

( [PRLEAP.COM](http://PRLEAP.COM) ) PHOENIX, AZ – The Sedona Conference® will host a webinar on January 22nd at 1 p.m. EST to discuss pending patent litigation reform in the U.S. Congress.

The Honorable Paul R. Michel (ret.), former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, leads a panel of leading corporate practitioners and judges who will discuss proposed legislation that comes on the heels of the America Invents Act (AIA) and a Patent Pilot Program launched two years ago as part of the AIA's reform of U.S. patent law.

Topics covered in the webinar include:

Pending legislation (most notably H.R. 3309, which passed the House last month), and its likely impact on the quality and efficiency of patent litigation, and the enforceability of intellectual property rights. The effect these bills would have on the level of discretion federal judges could exercise in managing patent cases. Whether the legislative concerns underlying these bills can be addressed by the Patent Pilot Program and the development of patent litigation best practices by those in the field. The webinar will be moderated by Kenneth J. Withers, the Deputy Executive Director of The Sedona Conference®. Panelists include: Tina Chappell, Intel Corporation, Washington, DC; Philip S. Johnson, Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ; Hon. Paul R. Michel (ret.), Alexandria, VA; Hon. Kathleen M. O'Malley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington, DC; Alexander Rogers, Qualcomm Incorporated, San Diego, CA. For more information and to register for the webinar, please visit the [program webpage](#) on [The Sedona Conference website](#).

. Congressional staff, members of the Judiciary and staffs and all government officials can participate in the webinar free of charge.

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