



Announcing the 2024 FBA WDNC Annual Meeting and CLE

Friday, June 7, 2024

Location: The Omni Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Ave., Asheville, NC 28804

Theme: Effective Advocacy in the Federal Courts

Please Register by May 9 for the Early Bird Rate

8:00–8:50	Registration
8:55	Welcome – Chapter President Matt Orso
9:00–10:00	Honorable James Andrew Wynn <i>Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit</i>
10:00–11:30	District Judges – Pretrial and Post-Trial Issues Panel
11:30–11:45	Networking Break
11:45–12:45	Magistrate Judge Discussion Panel
12:45–2:15	Lunch State of the District – Chief Judge Reidinger In Memoriam Tribute to Wyatt S. Stevens WDNC FBA Annual Meeting
2:15–3:15	Keynote Address – Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr. <i>Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and Counselor to Chief Justice John G. Roberts, United States Supreme Court</i>
3:15–3:30	Networking Break
3:30–5:00	District Judges – Trial Issues Panel
5:00–7:00	Judicial Reception

Registration Cost

Category	Early Bird Registration by May 9, 2024	Registration by May 31, 2024
Judges	No Charge	No Charge
United States Attorney's Office, Office of the WDNC Federal Public Defender, and Federal Law Clerks	\$175	\$225
FBA and Cherokee Bar Association Members	\$225	\$275
All Others	\$300	\$350

To register:

Please register online at the following link so we have an accurate headcount for food ordering. Please register by May 9, 2024 to take advantage of the early bird rate.

<https://comms.alstonandbird.com/98/6214/landing-pages/rsvp-vx.asp>

We encourage everyone to join the FBA, which will allow you to obtain the reduced FBA rate to attend the conference: <https://members.fedbar.org/eweb/Dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=FBAMbrJoin>.

CLE: Application will be made for **6 hours of N.C. State Bar CLE credit**.

Accommodations: If you plan to stay at the Omni Grove Park Inn, make your reservations early by calling (880) 438-5800. We have a block of rooms reserved, but availability is limited, so please book soon. There are other nearby hotels in the event you are unable to book a room at the Grove Park Inn.

Information on the Panel Presentations:

The Pretrial/Post-Trial Issues Panel will focus on the following: (1) pleadings and written advocacy, (2) oral advocacy at hearings, (3) discovery disputes and motions for attorney's fees, and (4) plea hearings, sentencing, and supervised release hearings. If you have questions or additional topics you would like to pose to the Panel, e-mail Matt Orso at Matthew.Orso@troutman.com.

The Trial Issues Panel will focus on the following: (1) effective closing arguments, (2) use of technology (the effective and the ineffective), (3) jury trial advocacy, and (4) bench trial advocacy. If you have questions or additional topics you would like to pose to the Panel, e-mail Thomas Walker at Thomas.Walker@alston.com.

The Magistrate Judge Panel will focus on the following: (1) discovery disputes and (2) electronic litigation matters. If you have questions or additional topics you would like to pose to the Panel, e-mail Caroline McLean at caroline.mclean@usdoj.gov.