

# 2018 Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference Sets Attendance Record

✘ The Eastern District of Texas **Bench Bar Conference** set a new attendance record this year with more than 450 attendees gathering in Plano, Texas, for three days of programming and panel discussions focused on the diverse legal cases handled by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Andrei Iancu, U.S. Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, delivered a major policy address during the event.

Iancu's speech at the Inaugural Texas Dinner in Honor of the Judiciary and 7th Amendment was reported by many media outlets as a push back against the "patent troll" narrative that has encircled America's intellectual property system for more than a decade.

**[Read details about the conference.](#)**