

2009 ANSI Legal Issues Forum – Speaker Biographies

<p>Scott P. Cooper <i>Moderator, panel one</i></p>	<p>Scott P. Cooper is vice president of government relations at the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). In this position, Mr. Cooper serves as ANSI's spokesperson and liaison to federal, state, and local government agencies and to Congress and congressional staff. He supports the activities of the ANSI National Policy Committee and the ANSI Government Member Forum, working with the members of these committees to develop and advance the Institute's positions and policies at all levels of government.</p> <p>Mr. Cooper joined ANSI staff in April 2007 with a broad range of experience in industry, not-for-profit organizations, academia, and government. He has more than a decade of experience as a staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives and service at the Department of Commerce, as well as for the Peace Corps. Mr. Cooper holds a bachelor of arts degree in economic history from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's degree in political science from George Washington University.</p>
<p>Patricia A. Griffin <i>Welcoming remarks</i></p>	<p>Patricia (Patty) Griffin is vice president and general counsel at the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). In this position, Ms. Griffin serves as the Institute's chief governance officer and oversees the administration of ANSI's legal affairs. She provides counsel to all of the Institute's program-oversight committees, including those groups responsible for ANSI's domestic standards and conformity assessment accreditation programs. In addition, she supports the Institute's Intellectual Property Rights Policy Committee (IPRPC).</p> <p>Ms. Griffin joined ANSI in 2004 after nearly twenty years in private practice. During her tenure she has handled a wide range of litigation and commercial disputes, including patent, trademark, and copyright issues. She came to ANSI from the New York City office of King & Spalding, where five of her ten years were spent as a litigation partner.</p>
<p>Robert S. Kaye <i>Panelist, panel two</i></p>	<p>Robert S. Kaye is an assistant director for the enforcement division of the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Bureau of Consumer Protection. He supervises consumer protection litigation in federal court and in administrative proceedings, as well as work on several FTC rules and guides, including the FTC's Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims. Mr. Kaye is a graduate of Duke University and Georgetown University Law Center.</p>
<p>Don Mays <i>Panelist, panel one</i></p>	<p>Don Mays is senior director of product safety planning and technical administration at Consumers Union (CU), publisher of Consumer Reports. He leads the organization's product safety program, designed to reduce the number of unsafe products in the marketplace. He has 30 years of experience in consumer product testing and laboratory management. Mays currently serves on the boards of directors of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the International Consumer Products Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO). He is also an active member of the Executive Committee on Consumer Products for ASTM International, a leading standard-setting organization. Mr. Mays holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering.</p>

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<p>Mary C. McKiel <i>Moderator, panel two</i></p>	<p>Mary C. McKiel, Ph.D., has been a leader and contributor to the ANSI standards federation for more than a decade. Her keen understanding of the U.S. standards system and its intersection with the international system has proven invaluable to the deliberations on strategic direction of ANSI's Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Conformity Assessment Policy Committee, and National Policy Committee.</p> <p>An effective advocate within the U.S. government of the importance of voluntary consensus standards, Dr. McKiel has served as the standards executive for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1997 and in the EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances since 1993. As EPA standards executive, Dr. McKiel directs the implementation of the <i>National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act</i> and OMB Circular A-119, and sets standards policies and guidance for the agency.</p> <p>Dr. McKiel has also served in key roles in international standards development organizations, including as vice chair of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group for the development of ISO 14000 environmental management standards (ANSI-accredited U.S. TAG to ISO/TC 207), and as the U.S. government representative to the Working Group developing the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility. She has actively promoted the use of ISO 14001 within the U.S. government.</p>
<p>Nancy A. Nord <i>Panelist, panel one</i></p>	<p>Nancy A. Nord was nominated by President George W. Bush to be a commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for a term that expires in October of 2012. She was confirmed by the Senate for that position on April 29, 2005, and was sworn into office on May 5, 2005. Ms. Nord also served as Acting Chairman of the CPSC from July 2006 until May 2009.</p> <p>Ms. Nord's federal experience includes service as general counsel of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, counsel to the Commerce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, and attorney at the Federal Communications Commission. In the private sector, she was the director of federal affairs for the Eastman Kodak Company, practiced law with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, served as the executive director of the American Corporate Counsel Association, and was director of consumer affairs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Nord holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and a law degree from the George Washington University.</p>
<p>Urvashi Rangan <i>Panelist, panel two</i></p>	<p>Urvashi Rangan, Ph.D., is the project director for <i>Consumer Reports'</i> GreenerChoices.org and senior scientist for policy initiatives at Consumers Union. Dr. Rangan joined Consumers Union in 1999 and produced the Eco-labels.org Web site. A noted environmental health scientist, she also serves as a spokesperson for <i>Consumer Reports</i> in the areas of sustainable production and consumption practices, organic food standards, food safety issues, pollution, toxics, and environmental health concerns. Dr. Rangan received her Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences from Johns Hopkins University in 1995; her post-doctoral work at the Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute. She was an NIH fellow from 1990-97.</p>

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<p>Lauren Reeder <i>Panelist, panel one</i></p>	<p>Lauren Reeder is an associate in the Tort and Environmental Litigation Practice Group. Her practice focuses on the defense of complex toxic tort and pharmaceutical products liability litigation. Ms. Reeder is experienced in individual product liability and toxic tort cases, class actions and multidistrict litigation.</p> <p>Ms. Reeder is a member of the firm's Hiring Committee and Washington Associate Development Committee. Ms. Reeder joined King & Spalding in 2004 after graduating from Emory University School of Law, where she was a member of the Emory National Moot Court Team.</p>
<p>Jill Wasserman <i>Panelist, panel two</i></p>	<p>Jill Wasserman is a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group at King & Spalding. Her practice focuses on trial and appellate litigation of intellectual property matters in federal district and circuit courts across the United States. Ms. Wasserman has handled a broad range of intellectual property litigation, including disputes arising under patent, trademark, false advertising, and libel, and First Amendment law. In addition to her litigation practice, Ms. Wasserman regularly counsels clients on the use and protection of intellectual property assets, access to information, public relations and communications, and other intellectual property-related issues.</p> <p>Ms. Wasserman received her law degree from Georgia State University College of Law, <i>summa cum laude</i>, in 2001, and graduated from Williams College with a bachelor's degree, <i>cum laude</i>, in Biology in 1996. Prior to joining King & Spalding, Ms. Wasserman was a law clerk to the Honorable Orinda D. Evans in the Northern District of Georgia.</p>