

# 2010-11 Events

## The District of New Jersey's Local Patent Rules: A Year in Review, and Where We Go From Here

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This panel discussion, hosted by the Gibbons Institute, featured the Honorable Garrett E. Brown, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and the Honorable Tonianne J. Bongiovanni, Federal Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. In 2008, Chief Judge Brown appointed a special Local Patent Rules Committee to review and evaluate the need for the creation of separate local rules governing patent cases in the district, one of the most active patent venues in the country. The committee, comprised of district judges, magistrate judges and attorneys, recommended that a standard protocol for patent cases would be useful to the Court, and submitted local patent rules. The new rules took effect on January 1, 2009. Chief Judge Brown and Magistrate Judge Bongiovanni, along with a distinguished panel of practitioners, considered potential amendments and practical tips for dealing with patent litigation in New Jersey. Serving on the panel and sharing their experience with the district's new rules were Stephen R. Buckingham, Lowenstein Sandler PC; Arnold B. Calmann, Saiber, LLC; and William L. Mentlik, Lerner David Littenberg Krumolz & Mentlik, LLP. The event attracted more than 100 guests.



*Pictured, from left: Arnold Calmann, William Mentlik, Judge Brown, Judge Bongiovanni, David DeLorenzi and Stephen Buckingham.*