; developing productive relationships at the executive level, and working within court culture to achieve organizational goals. |

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| National Workshop for U.S. Bankruptcy Judges II AO Retirement Planning Session (July 31-August 1, 2025) | Minneapolis, MN | 07/28/25 | 07/30/25 | \$224,680 | 96 (FJC Funded) 8 (AO Funded) | To address topics relevant to bankruptcy judges, including ethics, evidence, artificial intelligence, key developments in the law, courtroom and chambers management, rules of statutory interpretation, and wellness for judges. |
| Federal Court Leadership Development Program Phase I Workshop | Indianapolis, IN | 09/16/25 | 09/18/25 | \$130,128 | 53 | To help nonsupervisory staff with three or more years of experience in the federal courts develop their leadership knowledge and skills and prepare for future leadership roles. |

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(United States Sentencing Commission)

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| National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for Judges | Chicago, IL | 6/25/2025 | 6/27/2025 | \$84,679 (USSC funded) \$74,702 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded) | 77 Total 24 (USSC funded) 53 (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 two and one half-day period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSC funded travel for 27 attendees from the \$84,679 total conference overhead cost figure above. • Courts and other judicial services of the U.S. Courts funded 53 judges to attend this training (\$74,702). |
| National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines | Salt Lake City, UT | 8/18/2025 | 8/21/2025 | \$262,006 (USSC funded) \$677,275 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded) | 606 Total 41 (USSC funded) 523 (Courts and other judicial services and AO funded) 42 (Private attendees) | 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 seminars 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 topics such as "Drug Trafficking Offenses," "Relevant Conduct," and "Criminal History," among others. Panel members included federal judges and prominent members of the sentencing community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSC funded travel for 41 attendees from the aforementioned total conference overhead cost of \$262,006. • Courts and other judicial services, as well as the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, funded 523 judges and other judiciary staff (\$677,275). • Private attendees and other federal government attendees totaled 42. <p>With the expected aggregate judicial cost exceeding \$500,000, the conference received prior approval from the Commissioners of the USSC, in accordance with Judicial Conference of the United States policy. The Commissioners of the USSC determined that the program was necessary and that it was a cost-effective means of achieving a compelling purpose.</p> |